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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

UA Ukraine

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

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

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

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CA Canada

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

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

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

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

GE Georgia

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

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

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau that its national law now permits the applicant who files a national application with the Office to request an international-type search to be carried out on such application (PCT Article 15(5)). The relevant provision in the national law of Poland is Industrial Property Law, Article 47, paragraph 5.

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2024, is EUR 500.

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

RO Romania

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

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

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

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

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

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

Examination fee:

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

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

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

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

EP European Patent Organisation

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

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

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

FI Finland

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

For a patent:

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

For a utility model:

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

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

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2(d)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 1 January 2024, is EUR 500.

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

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

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

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

AGREEMENT

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

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

(as in force from July 14, 2023)

Preamble

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

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

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

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

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

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

Article 2

Basic Obligations

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

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

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

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

Article 3

Competence of Authority

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

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

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

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

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

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

Article 5

Fees and Charges

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

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

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

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

Article 6

Classification

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

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

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

Article 8 International-Type Search

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

Article 9 Entry into Force

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

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

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

Article 11 Amendment

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Article 12 Termination

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

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

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

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

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

any Contracting State;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

any Contracting State.

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

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

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

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

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

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

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Annex E Classification

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

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

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

English or Russian, for applications filed in Ukrainian;

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

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

Annex G
International-Type Search

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

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2024, is CAD 416.

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

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2024, is CHF 110.

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

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are CHF 907 and EUR 974, respectively.

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are CHF 102, or CHF 26 in the case of filing by an individual.

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

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

US United States of America

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

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

CN China

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

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

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

CN China

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

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

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

CN China

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

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

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IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2024, is USD 1,066.

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

IS Iceland

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

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

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

US United States of America

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

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

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 March 2024, is USD 235.

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

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

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

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office (“RO”) for the benefit of the International Bureau (“IB”);
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority (“ISA”);
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search (“SISA”);
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.²

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

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

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

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

In accordance with Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 7 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the list of the PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for each participating Office³ as of **31 December 2023** (inclusive), is as follows:

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

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

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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
BY National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EA, EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
CA Canadian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/IB, SA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in CAD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified</i> ISA/CA (BZ, IQ)
CH Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
CL National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/BR, EP, ES, KR, US as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/BR, CO, CR, CU, DO, EC, IB, MX, PA, PE, TT	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in USD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified</i> ISA/CL (SV)

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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
CZ Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
DE German Patent and Trade Mark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
DK Danish Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, SE, XN</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
DO National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CL, EP, ES, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
DZ Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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

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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
FI Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, SE</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: n/a <i>(specified only by participant RO/PI)</i>
FR National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
GB Intellectual Property Office ⁴ (United Kingdom)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
GE National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, IL, RU, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
GR Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
HR State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

⁴ "Intellectual Property Office" is an operating name of the Patent Office.

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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
IN Indian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, CN, EP, JP, SE, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, IR, JP</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in INR</i>
IR Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CN, EP, IN, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
IS Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, SE, XN</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
IT Italian Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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

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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
MD State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
MK State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
MU Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for:</i> ISA/AU, EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
MX Mexican Institute of Industrial Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, CL, EP, ES, KR, SE, SG, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
MY Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR	n/a	n/a	n/a
NI Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, ES	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
NL Netherlands Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
NO Norwegian Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a
NZ Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AU, EP, KR, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
OA African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
OM Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, AU, EG, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

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PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	Differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
PA Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/BR, CL, EP, ES, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
PE National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, KR, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
PH Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: n/a <i>(specified only by participant RO/PH)</i>
PL Patent Office of the Republic of Poland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
PT National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
QA Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EG, EP, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
RO State Office For Inventions And Trademarks (Romania)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
RS Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
RU Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EA, EP</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AZ, BG, BY, CO, CU, EA, GE, IB, ID, IR, KZ, MA, MD, OA, RO, SA, SY, VN</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in RUB, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/RU (AM, KG, KP, MN, TJ, TM, UZ, ZW)</i>

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

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

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

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<p>UA National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”</p>	<p><i>(not yet participating as RO)</i></p>	<p>as Collecting RO: <i>(not yet participating as RO)</i></p> <p>Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i></p>	<p>Beneficiary SISA</p>	<p>Collecting IPEA</p>	<p>Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in USD (specified only by non-participating RO/UA)</i></p>
<p>UG Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)</p>	<p>Collecting RO</p>	<p>Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, SG</i></p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>US United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)</p>	<p>Collecting RO</p>	<p>as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AU, EP, IL, JP, KR, SG</i></p> <p>as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/BR, CL, DO, EG, GE, IB, IL, IN, JO, MX, NZ, OM, PA, PE, PH, QA, SA, TT, ZA</i></p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>Collecting IPEA</p>	<p>Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in USD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/US (BH, KN, TH)</i></p>
<p>VN Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)</p>	<p><i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i></p>	<p>Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR, SG, SE, RU</i></p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
XN Nordic Patent Institute	n/a	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/DK, IB, IS, NO, SE</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in DKK</i>
ZA Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are as follows:

Search fee:	CHF 1,703
Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities:	CHF 341 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)
Reduced search fee for universities:	CHF 255 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee.)

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

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

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

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

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are CHF 511, or CHF 170 where the applicant is a small entity.¹

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2024, are CHF 1,856 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, CHF 742 for a small entity, and CHF 371 for a micro entity.

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

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that it is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Friday, 9 February 2024.

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

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

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2024, are as follows:

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

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee,^{1, 2} in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2024, as follows:

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

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

For patent:

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

For utility model:

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

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

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

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

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

Consequently, as from 1 April 2024, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,845 ²
Additional fee (Rules 40.2(a) and 40 <i>bis</i> ³)	1,845 ²

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

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

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

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

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

(1) and (2) [No change]

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

(4) to (8) [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau that, due to inclement weather conditions, it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Tuesday, 16 January 2024.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Wednesday, 17 January 2024.

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

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

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

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

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

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

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

The Office also notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority and Authority specified for supplementary international search, and applicable from 1 April 2024, as follows:

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

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

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2024, are as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of its national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable from 1 April 2024, are as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:^{8, 9}

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

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

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

Search fee:¹¹

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

Fee for further processing:

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

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

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

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

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

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

¹² A request for examination must be made and the examination fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) and EPC Rule 159(1) or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

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

Furthermore, the Office notified a new amount of the reduction of the search fee component of the national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, for international applications for which the international search report or a supplementary international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office or, in accordance with the *Protocol on Centralisation*, by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) or the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI). The new amount of this reduction, applicable from 1 April 2024, is EUR 1,300.¹⁴

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

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

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

¹³ This fee is due before the expiration of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date; it is due within 31 months from the priority date, if that 31-month time limit expires later.

¹⁴ Refer to footnote 9.

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

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

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

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

Finally, the Office notified a new amount, in **euros (EUR)**, of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49~~ter~~.2(d)), payable to the EPO in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2024, is EUR 750.

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OM Oman

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

E-mail: paof@tejarah.gov.om

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

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau that its national law permits an applicant who files a national application with the Office to request an international-type search to be carried out on such application (PCT Article 15(5)).

The relevant provision in the national law of the Russian Federation is contained in Appendix 1 of the *Regulation on Patent and other fees for committing legally significant actions related to a patent for an invention, utility model, industrial design, state registration of a trademark and service mark, state registration and grant of the exclusive right to appellation of origin, as well as state registration of alienation of the exclusive right to a result of intellectual activity or means of individualization, pledge of the exclusive right, granting the right to use such result or such means under a contract, non-contracted transfer of the exclusive right to such result or such means*, under paragraph 14.13 of the List of legally significant actions related to a patent for invention, utility model, industrial design, state registration of a trademark and a service mark, state registration and grant of the exclusive right to an appellation of origin, state registration of alienation of the exclusive right to a result of intellectual activity or means of individualization, pledge of the exclusive right, grant of a right of use of such result or such means under a contract, transfer of the exclusive right to such result or such means without concluding a contract, subject to patent or other fees.

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

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LV Latvia

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

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

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NO Norway

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

ES Spain

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

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

With effect from 1 April 2024, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,845 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,845 ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change] ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change] ²
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

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

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ - Amendment to Annex D

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

With effect from 1 April 2024, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,845
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,845
International-type search fee	
If requested in HU, PL, SK national application	[No change]
If requested in other national application	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), full search	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), for searches only on the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

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

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

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

ES Spain

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

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

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

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

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

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

SE Sweden

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

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

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

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

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

TR Türkiye

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

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

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

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

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

XN Nordic Patent Institute

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

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

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

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

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

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

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

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

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

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

CN China

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

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

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

FI Finland

Agreement between the Finnish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ - Amendment to Annex D

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

Consequently, as from 1 April 2024, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,845
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,845
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,845
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.1 <i>ter</i> and Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

¹ The Agreement is available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-fi.pdf>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

FI Finland

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

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

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

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

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

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

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2024, is CHF 964.

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

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2024, is HUF 715,100.

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

REVISED VERSION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.26

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

In accordance with the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C, paragraph 5, and following the adoption of version 1.7 of WIPO Standard ST.26 by the eleventh session of the Committee on WIPO Standards (refer to document CWS/11/3 and paragraphs 49 and 50 of document CWS/11/27), the Director General has decided that the new version of the Standard shall come into force for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2024. Sequence listings submitted after filing concerning applications filed prior to 1 July 2024 may use either version 1.6 or 1.7 of the Standard.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

IN India

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

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

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

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

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

Part II. [No change]

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IN India

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

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

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

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

US United States of America

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

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

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

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

In accordance with PCT Rule 82~~quater~~.2(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the **International Bureau of WIPO** hereby notifies the following period of unavailability of one of its permitted electronic means of communication:

- ePCT system: 28 March 2024, from 2:50 p.m. to 4:40 p.m. CET (Central European Time)

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the abovementioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 16 November 2023, pages 217 *et seq.*

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

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

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, and in accordance with Annex G of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a “participating Office”)³ as a “collecting Office” may, via the International Bureau, transfer the following fees and differences to another Office (the “beneficiary Office”), for PCT purposes:

- **international filing fee** (PCT Rule 15.2(c) or (d));
- **search fee** (PCT Rule 16.1(c) or (d));
- **supplementary search fee** (PCT Rule 45^{bis}.3(b));
- **handling fee** (PCT Rule 57.2(c) or (d)); and
- **differences relating to the search fee**⁴ (PCT Rule 16.1(e)).

Between 1 January and 31 March 2024 (inclusive),⁵ the following Office notified the International Bureau of its participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, as follows:

³ The term “participating Office” may refer to any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”).

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

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

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SG Singapore

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

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

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach the Office falls on one of the aforementioned days, that period shall expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopens to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

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

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2024, are CHF 76, EUR 78 and USD 84, respectively.

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

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

FI Finland

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

The address of the authority is now as follows:

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

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ES Spain

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

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

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

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US United States of America

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

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

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

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

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IN India

The **Indian Patent Office (Chennai)** has notified the International Bureau that, due to inclement weather conditions, it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Monday, 4 December 2023 and Tuesday, 5 December 2023.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Wednesday, 6 December 2023.

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

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2024, are CHF 83 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 391 for searches carried out in English.

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

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 July 2024, are CHF 115 and CHF 184 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

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

US United States of America

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

International filing fee:	USD	1,457
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	16
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request not being in character coded format):	USD	110
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	USD	219
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	USD	329

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

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 July 2024, is USD 219.

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

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

EP European Patent Organisation

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

- Online Filing (version 5.15): unavailable from 27 March 2024, 19:20 CET (Central European Time) until 28 March 2024, 10:04 CET.

Applicants who did not meet a time limit fixed in the Regulations under the PCT due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions, published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020, pages 253 *et seq.*

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

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

and on the WIPO website at:

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

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EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – with effect from 1 July 2024, the Office will discontinue the use of its facsimile services and will no longer accept the filing of international applications and other documents by means of facsimile (fax).

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

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

US United States of America

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

Location:	Customer Service Window Knox Building, Room 1D80 501 Dulany Street Alexandria VA 22314 United States of America
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[Updating of Annex B(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2024, are as follows:

Search fee:	CHF 1,826
Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities:	CHF 365 (where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)

Reduced search fee
for universities:

CHF 285 (where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee.)

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

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

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 110
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 55
	Supplement for airmail: USD 11

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

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2024, are CHF 548, or CHF 183 where the applicant is a small entity.¹

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2024, are CHF 1,990 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, CHF 796 for a small entity, and CHF 398 for a micro entity.

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

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

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

PT Portugal

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the **Government of the Portuguese Republic** has notified² the International Bureau of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made under the *Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure*, with effect since 25 April 2024, as follows:

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

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

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SG Singapore

Further to the notification published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 18 April 2024 (page 80), the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau that, due to ongoing technical upgrades in the Office's electronic filing systems, it was also not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from Tuesday 14 May to Thursday 16 May 2024 (inclusive).

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

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

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2024, are CHF 88 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 391 for searches carried out in English.

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2024, are CHF 109, or CHF 27 in the case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution.

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

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

BR Brazil

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

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

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

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MODIFICATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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

The main purposes of these modifications are:

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

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

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

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

(a) [No change]

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(c) [*No change*]

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

(a) [*No change*]

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

(c) [*No change*]

(d) [*No change*]

Section 707
Calculation of International Filing Fee and Fee Reduction

(a) [*No change*]

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

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

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

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

(b) [*No change*]

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JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2024, is SGD 1,454.

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

SG Singapore

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

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

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

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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AT Austria

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

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

Consequently, as from 1 July 2024, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,845 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,845 ²
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[no change]
– of only European and North American documentation	[no change]
– of only German-language documentation	[no change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[no change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[no change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[no change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 45 <i>bis</i> .7(c), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

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

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BR Brazil

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

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

QA Qatar

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

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

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2024, are EUR 841 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3³, and EUR 994 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of copies of an international application required by it, if the application is filed on paper – one copy must now be filed, instead of three.

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

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

GB United Kingdom

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

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

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

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

— any additional indications:

At the time of filing

³ This fee is reduced for applications by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, refer to https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

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

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

Additional information

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

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

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

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

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AT Austria

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

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

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

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89bis.1(d) and 89bis.2, and in accordance with Sections 703, 710(a) and (b), and 713 of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of several changes to its notification concerning the filing and processing of international applications in electronic form, as published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 29 January 2015 (page 19 *et seq.*) and subsequently modified in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 29 April 2021 (page 89).

Consequently, with effect since 1 July 2022 the following notification replaces the notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)*:

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

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- international applications

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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CL Chile

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

Telephone: (56-2) 28 87 04 00

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

LU Luxembourg

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

E-mail: bpp@eco.etat.lu

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

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

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

LU Luxembourg

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

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

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

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

Under the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”) established by the International Bureau, any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place can participate in DAS, either as an Office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an Office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17). Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents* are published by the International Bureau at:

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

PE Peru

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

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

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

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

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

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

IS Iceland

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

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

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

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

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

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 September 2024, are as follows:

International filing fee: JPY 237,500

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

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

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

Handling fee: JPY 35,700

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

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IS Iceland

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

National fee:

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

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

¹ This fee is reduced for applications by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, refer to https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

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

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

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

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

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

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, and in accordance with Annex G of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a “participating Office”)⁶ as a “collecting Office” may, via the International Bureau, transfer the following fees and differences to another Office (the “beneficiary Office”), for PCT purposes:

- **international filing fee** (PCT Rule 15.2(c) or (d));
- **search fee** (PCT Rule 16.1(c) or (d));
- **supplementary search fee** (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b));
- **handling fee** (PCT Rule 57.2(c) or (d)); and
- **differences relating to the search fee**⁷ (PCT Rule 16.1(e)).

Between 1 April and 30 June 2024 (inclusive),⁸ the following Office notified the International Bureau of its participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, as follows:

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

⁶ The term “participating Office” may refer to any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”).

⁷ Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

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

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GR Greece

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

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

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

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

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

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

HR Croatia

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

Facsimile machine: (385-1) 6109 660

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

SA Saudi Arabia

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

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

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

GR Greece

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

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

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LU Luxembourg

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

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

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

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

GR Greece

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

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

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UG Uganda

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

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

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

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CY Cyprus

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

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

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BR Brazil

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

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

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

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

IB International Bureau of WIPO

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IN India

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

roin.ipo@nic.in

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

IT Italy

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

Location address: 22, Via Quattro Fontane
00184 Roma
Italy

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IN India

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

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

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

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

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

IN India

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

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

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IN India

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

KR Republic of Korea

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing
- NK-Editor software
- NKEAPS, PKEAPS software

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- by phone at (national) 1544-8080

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

- international applications
- any subsequent document, such as amendments, corrections or rectifications of the description or claims, that may be prepared with the NKEAPS, PKEAPS software.

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

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

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

In case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is to be filed with the Office, the applicant may use the Domestic Emergency Application System and submit documents to the website the Office provides (see <https://www.patent.go.kr/>).

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that, due to inclement weather conditions, it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Wednesday and Thursday, 24 and 25 July 2024.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on the next working day, Friday, 26 July 2024.

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

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

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

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

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

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

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

JP Japan

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2024, are USD 905 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3¹ and USD 1,069 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

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

KR Republic of Korea

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

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

¹ This fee is reduced for applications by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, refer to https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

CA Canada

Agreement between the Government of Canada and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendments to Annex D

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will take effect on 1 January 2025, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 1 January 2025, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Canadian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,317.68
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,317.68
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,158.84
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,158.84
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2) in electronic form	
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus	[no change]
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes	[no change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page (paper)	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

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

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

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

cipopbpctpractice-opicpratiquepctdb@ised-isde.gc.ca

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

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HU Hungary

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

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

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

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

CA Canada

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

CO Colombia

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

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

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

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

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

MU Mauritius

The **Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office – in addition to the Australian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) – as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 September 2024 with IPOM or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Mauritius.

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of certain components of its national fee, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2025, are as follows:

National fee:

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

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

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

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

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

⁵ The amount in parentheses is applicable only if the applicant is entitled to pay certain fees at the "small entity" level. In order to be entitled to pay the reduced fee, a signed "small entity" declaration compliant with subsection 44(3) of the *Canadian Patent Rules* must, within the applicable time limit set out in subsection 154(1)(c)(i), 154(2)(a), 154(3)(a)(iii)(A), 154(3)(b)(i)(A) or 154(3)(b)(ii)(A) of the *Canadian Patent Rules*, be made by the applicant or the agent on the applicant's behalf (the declaration shall preferably follow the form of the declaration set out in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Phase, Annex CA.II).

CO Colombia

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

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

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

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

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BE Belgium

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

Name of Office: Belgian Intellectual Property Office
(IPObel)

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

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

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

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

Under the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”) established by the International Bureau, any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place is able to participate in DAS, either as an Office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an Office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17). Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents* are published by the International Bureau at:

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

BE Belgium

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

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

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

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CO Colombia

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

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

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

MX Mexico

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

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on the next working day, Monday, 12 August 2024.

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

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml>

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Wednesday 28 August 2024.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on the next working day, Thursday, 29 August 2024.

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

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml>

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

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

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

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 November 2024, are as follows:

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

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

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

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2024, is CHF 70.

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

EP European Patent Organisation

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

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2024, are CHF 101, or CHF 25 in the case of filing by an individual.

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2024, are USD 992 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3¹, and USD 1,173 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

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

NO Norway

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

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

¹ This fee is reduced for applications by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, refer to https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

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

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

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CN China

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

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

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CN China

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

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

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

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

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

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

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change to its special requirement (under PCT Rule 51*bis*) concerning the instrument of assignment of the international application, with effect since 20 January 2024. The consolidated list of special requirements under the aforementioned Rule is now as follows:

- Name of the inventor if it has not been furnished in the request part of the international application²
- Instrument of assignment of the priority right where the applicants are not identical²
- If necessary, the documents certifying that the applicant as changed is entitled to the application
- Appointment of an agent
- Evidence concerning exceptions to lack of novelty if the applicant claims such exceptions in respect of the international application
- Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

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

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

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

CN China

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

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

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

- Patent Business Processing System

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

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

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified³ the International Bureau of a depository institution having acquired the status of international depository authority with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made under the *Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure*, with effect since 29 August 2024, as follows:

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

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

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AU Australia

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

Filing fee:

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

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

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2024, are EUR 108, or EUR 27 in the case of filing by a natural person, startup, small entity or an educational institution.

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

IN India - Corrigendum

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

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

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

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 19 September 2024, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- Front Office (GR epatents)
- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MU Mauritius

The **Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 November 2024, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

- by telephone at: (230) 260 28 11
- by e-mail at: ipom@govmu.org

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website
(https://foreign.govmu.org/Pages/Industrial_Property_Office/Industrial-Property-Office.aspx)

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

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

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

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

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

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US United States of America

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

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

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

CO Colombia

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

- ePCT-Filing

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Online payment is not available.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

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

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

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

(i) States that are PCT Contracting States:

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

(ii) States that are not PCT Contracting States:

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

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

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

(i) States that are PCT Contracting States:

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

(ii) States that are not PCT Contracting States:

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

DE Germany

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

Telephone: (49-89) 2195-1000

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

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

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

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2024, are as follows:

Search fee:	EUR 1,798
Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities:	EUR 360 (where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)
Reduced search fee for universities:	EUR 270 (where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee.)

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

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2024, are EUR 896 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3², and EUR 1,059 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

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

² This fee is reduced for applications by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2024, are EUR 539, or EUR 180 where the applicant is a small entity.³

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

US United States of America

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

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

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

³ A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2024, are EUR 1,960 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, EUR 784 for a small entity and EUR 392 for a micro entity.

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

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 December 2024, is USD 237.

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

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

US United States of America

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

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

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

JP Japan

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

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau of WIPO

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

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

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

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2024, are CHF 507, or CHF 169 where the applicant is a small entity.¹

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

RO Romania

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

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

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

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2024, are CHF 1,841 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, CHF 736 for a small entity, and CHF 368 for a micro entity.

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

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BH Bahrain

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

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

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

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

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, and in accordance with Annex G of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a “participating Office”)³ as a “collecting Office” may, via the International Bureau, transfer the following fees and differences to another Office (the “beneficiary Office”), for PCT purposes:

- **international filing fee** (PCT Rule 15.2(c) or (d));
- **search fee** (PCT Rule 16.1(c) or (d));
- **supplementary search fee** (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b));
- **handling fee** (PCT Rule 57.2(c) or (d)); and
- **differences relating to the search fee**⁴ (PCT Rule 16.1(e)).

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

³ The term “participating Office” may refer to any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”).

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

Between 1 July and 30 September 2024 (inclusive),⁵ the following Office notified the International Bureau of its participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, as follows:

PCT Fee Transfers					
International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	Differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency	
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
UZ Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan	n/a	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

UY Uruguay

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

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

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

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

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AM Armenia

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

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

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

HN Honduras

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

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

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2024, are as follows:

Search fee:	CHF 1,689
Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities:	CHF 338 (where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)
Reduced search fee for universities:	CHF 253 (where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee.)

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

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

Under the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”) established by the International Bureau, any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place can participate in DAS, either as an Office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an Office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17). Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents* are published by the International Bureau at:

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

KH Cambodia

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

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

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

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ME Montenegro

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

Name of Office: Ministry of Economic Development
(Montenegro)

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

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

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

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

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

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

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

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

For a patent:

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

For a utility model:

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

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

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

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

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

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

RU Russian Federation

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

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

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

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

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

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

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

Part II. [No change]

SA Saudi Arabia

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

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

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

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

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

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

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

RU Russian Federation

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

Search fee

(PCT Rule 16.1(a))

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

Additional search fee

(PCT Rule 40.2(a))

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

Supplementary search fee

(Rule 45bis.3(a)):

RUB 12,000

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

RUB 19,000

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b))

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

RECEIVING OFFICES

CN China

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

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

AGREEMENT

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

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

Preamble

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

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8 International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and
- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:

- (i) if the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *Geneva*, this 11th day of July two thousand and twenty-three, in two originals in the English and Arabic languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Saudi Authority for Intellectual
Property by:

For the International Bureau of the
World Intellectual Property
Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - so far as Article 3(1) is concerned: any Contracting State;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned: any Contracting State.Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - Arabic and English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Saudi Arabian Patent Law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Saudi Riyal)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	600
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	600
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	400
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	100
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	3

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, 25 to 75% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

**Annex E
Classification**

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification system in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

**Annex F
Languages of Correspondence**

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language(s):

Arabic and English, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

**Annex G
International-Type Search**

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GH Ghana

The **Registrar General's Department (Ghana)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its e-mail address and its Internet address, as follows:

E-mail:	info@rgd.gov.gh ip@rgd.gov.gh
Internet:	https://rgd.gov.gh/Patent.html

In addition, the Office has modified its requirements concerning the time when the name and address of the inventor must be provided if Ghana is designated (or elected), as follows:

The name and address of the inventor may be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

[Updating of Annex B(GH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

The **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address, and to its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Mellat Building, Phayazbakhsh Ave. Imam Khomeini Square Tehran 1114678111 Islamic Republic of Iran
Telephone:	(98-21) 6392 3361
Facsimile:	(98-21) 6675 1799

[Updating of Annex B(IR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2024, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	12.31 (online)
	EUR	24.60 (on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	18.46 (electronic copy)
	EUR	49.19 (paper copy)
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	184.49 (request filed online)
	EUR	368.98 (request filed on paper)

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national filing fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2024, are as follows:

National fee: ¹		
For a patent:		
Filing fee: ²	EUR	123.00 (online)
	EUR	246.00 (on paper)
For a utility model:		
Filing fee: ²	EUR	215.24 (online)
	EUR	430.48 (on paper)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the applicant may still pay the fee within one month from the expiration of the applicable time limit, subject to the payment of a surcharge equal to 50% of the filing fee.

² Includes publication and examination.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2024, are EUR 184.49 where the request is filed online and EUR 368.98 where the request is filed on paper.

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PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following consultations undertaken by the Director General of WIPO in October 2024, in accordance with the Directives adopted by the PCT Assembly¹ and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the **international filing fee** (including the fee per sheet over 30 and fee reductions when an international application is filed in electronic form) and the **handling fee**, respectively, have been established in **various currencies**, with effect from 1 January 2025, as indicated in table 1 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts in the prescribed currencies, and, in bold print, any new equivalent amounts of those fees corresponding to the amounts in Swiss francs (CHF) set out in the current Schedule of Fees.²

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of **search fees** have been established in the **prescribed currencies of receiving Offices** for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2025, as indicated in table 2 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts, and, in bold print, any new equivalent amounts of the search fees fixed by the International Searching Authorities.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the **supplementary search fees** have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)** for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2025, as indicated in table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows the supplementary search fees fixed by the Authorities, as well as the new equivalent amounts of those fees in Swiss francs (CHF).

¹ The Directives of the PCT Assembly relating to the establishment of equivalent amounts of certain fees are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/equivalent_amounts.html

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/rtax.html>

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BG), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CN), (CR), (CV), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DJ), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (HN), (HR), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IQ), (IS), (IT), (JM), (JO), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KH), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MD), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (OM), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (QA), (RO), (RS), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (UG), (US), (UZ), (WS), (ZA), (ZM), (ZW),

all Annexes D,

all Annexes SISA,

Annexes E(AT), (AU), (CA), (CL), (CN), (EA), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (IL), (IN), (JP), (KR), (PH), (RU), (SE), (SG), (UA), (US), (XN) and (XV)]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2024, are CHF 81, EUR 86 and USD 95 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 403, EUR 429 and USD 473 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable since 5 October 2024, are CHF 107 and CHF 170 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5(i), it is to be noted that, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2025, **the International Bureau will not be open** to the public for the transaction of official business on the following days:

all Saturdays and Sundays, and
1 January 2025,
18 and 21 April 2025,
29 May 2025,
9 June 2025,
1 August 2025, and
25 and 31 December 2025.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** (including in its capacity as receiving Office) and **not** national Offices or other intergovernmental organizations. Additional information concerning closed dates at the International Bureau is available at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml>

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on October 7, 2024	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a)	Current amount
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)		
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.58100	2,274	26	n.a	342	513	342	Current amount
		2,289	26	n.a	344	516	344	New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.62967	2,120	24	n.a	319	478	319	Current amount *
		2,112	24	n.a	318	476	318	New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi	0.12104	10,620	120	n.a	1,600	2,400	1,600	Current amount
		10,990	120	n.a	1,650	2,480	1,650	New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.12589	10,300	120	n.a	1,550	2,320	1,550	Current amount
		10,560	120	n.a	1,590	2,380	1,590	New amount
EUR - Euro	0.93880	1,381	16	104	208	311	208	Current amount
		1,417	16	107	213	320	213	New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.11886	1,197	13	n.a	180	270	n.a	Current amount
		1,189	13	n.a	179	268	n.a	New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00233	536,300	6,000	n.a	80,600	121,000	n.a	Current amount
		570,800	6,400	n.a	85,800	128,800	n.a	New amount
ILS - New Israeli shekel	0.22581	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	838	Current amount
		n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	886	New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00632	213,100	2,400	n.a	32,100	48,100	n.a	Current amount
		210,400	2,400	n.a	31,600	47,500	n.a	New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.00577	237,500	2,700	n.a	n.a	53,600	35,700	Current amount
		230,500	2,600	n.a	n.a	52,000	34,700	New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00064	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	299,000	Current amount
		n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a	313,000	New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.08053	16,550	190	n.a	2,490	3,730	n.a	Current amount *
		16,520	190	n.a	2,480	3,730	n.a	New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.52585	2,436	27	n.a	366	550	n.a	Current amount
		2,529	29	n.a	380	571	n.a	New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.08258	15,990	180	n.a	2,410	3,610	2,410	Current amount
		16,110	180	n.a	2,420	3,630	2,420	New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.65636	1,995	23	n.a	300	450	300	Current amount
		2,026	23	n.a	305	457	305	New amount
USD - US dollar	0.85523	1,575	18	118	237	355	237	Current amount **
		1,555	18	117	234	351	234	New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.04916	27,820	310	n.a	4,180	6,280	n.a	Current amount
		27,050	310	n.a	4,070	6,100	n.a	New amount

* Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2024.

** Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2024.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		Current amount New amount
	EUR	Exch. Rate	AUD	Exch. Rate	BRL	Exch. Rate	CAD	Exch. Rate	
Reference currency & amount	1,845		2,200		2,525		2,317.68		
Exchange rates applicable on October 7, 2024									
CHF - Swiss franc	1,758	1.06519	1,287	1.72117	383 ¹	6.37918	1,393 ²	1.58813	1,459
USD - US dollar	1,974	0.91098	1,407	1.47200	450	5.45566	1,631	1.35822	1,706
EUR - Euro	2,025		1,495		463		1,549		1,555
AUD - Australian dollar			1,336	1.61583	408 ¹	5.98877	1,49094		
CNY - Yuan renminbi			1,362		422				
DKK - Danish krone									
GBP - Pound sterling									
HUF - Hungarian forint									
ISK - Icelandic krona									
JPY - Japanese yen									
KRW - Korean won	2,713,000	0.00068	2,037,000	0.00110					
NOK - Norwegian krone	2,713,000		2,000,000						
NZD - New Zealand dollar									
SEK - Swedish krona			2,357	0.90508					
SGD - Singapore dollar	2,671	0.69915	1,930	1.12971					
TRY - Turkish Lira	2,639		1,947						
ZAR - South African rand	36,230	0.05236	26,920	0.08461					
	35,240		26,000						

1. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2024.
2. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2024.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority	ISA/CL			ISA/CN		ISA/EA		ISA/EG		ISA/EP			
	USD	2,000	400	300	CNY	2,100	RUB	40,000	9,000	EGP	4,000	EUR	1,845
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate				Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate			Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate	
Exchange rates applicable on October 7, 2024													
CHF - Swiss franc	1.689 ³ 1,710	338 ³ 342	253 ³ 257	263 254	8.26173	391 356	112.35955	88 80	70 ⁴ 71	56.59310	71 71	1.06519	1,751 1,732
USD - US dollar				288 297	7.06568	441 416	96.09326	99 94	84 83	48.40011	83 83	0.91098	1,989 2,025
EUR - Euro	1.798 ³ 1,822	360 ³ 364	270 ³ 273	273 271	7.75611	406 379	105.48315	91 85	78 75	53.12960	75 75		Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar													Current amount New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi													14,310 ³ 14,310
DKK - Danish krone													0.12893 13,750
GBP - Pound sterling													0.13410 13,760
HUF - Hungarian forint													1.570 1,548
ISK - Icelandic krona													715,100 744,000
JPY - Japanese yen													0.00248 274,600
KRW - Korean won													0.00673 274,100
NOK - Norwegian krone													296,600 ⁴ 300,000
NZD - New Zealand dollar													0.00615 300,000
SEK - Swedish krona													Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar													20,880 21,510
TRY - Turkish Lira													0.08578 3,253
ZAR - South African rand													0.56073 3,294
													20,750 20,980
													2.675 2,639
													0.69915 2,639
													Current amount New amount
													37,470 35,240
													0.05236 35,240

3. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2024.

4. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2024.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority	ISA/ES		ISA/FI		ISA/IL		ISA/IN		Current amount New amount
	EUR	Exch. Rate	EUR	Exch. Rate	ILS	Exch. Rate	INR	Exch. Rate	
Reference currency & amount	1,845		1,845		3,962		10,000	2,500	
<i>Exchange rates applicable on October 7, 2024</i>									
CHF - Swiss franc	1,751		1,751		964		101 ⁵	25 ⁵	Current amount New amount
	1,06519		1,06519		4,42850		98.23193	102	25
USD - US dollar	1,989		1,989		1,066		120	30	Current amount New amount
	0.91098		0.91098		3.78739		84.01081	119	30
EUR - Euro					974		108 ⁵	27 ⁵	Current amount New amount
					4.15748		92.22004	108	27
AUD - Australian dollar									Current amount New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi									Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone									Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling									Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint									Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona									Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen									Current amount New amount
								18,000	4,500
KRW - Korean won							0.56680	17,600	4,400
NOK - Norwegian krone									Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar									Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona									Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar									Current amount New amount
TRY - Turkish Lira									Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand									Current amount New amount

5. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2024.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority	ISA/JP		ISA/KR		ISA/PH		ISA/RU			
	JPY	143,000	KRW	450,000	USD	600	200	RUB		45,000
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate	
Exchange rates applicable on October 7, 2024										
CHF - Swiss franc	173.31023	946 975	1,562.50000	804 768	1.16928	507 ⁶ 513	112.35955	403 401	81 80	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	148.22010	1,173 ⁷ 965	1,336.29688	879 898			96.09326	473 468	95 94	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	162.70364	1,059 ⁶ 1,039	1,466.87500	835 818	1.09772	539 ⁶ 547	105.48315	429 427	86 85	Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar				1,299 1,322						Current amount New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi										Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone										Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona										Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen										Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.11092	1,304,000 1,289,000								Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar				1,473 1,460						Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona										Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	113.75390	1,454 1,486	1,025.56250	1,206 1,170						Current amount New amount
TRY - Turkish Lira										Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand										Current amount New amount

6. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2024.

7. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2024.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority	ISA/SE		ISA/SG		ISA/TR		ISA/UA		
	SEK	eq. 1,845 eur	SGD	2,240	TRY	eq. 1,845 eur	EUR	300 100	
Reference currency & amount			Exch. Rate				Exch. Rate		
<i>Exchange rates applicable on October 7, 2024</i>									
CHF - Swiss franc	1,751 1,732		1,493 1,470		1,751 1,732		289 282	96 94	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	1,989 2,025		1,633 1,719		1,989 2,025		316 329	105 110	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1,845 1,845		1,550 1,566		1,845 1,845				Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar									Current amount New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi									Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone	13,750 13,760								Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling									Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint									Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	274,600 274,100								Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen									Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won									Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	20,880 21,510								Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar									Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	20,750 20,980								Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar									Current amount New amount
TRY - Turkish Lira									Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand									Current amount New amount

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority	ISAUS		ISAXN		ISAXV	
	USD	872	DKK	eq. 1,845 eur	EUR	1,845
Reference currency & amount	USD	2,180	872	436		
Exchange rates applicable on October 7, 2024	Exch. Rate				Exch. Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc	1.16928	1,841 ⁸ 1,864	736 ⁸ 746	368 ⁸ 373	1,751 1,732	1,751 1,732
USD - US dollar					1,989 2,025	1,989 2,025
EUR - Euro	1.09772	1,960 ⁸ 1,986	784 ⁸ 794	392 ⁸ 397	1,845 1,845	
AUD - Australian dollar						
CNY - Yuan renminbi						
DKK - Danish krone					13,750 13,760	
GBP - Pound sterling						
HUF - Hungarian forint						
ISK - Icelandic krona					274,600 274,100	715,100 744,000
JPY - Japanese yen						
KRW - Korean won						
NOK - Norwegian krone					20,880 21,510	
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.61486	3,652 3,546	1,461 1,418	730 709		
SEK - Swedish krona					20,750 20,980	
SGD - Singapore dollar						
TRY - Turkish Lira						
ZAR - South African rand	0.05750	39,000 ⁹ 37,910	15,600 ⁹ 15,170	7,800 ⁹ 7,580		

8. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2024.

9. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2024.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU	
	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	RUB	CHF
Reference currency & Amount	850 ¹	1,190 ²	1,700 ³	1,845	1,845	1,845	12,000	19,000 ⁴
Exchange rate applicable on October 7, 2024	1.06519	798	1,117	1,596	Exch. Rate 1.06519	1,732	Exch. Rate 112.35955	169
CHF - Swiss franc								

1. For a search of the German-language documentation.
2. For a search of the European or North American documentation.
3. For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.
4. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/SE	ISA/SG	ISA/TR	ISA/UA
Reference currency & Amount	SEK eq. 1,845 eur	SGD 2,240	TRY 500 ⁵ eq. 1,845 eur	EUR 60 ⁶ 70 ⁷ 90 ⁸ 90 ⁹
Exchange rate applicable on October 7, 2024	1,732	Exch. Rate 1.52355	12	Exch. Rate 1.06519
CHF - Swiss franc	1,732	1,470	1,732	56 66 84 84

5. For a search of only the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.
6. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
7. For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.
8. For a search of only the European and North American documentation.
9. For a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2025)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/XN	ISA/XV
Reference currency & Amount	DKK 4000 ¹⁰ eq. 1,845 eur	EUR 550 ¹¹ 1,775
<i>Exchange rate applicable on October 7, 2024</i> CHF - Swiss franc	503 1,732	<i>Exch. Rate</i> 1.06519 516 1,666

10. For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

11. For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

OFFICIAL NOTICES (PCT GAZETTE)

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

SA Saudi Arabia

Further to the notification by the **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** that the Agreement between the Office and the International Bureau will enter into force on 15 December 2024 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 31 October 2024, pages 179 *et seq.*), information on the requirements of the Office functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect from 15 December 2024, is given in Annexes D(SA) and E(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* respectively, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that, due to inclement weather conditions, it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from Wednesday, 23 to Friday, 25 October 2024.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on the next working day, Monday, 28 October 2024.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml?lang=en>

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Annex D - International Searching Authority

International Searching Authority competent for the following Receiving Offices:

SA

Fees payable to the ISA:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):

This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it.

228 CHF
 243 EUR
 1,000 SAR
 267 USD

Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):

This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

1,000 SAR

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):

per page 3 SAR

How to obtain copies:

The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each document cited in the report, free of charge. designated (elected) offices also receive a first set of copies, upon request, free of charge.

Additional copies are available to applicants and designated (elected) offices by e-mail at:
pct@saip.gov.sa

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 *ter*):

per page 3 SAR

Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):

400 SAR

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)):

100 SAR

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Annex D - International Searching Authority (*Cont'd*)

<p>Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:</p> <p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 25 to 75%, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from the earlier search</p>
<p>Languages accepted for international search:</p> <p>Arabic, English</p>
<p>Types of physical media accepted for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings:</p> <p>None. Physical media are not accepted. Sequence listings must be filed in electronic form (refer to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C)</p>
<p>Subject matter that will not be searched:</p> <p>The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Saudi Arabian Patent Law</p>
<p>Waiver of power of attorney:</p> <p>Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90<i>bis</i>.1 to 90<i>bis</i>.4, also refer to International Phase, paragraph 11.048).</p> <p>Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?</p> <p>No</p>

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Annex E - International Preliminary Examining Authority

International Preliminary Examining Authority competent for the following Receiving Offices: SA	
Fees payable to the IPEA:	
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.	600 SAR
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.	600 SAR
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (refer to Annex C(IB)).	237 USD
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	per page 3 SAR
How to obtain copies: The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each additional document not cited in the international search report, free of charge. Additional copies are available to applicants and elected Offices by e-mail at: pct@saip.gov.sa	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	per page 3 SAR
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	400 SAR
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	100 SAR

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Annex E - International Preliminary Examining Authority (*Cont'd*)

<p>Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:</p> <p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100%</p> <p>If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%</p>
<p>Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:</p> <p>Arabic, English</p>
<p>Subject matter that will not be examined:</p> <p>The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1, with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Saudi Arabian Patent Law</p>
<p>Are there any restrictions with regard to the competence of the Authority acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority?</p> <p>No</p>
<p>Waiver of power of attorney:</p> <p>Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90<i>bis</i>.1 to 90<i>bis</i>.4, also refer to International Phase, paragraph 11.048).</p> <p>Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?</p> <p>No</p> <p>Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?</p> <p>No</p>

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FIFTY-SIXTH (32ND EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its fifty-sixth (32nd extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 9 to 17 July 2024 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union):

- adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations;
- decided, having reviewed the criteria set out in item 5 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, that those criteria be maintained and reviewed again by the Assembly in five years' time, as required by that Schedule; and
- adopted modifications to the Directives for Updating the Lists of States Meeting the Criteria for Reduction of Certain PCT Fees.¹

Documents prepared for the PCT Assembly, which give detailed background information relating to the decisions taken, as well as the session report, are available on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=81262

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the Regulations under the PCT

The following amendments to the PCT Regulations were adopted by the PCT Assembly:

The amendments that will enter into force on 1 July 2025 concern the following PCT Rules:

- Amendments to PCT Rule 26 relate to international applications for which the abstract or text matter of the drawings is filed in a different language from the language of the description and claims. The amendments will allow the receiving Office to invite the applicant to furnish a translation of the abstract or text matter of the drawings into the language of publication under broader circumstances to ensure that the international application is published in a single language;
- Amendments to PCT Rule 89*bis* will allow an Office, other than the International Bureau, to require international applications or subsequently-filed documents to be submitted in electronic form only, or to require that any document submitted on paper is submitted again in electronic form within two months; and

¹ As adopted by the Assembly of the PCT Union at its forty-sixth (27th extraordinary) session and published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 February 2015 (page 33).

- Amendments to PCT Rule 92 will allow the International Bureau to correspond with applicants or Offices in any of the 10 languages of international publication for certain communications to be set out in future Administrative Instructions, instead of in either English or French only.

The amendments that will enter into force on 1 January 2026 are as follows:

- Amendments to PCT Rules 33 and 64 will broaden the definition of relevant prior art for international search and preliminary examination to include non-written disclosures.

The text of the amended Rules is reproduced hereafter.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2025)

Rule 26
Checking by, and Correcting before, the Receiving Office
of Certain Elements of the International Application

26.1 to 26.3*bis* [No change]

26.3*ter* *Invitation to Correct Defects under Article 3(4)(i)*

(a) Where the abstract or any text matter of the drawings is filed in a language which is different from the language, subject to Rules 12.1*bis* and 26.3*ter*(e), of the description and the claims, the receiving Office shall, unless

(i) a translation of the international application is required under Rule 12.3(a) into the language in which the international application is to be published, or

(ii) the abstract or the text matter of the drawings is in the language in which the international application is to be published,

invite the applicant to furnish a translation of the abstract or the text matter of the drawings into the language in which the international application is to be published. Rules 26.1, 26.2, 26.3, 26.3*bis*, 26.5 and 29.1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(b) to (e) [No change]

Rule 89*bis*
Filing, Processing and Communication
of International Applications and Other Documents
in Electronic Form or by Electronic Means

89*bis*.1 *International Applications*

(a) International applications may, subject to paragraphs (b) to (e), be filed and processed in electronic form or by electronic means, in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

(b) to (d) [No change]

(d-*bis*) A national Office or intergovernmental organization, other than the International Bureau, that has made a notification under paragraph (d) may notify the International Bureau that it will only receive international applications if they are filed in electronic form or by electronic means. The International Bureau shall publish a notification made under this paragraph in the Gazette.

(d-*ter*) A national Office or intergovernmental organization that has made a notification under paragraph (d) but not paragraph (d-*bis*) may notify the International Bureau that any application filed on paper must be resubmitted by electronic means within two months from the date of an invitation by such Office or organization. If corresponding documents are not timely received, the international application shall be considered withdrawn and the receiving Office shall so declare. The International Bureau shall publish a notification made under this paragraph in the Gazette.

(e) [No change]

89bis.2 *Other Documents*

Rule 89bis.1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to other documents and correspondence relating to international applications, provided that, where a national Office or intergovernmental organization has made a notification under Rule 89bis.1(d-*ter*), any such documents or correspondence filed on paper and not resubmitted by electronic means within two months from the date of a corresponding invitation shall be disregarded.

89bis.3 [No change]

Rule 92 Correspondence

92.1 [No change]

92.2 *Languages*

(a) to (d) [No change]

(e) Any letter or notification from the International Bureau to the applicant or to any national Office shall be in English, French or any other language of publication as may be permitted by the Administrative Instructions.

92.3 and 92.4 [No change]

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 January 2026)

Rule 33
Relevant Prior Art for the International Search

33.1 *Relevant Prior Art for the International Search*

(a) For the purposes of Article 15(2), relevant prior art shall consist of everything which has been made available to the public anywhere in the world by any means which is capable of being of assistance in determining that the claimed invention is or is not new and that it does or does not involve an inventive step (i.e., that it is or is not obvious), provided that the making available to the public occurred prior to the international filing date.

(b) and (c) [No change]

33.2 and 33.3 [No change]

Rule 64
Relevant Prior Art for the International Preliminary Examination

64.1 *Prior Art*

(a) For the purposes of Article 33(2) and (3), everything made available to the public anywhere in the world by any means shall be considered prior art provided that such making available occurred prior to the relevant date.

(b) [No change]

64.2 *Non-Written Disclosures*

In cases where the making available to the public occurred by means of an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other non-written means (“non-written disclosure”) before the relevant date as defined in Rule 64.1(b) and the date of such non-written disclosure is indicated in a written disclosure which has been made available to the public on a date which is the same as, or later than, the relevant date, the international preliminary examination report shall call attention to such non-written disclosure in the manner provided for in Rule 70.9.

64.3 [No change]

Modification of Directives for Updating the Lists of States Meeting the Criteria for Reduction of Certain PCT Fees

The Assembly of the PCT Union adopted modifications to the Directives to refer to the session of the Assembly that is part of the annual series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO instead of a specific time during the year. The text is reproduced hereafter.

DIRECTIVES FOR UPDATING THE LISTS OF STATES
MEETING THE CRITERIA FOR REDUCTION OF CERTAIN PCT FEES

The Assembly establishes in the following terms the directives referred to in the Schedule of Fees, it being understood that, in the light of experience, the Assembly may at any time modify these directives:

1. Five years after the establishment of the first list of States which meet the criteria referred to in items 5(a) and (b) of the Schedule of Fees, and every five years thereafter, the Director General shall prepare draft lists of States which appear to meet the criteria referred to in:

(i) item 5(a) of the Schedule of Fees according to the most recent 10-year average per capita gross domestic product figures from the United Nations and according to the most recent five-year average yearly PCT filing figures by the International Bureau, respectively, published at least two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly of that year that is part of the annual series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO;

(ii) item 5(b) of the Schedule of Fees according to the most recent list of countries classified as least developed countries by the United Nations published at least two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly referred to in paragraph (i), above;

and shall make those lists available to the PCT Contracting States and States entitled to observer status in the Assembly for comment before the end of that session of the Assembly.

2. Following the end of that session of the Assembly, the Director General shall establish new lists, taking into account any comments received. The revised lists shall become applicable on the first day of the calendar year subsequent to that session and shall be used to determine, in accordance with Rules 15.3, 45*bis*.2(c) and 57.3(d), the eligibility for the fee reduction under items 5(a) and (b), respectively, of the Schedule of Fees of any relevant fee payable. Any revised list shall be published in the Gazette.

3. Where any State is not included in a particular list but subsequently becomes eligible for inclusion in that list due to the publication, after the expiration of the period of two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly referred to in paragraph 1, above, of revised per capita gross domestic product figures by the United Nations or revised PCT filing figures by the International Bureau, or of a revised list of States that are being classified as least developed countries by the United Nations, that State may request the Director General to revise the relevant list of States so as to include that State in the relevant list. Any such revised list shall become applicable on a date to be specified by the Director General, that date being no more than three months from the date of receipt of the request. Any revised list shall be published in the Gazette.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established, with effect from 1 January 2025, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 107	USD 117
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 53	USD 58
Supplement for airmail:	EUR 11	USD [No change]

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau that the Office will accept **Saudi riyal (SAR)**, instead of **US dollar (USD)**, as the prescribed currency for the payment of the international filing fee to it in its capacity as receiving Office (PCT Rule 15.2(b)) and for the payment of the handling fee to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority (PCT Rule 57.2(b)), with effect from 15 December 2024.

Consequently, new equivalent amounts in **Saudi riyals (SAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 15 December 2024, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SAR	5,619
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	SAR	63
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SAR	845
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SAR	1,267
Handling fee:	SAR	845

[Updating of Annexes C(SA) and E(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

DE Germany

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **German Patent and Trade Mark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 May 2022 (pages 132 *et seq.*) and 18 August 2022 (page 225).

Consequently, with effect from 1 January 2025, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notifications:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general: see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

For the DPMA*direktPro* filing software:

- online filing (according to OSCI protocol, see www.osci.de)

ePCT-Filing

Physical media (CD-R, CD-RW, DVD-R, DVD+R, DVD+RW, DVD-RW)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

For DPMA*direktPro* filing software

- OSCI WASP (www.osci.de)

For ePCT-Filing:

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- DPMA*direktPro* software
- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

Basic signatures acceptable in the request:

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

Electronic signature for signing applicant package using DPMAdirektPro filing software:

- qualified electronic signature, as defined by paragraph 3, item 3 of the Ordinance on Electronic Legal Transactions with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 1 November 2013.

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)). It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the above mentioned means of transmittal or document packaging that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates, applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic or certain missing files are notified to the applicant by issuing an error report. Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Online payment in this sense refers to payment systems provided within the filing software environment itself and does not cover general e-banking services. Only the methods of payment allowed by Section 1 of the Ordinance on Payment of Costs of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office and of the Federal Patent Court are available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

General customer help desk:

- by telephone at +49 89 2195 1000 (available between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Thursday and 8 am to 2 pm Friday, Central European Time (CET))
- by email at info@dpma.de

Technical help for DPMAdirektPro

- by email at DPMAdirekt@dpma.de

General information about DPMAdirektPro is available at <https://www.dpma.de/english/services/efiling/index.html>

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will not accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<https://www.dpma.de/english/index.html>).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

Signatures accepted by DPMA are defined in paragraph 3 of the Ordinance on Electronic Legal Transactions with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 1 November 2013. Possible providers of signature cards can be searched via Trusted List Browser (URL: <https://esignature.ec.europa.eu/efda/tl-browser/#/screen/home>). Please note that the search has to be limited to German providers.

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

File inspection of published documents is possible via the online register <https://register.dpma.de/DPMAregister/Uebersicht?lang=en>. International applications filed via ePCT can also be accessed with the ePCT system.

[Updating of Annex C(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

Under the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”) established by the International Bureau, any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place is able to participate in DAS, either as an Office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an Office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17). Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents* are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

DE Germany

In accordance with paragraph 10 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS as a depositing Office with effect from 25 November 2024.²

[Updating of Annex B(DE) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

² For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/en/web/das/participating_offices/search-details?territoryId=45

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendments to Annex D

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will take effect on 19 January 2025, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) in its capacity as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 19 January 2025, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (United States dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,400 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,400 ²
Preparation of an international-type search report on a United States national application	43
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– where the international search fee has been paid on the international application to the Authority	705 ²
– where the international search was carried out by another Authority	880 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	705 ²

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-us.pdf

² This fee is reduced by 60% in the case of filing by a “small entity” and by 80% in the case of filing by a “micro entity”. For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of “small entity” status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#d0e30961 and 37 CFR 1.27 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of “micro entity” status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#ch500_d1ff69_210b3_1ca and 37 CFR 1.29 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
These details shall be subject to change by the Authority at its discretion.

Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2))	345 ³
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3 and 71.2) ⁴	
– US patent, per copy	[No change]
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– US patent, per copy	[No change]
– non-US patent document, per copy	27

Part II. [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address, and to its Internet address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Mangilik Yel Avenue 57A 010000 Astana Kazakhstan
Internet:	http://www.qazpatent.kz http://www.adilet.gov.kz

In addition, the Office notified that it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

[Updating of Annex B(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ Refer to footnote 2 above.

⁴ The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each cited document that is not a US patent document or a published international application. The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each cited document not cited in the international search report that is not a US patent document or a published international application. Electronic copies of these documents may be viewed at the USPTO's website (www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/search-patents) and printed for free. Copies can also be purchased online or obtained from the USPTO Office of Public Records.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2025, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	BYN	102.9
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	BYN	210

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several fees, payable in **US dollars (USD)** to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority, from 19 January 2025, as follows:

			<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
Search fee ⁵ (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	USD	2,400	960	480
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	USD	2,400	960	480
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):				
- Non-US patent document, per copy:	USD	27	27	27
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c)):	USD	345	138	69

⁵ The amounts of these fees change periodically. The United States Patent and Trademark Office or the current USPTO Fee Schedule at: www.uspto.gov/about/offices/cfo/finance/fees.jsp should be consulted for the applicable amounts.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee⁶ for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, also applicable from 19 January 2025, as follows:

			<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CHF	2,137	855	427
	EUR	2,290	916	458
	NZD	4,104	1,642	821
	ZAR	43,370	17,350	8,670

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of several fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, also applicable from 19 January 2025, as follows:

			<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
Preliminary examination fee ^{7, 8} (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	USD	705	282	141
	(USD	880	352	176)
Additional preliminary examination fee ⁹ (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	USD	705	282	141
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):				
- Non-US patent document, per copy:	USD	27	27	27
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .2):	USD	345	138	69

[Updating of Annex E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁶ Refer to footnote 2 above.

⁷ The amounts of these fees change periodically. The United States Patent and Trademark Office or the current USPTO Fee Schedule at: www.uspto.gov/about/offices/cfo/finance/fees.jsp should be consulted for the applicable amounts.

⁸ The amounts in parentheses are payable when the international search was not carried out by the USPTO.

⁹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

RECEIVING OFFICES

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of copies of an international application required by it, if the application is filed on paper – one copy must now be filed, instead of three.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office in its capacity as receiving Office - any natural person resident in Kazakhstan may now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of components of the national fee,^{10, 11} in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 January 2025, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	BYN	102.9
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	44.1
Examination fee:	BYN	499.8
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	294
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	102.9

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BYN	205.8
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	102.9

¹⁰ For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian roubles in accordance with the rate of the base value.

¹¹ For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollars, euros, Swiss francs or Russian roubles, unless otherwise provided for by international agreements with the Republic of Belarus, in accordance with the rate of the base value and the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus applicable on the date of payment.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change to its conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fees – with effect from 1 January 2025, the examination fee is reduced by 50% where an international search report or an international preliminary examination report has been established and submitted to the Office.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the names of components of the national fee as well as the percentage amount of the surcharge to be paid for a patent and utility model payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The new text for these changes is as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee and fee for formal examination:

KZT 20,320.16 (must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) or within two months from the date of entry into the national phase. This time limit can be extended by two months, provided that a surcharge of 11% is paid. Fees for electronic and paper filing were amended to be equal by Order of the Director of the NIIP No. 254 dated 23 December 2020.)

Fee for substantive examination:

KZT 66,959.20

Annual fees for the first three years:

KZT 20,320.16 per year

For utility model:

Filing fee:

KZT 16,450.56 (must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) or within two months from the date of entry into the national phase. Fees for electronic and paper filing were amended to be equal by Order of the Director of the NIIP No. 254 dated 23 December 2020.)

[Updating of National Chapter, Summary (KZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY A RECEIVING OFFICE AND INTERNATIONAL AUTHORITY

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and in accordance with Sections 703, 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 March 2021, pages 51 *et seq.* (as modified in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 June 2022, pages 165 *et seq.*, 18 August 2022, page 225 and 19 May 2023, pages 117 *et seq.*).

In particular, as from 1 January 2025, the EPO will no longer provide for and thus accept the filing of international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications using EPO Web-Form Filing.

From 1 January 2025, the means available for filing international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications in electronic form with the EPO will be: EPO Online Filing, ePCT-Filing, EPO Online Filing 2.0 (with integrated ePCT-Filing) and the EPO Contingency Upload Service.

[Updating of Annexes C(EP) and E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.1: NOTIFICATION BY AN OFFICE, AUTHORITY OR THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82*quater*.1(d)

ES Spain

Pursuant to the Royal Decree-Law 6/2024 of 5 November 2024 concerning natural calamity in various municipalities of Spain, and in accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(d), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau that it shall waive the need for evidence for excuse of delay under PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(a), where a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations for performing an action before it, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, between 28 October and 4 November 2024, is not met by an interested party having its domicile or registered office in one of the municipalities included in the Annex to Royal Decree-Law 6/2024, of 5 November 2024 (refer to: <https://www.boe.es/buscar/act.php?id=BOE-A-2024-22928>).

**RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2:
COMMON TIMETABLE FOR FEE LISTS AND FEE TRANSFERS**

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) may participate, as a “participating Office”, in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (“IB”) for PCT purposes (the “WIPO Fee Transfer Service”), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

Common Timetable for Fee Lists and Fee Transfers

Following consultations with participating Offices, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.2, paragraph 8 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, a common timetable has been established for the year 2025, specifying the latest dates, each month, by which a participating Collecting Office shall establish and transmit fee transfer information to the International Bureau; and by which the lists of fees to be transferred, and the amounts of fees indicated in said lists, shall be established and transmitted to, and from, the International Bureau.

The common timetable established for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2025 is as follows:

Cycle	Calendar month (2024)	PCT Fee Transfer Service Month (Invoice Period)	Fee Transfer Service	Last date for documentation notification to IB (12h00 CET)	Receiving Office payment cut-off value date	PCT Fee Transfer Service Statement Reports	PCT Fee Transfer Service Settlement Date
1	January	Dec. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday, 22-Jan-2025	Thursday 23-Jan-2025	Tuesday 28-Jan-2025	Friday 31-Jan-2025
2	February	Jan. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 19-Feb-2025	Thursday 20-Feb-2025	Tuesday 25-Feb-2025	Friday 28-Feb-2025
3	March	Feb. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 20-Mar-2025	Friday 21-Mar-2025	Wednesday 26-Mar-2025	Friday 28-Mar-2025
4	April	Mar. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Tuesday 22-Apr-2025	Wednesday 23-Apr-2025	Monday 28-Apr-2025	Tuesday 29-Apr-2025
5	May	Apr. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 21-May-2025	Thursday 22-May-2025	Monday 26-May-2025	Tuesday 27-May-2025
6	June	May 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 19-Jun-2025	Friday 20-Jun-2025	Wednesday 25-Jun-2025	Friday 27-Jun-2025
7	July	June 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 23-Jul-2025	Thursday 24-Jul-2025	Monday 28-Jul-2025	Wednesday 30-Jul-2025
8	August	July 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 20-Aug-2025	Thursday 21-Aug-2025	Tuesday 26-Aug-2025	Friday 29-Aug-2025
9	September	Aug. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Tuesday 23-Sep-2025	Wednesday 24-Sep-2025	Monday 29-Sep-2025	Tuesday 30-Sep-2025

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10	October	Sept. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 22-Oct-2025	Thursday 23-Oct-2025	Tuesday 28-Oct-2025	Friday 31-Oct-2025
11	November	Oct. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 20-Nov-2025	Friday 21-Nov-2025	Wednesday 26-Nov-2025	Friday 28-Nov-2025
12	December	Nov. 2025	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 12-Dec-2025	Monday 15-Dec-2025	Thursday 18-Dec-2025	Monday 22-Dec-2025

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **State Agency of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzpatent)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its Internet address, as follows:

Internet: <http://patent.gov.kg>

[Updating of Annex B(KG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2025, are USD 277 for international applications filed online and USD 415 for international applications filed on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee, applicable from 1 January 2025 in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	ILS	640
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[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d), a new equivalent amount in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)** has been established for the handling fee. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2025, is ILS 812.

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 August 2024, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): ¹	RSD 9,920	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): ¹	RSD 2,380	for the first document up to 10 pages
	plus RSD 590	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): ¹	RSD 3,990	

[Updating of Annex C(RS) the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

UA Ukraine

The **State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations” (UANPIO)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 25 October 2024, the Office accepts English and Ukrainian as languages in which international applications may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(a)), and English as the language in which the request may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(c)).

The Office has also notified of a change concerning the number of copies of an international application required by it, if the application is filed on paper – one copy must now be filed, instead of three, also with effect since 25 October 2024.

[Updating of Annex C(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the national filing fee, in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2025, is ILS 2,344.²

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of various components of its national fee, in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 August 2024, are as follows:

Fee for reinstatement of rights: ³	RSD	4,960
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For patent:

Filing fee: ³	RSD	9,920
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Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: ³	RSD	970
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Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	plus 50% of the filing fee	
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Examination fee: ³	RSD	9,920
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Annual fee for the first three years: ³	RSD	13,910
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For petty patent:

Filing fee: ³	RSD	9,920
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Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	plus 50% of the filing fee	
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² A 40% reduction in the fee will be applicable for applications first filed in Israel for an individual applicant or for a corporate entity with a turnover of less than ILS 10 million in the last calendar year.

³ This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ - Amendment to Annex D

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2023.

With effect from 1 March 2023, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,820
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,820
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,637
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,637
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	491
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per document	47

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2023, is CAD 315.77.

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are as follows:

Search fee: EUR 1,894

Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities: EUR 379 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)

Reduced search fee for universities: EUR 284 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee.)

[Updating of Annex D(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document, in **new Israel shekels (ILS)**, applicable from 1 March 2023 and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ILS	94
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[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2023, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,820
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Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,820
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Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .1(c)):	ILS	491
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Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1 ter), per document:	ILS	47
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[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office also notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 March 2023, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	ILS	1,637
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Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	ILS	1,637
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Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .2):	ILS	491
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Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document:	ILS	47
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[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are EUR 947 or EUR 379 (the latter applies where the applicant is a small entity).²

[Updating of Annex D(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UA Ukraine

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are USD 106 for searches carried out in Ukrainian or Russian, and USD 317 for searches carried out in English, French or German.

[Updating of Annex D(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for small and micro entities only, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 29 December 2022, are as follows:

		<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
Transmittal fee ³ (PCT Rule 14):	USD	104	52
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD	840	420

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

³ In addition, there is a non-electronic filing fee applicable to international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system (EFS) of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small or micro entities, USD 200.

Furthermore, the Office notified changes to several components of the national fee for small and micro entities only, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes have been applicable since 29 December 2022. The list of the said components is as follows:

		<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
Basic national fee: ⁴	USD	128	64
Search fee: ⁵			
– IPRP prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):		[No change]	
– International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA:	USD	56	28
– Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO:	USD	216	108
– All other situations:	USD	280	140
Examination fee: ⁵			
– IPRP prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):		[No change]	
– All other situations:	USD	320	160

⁴ The basic national fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

⁵ If not paid with the basic national fee, the USPTO will invite the applicant to pay the fee within a time period fixed in the invitation.

		<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium): ⁶	USD	168	84
Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three: ⁶	USD	192	96
Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20: ⁶	USD	40	20
In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application: ⁶	USD	344	172
Surcharge for paying any of the search fee, the examination fee, or filing the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage: ⁶	USD	64	32
Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): ⁶	USD	56	28
Mega-Sequence Listing filing fee:			
– submission of sequence listing of 300 MB to 800 MB:	USD	424	212
– submission of sequence listing of more than 800 MB:	USD	4,200	2,100

[Updating of National Chapter, Summary (US), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁶ If not paid with the basic national fee, the USPTO will invite the applicant to pay the fee within a time period fixed in the invitation.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

OA African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)

The **African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 February 2023, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)). The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

- Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (+237-2) 220 39 11, (+237-2) 220 57 00
- by e-mail at: oapi@oapi.int

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.oapi.int)

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (<https://www.wipo.int/pct-eservices/en/certificates.html>)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(OA) of the PCT Applicant's Guide]

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: FEE TRANSFERS THAT WERE PART OF THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES, AND COMMON TIMETABLE FOR FEE LISTS AND FEE TRANSFERS

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a “participating Office”)⁷ as a “collecting Office” may transfer the following fees and related differences to another Office (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau, for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office (“RO”) for the benefit of the International Bureau (“IB”);
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority (“ISA”);
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search (“SISA”);
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.⁸

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences, from the collecting Office to the International Bureau for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

⁷ A participating Office may refer to any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”).

⁸ Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

List of PCT Fee Transfers that are Part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service

In accordance with Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 7 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the list of the PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for each participating Office⁹ as of **31 December 2022** (inclusive), is as follows:

PCT Fee Transfers					
International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	Differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency	
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, EP, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
AT Austrian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/AP, BR, CO, CU, DZ, EG, GE, IB, IN, JO, KE, KR, MA, MX, OA, OM, PE, SG, SY, TT, UG, VN, ZA	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in EUR, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AT</i> (BH, DJ, GH, KP, LR, LS, LY, ZM, ZW)

⁹ Rows relating to participating Offices having an agreement with the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)* are identified by light grey shading.

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AU Australian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/KR</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, ID, IN, JO, KE, KR, MY, NZ, OM, SG, US, VN, ZA</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in AUD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AU (BN, GH, IQ, LR, PG, TH, ZW)</i>
AZ Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EA, EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
BG Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
BR National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, SE, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/CO, CU, IB, PA, PE</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in CHF, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/BR (CV)</i>

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
BY National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EA, EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
CA Canadian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/IB, SA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in CAD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified</i> ISA/CA (BZ, IQ)
CH Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
CL National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, ES, KR, US as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/CO, CR, CU, DO, EC, IB, MX. PA, PE, TT	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in USD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified</i> ISA/CL (SV)

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
CN China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)	Collecting RO	as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, IN, IR, KE</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in CNY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CN (GH, KH, KP, LR, TH, ZW)</i>
CO Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, KR, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
CR Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CL, EP, ES</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
CU Cuban Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, BR, CL EP, ES, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
CZ Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
DE German Patent and Trade Mark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
DK Danish Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, SE, XN</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
DO National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CL, EP, ES, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
DZ Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
EA Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AZ, BY, IB, RU</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in RUB, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EA (AM, KG, TJ)</i>

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
EC National Service of Intellectual Rights (SENADI) (Ecuador)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CL, EP, ES</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
EE Estonian Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
EG Egyptian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, OM, QA, SA, SD, SY</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in EGP, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EG (DJ, IQ)</i>

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
EP European Patent Office (EPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: n/a as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AP, AT, AZ, BG, BR, BY, CH, CL, CN, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DO, DZ, EA, EC, EE, EG, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GR, HR, HU, IB, ID, IE, IL, IN, IR, IS, IT, JO, JP, KE, KZ, LV, MA, MD, MX, MY, NI, NL, NO, NZ, OA, OM, PA, PE, PH, PL, PT, QA, RO, RS, RU, SA, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, SY, TN, TR, TT, UG, US, VN, ZA</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in EUR, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EP (AL, AM, BA, BH, BN, BW, BZ, CV, CY, DJ, GH, HN, IQ, KG, KH, KN, LR, LS, LT, LU, LY, MK, MN, MT, MW, RW, SC, SV, TH, TJ, TM, UA, UZ, WS, ZW)</i>
ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i> Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/CL, CO, CR, CU, DO, EC, IB, MX, NI, PA, PE</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in EGP, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/ES (HN, SV)</i>

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
FI Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, SE</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: n/a <i>(specified only by participant RO/FI)</i>
FR National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
GB Intellectual Property Office ¹⁰ (United Kingdom)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
GE National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, IL, RU, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
GR Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
HR State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

¹⁰ "Intellectual Property Office" is an operating name of the Patent Office.

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
HU Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
IB International Bureau of WIPO (as Receiving Office)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for all participating ISAs, from applicants filing through RO/IB</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
ID Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR, RU, SG</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
IE Intellectual Property Office of Ireland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
IL Israel Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/GE, IB, US</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in USD</i>

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
IN Indian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, CN, EP, JP, SE, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, IR, JP</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in INR</i>
IR Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CN, EP, IN, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
IS Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, SE, XN</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
IT Italian Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
JO Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
JP Japan Patent Office (JPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, IN, SG</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, ID, IN, KR, MY, PH, SA, SG, US, VN</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in JPY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/JP (BN, KH, TH)</i>
KE Kenya Industrial Property Institute	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, CN, EP, SE</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
KR Korean Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collects search fees for ISA/AT, AU, JP, SG</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AU, CL, CO, IB, ID, MX, MY, NZ, PE, PH, SA, SG, US, VN</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in KRW, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/KR (BN, CV, KH, MN, TH)</i>
KZ National Institute Of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
LV Latvian Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collects search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
MA Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
MD State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
MX Mexican Institute of Industrial Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, CL, EP, ES, KR, SE, SG, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
MY Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR	n/a	n/a	n/a
NI Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, ES	n/a	n/a	n/a
NL Netherlands Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
NO Norwegian Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a
NZ Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AU, EP, KR, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
OA African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
OM Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, AU, EG, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
PA Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/BR, CL, EP, ES, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
PE National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, KR, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
PH Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: n/a <i>(specified only by participant RO/PH)</i>
PL Patent Office of the Republic of Poland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
PT National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
QA Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EG, EP, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
RO State Office For Inventions And Trademarks (Romania)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
RS Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<p>RU Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)</p>	Collecting RO	<p>as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EA, EP</i></p> <p>as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AZ, BG, BY, CO, CU, EA, GE, IB, ID, IR, KZ, MA, MD, OA, RO, SA, SY, VN</i></p>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	<p>Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in RUB, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/RU (AM, KG, KP, MN, TJ, TM, UZ, ZW)</i></p>
<p>SA Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)</p>	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CA, EG, EP, JP, KR, RU, SG, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<p>SD Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan)</p>	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EG, EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
SE Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, XN as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/AP, BR, DK, FI, IB, IN, IS, KE, MA, MX, NO, OA, TT, VN	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in</i> SEK, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/SE (GH, LR, ZM)
SG Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/IB, ID, JP, KR, MX, SA, UG, US, VN	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in</i> SGD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/SG (BN, KH, TH)
SI Slovenian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
SK Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<p>SY Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)</p>	<p><i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i></p>	<p>as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EG, EP, RU</i></p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>TN National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)</p>	<p>Collecting RO</p>	<p>Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i></p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>	<p>n/a</p>
<p>TR Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)</p>	<p>Collecting RO</p>	<p>as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i></p> <p>as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i></p>	<p>Beneficiary SISA</p>	<p>Collecting IPEA</p>	<p>Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in TRY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/TR (IQ)</i></p>

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<p>TT Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)</p>	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, CL, EP, SE, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<p>UA National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”</p>	<i>(not yet participating as RO)</i>	as Collecting RO: <i>(not yet participating as RO)</i> Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in USD (specified only by non-participating RO/UA)</i>
<p>UG Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)</p>	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, SG</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
US United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AU, EP, IL, JP, KR, SG</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/BR, CL, DO, EG, GE, IB, IL, IN, JO, MX, NZ, OM, PA, PE, PH, QA, SA, TT, ZA</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in USD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/US (BH, KN, TH)</i>
VN Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR, SG, SE, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
XN Nordic Patent Institute	n/a	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/DK, IB, IS, NO, SE</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in DKK</i>
ZA Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Korean won (KRW)** and **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are KRW 1,864,000 and NZD 2,340.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2023, is EUR 283.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** and **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are EUR 28 and JPY 4,000 in the case of filing by an individual, and EUR 114 and JPY 16,000 in other cases.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Australian dollars (AUD)** and **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are AUD 531 and SGD 484 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and AUD 1,416 and SGD 1,290 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD 2,249
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD 25
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	NZD 338
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	NZD 507

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2023, is KRW 2,074,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2023, is EUR 1,175.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are EUR 118 and USD 124, respectively, for searches carried out in Russian; and EUR 525 and USD 551, respectively, for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2023, is ISK 271,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are CHF 1,010, EUR 1,024 and USD 1,075, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are USD 1,080 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and USD 1,277 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **euros (EUR)**, and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are EUR 112 and USD 117 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 525 and USD 551 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2023, is ISK 271,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2023, is USD 1,664.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD 1,435
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD 16
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request not being in character-coded format):	USD 108
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	USD 216
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	USD 324

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CL), C(CR), C(DJ), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(HN), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(IQ), C(JM), C(JO), C(KE), C(KG), C(KH), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(MW), C(MX), C(NI), C(PA), C(PE), C(PG), C(PH), C(QA), C(RU), C(SA), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(UG), C(US), C(UZ), C(WS), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are EUR 2,064 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, EUR 1,032 for a small entity, and EUR 516 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 March 2023, is USD 216.

[Updating of Annex E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2023, is ISK 271,000.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ASSIGNMENT OF INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION NUMBERS UNDER SECTION 404 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTICE ISSUED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Due to a technical error in the publication software used by the International Bureau, the international publication numbers assigned to PCT applications published on 5 January 2023, 12 January 2023 and 19 January 2023 were as follows:

- Gazette 01/2023 – WO 2023/272317 to WO 2023/279123
- Gazette 02/2023 – WO 2023/279124 to WO 2023/283659
- Gazette 03/2023 – WO 2023/283660 to WO 2023/288343

The International Bureau hereby notifies that the assignment of international publication numbers starting from WO 2023/000001 will resume on 26 January 2023.

The range of international publication numbers referred to above, if reached, will not be re-assigned.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CN China

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – from 1 March 2023, the Office will discontinue the use of its facsimile services and will no longer accept the filing of international applications and related documents or correspondence transmitted by facsimile.

[Updating of Annex B1(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are as follows:

Search fee: CHF 1,853

Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities: CHF 371 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)

Reduced search fee for universities: CHF 278 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee.)

[Updating of Annex D(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established, with effect from 1 March 2023, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD	108
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD	54
	Supplement for airmail: USD 11	

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are CHF 927 and CHF 371 (the latter applies where the applicant is a small entity).¹

[Updating of Annex D(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CZ Czechia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27) – with effect since 1 January 2023, the Office requires two copies of the translation of the international application and the drawings for a patent, instead of three.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and in accordance with Sections 703, 710(a) and (b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of several changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 03/2004, pages 1732 *et seq.* (as modified by the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 October 2010 (page 175), 12 August 2021 (page 136) and 18 August 2022 (page 227)).

Consequently, with effect since 13 December 2022, the following notification replaces the notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette):

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims see Annex, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging:

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- Front Office (OEPMS*ei*)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the OEPM as receiving Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The OEPM will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1), or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the OEPM will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not currently available.

As to details concerning helpdesks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Front Office-related end user support questions, including straightforward ePCT user-assistance questions, will be managed and resolved directly by the OEPM help desk. The help desk may be contacted:

– by e-mail at: Soportefuncional@oepm.es

The WIPO PCT eServices team will provide second-level support.

As to kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

– international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The OEPM will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

The OEPM will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its Web site.

As to the certification authorities accepted by the Office, and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

The OEPM accepts the following certification authorities:

– <https://sedeaplicaciones.minetur.gob.es/Prestadores/Inicio.aspx>

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Stored files can be accessed through OEPM online file-consultation services, available at: https://www.oepm.es/es/Bases_de_Datos_Expedientes.html

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS:
NOTIFICATIONS BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES OF
APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau of an additional physical medium accepted for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1) – in addition to diskette and CD-R, the Authority also accepts DVD-R format.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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SG Singapore

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 1 February 2023, consists of the addition of **Trinidad and Tobago** to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex.

As from 1 February 2023, the amended Annex A reads as follows:

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United States of America, Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Uganda, United States of America, Viet Nam.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

(ii) [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex D

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will take effect on 1 April 2023, consist of changes in the fee reductions applicable in the case of filing by a small or micro entity, for fees payable to the USPTO in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 1 April 2023, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (United States dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,180 ³
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,180 ³
Preparation of an international-type search report on a United States national application	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– where the international search fee has been paid on the international application to the Authority	640 ³
– where the international search was carried out by another Authority	800 ³
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	640 ³
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2))	320 ³

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf

³ This fee is reduced by 60% in the case of filing by a “small entity” and by 80% in the case of filing by a “micro entity”. For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of “small entity” status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#d0e30961 and 37 CFR 1.27 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf

For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of “micro entity” status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#ch500_d1ff69_210b3_1ca and 37 CFR 1.29 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf

These details shall be subject to change by the Authority at its discretion.

Cost of copies (Rules 44.3 and 71.2)⁴

– US patent, per copy [No change]

Cost of copies (Rules 94.1*ter* and 94.2)

– US patent, per copy [No change]

– non-US patent document, per copy [No change]

Part II. [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of one of its telephone numbers, as well as changes to its e-mail address. The remaining available telephone number, and new e-mail addresses, are as follows:

Telephone: (520) 232 470 70 ext. 105

E-mail: rvaldes@rpi.gob.gt
mmoreira@rpi.gob.gt
ccastaneda@rpi.gob.gt

[Updating of Annex B1(GT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for small and micro entities, payable in **US dollars (USD)** to the USPTO in its capacity as International Searching Authority, from 1 April 2023, as follows:

⁴ The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each cited document that is not a US patent document or a published international application. The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each cited document not cited in the international search report that is not a US patent document or a published international application. Electronic copies of these documents may be viewed at the USPTO's website (www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/search-patents) and printed for free. Copies can also be purchased online or obtained from the USPTO Office of Public Records.

		<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
Search fee ⁵ (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	USD	872	436
Additional search fee ⁵ (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	USD	872	436
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .1(c)):	USD	128	64

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of fees for small and micro entities, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 April 2023, as follows:

		<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
Preliminary examination fee ^{5,6} (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	USD (USD)	256 320	128 160
Additional preliminary examination fee ⁷ (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	USD	256	128
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .2):	USD	128	64

[Updating of Annex E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore – in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 February 2023 with the Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago) or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacities as receiving Offices, by nationals and residents of Trinidad and Tobago.

[Updating of Annex C(TT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁵ The amounts of these fees change periodically. The United States Patent and Trademark Office or the current USPTO Fee Schedule at: www.uspto.gov/about/offices/cfo/finance/fees.jsp should be consulted for the applicable amounts.

⁶ The amounts in parentheses are payable when the international search was not carried out by the USPTO.

⁷ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since 1 January 2023, the original of a document must be furnished within 14 days of the date of its transmission, instead of one month.

[Updating of Annex B1(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2023, is KRW 2,367,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2023, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	BYN	90.65
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	BYN	185

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2023, is HUF 690,700.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are CHF 113 or CHF 28 in the case of filing by an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2023, is KRW 267,000.

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2023, are CHF 2,020 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, CHF 1,010 for a small entity, and CHF 505 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), and since 1 January 2023, the Office accepts only English as the language in which international applications may be filed.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified a change concerning the number of copies of an international application required by it if the application is filed on paper – one copy must now be filed instead of two.

[Updating of Annex C(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee,^{1, 2} in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2023, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	BYN	90.65
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	38.85
Examination fee:	BYN	440.30
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	259
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	90.65

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BYN	181.30
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	90.65

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian roubles in accordance with the rate of the base value.

² For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollars, euros, Swiss francs or Russian roubles, unless otherwise provided for by international agreements with the Republic of Belarus, in accordance with the rate of the base value and the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus applicable on the date of payment.

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2023, is USD 1,523.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the discontinuation of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) and the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)), with effect since 5 February 2023.

[Updating of Annex C(DJ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are CHF 120 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 532 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are CHF 121, EUR 121 and USD 132, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are CHF 338 and EUR 336 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and CHF 900 and EUR 897 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are CHF 113 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 532 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have also been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2023, are CHF 157 and CHF 251 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national fee,¹ in **Djibouti francs (DJF)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 5 February 2023, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	DJF	172,500
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For certificate of addition:

Filing fee:	DJF	172,500
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The Office also notified that national fees are payable only in **Djibouti francs (DJF)**; the payment of national fees in US dollars (USD) is no longer possible.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DJ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: FEE TRANSFERS THAT WERE PART OF THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

List of PCT Fee Transfers that are Part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service – Corrigendum

ES Spain

The information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 January 2023 (page 12 *et seq.*), concerning PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as of 31 December 2022, included an error in the indication of the currency of transfers for the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. As a Beneficiary ISA, the Office receives transfers through the service in **euros (EUR)**, not in Egyptian pounds (EGP).

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

PH Philippines

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will take effect on 7 April 2023, consist of changes in the amounts, and in the reductions, of fees payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 7 April 2023, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (USD)	
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	600	(200) ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	600	(300) ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	300	(150) ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	400	(200) ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	400	(200) ²
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2)	200	(100) ²
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 ^{ter} and 94.2), per document	20	(10) ²

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ph.pdf.

² The fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a small entity, which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than One Hundred Million Pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: vcohen@rnp.go.cr
jlizano@rnp.go.cr
hmarin@rnp.go.cr

[Updating of Annex B1(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GT Guatemala – Corrigendum

The information concerning the deletion of one of the telephone numbers for the **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)**, published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 February 2023 (page 50) introduced an error in the remaining telephone number. The international dialling code for Guatemala is 502 and not 520. The correct telephone number is as follows:

Telephone: (502) 232 470 70 ext. 105

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IQ Iraq

The **Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document, in **Iraqi dinars (IQD)** and **US dollars (USD)**, applicable since 1 January 2023 and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	IQD	27,500	
	or USD	21	
	plus IQD	100	per page or sheet
	or USD	0.08	per page or sheet

[Updating of Annex C(IQ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority, from 7 April 2023, as follows:

			<i>Small entity³</i>
Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	USD	600	200
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	USD	600	300
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e))	USD	400	200
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c)):	USD	200	100
Cost of copies (PCT Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1 <i>ter</i>), per document	USD	20	10

[Updating of Annex D(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, and also applicable from 7 April 2023, as follows:

			<i>Small entity³</i>
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	USD	300	150
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	USD	400	200
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e))	USD	400	200
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .2):	USD	200	100
Cost of copies (PCT Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	USD	20	10

[Updating of Annex E(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ Fees are reduced where the applicant is a small entity, which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than One Hundred Million Pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Agreement between the European Patent Office (EPO) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, pursuant to Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 April 2023, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the EPO in its capacity as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, and International Preliminary Examining Authority.

As from 1 April 2023, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change] ²
Additional fee (Rules 40.2(a) and 40 <i>bis</i> ³)	[No change] ²
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change] ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,840 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,840 ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	980
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	980
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	255

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf

² This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 12 December 2019 (OJ EPO 2020, A4). See Part II, paragraph (4) for further details.

³ This fee is applied in conjunction with PCT Rule 20.5*bis* (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 27 March 2020 (OJ EPO 2020, A36)).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority and Authority specified for supplementary international search, and applicable from 1 April 2023, as follows:

Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	980
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	EUR	980
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c))	EUR	255

[Updating of Annexes D(EP) and SISA(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2023, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	EUR	1,840
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	EUR	1,840
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	980
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):	EUR	255

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HU Hungary

New equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF	518,700
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF	5,900
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	HUF	78,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	HUF	117,000

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**, have been established for the search fee for international searches, carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, concerning small and micro entities. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are CHF 808, EUR 826, NZD 1,360 and ZAR 15,680, respectively, for a small entity; and CHF 404, EUR 413, NZD 680 and ZAR 7,840, respectively, for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT OF PRIORITY: NOTIFICATIONS UNDER PCT RULES 26*bis*.3(i) AND 49*ter*.2(g)

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office and designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that, as from 1 April 2023, it will apply the “unintentional” criterion – instead of the “due care” criterion – to requests for restoration of the right of priority, for any international application in respect of which the priority period expires on or after that date.

[Updating of Annex C(JP) and of the National Chapter, Summary (JP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2023, is ZAR 34,300.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2023, is ZAR 34,300.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees following a change in the currency for fee payments to the Office, from **Croatian kuna (HRK)** to **euros (EUR)**, with effect since 1 January 2023.

Since that date, the consolidated list of fees payable to the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, is as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 26.54
International filing fee: ¹	EUR 1,378
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ¹	EUR 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 207
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 311
Search fee:	Refer to Annex D(EP)

¹ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (refer to Annex C(IB)).

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)):

	EUR	19.91	
plus	EUR	6.64	for each additional priority document

Fee for requesting restoration
of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):

	EUR	26.54
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[Updating of Annex C(HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 7 April 2023, are CHF 561 and EUR 564, or CHF 187 and EUR 188 where the applicant is a small entity.²

[Updating of Annex D(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees resulting from a change in the currency for the payment of national fees to the Office, from **Croatian kuna (HRK)** to **euros (EUR)**, with effect since 1 January 2023.

Consequently, since that date, the national filing fees for patents and utility models, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, are as follows:

National fee:³

Filing fee:	<i>Patents</i>	<i>Utility models</i>
– up to 30 sheets and 10 claims	EUR 159.27	EUR 100.87
– for each additional sheet	EUR 0.66	EUR 0.66
– for each additional claim	EUR 1.33	EUR 1.33

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

³ The national fee must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address for general enquiries. The Office's e-mail addresses are now as follows:

E-mail:	icd@rospatent.gov.ru	(general)
	ro-ru@rupto.ru	(RO)
	pct-peo@rupto.ru	(ISA, SISA, IPEA)

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2023, is ZAR 26,950.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	145	(EUR 0) ¹
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Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d):	EUR	720
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[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This amount applies where the PCT request (Form PCT/RO/101) and the international application are filed with the EPO as receiving Office online in character-coded format.

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d), a new equivalent amount in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)** has been established for the handling fee. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2023, is ILS 769.

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 May 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	25,920
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	290
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR	3,900
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR	5,850

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of its national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable from 1 April 2023, are as follows:

National fee:			
Filing fee: ^{2, 3}			
– for online filings	EUR	105	(EUR 135) ⁴

² Must be paid within 31 months from the priority date.

³ Refer to the Decision of the EPO Administrative Council dated 14 December 2022 (CA/D 16/22), OJ EPO 2023, A2.

⁴ This amount will apply where the international application (or, if required, its translation), the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) and any amendments for processing in the European phase are all filed online, but any one of them is filed in a format other than character-coded format.

– in all other cases	EUR	285
Additional fee for pages in excess of 35, for the 36 th and each subsequent page	EUR	17
Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated ⁵	EUR	660
Claims fee: ⁶		
– for the 16 th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50	EUR	265
– for the 51 st and each subsequent claim	EUR	660
Search fee: ⁶		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005	EUR	1,000
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	EUR	1,460
Fee for further processing:		
– in the event of late payment of a fee		[No change]
– other cases	EUR	290
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing	EUR	255
Examination fee: ⁷		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005	EUR	2,055
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up	EUR	2,055
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	EUR	1,840
Renewal fee for the third year ⁸	EUR	530

⁵ Payable within 31 months from the priority date or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

⁶ Must be paid within 31 months from the priority date. (For claims fees, see also paragraph EP.08 of National Chapter EP.)

⁷ A request for examination must be made and the examination fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) and EPC Rule 159(1) or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

⁸ This fee is due before the expiration of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date; it is due within 31 months from the priority date, if that 31-month time limit expires later.

Furthermore, the Office notified a new amount of the reduction of the search fee component of the national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, for international applications for which the international search report or a supplementary international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office or, in accordance with the *Protocol on Centralisation*, by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) or the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI).

The new amount of this reduction, applicable from 1 April 2023, is EUR 1,245.⁹

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office notified a new amount, in **euros (EUR)**, of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d)), payable to the EPO in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2023, is EUR 720.

LK Sri Lanka

The **National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national application fee in **Sri Lankan rupees (LKR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 2 January 2023, are as follows:

		<i>Students</i>	<i>Natural Persons</i>	<i>Others</i>
National fees: ¹⁰				
Application fee:	LKR	1,150	2,875	6,900

The Office also notified that, with effect since the aforementioned date, national fees are subject to a value added tax (VAT) of 15%, instead of 12%.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁹ Refer to the Decision of the EPO's Administrative Council dated 14 December 2022 (CA/D 16/22), OJ EPO 2023, A2.

¹⁰ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

HR Croatia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 February 2018, page 193 *et seq.* (and subsequently amended in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 17 November 2022, page 304)).

In particular, on 11 January 2023, the Office notified that it no longer accepts international applications in electronic form filed using the EPO online filing software, with effect since 1 January 2023.

Consequently, with effect since 1 January 2023, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notifications:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (385-1) 61 06 547
- by fax at: (385-1) 61 12 017
- by e-mail at: epct_hr@dziv.hr

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.dziv.hr/hr).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-eservices/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its facsimile number, which is now as follows:

Facsimile machine: (36-1) 331 25 96

[Updating of Annex B1(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: info@vpb.gov.lt

[Updating of Annex B1(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MT Malta

The **Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department, Ministry for the Economy and Industry (Malta)** has notified the International Bureau that the name of the Office is as follows:

Name of Office: Industrial Property Registrations
Directorate, Commerce Department

[Updating of Annex B1(MT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MU Mauritius

General information on **Mauritius** as a PCT Contracting State is now available in Annex B1(MU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to one of its telephone numbers, which are now the following:

Telephone: (966-11) 280 59 76
(966-11) 280 59 84

[Updating of Annex B1(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **US dollars (USD)** and **Dominican pesos (DOP)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable from 31 March 2023, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): USD 360

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): DOP 19,835

[Updating of Annex C(DO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national filing fee in **Dominican pesos (DOP)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable from 31 March 2023, are as follows:

National fees: ¹	<i>Patents</i>	<i>Utility models</i>
Filing fee:		
– Up to 30 sheets	DOP 13,225	DOP 9,255
– For each additional sheet	[no change]	[no change]

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IT Italy

The **Italian Trademark and Patent Office**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has clarified its special requirement (under PCT Rule 51bis) concerning the address for service. The consolidated list of special requirements under the aforementioned PCT Rule is now as follows:

- Name of the inventor, if it has not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application²
- Instrument of assignment of the priority right, where the applicants are not identical²

¹ The national fee must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

- Address for service in the European Union or European Economic Area is necessary (but appointment of an agent is not required)
- Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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Information on Contracting States

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MAURITIUS

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General information

Name of Office:	Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)
Location and mailing address:	11 th Floor, Sterling House, Lislet Geoffroy Street, Port Louis, Mauritius
Telephone:	(230) 260 28 10
Facsimile machine:	(230) 210 97 02
E-mail:	trademark@intnet.mu
Internet:	https://foreign.govmu.org/Pages/Industrial%20Property%20Office/Industrial-Property-Office.aspx
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Mauritius:	Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Mauritius is designated (or elected):	Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents in addition to utility models
Provisions of the law of Mauritius concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None
Information of interest if Mauritius is designated (or elected)	
Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Mauritius is designated (or elected):	The indication of the inventor's name and address is not required by the Office
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2023, are CHF 102 and EUR 103 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 479 and EUR 485 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have also been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 June 2023, are CHF 141 and CHF 226 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IQ Iraq

Information on the requirements of the **Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO)** as designated (or elected) Office is now available in the Summary of the National Chapter (IQ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

NO Norway

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89bis.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 3 December 2015, pages 198 *et seq.* (as subsequently amended in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 5 December 2019, page 192).

In particular, the Office notified that, as from 15 June 2023, it will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the EPO Online Filing software.

Furthermore, the Office no longer accepts sequence listings submitted under WIPO Standard ST.25. With respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, with effect from 15 June 2023, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notifications:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JFIF (see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names and sizes of the electronic files received (refer to Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (refer to Section 704(a)(vi)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (refer to Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (refer to Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (refer to Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. It may be contacted:

- by telephone at: +47 22 38 73 33
- by e-mail at: post@patentstyret.no

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives. The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.patentstyret.no).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-eservices/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

ePCT private services provide access to files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

GT Guatemala

In accordance with PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(a)(ii), the **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, which are now as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
GT - Guatemala Registry of Intellectual Property	At the time of filing (must be in the description)	None	To the extent available to the applicant, a description of the characteristics of the microorganism and/or other biological material.

Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala) with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the *Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure* (these institutions are indicated further in this Annex and notifications related thereto may be consulted under: www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/). The certificate of deposit must be translated into Spanish upon entry into the national phase.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

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IRAQI PATENT OFFICE (IQPO)

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: Iraqi dinar (IQD) or US Dollar (USD) Filing fee: ¹ IQD 77,075 USD 55
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Name and address of the inventor if not indicated in the “Request” part of the international application ^{2,3} Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{2,3} Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application ^{2,3} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) ² Representation by an agent if the applicant is not resident in Iraq ² Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) ² Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49 <i>ter</i> .2)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

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EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Tatari 39
 15041 Tallinn
 Estonia

[Updating of Annex B1(EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (261-34) 43 152 36
 (261-34) 87 581 10

[Updating of Annex B1(MG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) in **euros (EUR)**, with effect since 1 April 2023. The amount of this fee, payable to the EPO in its capacity as receiving Office, is EUR 115.

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, and in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a “participating Office”)¹ as a “collecting Office” may transfer to another Office (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau, for PCT purposes, the following fees and differences:

¹ A participating Office may refer to any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”).

- **international filing fee** (PCT Rule 15.2(c) or (d));
- **search fee** (PCT Rule 16.1(c) or (d));
- **supplementary search fee** (PCT Rule 45bis.3(b));
- **handling fee** (PCT Rule 57.2(c) or (d)); and
- **differences relating to the search fee²** (PCT Rule 16.1(e)).

Between 1 January and 31 March 2023 (inclusive),³ the following Office notified the International Bureau of its participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as follows:

PCT Fee Transfers					
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	Differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
MU Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for: ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

² Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

³ The complete list of Offices participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, as of 31 December 2022, is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 January 2023 (pages 13 *et seq.*).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified the International Bureau of its new location and mailing address (effective 10 April 2023), as well as changes to its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Level 5, Menara MyIPO PJ Sentral, Lot 12 Persiaran Barat, Seksyen 52 46200 Petaling Jaya Selangor Malaysia
Telephone:	(603) 7496 89 00
Facsimile:	(603) 7496 89 99

[Updating of Annex B1(MY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2023, is KRW 286,000.

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 13 April 2023, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 93.87 ¹	(for a natural person)
	USD 375.50 ¹	(for a legal entity)

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This amount includes a value added tax (VAT) of 16%.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national filing fee and fees for each additional claim exceeding the first ten claims (for patent applications or international applications entering the national phase), payable in **Malaysian ringgit (MYR)** to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 18 March 2022, are as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee (electronic or paper filing): ²	MYR	290
Claims fee for every additional claim exceeding the first ten claims (electronic or paper filing):		
– from the 11 th to the 20 th claim:	MYR	20 (per claim)
– from the 21 st to the 30 th claim:	MYR	30 (per claim)
– from the 31 st to the 40 th claim:	MYR	40 (per claim)
– for each claim in excess of 40:	MYR	50 (per claim)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of annual fees for patents, payable in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 18 March 2023, are as follows:

National Fee:

Annual fee for the first two years:	None
Annual fee for the 3 rd year: ³	SEK 1,500

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² This fee must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

³ This fee is due on the last day of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date; where PCT Article 22 or 39(1) applies, it is payable within two months after performing the acts for entering the national phase, unless the 24-month time limit has not yet expired.

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

PL Poland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the **Government of the Republic of Poland** has notified⁴ the International Bureau of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made under the *Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure*, with effect since 26 January 2023, as follows:

Collection of Plasmids and Microorganisms (KPD)
University of Gdansk
Wita Stwosza 59
80-308 Gdansk
Poland

⁴ The full text of Budapest Notification N° 355 is available on the WIPO website at:
https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/budapest/treaty_budapest_355.html

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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CN China

Agreement between the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 May 2023, consists of the addition of **Saudi Arabia** to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex.

As from 1 May 2023, the amended Annex A will read as follows:

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

So far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

China, Angola, Cambodia, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Zimbabwe

and any State that the Authority will specify.

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

China, Angola, Cambodia, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Liberia, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Zimbabwe

and any State that the Authority will specify.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag_cn.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its facsimile number, which is now as follows:

Facsimile: (375-17) 272 97 51

[Updating of Annex B1(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD	1,956
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD	22
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CAD	294
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CAD	441
Handling fee:	CAD	294

[Updating of Annexes C(CA) and E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2023, are USD 115 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 512 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2023, is NOK 19,970.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2023, are USD 109 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 512 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2023, is NOK 19,970.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2023, is NOK 19,970.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has specified the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)² — in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office,² the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO),² the Japan Patent Office (JPO),² the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore,² and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)² — as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 May 2023 with SAIP or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau, by nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia.

[Updating of Annex C(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² This Office is competent as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been carried out by it.

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2023, is KRW 2,572,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2023, is EUR 1,345.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2023, is CHF 1,145.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts have been established – in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, with effect from 1 June 2023; and in **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, with effect from 1 July 2023 – for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts are CHF 315 and SGD 456, respectively, for international applications filed in Korean (or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3); and CHF 840 and SGD 1,215, respectively, for international applications filed in English (or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3).

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2023, is KRW 2,218,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

TT Trinidad and Tobago

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 November 2021, page 209 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the Office accepts sequence listings submitted under WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since that date, the following electronic filing notification replaces the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette):

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (1-868) 226 44 76
- by fax at: (1-868) 226 51 60
- by e-mail at: info@ipo.gov.tt

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.ipo.gov.tt).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-eservices/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(TT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

TT Trinidad and Tobago

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept language-dependent free text in English for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description under PCT Rule 12.1(d). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(TT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 July 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD 2,247
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD 25
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	AUD 338
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	AUD 507
Handling fee:	AUD 338

[Updating of Annexes C(AU) and E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2023, are USD 334 when filing online and USD 500 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2023, are CHF 108 and EUR 109 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 479 and EUR 485 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2023, is EUR 948.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2023, are EUR 312 for international applications filed in Korean (or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3), and EUR 831 for international applications filed in English (or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3).

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	15,950
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	180
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NOK	2,400
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NOK	3,600

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CV Cabo Verde

Information on the requirements of the **Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde)** as designated (or elected) Office under the PCT is provided in the Summary of the National Chapter (CV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 7 January 2016, page 2 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the acceptable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since that date, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in its notification (under Rule 89*bis*.1(d)) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

[Updating of Annex C(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

PH Philippines

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept language-dependent free text in English or Filipino, for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description under PCT Rule 12.1(d). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and Filipino within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY MANAGEMENT AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IGQPI) (CABO VERDE)

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Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English or Portuguese
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Cabo Verde Escudo (CVE) For patent: Filing fee: ¹ CVE 15,000 For utility model: Filing fee: ¹ CVE 13,000
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	The fees are reduced by up to 90% where the applicant is the inventor and he provides a declaration indicating that his economic situation prevents him from paying the full amount of the fees.
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{2, 3} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{2, 3} Evidence of the applicant's entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application ^{2, 3} Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Cabo Verde ⁴ Power of attorney if an agent is appointed ⁴ Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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**INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY MANAGEMENT
AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IGQPI)
(CABO VERDE)**

CV

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Who can act as agent?

Any natural or legal person residing in Cabo Verde

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49ter.2)?

Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any
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KN Saint Kitts and Nevis

The **Intellectual Property Office (Saint Kitts and Nevis)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, and to its e-mail address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: P.O. Box 693
George Street
Basseterre, St. Kitts
Saint Kitts and Nevis

E-mail: ipo@gov.kn

[Updating of Annex B1(KN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OM Oman

The **Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office and its Internet address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office: National Intellectual Property Office
(Ministry of Commerce, Industry and
Investment Promotion)

Internet: www.tejarah.gov.om

[Updating of Annex B1(OM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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OM Oman

The **National Intellectual Property Office (Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Investment Promotion) (Oman)** has notified the International Bureau of conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

For a period of five years from the date of submission of the application, fees for services relating to industrial property rights are reduced (i) by 90% where the international application is filed by a researcher in a research center or a student of a school, college or university, and (ii) by 50% where the application is filed by a small enterprise. (For additional details, refer to Ministerial Resolution No. 206/2018 of 18 October 2018.)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (OM), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES, AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89bis.1(d) and 89bis.2 and in accordance with Sections 703(b), 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 March 2021, pages 51 *et seq.* (as modified in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 June 2022, pages 165 *et seq.* and of 18 August 2022, page 225).

In particular, as from 1 July 2023, the EPO will accept international applications and subsequently filed documents, including PCT Chapter II demands (PCT/IPEA/401), filed using the new EPO Contingency Upload Service. As from this date, the means available for filing international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications in electronic form with the EPO will be: EPO Online Filing, EPO Web-Form Filing, ePCT-Filing, Online Filing 2.0 (with integrated ePCT-Filing) and the EPO Contingency Upload Service.

Consequently, the following item concerning the requirements for filing in electronic form via the EPO Contingency Upload Service will be added to the notification published (and revised) in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), with effect from 1 July 2023:

FILING VIA THE EPO CONTINGENCY UPLOAD SERVICE:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The EPO has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

The EPO will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

[Updating of Annexes C(EP) and E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LY Libya

The **Libyan Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from **3 July 2023**, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (218-21) 369 15 12
- by e-mail at: patent@irc.ly

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<https://irc.ly/office-of-industrial-property/>).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

– WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-eservices/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(LY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NL Netherlands

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Netherlands Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept, under PCT Rule 12.1(d), for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is the same language as used in the international application (Dutch, English, French or German). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2023, is CHF 1,302.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 May 2023, are as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	BYN	42.00	for each copy of priority document up to 35 pages
	plus BYN	1.20	for each page of one copy in excess of 35 pages

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CN China

New equivalent amounts in **Chinese Renminbi (CNY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 July 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CNY	10,350
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CNY	120
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CNY	1,560

Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CNY	2,340
Handling fee:	CNY	1,560

[Updating of Annexes C(CN) and E(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

A new equivalent amount in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 July 2023, is ILS 818.

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2023, is CHF 270.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2023, is CHF 934.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (373-22) 40 05 00
(373-22) 18 85 06

Facsimile machine: (373-22) 18 86 99

[Updating of Annex B1(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	2,387
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	27
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD	359
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD	539

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	28,990
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	330
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR	4,360
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR	6,540

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2023, is ZAR 36,760.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2023, is ZAR 36,760.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2023, are ZAR 42,250 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 16,900 for a small entity, and ZAR 8,450 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office** (ISIPO) has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Katrínartún 4
IS-105, Reykjavik
Iceland

[Updating of Annex B1(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: <https://uibm.mise.gov.it/index.php/it/>

[Updating of Annex B1(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2023, are CHF 98 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 435 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2023, are CHF 92 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 435 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 August 2023, are CHF 128 and CHF 205 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

MU Mauritius

The **Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect since 15 March 2023, for international applications filed with IPOM or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Mauritius.

Additional information on the requirements of IPOM as a receiving Office under the PCT is now available in Annex C(MU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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TR Türkiye

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **new Turkish lira (TRY)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2023, as follows:

For patent or utility model:

Filing fee:	TRY	5,800
Fee for certificate of grant:	TRY	1,050
Renewal fee for third year:	TRY	1,050
Reinstatement of rights:	TRY	5,730

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

HU Hungary

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept, under PCT Rule 12.1(d), for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is the same language as used in the international application (Hungarian, English, German or French). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS: NOTIFICATIONS BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau that for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings, physical media are not accepted. Sequence listings must be filed in electronic form (refer to Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C).

[Updating of Annexes D(SE) and SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the types of physical media accepted by the Authority for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form, under PCT Rule 13^{ter}.1 and in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT – the Authority only accepts the following types of physical media: CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD-R or DVD+R.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
MU **INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **MU**
OF MAURITIUS (IPOM)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Mauritius
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language accepted for language-dependent free text in the sequence listing:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Mauritian Rupee (MUR)
Transmittal fee:	MUR 5,000
International filing fee: ¹	Equivalent in MUR of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ¹	Equivalent in MUR of Swiss francs 15
Search fee:	Equivalent in MUR of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant: See Annex D (EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	MUR 300 per page
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Mauritius Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Mauritius
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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BH Bahrain

The **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office and its mailing address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Directorate of Foreign Trade & Industrial Property, National Patent Office (Bahrain)
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 60667, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain

The Office also notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication.

[Updating of Annex B1(BH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

MU Mauritius

The **Industrial Property Office of Mauritius (IPOM)** has specified the Australian Patent Office – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) – as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 August 2023 with the IPOM or with the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Mauritius.

[Updating of Annex C(MU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of certain components of its national fee, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2023, are as follows:

National fee:

Basic national fee: ¹	CAD	421.02 (210.51) ²
Fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase):	CAD	210.51

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The new amount, applicable since 26 May 2022, is as follows:

National (filing) fee: ³	SGD	210
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² The amount in parentheses is applicable only if the applicant is entitled to pay certain fees at the "small entity" level. In order to be entitled to pay the reduced fee, a signed "small entity" declaration compliant with subsection 44(3) of the *Canadian Patent Rules* must, within the applicable time limit set out in subsection 154(1)(c)(i), 154(2)(a), 154(3)(a)(iii)(A), 154(3)(b)(i)(A) or 154(3)(b)(ii)(A) of the *Canadian Patent Rules*, be made by the applicant or the agent on the applicant's behalf (the declaration shall preferably follow the form of the declaration set out in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Phase, Annex CA.II).

³ Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), or at the time of any earlier express request by the applicant to proceed earlier with the national phase.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

HU Hungary

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 May 2015, page 85 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the acceptable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since that date, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in its notification (under Rule 89*bis*.1(d)) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

REVISED VERSION OF WIPO STANDARD ST.26

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

In accordance with the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C, paragraph 5, and following the adoption of version 1.6 of WIPO Standard ST.26 by the tenth session of the Committee on WIPO Standards (see document CWS/10/13 Rev. 2, and paragraphs 87 and 91 of document CWS/10/22), the Director General has decided that the new version of the Standard shall come into force for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2023. Sequence listings submitted after filing concerning applications filed prior to 1 July 2023 may use either version 1.5 or 1.6 of the Standard.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone number, which is now as follows:

Telephone: (34) 91 780 780

[Updating of Annex B1(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means.

[Updating of Annex B1(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** and **Swedish kronor (SEK)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2023, are JPY 266,100 and SEK 20,760.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2023, are JPY 17,200 or JPY 4,300 in the case of filing by an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2023, is KRW 1,287,000.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 September 2023, are EUR 953 for international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and EUR 1,127 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** in its capacity as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2023, is SEK 20,760.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute** in its capacity as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2023, is SEK 20,760.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Brazil with the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) or with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 1 August 2023.

[Updating of Annex C(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Chile with the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) or with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 1 August 2023.

[Updating of Annex C(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CV Cabo Verde

The **Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Cabo Verde with IGQPI or the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 1 October 2023.

[Updating of Annex C(CV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2:
NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER
SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, and in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a “participating Office”)¹ as a “collecting Office” may transfer to another Office (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau, for PCT purposes, the following fees and differences:

- **international filing fee** (PCT Rule 15.2(c) or (d));
- **search fee** (PCT Rule 16.1(c) or (d));
- **supplementary search fee** (PCT Rule 45bis.3(b));
- **handling fee** (PCT Rule 57.2(c) or (d)); and
- **differences relating to the search fee**² (PCT Rule 16.1(e)).

Between 1 April and 30 June 2023 (inclusive),³ the following Office notified the International Bureau of its participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as follows:

PCT Fee Transfers					
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	Differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
CV Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for: ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

¹ A participating Office may refer to any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”).

² Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

³ The complete list of Offices participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, as of 31 December 2022, is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 January 2023 (pages 13 *et seq.*).

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EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2023, are EUR 98 and USD 100 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 434 and USD 447 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 September 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	214,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	2,400
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY	48,300
Handling fee:	JPY	32,200

[Updating of Annexes C(JP) and E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2023, are USD 988 for an application in Japanese¹ and USD 1,167 for an application in English.²

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3. This fee is reduced for applications by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, see https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

² For international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2023, are EUR 92 and USD 95 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 434 and USD 447 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau of the amounts of the fee for priority document, payable in **Swedish krona (SEK)** to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts are now as follows:

Fee for priority document:

If requested under PCT Rule 17.1(b): None

If requested outside of PCT Rule 17.1(b): SEK 250

[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of its facsimile number from its contact means.

[Updating of Annex B1(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain – Corrigendum

The information concerning a change of telephone number published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 6 July 2023 (page 141) was incorrect. The telephone number of the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** is as follows:

Telephone: (34) 910 780 780

[Updating of Annex B1(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UA Ukraine

The Ministry of Economy of Ukraine has notified the International Bureau of a change in the government authority of Ukraine acting as national Office, within the meaning of Article 2(xii) of the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)*.

Since 8 November 2022, the **State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations” (UANIPPIO)** has been performing the functions of the national Office of Ukraine.

Consequently, the name and contact details of the national Office of Ukraine acting as receiving Office, and in other capacities, under the PCT are now as follows:

Name of Office:	State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations” (UANIPPIO)
Location and mailing address:	1, Hlazunova Street Kyiv 01601 Ukraine
Telephone:	(380-44) 494 05 05
Facsimile:	(380-44) 494 05 06
Email:	office@nipo.gov.ua
Internet:	https://nipo.gov.ua/en/

[Updating of Annex B1(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2023, is EUR 265.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2023, are CHF 888 for an application in Japanese¹ and CHF 1,049 for an application in English.²

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

Fee reductions are available to Spanish public universities and entrepreneurs. For further information, refer to <https://www.oepm.es>

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ES), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3. This fee is reduced for applications by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, see https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

² For international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS:
NOTIFICATIONS BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES OF
APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau that for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings, physical media are not accepted. Sequence listings must be filed in electronic form (refer to Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Annex C).

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PH Philippines

Pursuant to Presidential Memorandum Circular No. 25 dated 21 July 2023, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Monday, 24 July 2023.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Tuesday, 25 July 2023.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 October 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK 15,840
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK 180
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SEK 2,380
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SEK 3,570
Handling fee:	SEK 2,380

[Updating of Annexes C(SE) and E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)** has notified the International Bureau that its requirements regarding the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase are now as follows:

Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims, any text matter of drawings
(if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended).

Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings
(if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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UA Ukraine

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations” (UANIPIO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept language-dependent free text in English, for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description under PCT Rule 12.1(d). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(UA) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly. Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, is able to participate in DAS, either as an Office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an Office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

IT Italy

Following notification of participation in DAS as a depositing Office (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette), dated 27 August 2020, page 184), in accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as an accessing Office, with effect from 1 September 2023.¹

¹ For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11580

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater.2}: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater.2}(a)

EP European Patent Organisation

In accordance with PCT Rule 82^{quater.2}(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of the following period of unavailability of one of its permitted electronic means of communication:

- Online Filing 2.0: from 19 July 2023, 16:00 CET (Central European Time) until 20 July 2023, 14:45 CET.

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82^{quater.2}, in accordance with the applicable conditions, published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020, page 254.

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the EPO website at:

<https://www.epo.org/service-support/availability-of-online-services/2023.html>

and on the WIPO website at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html>

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MN Mongolia

The **Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means.

[Updating of Annex B1(MN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia – Corrigendum

The information concerning a change of telephone number published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 November 2015 (page 182) was incorrect. The telephone number of the **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** is as follows:

Telephone: (421-48) 430 01 31

[Updating of Annex B1(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Section 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau on 4 August 2023, of corrections and updates to its notification published in the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) of 2 February 2023 (pages 44 *et seq.*).

Consequently, the items below in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) are now replaced by the following:

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- Front Office (OEPMS*ei*)
- EPO online filing software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application. The files should be archived in ZIP format.

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Stored files can be accessed through OEPM online file-consultation services, available at:

<https://www.oepm.es/es/herramientas/buscador-base-de-datos/consulta-de-expedientes-de-la-OEPM/>

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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KN Saint Kitts and Nevis

The **Intellectual Property Office (Saint Kitts and Nevis)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of facsimile numbers from its contact means, as well as of a change to the name of the Office and the addition of a new telephone number, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office of St. Kitts and Nevis
Telephone:	(1-869) 467 19 76 (1-869) 467 19 77 (1-869) 467 19 78

[Updating of Annex B1(KN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2023, are CHF 86 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 382 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2023, is CHF 114.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2023, are CHF 81 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 382 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 October 2023, are CHF 113 and CHF 180 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and following publication of its notification in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 June 2016, pages 133 *et seq.* (subsequently modified on 27 February 2020 (page 30), 14 July 2022 (pages 177 *et seq.*) and 18 August 2022 (page 225)), as well as changes published on 21 March 2019 (page 43), 28 April 2022 (page 101) and 2 February 2023 (page 42), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of further changes.

The new consolidated notification is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- i-system Software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- text string signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

i-system supports online payment.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: + (86-10) 62 35 66 55
- by e-mail at: cponline@cnipa.gov.cn

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.cnipa.gov.cn). Applicants may file applications on paper by delivering in person or mail.

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

At this stage no digital certificates are accepted by the Office.

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.

[Updating of Annex C(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Friday, 21 April 2023 and Monday, 14 August 2023.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on the next working day, Tuesday, 25 April 2023, or Tuesday, 15 August 2023, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Friday, 25 August 2023.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on the next working day, Tuesday, 29 August 2023.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are EUR 87 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 387 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are CHF 106, or CHF 26 in the case of filing by an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are EUR 82 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 387 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. The amendment, which entered into force on 1 July 2023, consists of changes to the conditions under which the Office will act as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), pursuant to Articles 3(1) and 3(2) of the Agreement.

Since 1 July 2023, the amended Annex A reads as follows:

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam.

For the United States of America, the Authority will act under Article 3(1) provided that (a) the international application is submitted in English; and (b) the Authority has not received more than 10,000 international applications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office during the five-year period from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2028, and not more than 500 applications each quarter. Where the Authority has prepared the international search report, the Authority will also act under Article 3(2) if these conditions are met.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-jp.pdf>

Where a receiving Office specifies the Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and the Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) [No change]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CN China

New equivalent amounts in **Yuan Renminbi (CNY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CNY	10,920
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CNY	120
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CNY	1,640
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CNY	2,460
Handling fee:	CNY	1,640

[Updating of Annexes C(CN) and E(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2023, is ISK 255,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2023, is ISK 255,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

New equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SGD	2,052
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SGD	23
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SGD	309
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SGD	463
Handling fee:	SGD	309

[Updating of Annexes C(SG) and E(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,515
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	17
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request not being in character coded format):	USD	114
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	228
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	342

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CL), C(CR), C(DJ), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(HN), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(IQ), C(JM), C(JO), C(KE), C(KG), C(KH), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(MW), C(MX), C(NI), C(OM), C(PA), C(PE), C(PG), C(PH), C(QA), C(RU), C(SA), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(UG), C(US), C(UZ), C(WS), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2023, is USD 228.

[Updating of Annexes E(CL), E(EA), E(EG), E(IN), E(PH), E(RU) and E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2023, is ISK 255,000.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

MN Mongolia

The **Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia** has notified the International Bureau of changes to one of the components of the national fee. Where the fee for grant is paid after 21 September 2021, the first payment period and the amount in **Mongolian tugrik (MNT)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, are as follows:

Annual fee for the period from the 1 st to the 5 th year: ²	MNT 40,000
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Section 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau on 31 August 2023, of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 July 2016, pages 163 *et seq.*

Consequently, the item below in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) is now as follows:

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirements within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that, due to inclement weather conditions, it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Friday, 1 September 2023.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on the next working day, Monday, 4 September 2023.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are SGD 1,915 and USD 1,411, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are as follows:

Search fee: CHF 1,756

Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities: CHF 351 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)

Reduced search fee
for universities:

CHF 263 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee.)

[Updating of Annex D(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established, with effect from 1 November 2023, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 114
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 57
	Supplement for airmail: USD 11

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are CHF 527, or CHF 176 where the applicant is a small entity.¹

[Updating of Annex D(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, have been established for the search fee for international searches carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are CHF 1,914 and NZD 3,690 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, CHF 766 and NZD 1,476 for a small entity, and CHF 383 and NZD 738 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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NO Norway

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Section 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has provided the International Bureau with a clarification about the filing of documents in pre-conversion format as specified in its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 6 April 2023, pages 85 *et seq.*

Consequently, the item below in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) is now as follows:

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

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XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex G

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(vi) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex G thereof. The amendment will enter into force on 1 January 2024.

As from 1 January 2024, the amended Annex G will read as follows:

“Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches for national patent applications filed at the Hungarian, Polish and Slovak IP Offices.”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: info@sakpatenti.gov.ge

Furthermore, the Office has clarified with the International Bureau that the restrictions imposed by the national legislation of Georgia concerning the filing of international applications with foreign Offices no longer apply. The previously applicable provisions under the *Law on Patents*, Article 31 have been repealed.²

In addition, the Office specified its requirements concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

Upon entry into the national phase, Sakpatenti as a designated Office or an elected Office shall publish the international application in Georgian language as soon as the Georgian translation is submitted and the fee for examination as to form and publication of the application is paid. From the date of publication of the application in Georgian language, the applicant shall be granted the provisional rights.

[Updating of Annex B1(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-xv.pdf>

² Law of Georgia No.1791 of 5 February 1999, on Patents (as amended up to Law No.3235 of 20 July 2018): “Article 31. Repealed” (Law of Georgia No.3031 of 4 May 2010 - LHG I, No.27, 24.05.2010, Art.183).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2023, is CHF 256.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2023, is SGD 1,563.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	2,531
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 sheets:	NZD	29
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD	381
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD	571

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2023, are CHF 1,452 and JPY 242,200, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2023, is CHF 1,452.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of copies of an international application required by it if the application is filed on paper – one copy must now be filed instead of three.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the requirements for representation before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:³

- an agent is not required if the applicant resides in Georgia;
- an agent is highly recommended if the applicant does not reside in Georgia.

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office. The requirements are now as follows:

Any person who is a resident of Georgia or a patent attorney of Georgia.³

[Updating of Annex C(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ From 1 January 2025, an applicant not having a residence or a registered legal address in Georgia shall appoint a patent attorney of Georgia as a representative before Sakpatenti.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The following persons may now act as such:

Any person who is a resident of Georgia or a patent attorney of Georgia.⁴

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁴ From 1 January 2025, an applicant not having a residence or a registered legal address in Georgia shall appoint a patent attorney of Georgia as a representative before Sakpatenti.

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IS Iceland

The International Bureau has been notified that the short form in French of the country name “Iceland” has been changed from “Islande” to “Islande (I)”. The corresponding two-letter code (IS) remains unchanged.

[Updating of Annexes B1(IS), C(IS) and L, and the National Chapter (Summary) (IS) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

NL Netherlands

The International Bureau has been notified that the short form of the country name “the Kingdom of the Netherlands” has been changed from “Netherlands” to “Netherlands (Kingdom of the)”. The corresponding two-letter code (NL) remains unchanged.

[Updating of Annexes B1(NL) and C(NL) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2023, are USD 94 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 416 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2023, is USD 998.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2023, are USD 88 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 416 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Section 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has provided the International Bureau with a clarification about the filing of documents in pre-conversion format as specified in its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 21 April 2016, pages 79 *et seq.*

Consequently, the item below in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) is now as follows:

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

Under the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”) established by the International Bureau, any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place is able to participate in DAS, either as an Office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an Office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17). Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents* are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

CH Switzerland

In accordance with paragraphs 10 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect from 1 December 2023.¹

[Updating of Annex B1(CH) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

¹ For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12873

**RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2:
NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER
SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, and in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a “participating Office”)² as a “collecting Office” may transfer to another Office (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau, for PCT purposes, the following fees and differences:

- **international filing fee** (PCT Rule 15.2(c) or (d));
- **search fee** (PCT Rule 16.1(c) or (d));
- **supplementary search fee** (PCT Rule 45bis.3(b));
- **handling fee** (PCT Rule 57.2(c) or (d)); and
- **differences relating to the search fee**³ (PCT Rule 16.1(e)).

Between 1 July and 30 September 2023 (inclusive),⁴ the following Office notified the International Bureau of its participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as follows:

PCT Fee Transfers					
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	Differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
MK State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

² A participating Office may refer to any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”).

³ Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

⁴ The complete list of Offices participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, as of 31 December 2022, is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 January 2023 (pages 13 *et seq.*).

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IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the provisions of its national legislation concerning restrictions to the filing of international applications with foreign Offices.

Filing restrictions apply to international applications filed by residents of Italy (Legislative Decree No.30 of 10 February 2005, Article 198(1) as modified following Law No.102 of 24 July 2023, Article 8, which entered into force on 23 August 2023) – unless the international application claims the priority of a national application filed in Italy more than 60 days previously and such application has not been made subject of the official secrets regulation. The said period has been changed from 90 days to 60 days, with effect from 23 August 2023.

[Updating of Annex B1(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) and the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d))¹ are reduced by 70% where the applicant is the inventor, a higher educational institution or an independent scientific-research unit, and by 90% where the applicant is a student, pupil or pensioner.

[Updating of Annex C(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of changes to the components of the national fee^{2,3} payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are applicable since 2 June 2023. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:

National fee:

For patent and utility model:

Fee for examination as to form
and publication of the application:

Up to 30 pages of application
materials:⁴

Equivalent in GEL of USD 100

¹ The payment of these fees shall be effected in the equivalent in **Georgian Lari (GEL)** of the amounts in **US dollars (USD)** indicated in Annex C(GE).

² Fees are reduced by 70% where the applicant is the inventor, a higher educational institution or an independent scientific-research unit, and by 90% where the applicant is a student, pupil or pensioner.

³ Fees are reduced by 20% for applications filed electronically.

⁴ This fee must be paid within one month from the date of request for entry into the national phase.

For each additional page
over 30:⁵

Equivalent in GEL of USD 3

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of the deletion of the information concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee accordingly, due to the cancellation of the fee for determination of the state of the art.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of certain components of its national fee, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2024, are as follows:

National fee:

Basic national fee: ⁶	CAD	555 (225) ⁷
Fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase):	CAD	277

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁵ This fee must be paid within one month from the date of the invitation to pay.

⁶ This fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

⁷ The amount in parentheses is applicable only if the applicant is entitled to pay fees at the "small entity" level. In order to be entitled to pay the reduced fee, a signed "small entity" declaration compliant with subsection 44(3) of the *Canadian Patent Rules* must, within the applicable time limit set out in subsection 154(1)(c)(i), 154(2)(a), 154(3)(a)(iii)(A), 154(3)(b)(i)(A) or 154(3)(b)(ii)(A) of the *Canadian Patent Rules*, be made by the applicant or the agent on the applicant's behalf (the declaration shall preferably follow the form of the declaration set out in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Phase, Annex CA.II).

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ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office will discontinue the use of its facsimile services and will no longer accept the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means, with effect from 1 January 2024.

[Updating of Annex B1(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.2(a)

EP European Patent Organisation

In accordance with PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of the following period of unavailability of one of its permitted electronic means of communication:

- Online Filing 2.0: from 3 October 2023, 14:30 CET (Central European Time) until 5 October 2023, 15:52 CET.

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions, published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020, page 254.

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the EPO website at:

<https://www.epo.org/en/service-support/availability-online-services>

and on the WIPO website at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html>

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RECEIVING OFFICES

CN China

Further to the notifications published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 October 2020 (page 223) and 6 October 2022 (page 276), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of a further extension of a pilot project between the CNIPA and the European Patent Office (EPO).

Under the aforementioned pilot project, the EPO was specified as competent International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed by nationals and residents of China, in English, with the CNIPA or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau, from 1 December 2020 until 30 November 2022, followed by a one-year extension from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023.

Pursuant to the consensus reached by the CNIPA and the EPO, the pilot project will be extended for another three years, from 1 December 2023 to 30 November 2026, for a maximum of 3,000 international applications per year.

The terms of the transitional phase will continue to apply, under which applicants who file an international application with the CNIPA as receiving Office and select the EPO as ISA will be required to pay the international search fee directly to the EPO, in **euros (EUR)**.¹

In addition, applicants participating in the pilot, whose international search is performed by the EPO as ISA, may still file a demand for international preliminary examination with the EPO, in its capacity as IPEA.

For additional details, refer to:

<https://www.epo.org/en/news-events/news/epo-cnipa-joint-communique-chinese-applicants-may-continue-designate-epo-isa-0> (in English); and

https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2023/10/13/art_53_187971.html (in Chinese).

[Updating of Annex C(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For a list of fees payable to the EPO as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, refer to the Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (available at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-ep.pdf>), and Annexes D(EP), SISA(EP) and E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

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HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified the International Bureau that its national law now permits the applicant who files a national application with it to request an international-type search to be carried out on such application (PCT Article 15(5)). The relevant provision in the national law of Hungary is Article 69/B, *Act XXXIII of 1995 on the Protection of Inventions by Patents*.

[Updating of Annex B1(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since 1 October 2023, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of facsimile.

In addition, from the said date, all kinds of documents, except the international application, may be transmitted to the Office by e-mail at: uim.pct@mise.gov.it; the original of any document transmitted by e-mail must be furnished within two months from the date of the transmission.

[Updating of Annex B1(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the stamp duty (*imposta di bollo*) for requesting restoration of the right of priority, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)). This new amount, applicable since 23 August 2023 when filing online, is EUR 16. The amount of EUR 16 payable when filing on paper remains unchanged.

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.2(a)

IB International Bureau of WIPO

In accordance with PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the **International Bureau of WIPO** hereby notifies the following period of unavailability of one of its permitted electronic means of communication:

- ePCT system: 20 October 2023, from 5:10 p.m. to 7:50 p.m. CEST (Central European Summer Time)

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 July 2020, pages 155 *et seq.*

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html>.

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PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following consultations undertaken by the Director General of WIPO in October 2023, in accordance with the Directives adopted by the PCT Assembly¹ and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the **international filing fee** (including the fee per sheet over 30 and fee reductions when an international application is filed in electronic form) and the **handling fee**, respectively, have been established in **various currencies**, with effect from 1 January 2024, as indicated in table 1 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts in the prescribed currencies, and, in bold print, the new equivalent amounts of those fees corresponding to the amounts in Swiss francs (CHF) set out in the current Schedule of Fees.²

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of **search fees** have been established in **receiving Offices' currencies** for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2024, as indicated in table 2 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts and, in bold print, any new equivalent amounts of the search fees fixed by the International Searching Authorities.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the **supplementary search fees** have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, also with effect from 1 January 2024, for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, as indicated in table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows the current and any new amounts of the supplementary search fees fixed by the Authorities, as well as the new equivalent amounts of those fees in Swiss francs (CHF), with effect from 1 January 2024.

¹ The Directives of the PCT Assembly relating to the establishment of equivalent amounts of certain fees are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/equivalent_amounts.html

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/rtax.html>

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BG), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CN), (CR), (CV), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DJ), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IQ), (IS), (IT), (JM), (JO), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KH), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MD), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (OM), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (QA), (RO), (RS), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (UG), (US), (UZ), (WS), (ZA), (ZM), (ZW),

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established, with effect from 1 January 2024, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD	109
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD	55
		Supplement for airmail: [No change]

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, which are now as follows:

Fee reductions are available to Spanish public universities and entrepreneurs. For further information, refer to Invention fees, available at:

<https://www.oepm.es/en/tasas-y-precios-publicos/tasas-de-invenciones/>

Refunds of fees are available if the ISA was the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office. For more information, refer to the instructions on the refund of search report fees and substantive examination fees, available at:

https://www.oepm.es/export/sites/portal/comun/documentos_relacionados/PDF/2019_03_06_Reembolso_Tasas_IET_Resolucion.pdf

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ES), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies) (applicable as from January 1, 2024)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on October 2, 2023	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200 Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.58488	2,247	25	n.a	338	507	338 Current amount
		2,274	26	n.a	342	513	342 New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	1.956	1,956	22	n.a	294	441	294 Current amount
	0.67204	1,979	22	n.a	298	446	298 New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi	0.12525	10,920	120	n.a	1,640	2,460	1,640 Current amount *
		10,620	120	n.a	1,600	2,400	1,600 New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.12915	10,250	120	n.a	1,540	2,310	1,540 Current amount
		10,300	120	n.a	1,550	2,320	1,550 New amount
EUR - Euro	0.96331	1,378	16	104	207	311	207 Current amount
		1,381	16	104	208	311	208 New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.11145	1,200	14	n.a	181	271	n.a Current amount
		1,197	13	n.a	180	270	n.a New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00248	518,700	5,900	n.a	78,000	117,000	n.a Current amount
		536,300	6,000	n.a	80,600	121,000	n.a New amount
ILS - New Israeli shekel	0.23862	**	**	n.a	**	**	818 Current amount
		**	**	n.a	**	**	838 New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00658	195,300	2,200	n.a	29,400	44,100	n.a Current amount
		202,100	2,300	n.a	30,400	45,600	n.a New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.00611	214,200	2,400	n.a	n.a	48,300	32,200 Current amount
		217,700	2,500	n.a	n.a	49,100	32,700 New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00067	***	***	n.a	n.a	***	286,000 Current amount
		***	***	n.a	n.a	***	299,000 New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.08512	15,950	180	n.a	2,400	3,600	n.a Current amount
		15,630	180	n.a	2,350	3,520	n.a New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.54593	2,531	29	n.a	381	571	n.a Current amount *
		2,436	27	n.a	366	550	n.a New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.08316	15,840	180	n.a	2,380	3,570	2,380 Current amount
		15,990	180	n.a	2,410	3,610	2,410 New amount *
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.66659	2,052	23	n.a	309	463	309 Current amount *
		1,995	23	n.a	300	450	300 New amount
USD - US dollar	0.91459	1,515	17	114	228	342	228 Current amount *
		1,454	16	109	219	328	219 New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.04780	28,990	330	n.a	4,360	6,540	n.a Current amount
		27,820	310	n.a	4,180	6,280	n.a New amount

* Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2023.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment; in new Israeli shekels of the amounts in US dollars indicated above.

*** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment; in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss francs indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority	ISA/IAT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA	
	EUR	Exch. Rate	AUD	Exch. Rate	BRL	Exch. Rate	CAD	Exch. Rate
Reference currency & amount	1,775		2,200		1,685		1,684.12	
Exchange rates applicable on October 2, 2023								
CHF - Swiss franc	1,713		1,302		461		1,145	
	1,710		1,287		459		1,132	
USD - US dollar	1,875		1,411 ¹		500		1,226	
	1,870		1,407		502		1,237	
EUR - Euro			1,345		477		1,175	
			1,336		476		1,175	
AUD - Australian dollar								
DKK - Danish krone								
GBP - Pound sterling								
HUF - Hungarian forint								
ISK - Icelandic krona								
JPY - Japanese yen								
KRW - Korean won	2,572,000		1,864,000					
	2,536,000		1,913,000					
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.00070		0.00175					
NZD - New Zealand dollar			2,340					
			2,357					
SEK - Swedish krona								
SGD - Singapore dollar	2,488		1,915 ¹					
	2,565		1,930					
ZAR - South African rand	36,760		26,950					
	35,770		26,920					

1. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2023.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority	ISA/ES		ISA/FI		ISA/IL		ISA/IN		Current amount New amount
	EUR	Exch. Rate	EUR	Exch. Rate	ILS	Exch. Rate	INR	Exch. Rate	
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	ILS	3,820	INR	10,000	2,500
Exchange rates applicable on October 2, 2023									
CHF - Swiss franc	1.03809	1,713	1.03809	1,713	4.19076	934	90.90909	106 ⁴	26 ⁴
USD - US dollar	0.94942	1,875	0.94942	1,710	3.83283	912	83.14455	110	28
EUR - Euro		1,870		1,870		998 ⁵		121	30
AUD - Australian dollar					4.03700	948	87.57364	120	30
DKK - Danish krone						946		114	28
GBP - Pound sterling								114	29
HUF - Hungarian forint									
ISK - Icelandic krona									
JPY - Japanese yen									
KRW - Korean won								17,200	4,300
NOK - Norwegian krone								0.55545	18,000
NZD - New Zealand dollar									4,500
SEK - Swedish krona									
SGD - Singapore dollar									
ZAR - South African rand									

4. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2023.

5. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2023.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority	ISA/JP		ISA/KR		ISA/PH		ISA/RU				
	JPY	143,000	KRW	1,200,000	450,000	USD	600	200	RUB	40,000	8,500
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		
Exchange rates applicable on October 2, 2023											
CHF - Swiss franc	1,049	888	840	315	527 ⁶	176 ⁶	382	81	Current amount		
	1,033	874	804	302	1,09339	183	370	79	New amount		
USD - US dollar	1,167	988	924	347			416 ⁷	88 ⁷	Current amount		
	1,129	955	879	330			405	86	New amount		
EUR - Euro	1,127	953	831	312	564	188	367 ⁶	82 ⁶	Current amount		
	1,072	907	835	313	1,05327	190	384	82	New amount		
AUD - Australian dollar			1,416	531					Current amount		
			872,95522	515					New amount		
DKK - Danish krone									Current amount		
									New amount		
GBP - Pound sterling									Current amount		
									New amount		
HUF - Hungarian forint									Current amount		
									New amount		
ISK - Icelandic krona									Current amount		
									New amount		
JPY - Japanese yen									Current amount		
									New amount		
KRW - Korean won	1,287,000								Current amount		
	0.10966	1,304,000							New amount		
NOK - Norwegian krone									Current amount		
									New amount		
NZD - New Zealand dollar			1,460	547					Current amount		
			814.82090	552					New amount		
SEK - Swedish krona									Current amount		
									New amount		
SGD - Singapore dollar	1,563 ⁶		1,215	456					Current amount		
	1,549		1,206	452					New amount		
ZAR - South African rand	109.09820		994.91045						Current amount		
									New amount		

6. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2023.

7. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2023.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority	ISA/SE ⁸		ISA/SG		ISA/TR ⁹		ISA/UA		Current amount New amount
	Reference currency & amount	SEK	SGD	Exch. Rate	TRY	Exch. Rate	EUR	Exch. Rate	
Exchange rates applicable on October 2, 2023	SEK	20,760	2,240		TRY		EUR		100
	SEK	20,560			TRY	51,340			
CHF - Swiss franc		1,713	1,452 ¹⁰			1,713			96
		1,710	1,493			1,710	1.03809		96
USD - US dollar		1,875	1,664			1,875			106
		1,870	1,633			1,870	0.94942		105
EUR - Euro		1,775	1,598			1,775			
		1,775	1,550			1,775			
AUD - Australian dollar									
DKK - Danish krone		13,200							
		13,240							
GBP - Pound sterling									
HUF - Hungarian forint									
ISK - Icelandic krona		255,000 ¹⁰							
		259,900							
JPY - Japanese yen			242,200 ¹⁰						
			244,300						
KRW - Korean won			2,218,000						
			2,218,000						
NOK - Norwegian krone		19,970							
		20,090							
NZD - New Zealand dollar									
SEK - Swedish krona									
SGD - Singapore dollar									
ZAR - South African rand									

8. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2024, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

9. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2024, to be fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

10. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2023.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority	ISA/US		ISA/XN ¹¹		ISA/XV	
	Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate	Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate	Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate
CHF - Swiss franc	USD 2,180	1,914 ¹²	DKK 13,200	1,713	EUR 1,775	1,713
USD - US dollar	USD 2,180	1,994	DKK 13,240	1,710	EUR 1,775	1,710
EUR - Euro	USD 2,180	2,064		1,875	EUR 1,775	1,875
AUD - Australian dollar	USD 2,180	2,070		1,870	EUR 1,775	1,870
DKK - Danish krone	USD 2,180	826		1,775		
GBP - Pound sterling	USD 2,180	828		1,775		
HUF - Hungarian forint	USD 2,180					
ISK - Icelandic krona	USD 2,180					
JPY - Japanese yen	USD 2,180					
KRW - Korean won	USD 2,180					
NOK - Norwegian krone	USD 2,180					
NZD - New Zealand dollar	USD 2,180	3,690 ¹²		255,000 ¹²		690,700
SEK - Swedish krona	USD 2,180	3,652		259,900		690,700
SGD - Singapore dollar	USD 2,180	1,476 ¹²				
ZAR - South African rand	USD 2,180	41,680				
		0,05230				
		16,900				
		16,670				
		8,450				
		8,340				

11. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2024, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

12. Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2023.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU	
	Reference currency & Amount	EUR	850 ¹ 1,190 ² 1,700 ³	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴
Exchange rate applicable on October 2, 2023	Exch. Rate	1.03809	Exch. Rate	1.03809	Exch. Rate	1.03809	Exch. Rate	108.70811
CHF - Swiss franc		819 1,146 1,638		1,710		1,710		109 175

1. For a search of the German-language documentation.
2. For a search of the European or North American documentation.
3. For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.
4. This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
5. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/SE		ISA/SG		ISA/TR		ISA/JA		
	Reference currency & Amount	Amount	Reference currency & Amount	Amount	Reference currency & Amount	Amount	Reference currency & Amount	Amount	
Exchange rate applicable on October 2, 2023 CHF - Swiss franc	SEK	20,760	SGD	2,240	TRY	500 ⁶	EUR	60 ⁷	90 ¹⁰
	SEK	20,560 ¹¹			TRY	51,340 ¹²		70 ⁸	87
		1,710 ¹³				17 ¹⁴	Exch. Rate 1.03809	58	87
								67	87
								87	

6. For a search of only the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.
7. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
8. For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.
9. For a search of only the European and North American documentation.
10. For a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation.
11. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2024.
12. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2024.
13. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2024.
14. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2024.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2024)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/XN		ISA/XV	
Reference currency & Amount	DKK	4,000 ¹⁵	EUR	550 ¹⁶
<i>Exchange rate applicable on October 2, 2023</i> CHF - Swiss franc	DKK	13,240 ¹⁷	<i>Exch. Rate</i> 1.03809	1,775
		517 ¹⁸		1,710

15. For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

16. For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

17. This amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2024.

18. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2024.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

FI Finland

Agreement between the Finnish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ - Amendment to Annex D

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2024. The amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	650
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	650
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.1 <i>ter</i> and Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

¹ The Agreement is available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-fi.pdf>.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: <https://www.oepm.es>

[Updating of Annex B1(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, and applicable from 1 January 2024, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) EUR 650

Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) EUR 650

[Updating of Annex E(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 703(a), 710(b) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **International Bureau**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 07/2004 of 12 February 2004 (pages 3796 *et seq.*), as modified by the notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 43/2005 of 27 October 2005 (page 28466), the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 8 May 2014 (pages 64 *et seq.*) and Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 February 2021 (pages 23 *et seq.*).

In particular, as from 3 October 2023, as to procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available, the applicant may use the ePCT Business Continuity Service instead of the PCT Contingency Upload Service.

Consequently, since 3 October 2023, the item concerning procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available at the International Bureau as receiving Office, in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is to be filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office, the applicant may use the ePCT Business Continuity Service,² submit documents on physical media (CD-R or DVD-R), or use a different receiving Office. In addition, the International Bureau as receiving Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or notices on the WIPO website, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² Available at: <https://pctcs.wipo.int/ePCTFiling/>

FILING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF NOTIFICATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE OR OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance Sections 703(a), 710(a), and 713(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions, the **International Bureau** has notified changes to its notification published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 February 2021 (pages 23 *et seq.*).

In particular, as from 3 October 2023, as to procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available, the applicant may use the ePCT Business Continuity Service instead of the PCT Contingency Upload Service.

Consequently, since 3 October 2023, the item concerning procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available at the International Bureau, in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of electronic systems when a document is to be submitted, the applicant may use the ePCT Business Continuity Service³ or submit documents on physical media (CD-R or DVD-R). In addition, the International Bureau will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or notices on the WIPO website, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

[Updating of Annex B2(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ Available at: <https://pctcs.wipo.int/ePCTFiling/>

**EXCUSE OF DELAY IN MEETING TIME LIMITS UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.2:
NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER
SECTION 111 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT**

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2(a), and in accordance with Sections 111(c) and (d) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the International Bureau made its notification concerning excuse of delays in meeting time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication, applicable since 1 July 2020. The notification was published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 July 2020 (pages 155 *et seq.*).

The International Bureau has made some changes to the aforementioned notification, with effect from 3 October 2023. In particular, one of the permitted electronic means of communication at the International Bureau mentioned in the notification, the PCT Contingency Upload Service, has been replaced by the ePCT Business Continuity Service.

The updated notification is as follows:

1. References to the “International Bureau” shall be construed as including references to the International Bureau as receiving Office, where applicable.
2. This notification applies to all time limits fixed in the Regulations under the PCT and in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT within which an action shall be performed before the International Bureau. It also applies to time limits fixed in invitations or notifications issued to the applicant by the International Bureau. It does not apply to the priority period fixed in Article 4 of the Paris Convention.
3. The permitted electronic means of communication at the International Bureau include the ePCT system and the ePCT Business Continuity Service. Any delay in meeting time limits due to the unavailability of either the ePCT system, with or without strong authentication, or the ePCT Business Continuity Service may be excused under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2(a).
4. Delays in meeting time limits may be excused in the cases where the ePCT system or the ePCT Business Continuity Service is unavailable for more than one hour on a working day at the International Bureau.
5. Any interested party who wishes to request an excuse of delay in meeting a time limit under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2(a) before the International Bureau shall:
 - (i) submit a request to the International Bureau, indicating that the time limit was not met due to the unavailability of the ePCT system or the ePCT Business Continuity Service during a specific period of time, and
 - (ii) provide evidence that it performed the relevant action on the next working day at the International Bureau on which the ePCT system or the ePCT Business Continuity Service became available again.

6. The International Bureau will excuse a delay in meeting any time limit referred to in paragraph 2 if the conditions set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 are met and it acknowledges that the ePCT system or the ePCT Business Continuity Service was not available for more than one hour on each of the working days during the period of time concerned. It will communicate its decision to the interested party by way of Form PCT/IB/345, or Form PCT/RO/132 when it acts as receiving Office.

7. The International Bureau will publish information on any unavailability of the ePCT system or the ePCT Business Continuity Service on its website.

8. This updated notification entered into force on 3 October 2023.

[Updating of Annex B2(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

CA Canada

Agreement between the Government of Canada and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendments to Annex D

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will take effect on 1 January 2024, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 1 January 2024, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Canadian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,220
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,220
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,110
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,110
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2) in electronic form	
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus	13 ²
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes	13 ²
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page (paper)	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-ca.pdf

² With respect to Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b), in its capacity as an International Searching Authority, the Authority provides applicants with a first copy of all non-patent literature documents cited in the international search report, free of charge. A first copy of each non-patent literature document cited is made available to designated or elected Offices upon request, free of charge. In its capacity as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, the Authority makes a first copy of all additional non-patent literature documents cited in the international preliminary examination report but not cited in the international search report available to applicants and elected Offices upon request, free of charge.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2024, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	CAD	2,220
Additional search fee ³ (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	CAD	2,220
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1 <i>ter</i>) in electronic form		
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus:	CAD	13 ²
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes:	CAD	13 ²

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of fees in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, also applicable from 1 January 2024, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	CAD	1,110
Additional preliminary examination fee ⁴ (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	CAD	1,110
Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2) in electronic form		
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus:	CAD	13 ²
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes:	CAD	13 ²

[Updating of Annex E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FIFTY-FIFTH (24TH ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its fifty-fifth (24th ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 6 to 14 July 2023 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) :

- adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations;
- appointed the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority; and
- approved the amendments to the agreement concerning the functioning of the Ukrainian national Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Documents prepared for the PCT Assembly, which give detailed background information relating to the decisions taken, as well as the session report, are available on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=75064

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The following amendments to the PCT Regulations were adopted by the PCT Assembly.

The amendments that will enter into force on 1 July 2024 are as follows:

- Amendments to PCT Rules 26 and 29, relating to the procedure when an international application contains parts in different languages and all such languages are accepted by the competent receiving Office; and
- Amendments to the French text of Rule 82^{quater}.3(c),¹ to resolve an inconsistency between the English and French texts of this Rule.

The amendments that will enter into force on 1 January 2026 are as follows:

- Amendments to PCT Rules 34, 36 and 63, relating to the definition of the minimum documentation that the International Searching Authority should consult during international search, and the minimum requirements that an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority must satisfy before it can be appointed and must continue to satisfy while it remains appointed.

¹ The amended French text of Rule 82^{quater}.3(c) reads as follows:
“La prorogation d’un délai au titre de l’alinéa a) ou b) n’a pas à être prise en considération par tout office désigné ou élu si, au moment où l’information visée à l’alinéa a) ou b) est publiée, le traitement national auprès de cet office a commencé.”

Furthermore, the PCT Assembly adopted the following Understanding with regard to the interpretation of Rules 36.1(ii) and 63.1(ii):

- “In adopting the amendments to Rules 36.1 and 63.1 setting out the minimum requirements referred to in Articles 16(3)(c) and 32(3), respectively, the Assembly agreed that, in the case of an intergovernmental organization that has been established for the collaboration between national Offices of the States that are members of that intergovernmental organization and does not itself issue patents or publish patent applications, the requirements in Rules 36.1(ii) and 63.1(ii) for the organization are that the national Offices of those States make available for consultation, as part of the minimum documentation, any patent issued, and any patent application published, by them and, where applicable, by their legal predecessor(s).”

Appointment of the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT

- The PCT Assembly appointed the Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP) as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority. The appointment will become effective from a date to be notified by the Office when it is ready to begin operations.

Amendment of the agreement concerning the functioning of the Ukrainian national Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority

The PCT Assembly approved the proposed amendments to the aforementioned agreement, as follows:

- The government authority of Ukraine responsible for patent processing has been changed from the State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute” to the State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations”; and
- The name of the party to the agreement with the International Bureau has been changed from “Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine” to “Ministry of Economy of Ukraine”.

The text of the amended Rules is reproduced hereafter.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2024)

Rule 26
Checking by, and Correcting before, the Receiving Office
of Certain Elements of the International Application

26.1 to 26.2*bis* [No change]

26.3 *Checking of Physical Requirements under Article 14(1)(a)(v)*

(a) Where the international application is filed in a language of publication, the receiving Office shall check:

(i) the international application for compliance with the physical requirements referred to in Rule 11 only to the extent that compliance therewith is necessary for the purpose of reasonably uniform international publication;

(ii) any translation furnished under Rule 12.3 or 26.3*ter* for compliance with the physical requirements referred to in Rule 11 to the extent that compliance therewith is necessary for the purpose of satisfactory reproduction.

(b) Where the international application is filed in a language which is not a language of publication, the receiving Office shall check:

(i) the international application for compliance with the physical requirements referred to in Rule 11 only to the extent that compliance therewith is necessary for the purpose of satisfactory reproduction;

(ii) any translation furnished under Rule 12.3, 12.4 or 26.3*ter* and the drawings for compliance with the physical requirements referred to in Rule 11 to the extent that compliance therewith is necessary for the purpose of reasonably uniform international publication.

26.3*bis* [No change]

26.3*ter* *Invitation to Correct Defects under Article 3(4)(i)*

(a) Where the abstract or any text matter of the drawings is filed in a language which is different from the language, subject to Rules 12.1*bis* and 26.3*ter*(e), of the description and the claims, the receiving Office shall, unless

(i) a translation of the international application is required under Rule 12.3(a), or

(ii) the abstract or the text matter of the drawings is in the language in which the international application is to be published,

invite the applicant to furnish a translation of the abstract or the text matter of the drawings into the language in which the international application is to be published. Rules 26.1, 26.2, 26.3, 26.3*bis*, 26.5 and 29.1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(b) to (d) [No change]

(e) Where the description of an international application is filed in a language which is different from the language of the claims, or parts of the description or parts of the claims are filed in a language which is different from the language of the remainder of this

element, and where all such languages are accepted by the receiving Office under Rule 12.1(a), the receiving Office shall, as appropriate, invite the applicant to furnish, within one month of the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office, a translation of the description or the claims, or any part thereof, such that the description and claims are in a single language which is all of the following:

- (i) one of the languages contained in the description or claims as filed;
- (ii) a language accepted by the International Searching Authority that is to carry out the international search; and
- (iii) the language in which the international application is to be published.

Rule 12.3(c) to (e) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

26.4 and 26.5 [No change]

Rule 29

International Applications Considered Withdrawn

29.1 Finding by Receiving Office

If the receiving Office declares, under Article 14(1)(b) and Rule 26.5 (failure to correct certain defects), or under Article 14(3)(a) (failure to pay the prescribed fees under Rule 27.1(a)), or under Article 14(4) (later finding of non-compliance with the requirements listed in items (i) to (iii) of Article 11(1)), or under Rule 12.3(d), 12.4(d) or 26.3*ter* (failure to furnish a required translation or, where applicable, to pay a late furnishing fee), or under Rule 92.4(g)(i) (failure to furnish the original of a document), that the international application is considered withdrawn:

- (i) the receiving Office shall transmit the record copy (unless already transmitted), and any correction offered by the applicant, to the International Bureau;
- (ii) the receiving Office shall promptly notify both the applicant and the International Bureau of the said declaration, and the International Bureau shall in turn notify each designated Office which has already been notified of its designation;
- (iii) the receiving Office shall not transmit the search copy as provided in Rule 23, or, if such copy has already been transmitted, it shall notify the International Searching Authority of the said declaration;
- (iv) the International Bureau shall not be required to notify the applicant of the receipt of the record copy;
- (v) no international publication of the international application shall be effected if the notification of the said declaration transmitted by the receiving Office reaches the International Bureau before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed.

29.2 to 29.4 [No change]

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 January 2026)

Rule 34
Minimum Documentation

34.1 *Definition*

(a) The definitions contained in Article 2(i) and (ii) shall not apply for the purposes of this Rule. For the purposes of this Rule, “patent documents” shall include:

- (i) published international applications,
- (ii) published regional patents,
- (iii) published national patents issued by a national Office or its legal predecessor in and after 1920,
- (iv) utility certificates issued by France in and after 1920,
- (v) inventors’ certificates issued by the former Soviet Union, and
- (vi) applications for any of the forms of protection referred to in items (ii) to (v) above, published in and after 1920.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), the documentation referred to in Article 15(4) (“minimum documentation”) shall consist of:

(i) the “patent documents” as specified in paragraph (a) that have been made available by or on behalf of the relevant national Office or its legal successor or, as the case may be, by the International Bureau in accordance with the technical and accessibility requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions and, where applicable, with the provisions of Rule 36.1(ii), and

(ii) such other published items of non-patent literature as the International Searching Authorities shall agree upon and which shall be published in a list by the International Bureau when agreed upon for the first time and whenever changed.

(c) In addition to consulting the required documentation set forth in paragraph (b), the International Searching Authority should also preferably consult utility model documents consisting of the utility models issued, and the utility model applications published, in and after 1920 by a national Office or its legal predecessor, provided that the said utility model documents have been made available by or on behalf of the relevant national Office or its legal successor in accordance with the technical and accessibility requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions.

(d) Each national Office making its patent documents and, where applicable, its utility model documents available in accordance with the requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions shall:

- (i) notify the International Bureau accordingly,
- (ii) make newly published patent documents and, where applicable, utility model documents available regularly, and
- (iii) provide to the International Bureau at least annually an authority file, detailing the current extent of the available patent documents and, where applicable, utility model documents in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

(e) The International Bureau shall validate the availability of the patent and utility model documents notified in accordance with paragraph (d) and publish in the Gazette details of the documents concerned and the date from which they will become a part of the minimum documentation. The International Bureau shall administer a repository containing the authority files referred to in paragraph (d)(iii) as specified in the Administrative Instructions.

(f) Where an application is published more than once, each International Searching Authority shall be obliged to keep in its documentation only the first published version if none of the subsequently published versions contains additional matter.

(g) For the purposes of this Rule, applications and patents which have only been laid open for public inspection are not considered published applications and patents.

Rule 36

Minimum Requirements for International Searching Authorities

36.1 Definition of Minimum Requirements

The minimum requirements referred to in Article 16(3)(c) shall be the following:

(i) the national Office or intergovernmental organization must have at least 100 full-time employees with sufficient technical qualifications to carry out searches in the required technical fields;

(ii) that Office or organization must make available for consultation as part of the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34, in accordance with the requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions, any patent issued, and any patent application published, by it, and where applicable by its legal predecessor(s);

(iii) that Office or organization must have in its possession, or maintain access to, at least the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34, for search purposes in accordance with the Administrative Instructions;

(iv) that Office or organization must have in place a quality management system and internal review arrangements in accordance with the common rules of international search;

(v) that Office or organization must hold an appointment as an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Rule 63

Minimum Requirements for International Preliminary Examining Authorities

63.1 Definition of Minimum Requirements

The minimum requirements referred to in Article 32(3) shall be the following:

(i) the national Office or intergovernmental organization must have at least 100 full-time employees with sufficient technical qualifications to carry out examinations in the required technical fields;

(ii) that Office or organization must make available for consultation as part of the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34, in accordance with the requirements specified in the Administrative Instructions, any patent issued, and any patent application published, by it, and where applicable by its legal predecessor(s);

(iii) that Office or organization must have at its ready disposal at least the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34, properly arranged for examination purposes;

(iv) that Office or organization must have in place a quality management system and internal review arrangements in accordance with the common rules of international preliminary examination;

(v) that Office or organization must hold an appointment as an International Searching Authority.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2023, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	11.80 (online)
	EUR	23.59 (on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	17.70 (electronic copy)
	EUR	47.16 (paper copy)
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	176.88 (request filed online)
	EUR	353.76 (request filed on paper)

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national filing fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2023, are as follows:

National fee: ²		
For patent:		
Filing fee: ³	EUR	58.97 (online)
	EUR	117.94 (on paper)
For utility model:		
Filing fee: ³	EUR	58.97 (online)
	EUR	117.94 (on paper)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2(d)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2023, are EUR 176.88 where the request is filed online and EUR 353.76 where the request is filed on paper.

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the applicant may still pay the fee within one month from the expiration of the applicable time limit, subject to the payment of a surcharge equal to 50% of the filing fee.

³ Includes publication and examination.

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

Under the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”) established by the International Bureau, any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place is able to participate in DAS, either as an Office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an Office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17). Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

CU Cuba

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents, the **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, both as a depositing and as an accessing Office, with effect from 1 January 2024.⁴

[Updating of Annex B(CU) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

⁴ For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12897

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ - Amendment to Annex D

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2024.

With effect from 1 March 2024, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,962
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,962
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,698
Late payment fee for preliminary examination amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2	
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,698
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	509
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per document	49

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-il.pdf

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: office@osim.gov.ro

[Updating of Annex B(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UA Ukraine

The **State Organization “Ukrainian National Office for Intellectual Property and Innovations” (UANIPIO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: 1, Dmytra Hodzenka Street
Kyiv 01601
Ukraine

[Updating of Annex B(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2024, are CHF 1,492, EUR 1,549 and USD 1,631, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau of WIPO

New equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** were established for the following fees payable to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, with effect since 1 January 2023, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	104
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	52
	Supplement for airmail: [No change]	

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee, applicable from 1 January 2024, and a new amount of the fee for priority document, applicable from 1 March 2024, both in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)** and payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	ILS	618
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ILS	98

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2024, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,962
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,962
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	ILS	509
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1 ^{ter}), per document:	ILS	49

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 March 2024, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	ILS	1,698
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	ILS	1,698
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	ILS	509
Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document:	ILS	49

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office also notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the national filing fee, in **Israeli new shekels (ILS)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2024, is ILS 2,264.²

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

NG Nigeria

IB International Bureau of WIPO

The **Patents and Designs Registry, Commercial Law Department (Nigeria)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Nigeria with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect since 1 December 2023.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² A 40% reduction in the fee will be applicable for applications first filed in Israel for an individual applicant or for a corporate entity with a turnover of less than ILS 10 million in the last calendar year.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The **Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the name of the Office, its location and mailing address, telephone and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Administration (IPA) of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Location and mailing address:	Kinmaul Dong No.1, Bipa Street Moranbong District, Pyongyang Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Telephone:	(850-2) 18111/999 (ext. 381-8433)
E-mail:	ipa817@star-co.net.kp

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of facsimile or other like means of communication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of facsimile.

[Updating of Annex B(KP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2024, are EUR 91 and USD 99 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 406 and USD 441 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2024, are EUR 86 and USD 94 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 406 and USD 441 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: COMMON TIMETABLE FOR FEE LISTS AND FEE TRANSFERS

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) may participate, as a “participating Office”, in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (“IB”) for PCT purposes (the “WIPO Fee Transfer Service”), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

Common Timetable for Fee Lists and Fee Transfers

Following consultations with participating Offices, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.2, paragraph 8 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, a common timetable has been established for the year 2024, specifying the latest dates, each month, by which a participating Collecting Office shall establish and transmit fee transfer information to the International Bureau; and by which the lists of fees to be transferred, and the amounts of fees indicated in said lists, shall be established and transmitted to, and from, the International Bureau.

The common timetable established for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2024 is as follows:

Cycle	Calendar month (2024)	PCT Fee Transfer Service Month (Invoice Period)	Fee Transfer Service	Last date for documentation notification to IB (12h00 CET)	Receiving Office payment cut-off value date	PCT Fee Transfer Service Statement Reports	PCT Fee Transfer Service Settlement Date
1	January	Dec. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Monday 22-Jan-2024	Tuesday 23-Jan-2024	Friday 26-Jan-2024	Monday 29-Jan-2024
2	February	Jan. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 21-Feb-2024	Thursday 22-Feb-2024	Monday 26-Feb-2024	Thursday 29-Feb-2024
3	March	Feb. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 21-Mar-2024	Friday 22-Mar-2024	Tuesday 26-Mar-2024	Friday 29-Mar-2024
4	April	Mar. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Monday 22-Apr-2024	Tuesday 23-Apr-2024	Friday 26-Apr-2024	Monday 29-Apr-2024
5	May	Apr. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 23-May-2024	Friday 24-May-2024	Monday 27-May-2024	Thursday 30-May-2024
6	June	May 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 20-Jun-2024	Friday 21-Jun-2024	Monday 24-Jun-2024	Thursday 27-Jun-2024
7	July	June 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 24-Jul-2024	Thursday 25-Jul-2024	Monday 29-Jul-2024	Wednesday 31-Jul-2024
8	August	July 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 22-Aug-2024	Friday 23-Aug-2024	Monday 26-Aug-2024	Thursday 29-Aug-2024
9	September	Aug. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Monday 23-Sep-2024	Tuesday 24-Sep-2024	Thursday 26-Sep-2024	Monday 30-Sep-2024
10	October	Sept. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Monday 21-Oct-2024	Tuesday 22-Oct-2024	Thursday 24-Oct-2024	Monday 28-Oct-2024
11	November	Oct. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 21-Nov-2024	Friday 22-Nov-2024	Monday 25-Nov-2024	Friday 29-Nov-2024
12	December	Nov. 2024	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 13-Dec-2024	Monday 16-Dec-2024	Wednesday 18-Dec-2024	Friday 20-Dec-2024

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ - Amendment to Annex D

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2024.

With effect from 1 January 2024, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
International-type search fee	
If requested in HU, PL, SK national application	600
If requested in other national application	800
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), full search	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), for searches only on the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection the Authority	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/docs/agreements/ag-xv.pdf

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) and (2) [No change]

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search carried out by any of the national Offices of the Contracting States, 40% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded. Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier international search report or international-type search report, 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded. There shall be no refund of the whole of the search fee paid, or waiver or reduction of the search fee.

(4) to (7) [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau that it is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from Monday, 18 December 2023 to Tuesday, 2 January 2024 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach the Office falls on one of the aforementioned days, that period expires on the next working day, Wednesday, 3 January 2024.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml>

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that it is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on the following dates:

- Friday, 15 December 2023;
- Wednesday, 20 December 2023 to Friday, 22 December 2023 (inclusive); and
- Tuesday, 26 December 2023 to Friday, 29 December 2023 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach the Office falls on one of the aforementioned days, that period expires on the first following working day when the Office reopens to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml>

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5(i), it is to be noted that, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2024, the International Bureau will not be open to the public for the transaction of official business on the following days:

all Saturdays and Sundays, and
1 January 2024,
29 March 2024,
1 April 2024,
9 May 2024,
1 August 2024,
5 September 2024, and
25 and 31 December 2024.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** national Offices or other intergovernmental organizations. Additional information concerning closed dates at the International Bureau is available at:

<https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/ClosedDates.xhtml>

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)** has notified the International Bureau that the correct name of the Office is the following:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)
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[Updating of Annex B1(TT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

HU Hungary

New equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF 468,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF 5,300
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	HUF 70,400
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	HUF 105,600

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2022, are ZAR 34,760 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 17,380 for a small entity and ZAR 8,690 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 March 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	22,950
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	260
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	ZAR	3,450
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	ZAR	5,180

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: FEE TRANSFERS PART OF THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Since 1 July 2020¹ any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) may participate, as a “participating Office”, in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (“IB”) for PCT purposes (the “WIPO Fee Transfer Service”), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

An Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a collecting Office may transfer the following fees and related differences, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.²

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences, from the collecting Office to the International Bureau for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

¹ For details, refer to the Report of the fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union), available on the WIPO website at:
https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_4.pdf

² Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

List of PCT Fee Transfers that are Part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service

In accordance with Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 7 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the list of the PCT fee transfers that are part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for each participating Office³ as of 31 December 2021 (inclusive), is as follows:

PCT Fee Transfers					
International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	Differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency	
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, EP, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
AT Austrian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/AP, BR, CO, CU, EG, GE, IB, IN, JO, KE, KR, MA, MX, OA, OM, PE, SG, TT, UG, VN, ZA	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in EUR, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AT</i> (BH, DJ, DZ, GH, KP, LR, LS, LY, SY, ZM, ZW)

³ Rows relating to participating Offices having an agreement with the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)* are identified by light grey shading.

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AU Australian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/KR</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, IN, JO, KE, KR, MY, NZ, OM, SG, US, VN, ZA</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in AUD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AU (BN, GH, ID, LR, PG, TH, ZW)</i>
AZ Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
BG Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
BR National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, SE, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, CO, CU, PE</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in CHF, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/BR (PA)</i>
BY National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
CA Canadian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, SA</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in CAD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CA (BZ)</i>
CH Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
CL National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, ES, KR, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/CO, CR, CU, DO, IB, MX, PE, TT</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in USD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CL (EC, PA, SV)</i>
CN China National Intellectual Property Administration (China)	Collecting RO	as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, KE</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in CNY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CN (GH, KH, KP, LR, TH, ZW)</i>
CO Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, KR, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
CR Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CL, EP, ES</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
CU Cuban Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, BR, CL EP, ES, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
CZ Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
DE German Patent and Trade Mark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
DK Danish Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, SE, XN</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
DO National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CL, EP, ES, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
EA Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
EE Estonian Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
EG Egyptian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, OM, QA, SA, SD</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in EGP, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EG (DJ, SY)</i>

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<p>EP European Patent Office (EPO)</p>	Collecting RO	<p>as Collecting RO: n/a</p> <p>as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AP, AT, AZ, BG, BR, BY, CH, CL, CO, CR, CU, CZ, DE, DK, DO, EE, EG, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GR, HR, HU, IB, IE, IL, IN, IR, IS, IT, JO, JP, KE, KZ, LV, MA, MD, ME, MX, MY, NI, NO, NZ, OA, OM, PE, PH, PL, PT, QA, RO, RS, RU, SA, SD, SE, SG, SI, SK, TN, TR, TT, UG, US, VN, ZA</i></p>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	<p>Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in EUR, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EP (AL, AM, BA, BH, BN, BW, BZ, CN, CY, DJ, DZ, EA, EC, GH, HN, HR, ID, KG, KH, KN, LR, LS, LT, LU, LY, MK, MN, MT, MW, NL, PA, RW, SC, SV, SY, TH, TJ, TM, UA, UZ, WS, ZW)</i></p>
<p>ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office</p>	Collecting RO	<p>as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i></p> <p>Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/CL, CO, CR, CU, DO, IB, MX, NI, PE</i></p>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	<p>Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in EGP, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/ES (EC, HN, PA, SV)</i></p>

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
FI Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, SE</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: n/a <i>(specified only by participant RO/FI)</i>
FR National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
GB Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
GE National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, IL, RU, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
GR Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
HR State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
HU Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
IB International Bureau of WIPO (as Receiving Office)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for all participating ISAs, from applicants filing through RO/IB</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
ID Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR, RU, SG</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
IE Intellectual Property Office of Ireland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
IL Israel Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, US as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/GE, IB, US	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in</i> USD
IN Indian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, SE, US as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/IB, IR, JP	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in</i> INR
IR Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, IN, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
IS Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
IT Italian Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
JO Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
JP Japan Patent Office (JPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, IN, SG</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, IN, KR, MY, PH, SG, US, VN</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in JPY, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/JP (BN, ID, KH, TH)</i>
KE Kenya Industrial Property Institute	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, CN, EP, SE</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
KR Korean Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collects search fees for ISA/AT, AU, JP, SG</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AU, CL, CO, IB, MX, MY, NZ, PE, PH, SA, SG, US, VN</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in KRW, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/KR (BN, ID, KH, MN, TH)</i>
KZ National Institute Of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
LV Latvian Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collects search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
MA Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
MD State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
ME Ministry of Economic Development, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
MX Mexican Institute of Industrial Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, CL, EP, ES, KR, SE, SG, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
MY Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR	n/a	n/a	n/a
NI Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, ES	n/a	n/a	n/a
NO Norwegian Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
NZ Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AU, EP, KR, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
OA African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
OM Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, AU, EG, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
PE National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, BR, CL, EP, ES, KR, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
PH Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: n/a <i>(specified only by participant RO/PH)</i>
PL Patent Office of the Republic of Poland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
PT National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
QA Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EG, EP, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
RO State Office For Inventions And Trademarks (Romania)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
RS Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
RU Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AZ, BG, BY, CO, CU, GE, IB, IR, KZ, LV, MA, MD, OA, RO, SA, US, VN</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in RUB, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/RU (AM, EA, ID, KG, KP, LT, MN, SY, TJ, TM, UA, UZ, ZW)</i>
SA Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/CA, EG, EP, KR, RU, SG, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
SD Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EG, EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
SE Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, XN as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/AP, BR, DK, FI, IB, IN, IS, KE, MA, MX, NO, OA, TT, VN	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in</i> SEKP, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/SE (GH, LR, ZM)
SG Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/IB, JP, KR, MX, SA, UG, US, VN	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in</i> SGD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/SG (BN, ID, KH, TH)
SI Slovenian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a
SK Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

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PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	Differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
TN National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
TR Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: n/a <i>(specified only by participant RO/TR)</i>
TT Intellectual Property Office, Office of the Attorney General and Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, CL, EP, SE, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
UA National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”	<i>(not yet participating as RO)</i>	as Collecting RO: <i>(not yet participating as RO)</i> Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in USD (specified only by non-participating RO/UA)</i>

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
UG Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, SG</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
US United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AU, EP, IL, JP, KR, RU, SG</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/BR, CL, DO, EG, GE, IB, IL, IN, JO, MX, NZ, OM, PE, PH, QA, SA, TT, ZA</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in USD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/US (BH, KN, PA, TH)</i>
VN Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR, SG, SE, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
XN Nordic Patent Institute	n/a	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/DK, IB, IS, NO, SE</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in DKK</i>

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
ZA Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, AU, EP, US	n/a	n/a	n/a

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

DZ Algeria

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone number and e-mail address, as follows:

Telephone: (213-21) 73 59 39

E-mail: e-pct@inapi.org

In addition, the Office notified that it would accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1), provided that the delivery service is located in Algeria.

[Updating of Annex C(DZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2022, are CHF 275 when filing online, and CHF 412 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DZ Algeria

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of the amount of the fee for priority document, in **Algerian dinars (DZD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 25 December 2002, is as follows:

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): DZD 400 per page

[Updating of Annex C(DZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2022, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	75.75
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	30.28

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2022, are CHF 1,078, EUR 1,041 and USD 1,174, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D, Part I, thereof. These amendments, which consist of changes to the amounts of the preliminary examination fee and the additional fee for international preliminary examination, will enter into force on 11 March 2022.

With effect from 11 March 2022, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change] ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change] ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	595.37 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	595.37 ²
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf

² This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “low income”, “lower middle income” or “upper middle income”.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SL Sierra Leone

The **Administrator and Registrar General's Department (Sierra Leone)** has notified the International Bureau of an e-mail address, as well as of a change to its telephone number, as follows:

Telephone: (232-76) 612 437

E-mail: elizaasacoh@yahoo.com

In addition, the Office notified changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication.

Furthermore, the Office notified that the provisions of the law of Sierra Leone concerning international-type search are available under Section 19 of the *Patents and Industrial Design Act, 2012*.

Finally, the Office specified its requirements concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

- Relief may be sought in respect of acts committed before the grant of the patent but after the date on which international publication was effected in English. Where the international publication was effected in a language other than English, relief may be sought provided that the applicant had transmitted an English translation of the international publication to the infringer and only in respect of acts committed by the latter after he had received the translation. (Section 48 of the *Patents and Industrial Design Act, 2012*).

Where the designation is made for the purposes of an ARIPO patent:

- None

[Updating of Annex B1(SL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Due to inclement weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Monday, 3 January 2022 and Friday, 7 January 2022.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Tuesday, 4 January 2022, or Monday, 10 January 2022, respectively.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2022, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	BYN	78.40
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d)):	BYN	67.20

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 11 March 2022, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee ³ (PCT Rule 58):	EUR	595.37
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ^{3, 4}	EUR	595.37

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income". Refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/oeprm_fee_reduction.html

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee,^{5, 6} in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2022, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	BYN	78.40
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	33.60
Examination fee:	BYN	380.80
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	224
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	78.40

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BYN	156.80
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	78.40

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NG Nigeria

The **Commercial Law Department (Patents and Designs Registry) (Nigeria)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Nigerian nairas (NGN)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The new amount is as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:	NGN	25,000
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁵ For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian roubles in accordance with the rate of the base value.

⁶ For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollars, euros, Swiss francs or Russian roubles, unless otherwise provided for by international agreements with the Republic of Belarus, in accordance with the rate of the base value and the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus applicable on the date of payment.

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau of a new component of its national fee, in **Peruvian soles (PEN)**, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee ⁷		[No change]
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Additional fee for each claim in excess of 10	PEN	23.43
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For utility model:

Filing fee ⁷		[No change]
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Additional fee for each claim in excess of 10	PEN	39.50
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VN Viet Nam

The **Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)** has notified the International Bureau of an extension of the temporary change concerning exemption, reduction or refund of the filing fee component of the national fee. For the period from 1 January to 30 June 2022, the amount of the national filing fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, is reduced by 50%.

For additional information, refer to Circular No. 120/2021/TT-BTC dated December 24, 2021 of the Ministry of Finance of Viet Nam.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁷ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, hereby notifies the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from April 1, 2022, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)). The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (66-2) 547 4304
- by e-mail at: ro-th-pct@ipthailand.go.th

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.ipthailand.go.th)

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT

[Updating of Annex C(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

IQ Iraq

On 31 January 2022, **Iraq** deposited its instrument of accession to the *Patent Cooperation Treaty* (PCT), and will become bound by the PCT on **30 April 2022**. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 30 April 2022 will automatically include the designation of Iraq (country code: IQ).

Iraq will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 30 April 2022.

Furthermore, as from 30 April 2022, nationals and residents of Iraq will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D thereof. These amendments, which consist of changes to the amounts of the search fee (Rule 16.1(a)), additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)), preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)), additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) and the conditions for and extent of refunds or reductions of fees, will enter into force on 1 April 2022.

With effect from 1 April 2022, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Japanese yen)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	143,000 ²
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English)	169,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	105,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English)	168,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in Japanese)	34,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in English)	69,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	28,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in English)	45,000
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per request	[No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) [No change]

(2) The amount of either 57,000 Japanese yen (for an application in Japanese)³ or 67,000 Japanese yen (for an application in English) shall be refunded upon request by the applicant where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

(i) and (ii) [No change]

(3) and (4) [No change]

² This fee is reduced for (i) applications filed in Japanese or (ii) applications to which translations into Japanese have been furnished, for the purposes of International Search under Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as applicants who are small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises, and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, see: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/patent/pct/tesuryo/pct_keigen_shinsei.html

³ The amount of any refund of search fees will be reduced where the fee reductions stated in footnote 1 [*Editor's Note*: footnote 2 of this document] are applicable.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2022, is JPY 17,000.

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2022 are as follows:

Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	143,000 ⁴
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English)	169,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	105,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English)	168,000

In addition, the Office has notified a change to the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable from 1 April 2022. The consolidated list of these conditions and amounts will read as follows:

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) The amount of either 57,000 Japanese yen (for an application in Japanese)⁵ or 67,000 Japanese yen (for an application in English) shall be refunded upon request by the applicant where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

(i) where the international application claims the priority of an earlier international application which has been the subject of an international search made by the Authority, the international search of the earlier international application;

⁴ This fee is reduced for (i) applications filed in Japanese or (ii) applications to which translations into Japanese have been furnished, for the purposes of International Search under Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as applicants who are small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises, and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, see https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/patent/pct/tesuryo/pct_keigen_shinsei.html.

⁵ The amount of any refund of search fees will be reduced where the fee reductions stated in footnote 3 are applicable.

(ii) the earlier search of a Japanese national application for a patent or for a utility model registration which was filed by the same applicant as that of the international application.

(3) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(4) As long as the refund of the search fee (in the case where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search) and the refund of the preliminary examination fee (in the case where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination) continue not to be compatible with the national law applicable to the Authority, the Authority may abstain from refunding those fees.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Lastly, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, from 1 April 2022, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in Japanese)	34,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in English)	69,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	28,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in English)	45,000

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, is able to participate in DAS, either as an office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

CA Canada

Following notification of participation in DAS as an accessing Office (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette), dated 28 November 2019, p. 188), in accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect since 1 February 2022.

[Updating of Annex B1(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IE Ireland

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Intellectual Property Office of Ireland** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as an accessing office, with effect from 17 February 2022.

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FIFTY-THIRD (23RD ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved the following changes affecting the PCT System:

- amendments to the PCT Regulations; and
- appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

Documents prepared for the Assembly, which give detailed background information relating to the decisions taken, as well as the session report, are available on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=62980

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The amendments to the PCT Regulations that were approved by the Assembly will enter into force on 1 July 2022 and are as follows:

- Amendments to PCT Rules 5, 12, 13^{ter}, 19 and 49, relate to implementation in the PCT of WIPO Standard ST.26 “Recommended Standard for the Presentation of Nucleotide and Amino Acid Sequence Listings using XML (eXtensible Markup Language)” and shall apply to any international application with an international filing date that is on or after 1 July 2022;
- Amendments to Rule 82^{quater}, relate to strengthening safeguards for applicants and third parties in the case of a general disruption that affects meeting time limits under the Regulations and shall apply to any time limit fixed in the Regulations that expires on or after 1 July 2022.

Appointment of the Eurasian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT

- The Assembly appointed the Eurasian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority. The appointment will become effective from a date to be notified by the Office when it is ready to begin operations.

The text of the new and amended Rules is reproduced hereafter.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2022)

Rule 5
The Description

5.1 [No change]

5.2 *Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Disclosure*

(a) Where the international application contains disclosure of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences that, pursuant to the Administrative Instructions, are required to be included in a sequence listing, the description shall include a sequence listing part of the description complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions.

(b) Language-dependent free text included in the sequence listing part of the description shall not be required to be included in the main body of the description.

Rule 12
Language of the International Application
and Translations for the Purposes of International Search
and International Publication

12.1 *Languages Accepted for the Filing of International Applications*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), any language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description shall be filed in a language which the receiving Office accepts for that purpose. Any language accepted under this paragraph but not accepted under paragraph (a) shall meet the requirements of paragraph (b). The receiving Office may permit but shall not require the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

12.1*bis* to 12.2 [No change]

12.3 *Translation for the Purposes of International Search*

(a) [No change]

(a-*bis*) For any sequence listing part of the description, paragraph (a) shall only apply to the language-dependent free text; any translation of the language-dependent free text shall be provided in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

(b) Paragraph (a) shall not apply to the request.

(c) to (e) [No change]

12.4 *Translation for the Purposes of International Publication*

(a) [No change]

(a-bis) For any sequence listing part of the description, paragraph (a) shall only apply to the language-dependent free text; any translation of the language-dependent free text shall be provided in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

(b) Paragraph (a) shall not apply to the request.

(c) to (e) [No change]

Rule 13ter
Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Listings

13ter.1 *Procedure before the International Searching Authority*

(a) Where the international application contains disclosure of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences that, pursuant to the Administrative Instructions, are required to be included in a sequence listing, the International Searching Authority may invite the applicant to furnish to it, for the purposes of the international search, a sequence listing complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions, unless such listing is already available to it in a form, language and manner acceptable to it, and to pay to it, where applicable, the late furnishing fee referred to in paragraph (c), within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

(b) [Deleted]

(c) The furnishing of a sequence listing in response to an invitation under paragraph (a) may be subjected by the International Searching Authority to the payment to it, for its own benefit, of a late furnishing fee whose amount shall be determined by the International Searching Authority but shall not exceed 25% of the international filing fee referred to in item 1 of the Schedule of Fees, not taking into account any fee for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets.

(d) If the applicant does not, within the time limit fixed in the invitation under paragraph (a), furnish the required sequence listing and pay any required late furnishing fee, the International Searching Authority shall only be required to search the international application to the extent that a meaningful search can be carried out without the sequence listing.

(e) Any sequence listing not contained in the international application as filed, whether furnished in response to an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, shall not form part of the international application, but this paragraph shall not prevent the applicant from amending the description in relation to a sequence listing pursuant to Article 34(2)(b).

(f) [Deleted]

13ter.2 and 13ter.3 [No change]

Rule 19
The Competent Receiving Office

19.1 to 19.3 [No change]

19.4 *Transmittal to the International Bureau as Receiving Office*

(a) Where an international application is filed with a national Office which acts as a receiving Office under the Treaty but

(i) that national Office is not competent under Rule 19.1 or 19.2 to receive that international application, or

(ii) that international application is not in a language accepted under Rule 12.1(a) or the language dependent free text contained within the sequence listing part of the description is not in a language accepted under Rule 12.1(d) by that national Office but is in a language accepted under that Rule by the International Bureau as receiving Office, or

(ii-*bis*) all or part of the international application is filed in electronic form in a format not accepted by that national Office, or

(iii) that national Office and the International Bureau agree, for any reason other than those specified under items (i), (ii) and (ii-*bis*), and with the authorization of the applicant, that the procedure under this Rule should apply, that international application shall, subject to paragraph (b), be considered to have been received by that Office on behalf of the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii).

(b) and (c) [No change]

Rule 49
Copy, Translation and Fee under Article 22

49.1 to 49.4 [No change]

49.5 *Contents of and Physical Requirements for the Translation*

(a) [No change]

(a-*bis*) No designated Office shall require the applicant to furnish to it a translation of any text matter contained in the sequence listing part of the description if such sequence listing part complies with Rule 12.1(d) and includes the language-dependent free text in a language which the designated Office accepts for the purpose, save that a designated Office which supplies published sequence listings to database providers may require a translation of the sequence listing part of the description into English, in accordance with the Administrative Instructions, where the language-dependent free text is not included in English.

(b) to (l) [No change]

49.6 [No change]

Rule 82^{quater}
Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits and Extension of Time Limits

82^{quater}.1 Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits

(a) Any interested party may offer evidence that a time limit fixed in the Regulations for performing an action before the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau was not met due to war, revolution, civil disorder, strike, natural calamity, epidemic, a general unavailability of electronic communications services or other like reason in the locality where the interested party resides, has his place of business or is staying, and that the relevant action was taken as soon as reasonably possible.

(b) and (c) [*No change*]

(d) The need for evidence may be waived by the Office, Authority or the International Bureau under the conditions set and published by that Office, Authority or the International Bureau, as the case may be. In such case, the interested party must submit a statement that the failure to meet the time limit was due to the reason for which the Office, Authority or the International Bureau waived the requirement concerning the submission of evidence. The Office or Authority shall notify the International Bureau accordingly.

82^{quater}.2 [No change]

82^{quater}.3 Extension of Time Limits due to General Disruption

(a) Any receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau may establish a period of extension such that time limits fixed in the Regulations within which a party has to perform an action before that Office, Authority or International Bureau may be extended when the State in which it is located is experiencing a general disruption caused by an event listed in Rule 82^{quater}.1(a) which affects the operations at the said Office, Authority or International Bureau thereby interfering with the ability of parties to perform actions before that Office, Authority or International Bureau within the time limits fixed in the Regulations. The Office, Authority or the International Bureau shall publish the commencement and the end date of any such period of extension. The period of extension shall not be longer than two months from the date of commencement. The Office or Authority shall notify the International Bureau accordingly.

(b) After establishing a period of extension under paragraph (a), the Office, Authority or the International Bureau concerned may establish additional periods of extension, if necessary under the circumstances. In that case, paragraph (a) applies *mutatis mutandis*.

(c) The extension of a time limit under paragraph (a) or (b) need not be taken into account by any designated or elected Office if, at the time the information referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) is published, national processing before that Office has started.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

JM Jamaica

General information on **Jamaica** as a PCT Contracting State is now available in Annex B1(JM), which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **Korean won (KRW)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office** when an application has been filed in Japanese. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2022, are CHF 1,149, EUR 1,108, KRW 1,493,000 and USD 1,248, respectively.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office** when an application has been filed in English. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2022, are CHF 1,358, EUR 1,310, SGD 1,991 and USD 1,475, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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JM JAMAICA JM

General information

Name of Office:	Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)
Location and mailing address:	18 Trafalgar Road, Kingston 10, Jamaica
Telephone:	(876) 946 1300
E-mail:	info@jipo.gov.jm
Internet:	https://www.jipo.gov.jm
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Jamaica:	Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Jamaica is designated (or elected):	Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)
May Jamaica be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models (utility models may be sought in addition to a patent)
Provisions of the law of Jamaica concerning international-type search:	Section 20(2)(b) of the Patents and Designs Act (Act No.1 of 2020)
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Jamaica is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already
complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT
Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply
with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Information of interest if Jamaica is designated (or elected)

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

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MODIFICATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), with Offices, Authorities, and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system, modifications to Sections 204, 207, 208, 313, 332, 333, 335, 405, 513, 610, 707 and Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, were promulgated¹ with effect from 1 July 2022.

The main purpose of these modifications is to implement the new WIPO Standard ST.26 in the PCT as the means for presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequences in international applications.

The text of the modifications to the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 July 2022 (PCT/AI/22 ADD.) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/

TEXT OF MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS *(as in force from 1 July 2022)*

PART 2 **INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION**

Section 204 **Headings of the Parts of the Description**

- (a) The headings of the parts of the description shall preferably be as follows:
- (i) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(i), “Technical Field”;
 - (ii) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(ii), “Background Art”;
 - (iii) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(iii), “Disclosure of Invention” or “Summary of Invention”;
 - (iv) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(iv), “Brief Description of Drawings”;
 - (v) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(v), “Best Mode for Carrying out the Invention,” or, where appropriate, “Mode(s) for Carrying out the Invention” or “Description of Embodiments”;
 - (vi) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(vi), “Industrial Applicability”.
 - (vii) *[Deleted]*
 - (viii) *[Deleted]*
- (b) The heading “Title of Invention” shall preferably precede the title of the invention.

¹ Refer to Circular C. PCT 1636 of 9 February 2022.

Section 207
Arrangement of Elements and Numbering of Sheets of the International Application

(a) In effecting the sequential numbering of the sheets of the international application in accordance with Rule 11.7, the elements of the international application shall be placed in the following order:

- (i) the request;
- (ii) the description (excluding the sequence listing part of the description referred to in Rule 5.2(a));
- (iii) the claims;
- (iv) the abstract;
- (v) if applicable, the drawings.
- (vi) *[Deleted]*

Any sequence listing part of the description shall be presented in a separate electronic file in accordance with Annex C.

(b) The sequential numbering of the sheets shall be effected by using the following separate series of numbering:

- (i) the first series applying to the request only and commencing with the first sheet of the request;
- (ii) the second series commencing with the first sheet of the description (as referred to in paragraph (a)(ii)) and continuing through the claims until the last sheet of the abstract;
- (iii) if applicable, a further series applying to the sheets of the drawings only and commencing with the first sheet of the drawings; the number of each sheet of the drawings shall consist of two Arabic numerals separated by a slant, the first being the sheet number and the second being the total number of sheets of drawings (for example, 1/3, 2/3, 3/3).

Section 208
Sequence Listings

Any sequence listing, whether forming part of the international application or not forming part of the international application, shall comply with Annex C. Sequences and references to sequences included in the main part of the description, claims and drawings shall also comply with Annex C.

PART 3
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE RECEIVING OFFICE

Section 313
Documents Filed with the International Application;
Manner of Marking the Necessary Annotations in the Check List

(a) Any power of attorney, any priority document, any fee calculation sheet and any separate sheet referred to in Section 209(a) containing indications as to deposited biological material, filed with the international application shall accompany the record copy; any other document referred to in Rule 3.3(a)(ii) shall be sent only at the specific request of the International Bureau. If any document which is indicated in the check list as accompanying the international application is not, in fact, filed at the latest by the time the record copy leaves the receiving Office, that Office shall so note on the check list and the said indication shall be considered as if it had not been made.

(b) Where, under Rule 3.3(b), the receiving Office itself completes the check list, that Office shall enter, in the margin, the words “COMPLETED BY RO” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application. Where only some of the indications are completed by the receiving Office, the said words and each indication completed by that Office shall be identified by an asterisk.

Section 332
Notification of Languages Accepted by the Receiving Office
under Rules 12.1(a), (c) and (d) and 12.4(a)

(a) Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages which, having regard to Rule 12.1(b), it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(a) for the filing of international applications.

(a-*bis*) Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description.

(b) Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of any change to the information notified under paragraphs (a), (a-*bis*), (d) and (e). If the change means that

(i) the receiving Office is no longer prepared to accept the filing of international applications in a language that it had previously notified the International Bureau that it was prepared to accept; or

(ii) the receiving Office is no longer prepared to accept the translation of international applications into a language of publication that it had previously notified the International Bureau that it was prepared to accept; or

(iii) the receiving Office is no longer prepared to accept the filing of requests in a language that it had previously notified the International Bureau that it was prepared to accept; or

(iv) the receiving Office is no longer prepared to accept the filing of the sequence listing part of the description containing language-dependent free text in a language that it had previously notified the International Bureau that it was prepared to accept,

the effective date of such change shall be two months after the date of publication of the notification of the change in the Gazette pursuant to Section 405 or such later date as may be determined by the receiving Office.

(c) Nothing in paragraph (a), (a-*bis*), (b), (d) or (e) prevents any receiving Office from accepting, in a particular case,

(i) the filing of an international application in a language that it has not notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept; or

(ii) the translation of an international application into a language of publication that it has not notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept; or

(iii) the filing of a request in a language that it has not notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept; or

(iv) the filing of the sequence listing part of the description containing language-dependent free text in a language that it has not notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept.

(d) Each receiving Office concerned shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages which it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.4(a) for the translation of international applications into a language of publication.

(e) Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages which it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(c) for the filing of requests.

Section 333 **Transmittal of International Application** **to the International Bureau as Receiving Office**

(a) Where a national Office intends to proceed under Rule 19.4(b) having regard to Rule 19.4(a)(i), (ii) or (ii-*bis*), it shall, if it requires payment of the fee referred to in Rule 19.4(b) and that fee has not already been paid, promptly invite the applicant to pay that fee within a time limit of 15 days from the date of the invitation.

(b) Where a national Office intends to proceed under Rule 19.4(b) having regard to Rule 19.4(a)(iii), it shall promptly request the International Bureau as receiving Office to agree to the transmittal of the international application. The International Bureau as receiving Office shall promptly respond to that request. If the International Bureau as receiving Office agrees to the transmittal, the national Office shall promptly invite the applicant:

(i) if the transmittal has not already been authorized by the applicant, to submit to that Office, within a time limit of 15 days from the date of the invitation, an authorization of the transmittal, and,

(ii) if the Office requires payment of the fee referred to in Rule 19.4(b) and that fee has not already been paid, to pay that fee within the time limit referred to in item (i).

(c) The national Office:

(i) need not proceed under Rule 19.4(b) having regard to Rule 19.4(a)(i) to (iii) if the Office requires payment of the fee referred to in Rule 19.4(b) and the applicant does not pay that fee;

(ii) shall not proceed under Rule 19.4(b) having regard to Rule 19.4(a)(iii) if the International Bureau as receiving Office does not agree to, or if the applicant does not authorize, the transmittal of the international application under Rule 19.4(a)(iii).

Section 335
Procedures Relating to Sequence Listings

(a) Sections 305*bis*, 308(b), 308*bis* to 310*ter* and 325 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any sequence listing furnished as a separate electronic file in the relevant procedures, subject to paragraphs (b) to (d) and any special provisions set out in Annex C.

(b) Where the receiving Office receives a sequence listing on a physical medium, that Office shall physically label the medium with the words “SEQUENCE LISTING” together with other markings equivalent to those required for sheets filed or submitted according to Sections 308(b), 308*bis* to 310*ter* or 325, as the case may be, in accordance with the procedures in Annex C.

(c) The receiving Office shall keep the contents of any file received from the applicant representing a sequence listing unchanged. Any required annotation concerning the international application number or purpose for which the sequence listing was furnished shall be recorded in the filename or other metadata associated with the file in accordance with the procedures in Annex C.

(d) Where the receiving Office receives a sequence listing under Rule 13*ter* for the purposes of international search and any accompanying statement as set out in Annex C, it shall forward these to the International Searching Authority, together with the search copy or as soon as possible thereafter.

PART 4
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Section 405
Publication of Notifications of Languages
Accepted by the Receiving Office under Rules 12.1(a), (c) and (d) and 12.4(a)

The International Bureau shall promptly publish in the Gazette any notification under Section 332(a), (a-*bis*), (b), (d) or (e).

PART 5
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Section 513
Sequence Listings

(a) *[Deleted]*

(b) Where the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority are based on a sequence listing not forming part of the international application but furnished for the purposes of the international search, the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority shall so indicate.

(c) Where a meaningful international search cannot be carried out and a meaningful written opinion, as to whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious) and to be industrially applicable, cannot be established because a sequence listing is not available to the International Searching Authority in the required form, language and manner, that Authority shall so state in the international search report or declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a), and in the written opinion.

(d) Where a sequence listing for the purposes of the international search is furnished on a physical medium, that Authority shall physically label that medium with the words "SEQUENCE LISTING NOT FORMING PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION" in accordance with the procedures in Annex C.

(e) The International Searching Authority shall:

(i) keep in its files one copy of any sequence listing which does not form part of the international application but was furnished for the purposes of the international search; and

(ii) transmit one copy thereof to the International Bureau together with the copy of the international search report. If that listing is furnished on a physical medium in less than the number of copies required by the International Searching Authority, that Authority shall be responsible for the preparation of the additional copy and shall have the right to fix a fee for performing that task and to collect such fee from the applicant.

(f) Each International Searching Authority shall notify the International Bureau of the means of transmittal of the sequence listing accepted by it in accordance with Annex F. The International Bureau shall promptly publish details of the notification in the Gazette.

PART 6
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

Section 610
Sequence Listings

(a) Where the written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the international preliminary examination report is based on a sequence listing not forming part of the international application but furnished for the purposes of the international preliminary examination, the written opinion and the international preliminary examination report of the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall so indicate.

(b) Where a meaningful written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority cannot be established, or a meaningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out, as to whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious) and to be industrially applicable, because a sequence listing is not available to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the required form, language and manner, that Authority shall so state in the written opinion and in the international preliminary examination report.

(c) Where a sequence listing for the purposes of the international preliminary examination is furnished on a physical medium, that Authority shall physically label that medium with the words "SEQUENCE LISTING NOT FORMING PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION" in accordance with the procedures in Annex C.

(d) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall:

(i) keep in its files one copy of any sequence listing which does not form part of the international application but was furnished for the purposes of the international preliminary examination; and

(ii) transmit one copy thereof to the International Bureau, either immediately or together with the international preliminary examination report. If that listing is furnished on a physical medium in less than the number of copies required by the International Preliminary Examining Authority, that Authority shall be responsible for the preparation of the additional copy and shall have the right to fix a fee for performing that task and to collect such fee from the applicant.

(e) Each International Preliminary Examining Authority shall notify the International Bureau of the means of transmittal of the sequence listing accepted by it in accordance with Annex F. The International Bureau shall promptly publish details of the notification in the Gazette.

(f) Where the national Office or intergovernmental organization that acted as the International Searching Authority also acts as the International Preliminary Examining Authority, any sequence listing not forming part of the international application but furnished to that Office or organization for the purposes of the international search shall be considered to have been furnished to it also for the purposes of the international preliminary examination.

PART 7
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE FILING AND PROCESSING
IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

Section 707
Calculation of International Filing Fee and Fee Reduction

(a) Where an international application is filed in electronic form, the international filing fee shall, subject to paragraph (a-bis), be calculated on the basis of the number of sheets that the application would contain if presented as a print-out complying with the physical requirements prescribed in Rule 11.²

(a-bis) Where the international application as filed contains an electronic file appearing to be a sequence listing in a file format compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26, the calculation of the international filing fee shall, in the calculation of the number of sheets, not take into account any material contained in such an electronic file.

(b) Item 4(b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations shall apply to reduce the fees payable in respect of an international application filed in electronic form with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710(a) that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form or which has decided to receive such an application in accordance with Section 703(d).

ANNEX C³
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE PRESENTATION OF NUCLEOTIDE
AND AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS IN INTERNATIONAL PATENT
APPLICATIONS UNDER THE PCT

INTRODUCTION

1. In accordance with Rule 5.2(a), where the international application contains disclosure of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences that, pursuant to the Administrative Instructions, are required to be included in a sequence listing, the description shall include a sequence listing part of the description complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions. In accordance with Section 208, any sequence listing, whether forming part of the international application or not forming part of the international application, shall comply with Annex C (this Annex).

2. This Annex provides the Instructions referred to above in relation to the filing and processing of sequence listings, whether forming part of an international applications or not forming part of an international application.

² *Editor's Note:* Noting that Rule 11 leaves some flexibility as to the margins of the sheets (see Rule 11.6) and the size of the characters (see Rule 11.9(d)), the international filing fee should be calculated on the basis of the number of sheets that the application would contain if presented as a print-out complying with the minimum margin and character size requirements. In practice, however, the receiving Office should not print out the international application but rather rely on the number of pages of the international application as calculated by the electronic filing software and indicated in the request.

³ *Editor's Note:* The Instructions set out in this Annex apply to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022. The previous version of Annex C continues to apply to international applications filed prior to that date.

DEFINITIONS

3. For the purposes of these Instructions:

(a) the expressions “sequence listing”, “nucleotide” and “amino acid” have the same meaning as in WIPO Standard ST.26;

(b) the expression “sequence listing forming part of the international application” means a sequence listing contained in the international application as filed, including any sequence listing which:

(i) is included in the international application under Rule 20.5(b) or (c) or Rule 20.5*bis*(b) or (c),

(ii) is considered to have been contained in the international application under Rule 20.6(b),

(iii) has been corrected under Rule 26, rectified under Rule 91 or amended under Article 34(2)(b), or

(iv) is included in the international application by way of an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application as filed but not originally included in a sequence listing;

(c) the expression “sequence listing not forming part of the international application” means a sequence listing that does not form part of the international application but is furnished for the purposes of the international search or international preliminary examination.

RELATIONSHIP WITH WIPO STANDARD ST.26

4. The sequence listing part of the description shall comply with WIPO Standard ST.26. Subject to the specific requirements set out in this Annex, that Standard shall apply to any nucleotide or amino acid sequence disclosure in an international application, notably with regard to:

(a) whether such disclosure is to be included in a sequence listing;

(b) the manner in which disclosures are to be presented;

(c) the qualifiers for which “free text” is permitted as a value and the identification of those qualifiers for which such free text is considered language-dependent⁴; and

(d) the Document Type Definition (DTD) for a sequence listing in XML (eXtensible Markup Language).

5. Following any revision of WIPO Standard ST.26, the Director General shall decide a date from which the revised version of that Standard shall apply to international applications and publish that information in the Gazette, together with any transitional provisions concerning the furnishing on or after that date of sequence listings related to international applications filed prior to that date.

⁴ *Editor's Note:* See paragraphs 87 and 88 of WIPO Standard ST.26 and Section 6, Table 5 and Section 8, Table 6 in Annex I to that Standard.

SEQUENCES REQUIRED TO BE PRESENTED IN A SEQUENCE LISTING

6. In accordance with WIPO Standard ST.26, a sequence required to be included in a sequence listing for the purposes of Rule 5.2 is one that is disclosed anywhere in an international application by enumeration of its residues and can be represented as:

(a) an unbranched sequence or a linear region of a branched sequence containing ten or more specifically defined nucleotides, wherein adjacent nucleotides are joined by:

- (i) a 3' to 5' (or 5' to 3') phosphodiester linkage; or
- (ii) any chemical bond that results in an arrangement of adjacent nucleobases that mimics the arrangement of nucleobases in naturally occurring nucleic acids; or

(b) an unbranched sequence or a linear region of a branched sequence containing four or more specifically defined amino acids, wherein the amino acids form a single peptide backbone, that is, adjacent amino acids are joined by peptide bonds.

7. In accordance with WIPO Standard ST.26, a sequence listing must not include, as a sequence assigned its own sequence identification number, any sequences having fewer than ten specifically defined nucleotides or fewer than four specifically defined amino acids.

PRESENTATION OF SEQUENCES IN THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

8. Where sequences are included in a sequence listing, Offices may not require that the sequences also appear in the main part of the description. However, in specific cases, the applicant may have valid reasons for setting out some sequences from the sequence listing in the main part of the description, claims or drawings. Where any sequences are presented within the main part of description, claims or drawings, they may be set out in the manner considered most appropriate to present the information for the relevant purpose. In the description, claims or drawings of the application, the sequences included in the sequence listing shall be referred to by the sequence identifier preceded by "SEQ ID NO:", even if the sequence is also embedded in the description, claims or drawings. Similarly, sequences too short to be included in the sequence listing may be presented in the manner considered most appropriate by the applicant.

LANGUAGE-RELATED REQUIREMENTS

9. WIPO Standard ST.26 prescribes the use of "controlled vocabulary" that must be used when describing the features of a sequence, that is, annotations of regions or sites of interest as set out in Annex I to the Standard.

10. Under the Standard, "qualifiers" are used to supply certain information about features in addition to that conveyed by the feature key and feature location. There are several types of permitted "value formats" to accommodate different types of information conveyed by qualifiers, namely controlled vocabulary, enumerated values (for example, a number or date), "free text" and sequences.

11. The vocabulary set out in Annex I of the Standard that is not language-dependent shall be presented only in conformance with the requirements of WIPO Standard ST.26 and must not be translated. This includes:

(a) the nucleotide symbols set out in Section 1 and the amino acid symbols set out in Section 3;

(b) the abbreviations for modified nucleotides set out in Section 2 and the abbreviations for modified amino acids set out in Section 4 as the only permitted values for the certain qualifiers;

(c) the feature key names set out in Sections 5 and 7, and the qualifier names set out in Sections 6 and 8, notwithstanding that many of the allowed names of feature keys and qualifiers are in English or are English abbreviations (see, for example, feature keys 5.1 “C-region” and 7.18 “MOD_RES” (abbreviation of “modification of a residue”); and qualifiers 6.5 “cell_type” and 8.3 “organism”);

(d) all “value formats” set out in Sections 6 and 8 allowed to be used to accommodate different types of information conveyed by qualifiers other than “free text” (that is, controlled vocabulary, enumerated values like a number or date, and sequences), notwithstanding that many of these allowed “value formats” contain elements in English or English abbreviations or are recognizably derived from English or Latin words (see, for example, qualifier 6.15 “direction”, with the value format: “left”, “right” or “both”); and

(e) “free text” qualifier values other than those identified in the Standard as language-dependent.

12. The language-dependent free text must be provided in a language which the receiving Office accepts for that purpose. WIPO Standard ST.26 allows language-dependent free text to be provided in either one or two languages within the same sequence listing: English (in the `INSDQualifier_value` element) and/or another specified language (in the `NonEnglishQualifier_value` element). The language or languages permitted or required to be used in any particular case are considered in paragraphs 16 to 19.

13. The language of any free text included in the `NonEnglishQualifier_value` element shall be indicated in the `nonEnglishFreeTextLanguageCode` attribute. The same language shall be used for the contents of all `NonEnglishQualifier_value` elements in a sequence listing. Where language-dependent free text is provided for any `INSDQualifier_value` or `NonEnglishQualifier_value` element, it shall be provided in the relevant language for all such elements.

14. The language considered to be the original language of all of the language-dependent free text, being the language, or one of the languages, of the language-dependent free text in the sequence listing furnished at the time of filing, shall preferably be indicated using the `originalFreeTextLanguageCode` attribute of the `ST26SequenceListing` element. The indicated language may be used in the international phase to assist the assessment and, where relevant, rectification of discrepancies found between an `INSDQualifier_value` element and a `NonEnglishQualifier_value` element for a language-dependent free text qualifier included in the sequence listing as filed. For national phase processing, the relevance of the indicated original language in cases where more than one language version of free text was included on the international filing date shall be a matter of national law.

15. WIPO Standard ST.26 requires that the name of the first mentioned applicant be provided in the language of filing. Where the name of the first mentioned applicant is not provided in Latin characters, a transliteration or translation must also be provided in Latin characters, irrespective of the language of the sequence listing otherwise. The title of the invention must be provided in the language of filing and may also be provided in additional languages. In any sequence listing translation submitted to the receiving Office, the International Bureau, the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the applicant may add these items in the language of the translation, but shall not be required to do so.

Languages of the Sequence Listing as Filed

16. Rule 12.1(d) allows receiving Offices to specify the language or languages that may be used for language-dependent free text in a sequence listing forming part of the international application as filed. The Office may allow or require the language-dependent free text to be submitted in a language either the same as or different to that of the main body of the international application. The receiving Office may also permit, but may not require the sequence listing as filed to include language-dependent free text in a second language in accordance with WIPO Standard ST.26. This allows the language-dependent free text to be submitted simultaneously in the language of the main body of the international application as filed and in a different language required for the purposes of the international search or international publication under Rule 12.3 or 12.4. In this case, it is not required to submit the translation of the main body of the international application at the same time as the sequence listing; the translation of the main body may be provided at a later date and the translation as a whole will be considered as received on the date on which the final part of the translation is received.

Translations of the Sequence Listing

17. Where a translation of the language-dependent free text in the sequence listing of the international application or of an earlier application is required as part of a translation under Rule 12.3, 12.4, 12*bis*.2(a)(ii), 20.6(a)(iii), 45*bis*.1(c)(i), 49.5 or 55.2(a), that translation shall be provided in the form of a new sequence listing containing all of the language-dependent free text in the required language, either in addition to or replacing languages in the sequence listing from which the text is being translated. The remainder of the sequence listing shall remain unchanged, save for:

(a) the appropriate attributes of `ST26SequenceListing` describing the content, notably including the `productionDate` and, where relevant, `nonEnglishFreeTextLanguageCode`;

(b) preferably, including the application identification details (IP Office code, international application number and international filing date) if these have been accorded and notified to the applicant, as well as, where applicable, updating any of the other elements of the general information part that have been modified since the international application was filed, or translating them into the language of the translated language-dependent free text. The receiving Office or International Authority shall not require correction or updating of any elements in the general information part solely because there are differences from the corresponding details in the remainder of the international application or the element details have changed between the international filing date and the date on which the translation is submitted, nor require translation of such elements.

18. The `originalFreeTextLanguageCode` attribute shall continue to indicate the original language, irrespective of whether that language version is included in the translated sequence listing.

Languages of Sequence Listings Not Forming Part of the International Application

19. Where a sequence listing is furnished under Rule 13*ter*.1 or 13*ter*.2 for the purposes of the international search or the international preliminary examination, the language-dependent free text shall be provided in one of the languages accepted by the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, normally the same language as that used for the main part of the description. The sequence listing may also include the language-dependent free text in a second language, normally either the language of filing or English.

FILING AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION CONTAINING A SEQUENCE LISTING OR FURNISHING A SEQUENCE LISTING AFTER FILING

20. The requirement that a sequence listing be presented as an XML file under WIPO Standard ST.26 means that it can only be filed or furnished in electronic form. An application containing sequences as described in paragraph 6 without such a sequence listing is defective and may be difficult to correct at a later stage. It is strongly recommended that the sequence listing be prepared using WIPO SEQUENCE or equivalent software, which validates the form and aspects of the content of the sequence listing.

21. Where an international application containing a sequence listing is filed in electronic form, whether transmitted by electronic or physical means, the sequence listing should preferably form part of a package filed in accordance with Annex F, with the sequence listing indexed in accordance with the standards set out in that Annex.

22. Notwithstanding paragraph 21, any receiving Office may accept an electronic file appearing to contain a sequence listing submitted separately from the main package on the date of filing and should accept such a separate electronic file in any case where it is not practical for the applicant to include the sequence listing as part of the main package, for example, because the file size is too large to be handled by the software used for preparing or receiving the remainder of the international application. If the receiving Office is not able to process such an application, the application shall be considered to have been received by that Office on behalf of the International Bureau as receiving Office in accordance with Rule 19.4(a)(ii-*bis*).

SEQUENCE LISTING FILED ON SEPARATE PHYSICAL MEDIA

23. Any physical medium containing a sequence listing filed separately from a package as referred to in paragraph 21 or where the remainder of the international application is filed on paper, shall be clearly labeled “Sequence Listing” or its equivalent in the language of publication, to which the Office to which the sequence listing is submitted shall add the international application number. Where the sequence listing is submitted after the international filing date, the Office shall also indicate the nature of the sequence listing in accordance with the appropriate one of Sections 309 to 310*ter*, 325, 511, 513, 607 or 610. Preferably, the physical medium used for the transmittal of the sequence listing shall be of a type accepted by both the receiving Office and the International Searching Authority chosen to carry out the international search.

24. Where the file size of a sequence listing is too large to be included on a single physical medium, it shall be split such that the files can be rejoined to form one single contiguous file without any missing or repeating contents in accordance with the procedures set out in paragraphs 2(c) and (c-*bis*) of Appendix IV to Annex F of these Administrative Instructions. In addition to the labeling referred to in paragraph 23, the physical media shall each be numbered, for example “DISK 1/3”, “DISK 2/3”, “DISK 3/3”.

SEQUENCE LISTING IN ELECTRONIC FORM WITH THE REMAINDER OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION FILED ON PAPER

25. Applicants are strongly discouraged from filing international applications with the main body on paper and the sequence listing separately in electronic form. Nevertheless, in accordance with Section 703 paragraphs (d) and (e), any receiving Office may accept an international application filed in that way and should do so if it is apparent that it would not have been practical for the applicant to file the application with the receiving Office in any other way. If the receiving Office is not able to process such an application, the application shall be considered to have been received by that Office on behalf of the International Bureau as receiving Office in accordance with Rule 19.4(a)(ii-*bis*).

RECEIVING AND PROCESSING AN INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION CONTAINING A SEQUENCE LISTING

CHECKING BY THE RECEIVING OFFICE

Electronic File Appearing to Be a Sequence Listing

26. The receiving Office shall treat any electronic file appearing to be a sequence listing in WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format as a sequence listing forming part of the international application if it is received on or before the date on which the receiving Office determines that the papers purporting to be an international application fulfill all of the requirements under Article 11(1), whether or not that listing is referred to in the main part of the description or in the request, even if it is not correctly marked as such, except for the case where a second sequence listing is provided as part of a translation for international search under Rule 12.3 or international publication under Rule 12.4. This is independent of the question whether or not the electronic file purporting or appearing to be a sequence listing is in fact compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26 (which is not required to be checked by the receiving Office but only by the International Searching Authority). Where the receiving Office finds that a separate electronic file disclosing sequences appears to be in a format other than in WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format, it shall seek clarification from the applicant on whether the content of the file is intended to form part of the description and invite the applicant to furnish the content in the format accepted for the main part of the description if necessary. For this purpose, the receiving Office may require a statement from the applicant that the content of the document resubmitted in the accepted format is identical to that of the electronic file originally submitted. Alternatively, the receiving Office may convert the file to that format on agreement from the applicant.

Checking for Compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 and for Other Defects

27. The receiving Office shall not be required to perform automated validations to check whether a sequence listing is compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26 or otherwise to check whether its contents are compliant with the requirements of the Rules and these Administrative Instructions. However, where the Office becomes aware of a defect, for example, because its online filing processes or other Office procedures check the sequence listing file using the validation tool provided for the purpose by the International Bureau, the Office may notify the applicant accordingly.

28. Where the receiving Office identifies a discrepancy between any of the information in the general information part of the sequence listing and the corresponding information in the request or application body, the receiving Office may draw the fact to the applicant's attention. The applicant may correct the discrepancy within the time limit provided for in Rule 26.2 but shall not be required to do so. The international application shall be processed on the basis of the indications made in the request.

Calculation of International Filing Fee

29. In accordance with Section 707(a-bis), where the international application as filed contains an electronic file appearing to be a sequence listing in WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format, the calculation of the international filing fee shall, in the calculation of the number of sheets, not take into account any material contained in such an electronic file. However, where the electronic file is in any other format, or it is obviously not a sequence listing, for example, the main part of the description, claims or drawings mislabeled as a sequence listing, such a file should be taken into account in the calculation of the number of sheets.

Processing of a Sequence Listing Submitted After the International Filing Date

30. Where a sequence listing is received after the international filing date under any of Rules 12.3 (translation for the purposes of international search), 12.4 (translation for the purposes of international publication) or 26.4 (correction of a defect), the receiving Office shall forward a copy of the sequence listing to the International Searching Authority and to the International Bureau together with any replacement sheets also submitted for the relevant purpose, in accordance with Section 305bis or 325, as applicable under Section 335(a).

31. Where a sequence listing is received after the international filing date under Rule 13ter (sequence listing for the purposes of international search, not forming part of the international application), the receiving Office shall forward it to the International Searching Authority.

CHECKING BY THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY OR THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

32. The International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall check that any sequence listing received as part of the search copy, or of a copy of the international application provided for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is compliant with the requirements of WIPO Standard ST.26 and that the language-dependent free text meets the language requirements of the Authority. Where the sequence listing contains defects, or where the international application contains sequences that should have been included in a sequence listing but were not, the Authority may invite the applicant to submit a sequence listing under Rule 13ter.1 for the purposes of international search or Rule 13ter.2 for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

CORRECTION, RECTIFICATION AND AMENDMENT OF A SEQUENCE LISTING

33. Any correction under Rule 26, rectification under Rule 91 or amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description submitted in relation to a sequence listing forming part of the international application as filed and any sequence listing included in the international application by way of an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application as filed shall be made by submitting a complete new sequence listing compliant with WIPO Standard ST.26 including the relevant correction, rectification or amendment. The nature of the correction, rectification or amendment shall be clearly explained in an accompanying letter.

34. In compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26, any sequence listing referred to in paragraph 33 shall, where possible, maintain the original numbering of the sequences in the application as filed, representing any “intentionally skipped sequence” as prescribed by WIPO Standard ST.26, where necessary. Otherwise, the sequences shall be numbered in compliance with that Standard in the order in which they appear in the international application.

35. Where the sequence listing referred to in paragraph 33 as proposed to be corrected, rectified or amended is presented on physical media, the media shall be labeled “Sequence Listing – Correction”, “Sequence Listing – Rectification” or “Sequence Listing – Amendment”, as the case may be, or the equivalents in the language of publication, together with the international application number.

36. Where the new sequence listing is received by the receiving Office, that Office shall not be required to check the content of the sequence listing. The Office may simply check that it has received an electronic file that appears to be a sequence listing, together with an accompanying letter and then forward these items to the International Searching Authority and International Bureau, together with any accompanying corrected, rectified or amended sheets of the main body of the international application.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE; MISSING AND ERRONEOUSLY FILED PARTS

37. A sequence listing missing from the international application as filed may be included into the international application under Rule 20.5, or a sequence listing erroneously filed may be removed and replaced under Rule 20.5*bis*. Where relevant, the appropriate sequence listing may be confirmed as incorporated by reference under Rule 20.6.

38. In accordance with Section 335, the procedures for such arrangements are equivalent to those for other parts of the description. Where the sequence listing is not incorporated by reference and the international filing date is corrected, there is no need to compare the newly provided sequence listing to that from the earlier filed application and the receiving Office need only tag the sequence listing in the appropriate manner and proceed as in Sections 310 and 310*bis*. Where the sequence listing is incorporated by reference, the procedure in Section 309 applies, in which case the receiving Office shall make the appropriate marking in the filename or metadata of the XML file containing the respective sequence listing. The receiving Office is recommended to seek guidance from the International Bureau if assistance is required in the comparison of sequence listings provided for confirmation of incorporation by reference with the sequence listing from an earlier application.

SEQUENCE LISTING NOT FORMING PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

39. Any sequence listing furnished under Rule 13*ter*.1, 13*ter*.2 and 45*bis*.5(c) to an International Authority for the purposes of international search or preliminary examination shall not form part of the international application, pursuant to Rule 13*ter*.1(e) (where applicable, by virtue of Rules 13*ter*.2 and 45*bis*.5(c)). Any such sequence listing submitted shall be accompanied by a statement to the effect that the sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed.

40. Paragraphs 4 to 20 and 24 of this Annex shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any such sequence listing. Such a sequence listing shall contain all sequences disclosed in the international application as filed that meet the criteria referred to in paragraph 6. In compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26, such a sequence listing shall, where possible, maintain the original numbering of the sequences in the application as filed, representing any “intentionally skipped sequence” as prescribed by WIPO Standard ST.26, where necessary. Otherwise, the sequences shall be numbered in compliance with that Standard in the order in which they appear in the international application.

41. Where such a sequence listing is furnished on physical media, the media shall be labeled “Sequence Listing Not Forming Part of the International Application”, or its equivalent in the language of publication or of international preliminary examination, together with the international application number.

TRANSMISSION OF SEQUENCE LISTINGS BETWEEN OFFICES

42. Where a sequence listing is to be transmitted between any of the receiving Office, the International Bureau, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority and a designated or elected Office, it shall be sent with the file contents unchanged from the version received from the applicant. Where the sequence listing is transmitted online, the international application number and type of sequence listing (as filed, corrected, for purpose of international search, etc.) shall be encoded in the filename, referencing XML or equivalent metadata appropriate to the means of online transmission.

43. Where a sequence listing was received on a physical medium, the sequence listing may be transmitted online, in which case, the international application number and type of sequence listing should be encoded in the filename or associated metadata in the same way as if the sequence listing had been received online. If the sequence listing is transmitted on a physical medium, the medium should be physically labelled as indicated in the relevant paragraphs above, without changing any of the content on the medium.

PROCEDURE BEFORE DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

44. Rules 13*ter*.3 and 76.5 require that no designated or elected Office shall require the applicant to furnish to it a sequence listing other than a sequence listing complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions. Where no sequence listing complying with the standard and containing the language-dependent free text in the language required for national processing is available to the designated or elected Office, that Office may require the applicant to furnish a translation under Rule 49.5 in the form of a new sequence listing according to paragraphs 17 and 18, within a time limit which shall be reasonable in the circumstances.

45. The designated or elected Office shall not require a new sequence listing as part of a translation under Rule 49.5 solely because a sequence listing already provided as part of the international application contains language-dependent free text in a second language in addition to that required for national processing or because the sequence listing does not contain national application identifiers in the general information part of the sequence listing.

FURNISHING BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF COPIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT: NOTIFICATION BY ELECTED OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 94.1(c)

JM Jamaica

In accordance with PCT Rule 94.1(c), the **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)**, in its capacity as elected Office, has requested the International Bureau to furnish, on behalf of the Office, copies of the international preliminary examination report.⁵

⁵ Information concerning which elected Offices have requested the International Bureau to furnish copies of the international preliminary examination reports on their behalf is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/access_iper.html

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In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2022, are CHF 301 when filing online, and CHF 452 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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JM Jamaica

The **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)** has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the International Bureau by nationals and residents of Jamaica, with effect since 10 February 2022.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, pursuant to Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments consist of changes in the amounts of several fees.

The amendments to Annex D, which will enter into force on 1 April 2022, will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change] ²
Additional fee (Rules 40.2(a) and 40 <i>bis</i> ³)	[No change] ²
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change] ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change] ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change] ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	935
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	935
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	245

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf

² This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 12 December 2019 (OJ EPO 2020, A4). See Part II, paragraph (4) for further details.

³ This fee is applied in conjunction with PCT Rule 20.5*bis* (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 27 March 2020 (OJ EPO 2020, A36)).

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT: MODIFICATIONS TO ANNEX F AND ANNEX F, APPENDIX I (STANDARD FOR THE ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b) and in accordance with the procedures set out in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (Annex F, section 2.5), modifications to the Administrative Instructions, Annex F and Annex F, Appendix I (XML DTDs for the e-PCT Standard), were promulgated, with effect from 1 July 2022.

The modifications enable the use of WIPO Standard ST.26 files in the filing of international applications from July 1, 2022, and continue to allow WIPO Standard ST.25 files to be used in the processing of international applications filed prior to that date.

Due to highly technical content, the consolidated revised texts of Annex F, and of Annex F, Appendix I, of the Administrative Instructions are not reproduced here, but have been published as documents PCT/AI/ANF/7 and PCT/AI/DTD/16 on the WIPO website at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.html>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office and applicable from 1 April 2022, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14)	EUR	140
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b))	EUR	110
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d))	EUR	685

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 April 2022, as follows:

Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	935
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	EUR	935
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1(c))	EUR	245

[Updating of Annexes D(EP) and SISA(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2022, are as follows:

Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	935
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):	EUR	245

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified new time limits applicable for entry into the national phase, under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b). The new time limits will be 31 months from the priority date under both Articles. The new time limits will be applicable from 1 May 2022 in respect of international applications for which the previously applicable 30 month time limit has not yet expired or does not expire on 30 April 2022 and to the extent that the applicant has not expressly made an effective request for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 23(2) and 40(2) before 1 May 2022.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.2(a)

EP European Patent Organisation

In accordance with PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of the following period of unavailability of one of its permitted electronic means of communication:

- Online Filing 2.0: from 27 February 2022, 19:00 CET (Central European Time) until 28 February 2022, 10:27 CET.

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions, published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020, page 254.

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the EPO website at:

<https://www.epo.org/service-support/availability-of-online-services/2022.html>

and on the WIPO website at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html>

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IE Ireland

The **Intellectual Property Office of Ireland** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Government Offices, Hebron Road,
Kilkenny, R95 H4XC, Ireland

[Updating of Annex B1(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2022, are EUR 306 when filing online and EUR 458 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2022, is ISK 251,800.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 May 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	14,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	160
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	SEK	2,150
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	SEK	3,230
Handling fee:	SEK	2,150

[Updating of Annexes C(SE) and E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2022, is ISK 251,800.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2022, is ISK 251,800.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of its national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable from 1 April 2022, are as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:^{1, 2}

– for online filings	EUR	130
– for non-online filings	EUR	270

Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated ³	EUR	630
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Claims fee:⁴

– for the 16 th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50	EUR	250
– for the 51 st and each subsequent claim	EUR	630

Search fee:⁴

– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005	EUR	950
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	EUR	1,390

Fee for further processing:

– in the event of late payment of a fee	[No change]
– other cases	EUR 275

Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing	EUR	245
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¹ Must be paid within 31 months from the priority date. For claims fees see also paragraph EP.08 of National Chapter (EP).

² See the Decision of the EPO's Administrative Council dated 15 December 2021 (CA/D 13/21), OJ EPO 2022, A2.

³ The designation, extension and validation fees are payable within 31 months from the priority date or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

⁴ Must be paid within 31 months from the priority date. For claims fees see also paragraph EP.08 of National Chapter EP.

Examination fee:⁵

– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005	EUR	1,955
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up	EUR	1,955
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	EUR	1,750
Renewal fee for the third year ⁶	EUR	505

Finally, the Office notified a new amount of the reduction of the search fee component of the national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, for international applications for which the international search report or a supplementary international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office or, in accordance with the Protocol on Centralisation, by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) or the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI).

The new amount of this reduction, applicable from 1 April 2022, is EUR 1,185.⁷

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁵ A request for examination must be made and the examination fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) and EPC Rule 159(1) or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

⁶ This fee is due before the expiration of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date; it is due within 31 months from the priority date, if that 31-month time limit expires later.

⁷ See the Decision of the EPO's Administrative Council dated 15 December 2021 (CA/D 13/21), OJ EPO 2022, A2.

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XV Visegrad Patent Institute

The **Visegrad Patent Institute** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone number, as follows:

Telephone: (361) 951 5770

In addition, the Office notified changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since 1 March 2022, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication.

[Updating of Annex B2(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The fee when filing on paper is EUR 107.46 and when filing electronically is EUR 91.35. These amounts are applicable since 1 January 2022.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the national fee for a patent or a utility model, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The fee when filing on paper is EUR 102.39 and when filing electronically is EUR 87.03. These amounts are applicable since 1 January 2022.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ES), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are USD 335 when filing online, and USD 503 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are CHF 76 and EUR 74 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 357 and EUR 348 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 June 2022, are CHF 105 and CHF 168 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

JM Jamaica

The **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)** has specified the Australian Patent Office — in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) — as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the International Bureau by nationals and residents of Jamaica, with effect since 17 March 2022.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is EUR 299.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are USD 81 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 383 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

CV Cabo Verde

On April 6, 2022, **Cabo Verde** deposited its instruments of accession to both the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property (Paris Convention) and the *Patent Cooperation Treaty* (PCT), and will become bound by the PCT on **July 6, 2022**. Consequently, any international application filed on or after July 6, 2022 will automatically include the designation of Cabo Verde (country code: CV).

Cabo Verde will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after July 6, 2022.

Furthermore, as from July 6, 2022, nationals and residents of Cabo Verde will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is SGD 2,648.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is EUR 1,508.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are as follows:

Search fee: EUR 1,824

Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities: EUR 365 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)

Reduced search fee for universities: EUR 274 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b).)

[Updating of Annex D(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is EUR 199.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are SGD 2,648 and USD 1,946.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are EUR 912 or EUR 365 (the latter applies where the applicant is a small entity).¹

[Updating of Annex D(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is EUR 1,501.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UA Ukraine

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are USD 110 for searches carried out in Russian or Ukrainian, and USD 330 for searches carried out in English, French or German.

[Updating of Annex D(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** and in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are EUR 1988 and ZAR 31,920 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, EUR 994 and ZAR 15,960 for a small entity and EUR 497 and ZAR 7,980 for a micro entity, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	20,980
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	240
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	ZAR	3,160
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	ZAR	4,730

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

UA Ukraine

The **Ministry of Economy of Ukraine, on behalf of the State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) and the **State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”** as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the Ukrpatent or the International Bureau by nationals and residents of Ukraine, with effect since 24 February 2022.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

JM Jamaica

Information on the requirements of the **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)** as designated (or elected) Office is now available in the Summary of the National Chapter (JM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

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**JAMAICA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
OFFICE (JIPO)**

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19 ²), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report ²)
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: Jamaican Dollar (JMD) For patent: Filing fee: ¹ JMD 30,000 For utility model: Filing fee: ¹ JMD 10,000
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² Where the applicant furnishes a translation of the international application only as amended or only as originally filed, the Office will invite the applicant to furnish the missing translation.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

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**JAMAICA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
OFFICE (JIPO)**

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application^{3, 4}

Statement justifying the applicant’s right to the patent where the applicant is not the inventor^{3, 4}

Evidence of entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application^{3, 4}

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)⁴

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Jamaica⁵

Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney)⁵

Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

Who can act as agent?

Any natural or legal person resident in Jamaica

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter.2*)?

Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation by the Office. The Office will charge a fee for compliance with that requirement in response to the invitation. For the amount of the fee refer to Annex JM.I.

⁵ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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CN China

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its telephone number, which is now as follows:

Telephone: (86-10) 62 35 66 55 (customer service)

[Updating of Annex B1(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (48-22) 579 01 27
(International Applications Division)

(48-22) 579 03 63 (Contact Center)

[Updating of Annex B1(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SY Syrian Arab Republic

The **Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)** has notified changes to its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: patentoffice@spo.gov.sy

Internet: www.dcip.gov.sy

[Updating of Annex B1(SY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **US dollars (USD)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is USD 1,946.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is USD 1,946.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is USD 1,946.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the PCT Applicant's Guide]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is USD 1,946.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2022, is USD 1,946.

[Updating of Annex D(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

JM Jamaica

The **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office – in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Canadian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the receiving Office of JIPO by nationals and residents of Jamaica, with effect from 1 May 2022.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 703(a), 710(b) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette) No. 32/2004 of 5 August 2004 (pages 18092 *et seq.*).

In particular, as from 1 July 2022, the Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom), in its capacity as receiving Office, will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software and will accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using ePCT-Filing.

Consequently, as from 1 July 2022, the Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom), in its capacity as receiving Office, is prepared to accept international applications in electronic form according to the following requirements:

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- epoline® software
- ePCT Filing

SY Syrian Arab Republic

The **Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)** in its capacity as receiving Office, hereby notifies the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from **June 15, 2022**, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (963-11) 516 1185
- by e-mail at: epct@dcip.gov.sy

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.dcip.gov.sy).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

**AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES:
NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES**

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, is able to participate in DAS, either as an office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access for Priority Documents, or in accordance with Sections 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

TR Turkey

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions of the Digital Access for Priority Documents, the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect from 1 June 2022.¹

[Updating of Annex B1(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For additional details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11586

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IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes to the components of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

	<i>Paper copy</i>	<i>Electronic copy</i>
– for the request to prepare the priority document (in fee stamps):	16	16
– for every four pages or fraction of four pages (description, claims, abstract, drawings, filing certificate and certificate of authenticity) (in fee stamps), plus:	16	-
– for the download of the electronic copy (in fee stamps), plus:	-	16
– for a patent application:	7	3
– for a utility model application:	5	3

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	179,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	2,000
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
– Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	JPY	40,400

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is SGD 1,835.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 July 2022, is JPY 26,900.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish krona (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). These amounts, payable to the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** and applicable from 1 July 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	13,470
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	150
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
– Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SEK	2,020
– Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SEK	3,030
Handling fee:	SEK	2,020

[Updating of Annexes C(SE) and E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is JPY 206,300.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 703(a), 710(b) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified changes to its notification published in the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) of 2 August 2016 (pages 176 *et seq.*).

In particular, as from 1 July 2022, the Israel Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

Consequently, as from 1 July 2022, the Israel Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, is prepared to accept international applications in electronic form according to the following requirements:

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT Filing

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified additional requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Where the applicant requests early publication or notifies the application to third parties earlier than 16 months from the priority date, the indications prescribed by Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) must be provided not later than that request or that notification (Legislative Decree No. 30/2005, Art. 162 (2)).

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

At its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) appointed the **Eurasian Patent Office** as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT (published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 17 February 2022 (page 46)).

On 26 April 2022, the Office notified the International Bureau that the Agreement between the Office and the International Bureau will enter into force on 1 July 2022.

The Agreement between the Eurasian Patent Organization and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization in relation to the functioning of the Eurasian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (as in force from July 1, 2022) is set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DK Denmark

New equivalent amounts in **Danish krone (DKK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	DKK 9,710
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	DKK 110
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	DKK 1,460
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	DKK 2,190

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

New equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	EUR 1,305
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 15
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	EUR 98
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 196
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 294

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, also applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 July 2022, is EUR 196.

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are CHF 1,062 for an application in Japanese,¹ and CHF 1,255 for an application in English.²

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3. This fee is reduced for applications by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, see https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

² For international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Turkey

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

[Updating of Annex D(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Danish krone (DKK)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is DKK 1,460.

[Updating of Annex E(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

[Updating of Annex D(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

Information on the requirements of the **Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)** as designated (or elected) Office is now available in the Summary of the National Chapter (LA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

AGREEMENT

between the Eurasian Patent Organization
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Eurasian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Eurasian Patent Organization and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Eurasian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Eurasian Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8 International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and
- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:

- (i) if the Eurasian Patent Organization gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Eurasian Patent Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this twenty-second day of November two thousand and twenty-one, in two originals in the English and Russian languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Eurasian Patent Organization by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

any Contracting State;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

any Contracting State.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:

Russian and English.

Annex B Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the Eurasian Patent Convention.

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Russian roubles)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English)	40,000
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Russian)	9,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English)	40,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Russian)	9,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English)	16,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Russian)	4,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English)	24,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Russian)	6,750
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English)	19,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Russian)	5,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English)	23,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Russian)	6,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	3,500
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	4,000
Cost of copies (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b))	
– patent document, per page	100
– non-patent document, per page	100
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	100

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, 25 to 75% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification system(s) in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language(s):

Russian and English, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

LA

**DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY, MINISTRY OF SCIENCE
AND TECHNOLOGY
(LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC)**

LA

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Lao
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, only as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	The applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he/she has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).
National fee: ²	Currency: Lao Kip (KIP) Filing fee: KIP 200,000 Formality examination fee: KIP 100,000 Consultation fee: KIP 100,000 Publication fee: KIP 400,000 Service fee: KIP 300,000
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished within 90 days after entry into the national phase.

² Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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LA

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the Lao People's Democratic Republic
Name of the inventor if it has not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application^{3, 4}
Evidence of entitlement to file^{3, 4}
Evidence of entitlement to claim priority^{3, 4}
Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)⁴
Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing and table related thereto in electronic form

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer registered in the Lao People's Democratic Republic

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49*ter.2*)?

Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 June 2022, consists of the addition of Saudi Arabia to the States indicated in items (i) and (ii) of the Annex.

As from 1 June 2022, the amended Annex A will read as follows:

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam.

For the United States of America, the Authority will act under Article 3(1) provided that (a) the international application is submitted in English; and (b) the Authority has not received more than 8,400 international applications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office during the five-year period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2023, and not more than 300 applications per quarter during the first and second years, and not more than 500 applications per quarter during the third, fourth, and fifth years. Where the Authority has prepared the international search report, the Authority will also act under Article 3(2) if these conditions are met.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf

Where a receiving Office specifies the Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and the Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [No change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:
English;
 - (c) [No change]
 - (d) for international applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office acting for Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:
Japanese, English.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IQ Iraq

General information on **Iraq** as a PCT Contracting State is now available in Annex B1(IQ), which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is ZAR 28,070.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is KRW 2,018,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are CHF 338 when filing online, and CHF 507 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is USD 216.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is ZAR 28,070.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are JPY 16,600, or JPY 4,200 in the case of filing by an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are USD 1,130 for searches carried out in Japanese and USD 1,336 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are AUD 492 for searches carried out in Korean and AUD 1,313 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are CHF 99, EUR 97 and USD 105 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 467, EUR 458 and USD 495 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 July 2022, are CHF 138 and CHF 220 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IQ Iraq

The **Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO)** has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed on or after 6 May 2022 with IQPO, in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Iraq.

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has specified the Japan Patent Office (JPO) – in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 June 2022 with SAIP, in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia.

[Updating of Annex C(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

DE Germany

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **German Patent and Trade Mark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 40/2006 (5 October 2006, pages 19076 *et seq.*), and corrected in PCT Gazette No. 50/2006 (14 December 2006, pages 19182 *et seq.*).

The Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notifies the following requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form with effect of 1 July 2022.

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general: see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO ST.26 XML file (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- Annex C/ST.25 text file (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C) for applications filed prior to 1 July 2022
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

For the DPMAdirektPro filing software:

- online filing (according to OSCI protocol, see www.osci.de)

For the epoline filing software:

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

For ePCT-Filing:

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

Physical media (CD-R, CD-RW, DVD-R, DVD+R, DVD+RW, DVD-RW)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

For DPMAdirektPro filing software

- OSCI WASP (www.osci.de)

For the epoline software and ePCT-Filing:

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- DPMAdirektPro software
- epoline software
- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

Basic signatures acceptable in the request:

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

Electronic signature for signing applicant package using DPMAdirektPro filing software:

- qualified or enhanced electronic signature, as defined by section 3 para 3 of the Ordinance on Electronic Legal Transactions with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 1 November 2013.

Electronic signature for signing applicant package using epoline filing software and ePCT-Filing:

- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)). It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the above mentioned means of transmittal or document packaging that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates, applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic or certain missing files are notified to the applicant by issuing an error report. Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Online payment in this sense refers to payment systems provided within the filing software environment itself and does not cover general e-banking services. Only the methods of payment allowed by Section 1 of the Ordinance on Payment of Costs of the German Patent and Trade Mark Office and of the Federal Patent Court are available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

General customer help desk:

- by telephone at +49 89 2195 1000 (available between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Thursday and 8 am to 2 pm Friday, Central European Time (CET))
- by email at info@dpma.de

Technical help for DPMAdirektPro

- by email at DPMAdirekt@dpma.de

General information about DPMAdirektPro is available at <https://www.dpma.de/english/services/efiling/index.html>

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The office will not accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<https://www.dpma.de/english/index.html>).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

Signatures accepted by DPMA are defined in section 3 of the Ordinance on Electronic Legal Transactions with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office of 1 November 2013. Possible providers of signature cards can be searched via Trusted List Browser (URL: <https://esignature.ec.europa.eu/efda/tl-browser/#/screen/home>). Please note that the search has to be limited to German providers. In addition, the Online Services Smart Card of the European Patent Office is accepted for filings via DPMAdirektPro and epoline.

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

File inspection of published documents is possible via the online register <https://register.dpma.de/DPMAregister/Uebersicht?lang=en>. International applications filed via ePCT can also be accessed with the ePCT system.

[Updating of Annex C(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MK North Macedonia

The **State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia)** in its capacity as receiving Office, hereby notifies the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from July 15, 2022, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (+389-2) 310 36 01
- by e-mail at: epct@ippo.gov.mk

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.ippo.gov.mk)

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT

[Updating of Annex C(MK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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Information on Contracting States

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IQ

IRAQ

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General information

Name of Office:	Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO)
Location:	University of Baghdad St., Al-Jaderiya, Baghdad, Iraq
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 13032, Al-Jaderiya, Baghdad, Iraq
Telephone:	(964-1) 778 51 80
E-mail:	iqpo@cosqc.gov.iq
Internet:	https://www.cosqc.gov.iq
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Iraq:	Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Iraq is designated (or elected):	Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO) (see National Phase)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, patents of addition
Provisions of the law of Iraq concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Iraq is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Iraq is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

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PH Philippines

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1357, s. 2022, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Monday, 9 May 2022.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Tuesday, 10 May 2022.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are CHF 1,732 (for a search of only the PCT minimum documentation), CHF 1,213 (for a search of only the European and North American documentation), and CHF 866 (for a search of only the German-language documentation).

[Updating of Annex SISA(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 203.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 1,809.

[Updating of Annex SISA(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euros (EUR)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	98
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	49
	Supplement for airmail: EUR 10	

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Turkey

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a search only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 50.

[Updating of Annex SISA(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UA Ukraine

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)"** as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are CHF 102 for searches carried out in Ukrainian or Russian and CHF 306 for searches carried out in English, French or German.

[Updating of Annex D(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 July 2022, are CHF 92 (for a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation or of only European and North American documentation), CHF 71 (of only Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation), and CHF 61 (where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for search of documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2022, is CHF 548.

[Updating of Annex SISA(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a full supplementary international search and for a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2022, are CHF 1,809 and CHF 560, respectively.

[Updating of Annex SISA(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified a change to the filing fee component of the national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, applicable from 1 July 2022, as follows:

Filing fee: EUR 40

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2022, is JPY 245,500.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2022, is USD 1,065.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2022, is KRW 1,404,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are ZAR 35,440 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 17,720 for a small entity and ZAR 8,860 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022 with the National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus), in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Belarus.

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IQ Iraq

Information on the requirements of the **Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO)** as receiving Office is provided in Annex C(IQ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: CEASING OF DEVELOPMENT, DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPORT FOR THE PCT-SAFE SOFTWARE BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

IB International Bureau of WIPO

As of 30 June 2022, the International Bureau will end its development, distribution and support of the PCT-SAFE software. The final release was in April 2022, and no further updates to the software will be provided (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette), dated 8 July 2021, p. 124).

The Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) are the only two remaining receiving Offices that have not yet formally notified the International Bureau of their intention to stop accepting PCT-SAFE filings. However, whilst PCT applicants may be able to continue to prepare and file PCT applications using existing versions of the PCT-SAFE software from 1 July 2022, the International Bureau specifically recommends against doing so.

Any remaining PCT-SAFE users are strongly advised to transition to ePCT-Filing as soon as possible.

C	Receiving Offices	C
IQ	IRAQI PATENT OFFICE (IQPO)	IQ

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Iraq
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic, English ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic, English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “due care” and the “unintentional” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Canadian Intellectual Property Office, Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Canadian Intellectual Property Office, ² Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office ² or Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Iraqi dinar (IQD) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	IQD 77,075 or USD 55
International filing fee: ³	USD 1,437
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	USD 16
Search fee:	See Annex D(CA), (EG), (EP) or (TR)
Fee for priority document:	IQD 37,000 or USD 25
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Iraq Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ Depending on the applicant’s choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).

² The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

³ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2022, is ZAR 30,060.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are HUF 680,100 and ZAR 30,060.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are USD 358 for searches carried out in Korean and USD 955 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are NZD 3,368 for an entity other than a small or micro-entity; NZD 1,684 for a small entity, and NZD 842 for a micro-entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2022, is HUF 680,100.

[Updating of Annex D(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022 with the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of the Russian Federation.

[Updating of Annex C(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule will enter into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/>

DE Germany

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, which will enter into force on 1 July 2022, the **German Patent and Trade Mark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is German. The Office permits the language-dependent free text to be provided additionally in English as a second language.

IB International Bureau of WIPO

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, which will enter into force on 1 July 2022, the **International Bureau**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified that for language-dependent free text for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, it is prepared, under Rule 12.1(d), to accept any language. The International Bureau will accept the language-dependent free text be provided also in English, as a second language.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

Further to the notification by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** that the Agreement between the Office and the International Bureau will enter into force on 1 July 2022 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 May 2022, page 112), information on the requirements of the Office functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect from 1 July 2022, is given in Annexes D(EA) and E(EA), as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are CHF 129 and EUR 125 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 605 and EUR 586 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 August 2022, are CHF 179 and CHF 286 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule will enter into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description.

JP Japan

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, which will enter into force on 1 July 2022, the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified that for language-dependent free text for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, it is prepared, under Rule 12.1(d), to accept: English. The Office will accept the language-dependent free text be provided also in a language other than English, as a second language.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/>

D International Searching Authorities D
EA EURASIAN PATENT OFFICE (EAPO)¹ EA

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ²	Russian rouble (RUB)	9,000 ³	40,000 ⁴
	Euro (EUR)	103 ³	458 ⁴
	Swiss franc (CHF)	105 ³	467 ⁴
	US dollar (USD)	111 ³	495 ⁴
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ⁵	RUB	9,000 ³	40,000 ⁴
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each document containing non-patent literature cited in the report, free of charge		
How to obtain copies:	Applicants and designated (elected) Offices can request copies by e-mail at: info@eapo.org		
Fee(s):	RUB	100	per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 <i>ter</i>):	RUB	100	per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.		
	Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%		
	Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, carried out in respect of an earlier application by the Authority itself or by another International Searching Authority, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search: refund of 25% to 75%		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)): ⁵	RUB	3,500	
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c)): ⁵	RUB	4,000	
Languages accepted for international search:	English, Russian		
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1)?	Yes		
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R		
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the Eurasian Patent Convention.		

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¹ This Office will act as competent International Searching Authority as from 1 July 2022.

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

³ This fee applies to searches carried out in Russian.

⁴ This fee applies to searches carried out in English.

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

D **International Searching Authorities** **D**
EA **EURASIAN PATENT OFFICE (EAPO)⁶** **EA**

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁷

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁷

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

⁶ See footnote 1.

⁷ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4, see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

E International Preliminary Examining Authorities E

EA EURASIAN PATENT OFFICE (EAPO)¹ EA

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²		Examination carried out in:	
	Russian rouble (RUB)	Russian 6,750 (4,500) ³	English 24,000 (16,000) ³
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ⁴	RUB	6,000 (5,000) ³	23,500 (19,500) ³
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁵	USD	216	
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2): ²	The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report a copy of each document containing non-patent literature not cited in the international search report, free of charge.		
How to obtain copies:	Applicants and elected Offices can request copies by e-mail at: info@eapo.org		
Fee(s):	RUB	100 per page	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2): ²	RUB	100 per page	
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)) ²	RUB	3,500	
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2): ²	RUB	4,000	
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English, Russian		
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the Patent Regulations under the Eurasian Patent Convention		

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¹ This Office will act as competent International Preliminary Examining Authority as from 1 July 2022.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ This fee applies where the international search report was prepared by the Eurasian Patent Office.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

E **International Preliminary** **E**
Examining Authorities

EA **EURASIAN PATENT OFFICE (EAPO)⁶** **EA**

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁷

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁷

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

⁶ See footnote 1.

⁷ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4, see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are EUR 323 when filing online and EUR 484 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2022, is EUR 1,196.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are CHF 136, EUR 132 and USD 142, respectively, for searches carried out in Russian; and CHF 605, EUR 586 and USD 631, respectively, for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are EUR 1,034 for searches carried out in Japanese and EUR 1,222 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK 13,030
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK 150
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	NOK 1,960
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	NOK 2,940

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are USD 134 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 631 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule will enter into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description.

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is English or Russian.

The Office also accepts the language-dependent free text to be provided in both Russian and English within a single sequence listing.

KR Republic of Korea

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is English (recommended) or Korean.

The Office also accepts the language-dependent free text to be provided in both English and Korean within a single sequence listing.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/>

NO Norway

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is Norwegian or English.

The Office also accepts the language-dependent free text to be provided in both Norwegian and English within a single sequence listing.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TR Turkey

The International Bureau has been notified that the Country name “**Türkiye**” shall be used instead of “Turkey”. The corresponding two-letter code (TR) remains unchanged.

[Updating of Annexes B1(TR), C(TR) and L, and the National Chapter (Summary) (TR) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

HU Hungary

New equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF512,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF 5,800
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	HUF 77,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	HUF115,500

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IQ Iraq

The **Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO)** has specified the **Australian Patent Office** – in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 20 June 2022 with the IQPO (or with the International Bureau), in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Iraq.

[Updating of Annex C(IQ) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES, AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH, AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and in accordance with Sections 703, 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, and International Preliminary Examining Authority has notified the International Bureau of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 March 2021, pages 51 *et seq.*

With effect from 1 July 2022, the EPO will no longer accept sequence listings submitted under WIPO Standard ST.25. As from that date, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings will be WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, as from 1 July 2022, the items concerning electronic document formats specified by the EPO in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) will be the following:

FILING VIA EPO ONLINE FILING:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- ASCII (7- and 8-bit) (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

FILING VIA THE EPO WEB-FORM FILING SERVICE:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

FILING VIA THE EPO CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WIPO Standard ST.26 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

FILING VIA ePCT-FILING:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- DOCX containing JPEG converted into XML before submission
- WIPO Standard ST.26 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

FILING VIA ONLINE FILING 2.0 WITH INTEGRATED ePCT-FILING:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1);
- DOCX containing JPEG converted into XML before submission
- WIPO Standard ST.26 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

MY Malaysia

In accordance with PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(a)(ii), the **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau that, as from 30 June 2022, its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material are as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
MY - Malaysia Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia	Where applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request	At the time of filing (in the description)	Relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism. If the depositor is not the applicant, an authorization letter from the depositor must accompany the application at the time of filing or within 16 months from the priority date, or, where the applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule will enter into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description.

CA Canada

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is English or French.

The Office also accepts the language-dependent free text to be provided in both English and French within a single sequence listing.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/>

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MODIFICATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with Offices, Authorities and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the main purpose of which is to implement the new WIPO Standard ST.26 as the means for presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequences in international applications, were promulgated¹ with effect from 1 July 2022. These modifications were reproduced in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 February 2022, pages 55 *et. seq.*

Further to the aforementioned modifications, additional changes to the Administrative Instructions were promulgated², also with effect from 1 July 2022. The main purposes of these additional modifications are:

(i) to remove the reference to PCT/ISA/233 from the text of the Administrative Instructions, since the form is deleted with effect from 1 July 2022¹ (Section 102(a)(iii));

(ii) to clarify the procedures concerning the excuse of delays in meeting time limits and extensions of time limits under PCT Rule 82*quater*, and to establish a legal basis for waiver, by an Office, Authority or the International Bureau, of the need for evidence concerning an excuse of delay in meeting time limits (Sections 111(a) and (f));

(iii) to establish additional Gazette publication requirements by the International Bureau as a result of the amendments to Rule 82*quater* (Sections 111(b-*bis*) and (g), and paragraph 16 of Annex E); and

(iv) to remove references to the notification under Section 705*bis*(a), since the requirement for the notification was deleted from Section 705*bis*(a) with effect since 1 January 2019³ (Sections 710(b) and (c), and 714(a)).

The full text of the Administrative Instructions as in force since 1 July 2022 (PCT/AI/23) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/

¹ Refer to Circular C. PCT 1636 of 9 February 2022.

² Refer to Circular C. PCT 1644 of 27 June 2022.

³ Refer to Circular C. PCT 1526, dated February 5, 2018, and Circular C. PCT 1555, dated December 19, 2018.

TEXT OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
(as in force from 1 July 2022)

PART 1 -
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO GENERAL MATTERS

Section 102
Use of the Forms

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) to (k) and Section 103, the International Authorities shall use, or require the use of, the mandatory Forms specified below:

(i) [No change]

(ii) [No change]

(iii) Forms for use by the International Searching Authorities:

PCT/ISA/201	PCT/ISA/209	PCT/ISA/219	PCT/ISA/236
PCT/ISA/202	PCT/ISA/210	PCT/ISA/220	PCT/ISA/237
PCT/ISA/203	PCT/ISA/212	PCT/ISA/225	
PCT/ISA/205	PCT/ISA/217	PCT/ISA/234	
PCT/ISA/206	PCT/ISA/218	PCT/ISA/235	
PCT/SISA/501	PCT/SISA/504	PCT/SISA/507	
PCT/SISA/502	PCT/SISA/505	PCT/SISA/510	
PCT/SISA/503	PCT/SISA/506		

(iv) [No change]

(v) [No change]

(b) to (k) [No change]

Section 111
Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits and
Extension of Time Limits under Rule 82*quater*

(a) Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority, or the International Bureau receives a request under Rule 82*quater*.1 or 82*quater*.2 for the excuse of a delay in meeting a time limit, it shall promptly:

(i) [No change]

(ii) where applicable, transmit a copy of such a request, a copy of any evidence or statement furnished and a copy of its decision to the International Bureau.

(b) [No change]

(b-*bis*) The International Bureau shall promptly publish any waiver notified to it under Rule 82*quater*.1(d) in the Gazette.

(c) [No change]

(d) [No change]

(e) [No change]

(f) Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority, or the International Bureau establishes a period of extension or additional period of extension under Rule 82*quater*.3, any time limit fixed in the Regulations for performing a particular action before that specific Office, Authority or the International Bureau which would expire during that period shall, subject to Rule 80.5, expire on the first day after the expiration of that period.

(g) The International Bureau shall promptly publish in the Gazette any notification of period of extension or additional period of extension received by it under Rule 82*quater*.3.

PART 7 -
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE FILING AND PROCESSING
IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

Section 710
Notification and Publication of Receiving Offices’
Requirements and Practices

(a) [No change]⁴ A notification by a receiving Office to the International Bureau under Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 703(a) that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form shall indicate, where applicable:

(i) [No change] the electronic document formats (including, where applicable, the versions of such electronic document formats), means of transmittal, types of electronic packages, electronic filing software and types of electronic signature specified by it under Section 703(b)(i) to (iv) and (c), and any options specified by it under the basic common standard;

(ii) [No change] the conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt, including hours of operation, choices for processes to verify or acknowledge receipt, choices for electronic communication of invitations and notifications, any methods of online payment, details concerning any help desks, electronic and software requirements and other administrative matters related to the filing in electronic form of international applications and related documents;

(iii) [No change] the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to or by the Office in electronic form;

(iv) [No change] whether and under what conditions the Office accepts the filing under Section 706(a) and (f), of documents in pre-conversion formats and the electronic document format(s) (including, where applicable, the versions of such electronic document format(s)) accepted by it under that Section;

(v) [No change] procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available;

(vi) [No change] the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office, and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued;

(vii) [No change] the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form.

(b) The receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of any change in the matters previously indicated by it in a notification under paragraph (a) of this Section.

(c) The International Bureau shall promptly publish in the Gazette any notification received by it under paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section.

(d) [No change]

⁴ Editor’s note: Paragraphs 710(a)(i) to (vii) are not modified, but have been reproduced here for ease of reference.

Section 714
Furnishing by the International Bureau of Copies of Documents
Kept in Electronic Form; Designated Offices' Signature Requirements

(a) Where any International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority or designated Office has not notified the International Bureau in accordance with Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to process international applications in electronic form, the International Bureau shall furnish to that Office or Authority a copy on paper of any document which is kept by the International Bureau in electronic form and which that Office or Authority is entitled to receive. The International Bureau may also, upon request by the Authority or Office concerned, furnish such copy in electronic form.

(b) [No change]

ANNEX E -
INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE
UNDER RULE 86.1(v)

1. to 15. [No change]

16. Any period of extension or additional period of extension under Rule 82*quater*.3.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: 1300 65 10 10 (local)
(61-2) 6222 3626 (international)

[Updating of Annex B1(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULES 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) AND 20.5*bis*(d) WITH NATIONAL LAWS

EP European Patent Organisation

Further to its notifications⁵ under PCT Rule 20.8(a-*bis*) and (b-*bis*), regarding the incompatibility of the legal framework of the *Convention on the Grant of European Patents (EPC)* with PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications (refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 January 2020, pages 11 and 12), the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacities as receiving Office and designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that, following the entry into force of new Rule 56a EPC, the *Convention on the Grant of European Patents* will be compatible with the aforementioned PCT Rules as from **1 November 2022**.

⁵ The current list of PCT reservations, declarations, notifications and incompatibilities is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATION BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) may participate, as a “participating Office”, in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (“IB”) for PCT purposes (the “WIPO Fee Transfer Service”), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

An Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a collecting Office may transfer the following fees and related differences, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.⁶

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences from the collecting Office to the International Bureau, for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

Between 1 January and 30 June 2022 (inclusive),⁷ the following Office notified the International Bureau of its participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

⁶ Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

⁷ The complete list of Offices participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, as of 31 December 2021, is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 January 2022 (pages 7 *et seq.*).

PCT Fee Transfers					
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	Differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
NL Netherlands Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are SGD 1,743 and USD 1,250 for searches carried out in English, and USD 1,057 for searches carried out in Japanese.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are SGD 484 for searches carried out in Korean and SGD 1,290 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** and **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are JPY 217,300 and KRW 2,074,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89bis.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 June 2016, pages 133 *et seq.* (as modified in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 27 February 2020, pages 30 *et seq.*).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, CNIPA will no longer accept sequence listings submitted under WIPO Standard ST.25. As from that date, the electronic document format for the filing of sequence listings must comply with WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by CNIPA in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

[Updating of Annex C(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule will enter into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/>

IL Israel

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is English.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MA Morocco

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is French.

[Updating of Annex C(MA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MX Mexico

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description is Spanish.

The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be provided in both Spanish and English within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EA Eurasian Patent Organisation

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 July 2022, is RUB 2,000.

[Updating of Annex C(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees and of an amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)), in **Malaysian ringgit (MYR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 18 March 2022, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	<i>Electronic filing</i>	<i>Paper filing</i>
	MYR 550	[No change]
plus, for one to ten pages:		MYR 5
plus, for 11 to 20 pages:		MYR 10
plus, for 21 to 50 pages:		MYR 40
plus, for 51 pages or more:		MYR 60
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	MYR 550	for first 10 pages
plus	MYR 7	per page, for each additional page
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d)):	MYR 150	

[Updating of Annex C(MY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its specification of competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities. In particular, with effect since 12 July 2022, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) are the only competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Lithuania before the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania, or before the receiving Office of the International Bureau.

Furthermore, the Office notified that, also with effect since 12 July 2022, the languages in which the international application may filed are Lithuanian and English, and the language in which the request may be filed is English.

[Updating of Annex C(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee,¹ in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 July 2022, as follows:

Unitary procedural fee (for filing, search, publication and other processing) ²	RUB 36,000
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Claim fee for each claim:

– in excess of five: ³	RUB 4,800
– in excess of 20: ³	RUB 5,200
– in excess of 50: ³	RUB 6,500

¹ This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person who is a national or resident of any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention, by 70% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a state science or a state educational organization of any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention, by 10% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a legal person with a principal place of business in any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention and by 50% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person who is a national or resident of any of the states listed on the Office's website at: www.eapo.org/ru/documents/norm/prilposh_2019.html

² Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

³ Must be furnished or paid within two months from the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) or within two months from the date on which the applicant files a special request for early entry into the national phase.

Examination fee:

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| – for one invention: | RUB 40,000 |
| – for a group of inventions including one independent claim: | RUB 40,000 |
| – additional fee for the second independent claim: | RUB 25,000 |
| – additional fee for each independent claim in excess of two claims: | RUB 13,000 |

Furthermore, the Office notified a change in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, which are now as follows:

The unitary procedural fee is reduced by 25% where an international search report has been established, or by 40% where an international search report has been established by the EAPO.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Austrian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 February 2014, pages 26 *et seq.* (as modified by the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 July 2019, page 102).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

[Updating of Annex C(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 July 2016, pages 163 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 2 June 2016, pages 108 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DK Denmark

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 7 July 2016, pages 157 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IE Ireland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office of Ireland**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 July 2019, pages 105 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MY Malaysia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 September 2014, pages 138 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

[Updating of Annex C(MY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 February 2018, pages 196 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 31 May 2018, pages 244 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TN Tunisia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 21 November 2019, pages 182 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)

- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
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- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(TN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)⁴ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,⁵ the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁴ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/>

⁵ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Portuguese, English or Spanish). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CN China

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** is prepared to accept Chinese or English. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both Chinese and English within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IE Ireland

The **Intellectual Property Office of Ireland** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(MY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** is prepared to accept Danish, English, Finnish, Norwegian, or Swedish. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language.

[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TN Tunisia

The **National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI (Tunisia))** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Arabic, French or English). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(TN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are CHF 315 when filing online and CHF 471 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EA Eurasian Patent Organisation (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are EUR 157 for searches carried out in Russian; and EUR 697 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	1,132
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	13
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	GBP	170
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	GBP	255

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2022, is CHF 1,024.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are USD 126, or USD 31 in the case of filing by an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	2,208
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	25
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	NZD	332
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	NZD	498

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2022, are EUR 148 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 697 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

JO Jordan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 July 2017, pages 106 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(JO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 September 2014, pages 140 *et seq.* (as corrected in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 November 2014, page 173).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 January 2015, pages 5 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of international applications in electronic form.

In particular, since 1 July 2022, international applications containing a sequence listing as a separate part of the description should be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format.

Furthermore, where the international application is filed on paper, the sequence listing part of the description should be furnished in WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format on physical medium.

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,² the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** is prepared to accept English, French or German. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** is prepared to accept English, or the same language as used in the international application (French or German). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and any other language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JO Jordan

The **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Arabic or English). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(JO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Chinese or English). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS: NOTIFICATIONS BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the types of physical media accepted by the Authority for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form, under PCT Rule 13*ter*.1 and in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as follows:

The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file (for applications with a filing date prior to 1 July 2022, WIPO Standard ST.25 applies) or one XML file (for applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, WIPO Standard ST.26 applies) on a single standard (ISO 9660) CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD or DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,502.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	13,830
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	160
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NOK	2,080
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NOK	3,120

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 October 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	23,410
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	260
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR	3,520
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR	5,280

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 21 April 2016, pages 79 *et seq.* (as modified by the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 3 December 2020, page 269).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office¹ (United Kingdom)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 32/2004 of 5 August 2004, pages 18092 *et seq.* (as modified by the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 April 2022, page 103).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IT Italy

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 November 2017, pages 179 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

¹ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LT Lithuania

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 November 2021, pages 190 *et seq.* (as corrected in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 November 2021, pages 208 *et seq.*).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PL Poland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 5 November 2015, pages 178 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

[Updating of Annex C(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

QA Qatar

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 August 2015, pages 136 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(QA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SA Saudi Arabia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 January 2015, pages 13 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

[Updating of Annex C(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 2 June 2016, pages 112 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

[Updating of Annex C(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)² of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

² Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,³ the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Bulgarian, English or Russian). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** is prepared to accept English, French, German or Italian. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English or Lithuanian). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English, French, German or Polish). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Arabic or English). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English, French, German or Slovak). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2022, are USD 306 when filing online, and USD 459 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Türkiye

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

[Updating of Annex D(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XV Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2022, is USD 1,816.

[Updating of Annex D(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 7 July 2022 with the Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacity as receiving Offices, by nationals and residents of Armenia.

[Updating of Annex C(AM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **State Agency of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic (Kyrgyzpatent)** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022 with Kyrgyzpatent, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacity as receiving Offices, by nationals and residents of Kyrgyzstan.

[Updating of Annex C(KG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TJ Tajikistan

The **National Center for Patents and Information under the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 6 July 2022 with the National Center for Patents and Information under the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacity as receiving Offices, by nationals and residents of Tajikistan.

[Updating of Annex C(TJ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AL Albania

The **General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)** in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 October 2022, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)). The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (355-69) 785 6715
- by e-mail at: info@dppi.gov.al

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.dppi.gov.al).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm).
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf).

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(AL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LV Latvia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Latvian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 February 2015, pages 34 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

[Updating of Annex C(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UG Uganda

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 February 2020, pages 20 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(UG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,² the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UG Uganda

The **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(UG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2022, are as follows:

Search fee: EUR 1,954

Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities: EUR 391 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)

Reduced search fee for universities: EUR 293 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee.)

[Updating of Annex D(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2022, are EUR 977 or EUR 391 (the latter applies where the applicant is a small entity).¹

[Updating of Annex D(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2022, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	10.91	(online)
	EUR	21.82	(on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	16.37	(electronic copy)
	EUR	43.62	(paper copy)
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	163.60	(request filed online)
	EUR	327.20	(request filed on paper)

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of the national filing fee in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable since 1 July 2022, are as follows:

National fee:²

For patent:

Filing fee: ³	EUR	54.54	(online)
	EUR	109.08	(on paper)

For utility model:

Filing fee: ³	EUR	54.54	(online)
	EUR	109.08	(on paper)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the applicant may still file the translation and/or pay the fee within one month from the expiration of the applicable time limit, subject to the payment of a surcharge equal to 50% of the filing fee.

³ Includes publication and examination.

UA Ukraine

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2022, are USD 102 for searches carried out in Ukrainian or Russian, and USD 306 for searches carried out in English, French or German.

[Updating of Annex D(UA) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2022, are EUR 2,132 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, EUR 1,066 for a small entity, and EUR 533 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

Corrigendum

The reference to Annex F, section 3.1.1.2 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as contained in the notifications by receiving Offices and Authorities published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 May 2022 (pages 133 and 136), 30 June 2022 (pages 165-166), 14 July 2022 (page 178), 21 July 2022 (pages 184-190), 28 July 2022 (pages 197-199) and 4 August 2022 (pages 205-210), was incorrect.

The correct reference with regard to the electronic document format for sequence listings (WIPO Standard ST.26 XML) is Annex F, section 3.1.1.4. Consequently, the item concerning the electronic document format “WIPO Standard ST.26 XML”, contained in notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), is replaced by the following:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)

[Updating of Annexes C(AT), (AU), (BG), (BR), (CN), (DE), (DK), (EP), (GB), (IE), (IT), (JO), (LT), (MK), (MY), (NZ), (PL), (QA), (RS), (SA), (SE), (SG), (SK) and (TN) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

BN Brunei Darussalam

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BrulPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 January 2016, pages 9 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(BN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CZ Czechia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 June 2015, pages 101 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)

- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(CZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 03/2004, pages 1732 *et seq.* (as modified by the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 October 2010, page 175, and 12 August 2021, page 136).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- ASCII (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GE Georgia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 1 June 2017, pages 82 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)⁴ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

⁴ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) is added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,⁵ the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BrulPO)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(BN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CZ Czechia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic** is prepared to accept English, French, German or Czech. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(CZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** is prepared to accept Spanish. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and Spanish within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁵ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)**⁶ is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English or Welsh). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and Welsh within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English, Georgian or Russian). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁶ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and now accepts the filing of all types of documents by e-mail (at: patents@bruipo.gov.bn); the original hard copy of the document(s) must still be furnished in all cases.

[Updating of Annex B1(BN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CV Cabo Verde

The **Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 September 2022 with IGQPI, or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Cabo Verde.

JM Jamaica

Information on the requirements of the **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)** as receiving Office is provided in Annex C(JM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,² the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

JM Jamaica

The **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly. Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, is able to participate in DAS, either as an office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect since 1 August 2022.³

[Updating of Annex B1(IR) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

³ For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12533

PL Poland

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as an accessing Office, with effect from 1 September 2022.⁴

⁴ For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12536

C	Receiving Offices	C
JM	JAMAICA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE (JIPO)	JM

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Jamaica
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language accepted for language-dependent free text in the sequence listing:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{1, 2}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ³
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office or European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office or European Patent Office ⁴

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¹ Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

² Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format.

³ With effect from 22 August 2022. The relevant notification by the Office will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* shortly.

⁴ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

C **Receiving Offices** **C**

JM **JAMAICA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY** **JM**

OFFICE (JIPO)

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Jamaican dollar (JMD)
Transmittal fee:	JMD 8,500
International filing fee: ⁵	Equivalent in JMD of US dollars 1,437
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	Equivalent in JMD of US dollars 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	Equivalent in JMD of US dollars 216 ⁶
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	Equivalent in JMD of US dollars 324 ⁶
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (AU), (CA) or (EP)
Fee for priority document:	JMD 4,500
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	JMD 3,500
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Jamaica Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Jamaica
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁷
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	None
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

⁵ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(1B)).

⁶ See footnote 3.

⁷ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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PH Philippines

Due to inclement weather conditions, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 1 p.m. on 23 August to 24 August 2022 (inclusive). Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell during the aforementioned closure, that period expired on 25 August 2022.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CU Cuba

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Cuban Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 January 2016, pages 28 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(CU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DJ Djibouti

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 October 2021, pages 166 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
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- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(DJ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EC Ecuador

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **National Service of Intellectual Rights (SENADI) (Ecuador)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 July 2019, pages 102 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(EC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SI Slovenia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 21 September 2017, pages 134 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(SI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26², the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** is prepared to accept Spanish. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(CU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EC Ecuador

The **National Service of Intellectual Rights (SENADI) (Ecuador)** is prepared to accept Spanish. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(EC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English or German). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SI Slovenia

The **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** is prepared to accept English, French, German or Slovene. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(SI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2022, is ZAR 25,560.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HU Hungary

New equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF 549,600
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF 6,200
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	HUF 82,600
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	HUF 124,000

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2022, are EUR 124 and EUR 31 (in the case of filing by an individual).

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AZ Azerbaijan

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 27 July 2022, by nationals and residents of Azerbaijan, , with the Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacity as receiving Offices.

[Updating of Annex C(AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes regarding the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase, with effect from 3 October 2022, as follows:

Under PCT Article 22: Description, other than any sequence listings; claims, if the description or claims contained in the international application are entirely in a language other than English or French (if amended, as amended only, together with any statement under PCT Article 19).

Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, other than any sequence listings; claims, if the description or claims contained in the international application are entirely in a language other than English or French (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report).

Applicants may enter the national phase with untranslated portions of the description or claims only where those elements of the international application are partly in a language other than English or French; however, untranslated text matter will not be taken into account for the purpose of interpreting the scope of protection sought or obtained.

Furthermore, the Office notified changes to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27). As from 3 October 2022, the Office will require the following:

- The name and postal address of each inventor;
- A statement that either (i) the applicant/applicants is/are entitled to apply for a patent, (ii) the applicant is the sole inventor or, if there are joint applicants, the applicants are all inventors and the sole inventors, or (iii) a declaration in accordance with Rule 4.17(ii) of the Regulations under the PCT;

- If the Commissioner reasonably doubts that the person who entered the national phase is the applicant of the international application or his/her legal representative, the Commissioner will require evidence to establish ownership rights in the international application;¹
- Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not the inventor;
- Evidence of the consent of the appointment of the patent agent is required when the document appointing that agent is submitted by someone other than the patent agent being appointed.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of several changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 27 October 2016, pages 216 *et seq.*

In particular, the Office has notified changes to the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, as well as to the available methods of online payment and the details concerning its help desk.

Consequently, with effect since 1 July 2022, the following notification replaces the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette):

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
 - (a) JISX 0208
 - (b) Shift-JIS
 - (c) IBM943-Unicode3.0/UTF-8 table in IBM AIX
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JFIF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

¹ An applicant may provide documentation with the request to enter the national phase establishing how the person who entered the national phase is the applicant of the international application or the legal representative. Such documentation may include: Form PCT/IB/306, a document effecting the transfer of rights, or a change of name document.

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- JPO PAS (Internet version)

As to types of electronic signatures (Section 710(a)(i)):

Enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4) is needed as a signature under PCT Article 14(1)(a)(i).

Text string signature can be used for other purposes, such as the signature for a declaration of inventorship under Section 214.

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the above-mentioned means of transmittal or document packaging that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates, applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by issuing an error message.

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The following means of online payment are accepted: (i) payment by JPO's deposit account, (ii) payment to the Japanese government account by online banking, or (iii) payment by credit cards.

In addition, the following means of payment are accepted: (i) payment by patent revenue stamps, or (ii) payment to the Japanese government account by bank transfer.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a support center for online filing.

The task of this support center is to answer questions from users of the service for the online filing of patents, and to serve as a technical hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

This support center is open from Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays, from 9:00 a.m. until 6:15 p.m., and it may be contacted:

- by phone, at: +81 (0)3 5744 8534
- by fax, at: +81 (0)3 3582 0510

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software²

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept no filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information on its website (www.jpo.go.jp) concerning the availability of online filing systems.

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Registrar of Legal Affairs Bureau
(www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/CERTIFICATION/index.html)
- Secom Trust Systems Co., Ltd. (www.secomtrust.net/service/ninsyo/forgid.html)
- Nippon Denshi Ninsho Co., Ltd. (www.ninsho.co.jp/aosign/index.html)
- Teikoku Databank, Ltd. (www.tdb.co.jp/typeA/index.html)
- e-Probatio CA (www.e-probatio.com)

² Applicable since 1 April 2016.

- Japannet Corporation (www.japannet.jp/ca/index.html)
- Tohoku Information Systems Co., Inc. (<https://www.toinx.net/ebs/info.html>)
- JPki (www.jpki.go.jp)
- J-LIS (www.kojinbango-card.go.jp/kojinbango/)
- GPki (www.gpki.go.jp)
- LGPki (www.lgpki.jp)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CV Cabo Verde

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

On 14 July 2022, **Cabo Verde** deposited its instrument of accession to the *Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the Framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (Harare Protocol)* and will become bound by that Protocol on 14 October 2022. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 14 October 2022 will include the designation of Cabo Verde for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent.

Moreover, from 14 October 2022, nationals and residents of Cabo Verde will be able to file international applications with ARIPO in its capacity as receiving Office, in addition to the Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde) and the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B2(AP) and C(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2022, is SGD 2,495.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2022, is NZD 2,428.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2022, is SGD 2,495.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

A new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2022, is KRW 274,000.

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-bis) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,² the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the language(s) it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Arabic, English or French). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(DJ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

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BR Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2022, are USD 326 when filing online, and USD 488 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 November 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 190,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 2,100
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY 42,900
Handling fee:	JPY 28,600

[Updating of Annexes C(JP) and E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 November 2022, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK 14,650
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK 170

Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SEK	2,200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SEK	3,300
Handling fee:	SEK	2,200

[Updating of Annexes C(SE) and E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EE Estonia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Estonian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 April 2015, pages 71 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

[Updating of Annex C(EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 10 November 2016, pages 230 *et seq.*

In particular, the Office notified changes to the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, as well as to the details concerning its help desk and to the electronic addresses of certificate policies under which certificates are issued.

Consequently, with effect since 1 July 2022, the following notification replaces the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette):

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing
- EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office contains, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1), or if outdated certificates have been used, that a notification of receipt will not be generated. Other errors, such as applications being infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic, are notified to the applicant in the acknowledgement of receipt.

Where it transpires that an acknowledgement of receipt transmitted to the applicant by electronic means was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

No online payment is available. The following means of deferred payment are accepted: payment by debit card or by bank transfer.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of patents, the Office has put in place a help desk for applicants.

The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of patents, and in particular to serve as a technical hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 9.00 a.m. until 4.15 p.m.

The PRH patent help desk may be contacted as follows:

- by telephone at: (358-0) 29509 5858
- by web form (in Finnish) at the following address:
https://www.prh.fi/fi/patentit/palvelut_ja_tietokannat/epoline_online_filing_eolf/helpdesk.html
- further information:
<https://www.prh.fi/en/patentit/servicesanddatabases/patentadvisoryservice.html>

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application. The files should be in ZIP format and contain texts either in ASCII plain text or in any other commonly known format.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

The Office will provide on its website (www.prh.fi) information concerning possible interruptions in electronic filing services.

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

EPO online filing software:

- citizen certificates on identity cards issued by the Finnish Police (for the certificate policy, see <https://dvv.fi/en/certificates>)
- organization certificates on organization cards issued by the Finnish Population Register Center (for the certificate policy, see <https://dvv.fi/en/certificates>)
- European Patent Office certificate on EPO smart cards issued by the European Patent Office CA (for the certificate policy, see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security.html)

ePCT-Filing:

- WIPO customer certificate issued by the WIPO Customer CA (for the certificate policy, see <https://www.wipo.int/pct-eservices/en/certificates.html>)
- European Patent Office certificate on EPO smart cards issued by the European Patent Office CA (for the certificate policy, see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

ePCT private services provide access to files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.

[Updating of Annex C(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IQ Iraq

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the Iraqi Patent Office (IQPO), in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect since **4 September 2022**, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (964-782) 264 19 31
- by e-mail at: IQPO@cosqc.gov.iq

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.cosqc.gov.iq).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(IQ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JM Jamaica

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89bis.1(d) and 89bis.2 and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Jamaica Intellectual Property Office (JIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect since **22 August 2022**, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (876) 946 1300
- by e-mail at: patent@jipo.gov.jm

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.jipo.gov.jm).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(JM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Türkiye

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 May 2015, pages 87 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

[Updating of Annex C(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,² the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

EE Estonia – Corrigendum

Incorrect information was published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 1 September 2022 (page 242), concerning the languages of the language-dependent free text which the **Estonian Patent Office** is prepared to accept.

As indicated in the aforementioned publication, the Office is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (English or German); however, the Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** is prepared to accept English, Finnish or Swedish. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language (Finnish or Swedish) within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MK North Macedonia

The **State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(MK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Türkiye

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** is prepared to accept English or the same language as used in the international application (French, German, or Turkish). The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language (French, German, Turkish) within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

CV Cabo Verde

General information on **Cabo Verde** as a PCT Contracting State is provided in Annex B1(CV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

ME Montenegro

The **Ministry of Economic Development, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office: Ministry of Economic Development and
Tourism of Montenegro

[Updating of Annex B1(ME) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ME Montenegro

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

On 15 July 2022, **Montenegro** deposited its instrument of accession to the *European Patent Convention (EPC)* and will become bound by that Convention on 1 October 2022. Consequently, as from 1 October 2022, it will be possible for applicants to designate Montenegro in their international applications for the purposes of obtaining a European patent.

Moreover, from 1 October 2022, nationals and residents of Montenegro will be able to file international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, in addition to the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B1(ME), B2(EP) and C(EP), and of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2022, is USD 304.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2022, are CHF 999 for an application in Japanese,¹ and CHF 1,181 for an application in English.²

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2022, are CHF 330 for searches carried out in Korean and CHF 880 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2022, is EUR 1,593.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SY Syrian Arab Republic

The **Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection, Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of fee amounts in **Syrian pounds (SYP)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office since 15 June 2022, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): SYP 5,000

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): SYP 3,000

[Updating of Annex C(SY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3. This fee is reduced for applications by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, refer to: https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

² For international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

RECEIVING OFFICES

ME Montenegro

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism of Montenegro** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 October 2022, it will cease to act as a receiving Office under the PCT and, from this date, will delegate its receiving Office functions to the **European Patent Office (EPO)**.

However, pursuant to Article 124 of the *Patent Law* of Montenegro and in accordance with PCT Article 27(8), any international application filed by a national or resident of Montenegro, which concerns an invention of significance for the defense and security of Montenegro, must be filed with the Ministry of Defence of Montenegro. Where the Ministry of Defence of Montenegro decides not to apply measures to restrict the publication or communication of the information contained in the international application, the said application will be forwarded to the EPO as receiving Office.

For further information, refer to Articles 124 and 125 of the *Patent Law* of Montenegro and Rule 157(3) of the *European Patent Convention*.

[Updating of Annex B1(ME) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CV Cabo Verde

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89bis.1(d) and 89bis.2 and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from **31 October 2022**, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (238) 260 43 40
- by e-mail at: dsppi@igqpi.gov.cv

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.igqpi.cv).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

B1	Information on Contracting States	B1
CV	CABO VERDE	CV
	General information	

Name of Office:	Instituto de Gestão da Qualidade e da Propriedade Intelectual (IGQPI) Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde)
Location and mailing address:	Av. Amílcar Cabral, nº 27 R/C, Plateau, C.P. 7600-146, Praia, Santiago, Cabo Verde
Telephone:	(238) 260 43 40
E-mail:	geraligqpi@mice.gov.cv dsp@igqpi.gov.cv
Internet:	https://www.igqpi.cv
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Cabo Verde:	Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde), ARIPO Office ¹ or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Cabo Verde is designated (or elected):	National protection: Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI) (Cabo Verde) ARIPO protection ¹ : ARIPO Office (see National Phase)
May Cabo Verde be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, provisional patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a patent) ARIPO ¹ : Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)

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¹ With effect from 14 October 2022. For further details, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 15 September 2022, page 251.

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Provisions of the law of Cabo Verde concerning international-type search:	None
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Provisional protection after international publication:	None
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Information of interest if Cabo Verde is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Cabo Verde is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within two months from the date of the invitation.
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Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes
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For an ARIPO patent² — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2

² See footnote 1.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CZ Czechia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: posta@upv.gov.cz

[Updating of Annex B1(CZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ME Montenegro

The **Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone number, e-mail address and Internet address, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (382) 20 234 591

E-mail: dragana.ranitovic@mek.gov.me

Internet: www.gov.me/mek

[Updating of Annex B1(ME) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

Due to inclement weather conditions, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 26 September 2022. Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell during the aforementioned closure, that period expired on 27 September 2022.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of the provisions of its national legislation concerning restrictions to the filing of international applications by nationals and residents of Romania.

In particular, for inventions made in Romania that concern a subject matter of significance for national security, a national or resident of Romania must file the international application directly with the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania), pursuant to Articles 4(3) and 7 of the *Regulations on the Implementation of the Patent Law No. 64/1991 (approved by Government Decision No. 547/2008 of May 21, 2008)*.

[Updating of Annex B1(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CN China

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 October 2020 (page 223), the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of the extension of the two-year pilot project under which the European Patent Office (EPO) was specified as competent International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed by nationals and residents of China, in English, with the CNIPA or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau, from 1 December 2020 until 30 November 2022. Pursuant to the consensus reached by the CNIPA and the EPO, the pilot project will be extended for one year, from 1 December 2022 to 30 November 2023, for a maximum of 3,000 applications.

The terms of the transitional phase will continue to apply, under which applicants who file an international application with the CNIPA as receiving Office and select the EPO as ISA will be required to pay the international search fee directly to the EPO, in **euros (EUR)**.¹ In addition, applicants participating in the pilot, whose international search is performed by the EPO as ISA, may still file a demand for international preliminary examination with the EPO, in its capacity as IPEA.

For additional details, refer to:

<https://www.epo.org/news-events/news/2022/20220916.html> (in English); and

https://www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2022/9/16/art_364_153578.html (in Chinese).

[Updating of Annex C(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For a list of fees payable to the EPO as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, refer to the Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (available at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf), and Annexes D(EP), SISA(EP) and E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 July 2020, pages 150 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)² of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended Rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

² Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,³ the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** is prepared to accept Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian, Swedish, English, French or German. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2, an Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (a “participating Office”)⁴ as a “collecting Office” may transfer the following fees and related differences to another Office (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office (“RO”) for the benefit of the International Bureau (“IB”);
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority (“ISA”);
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search (“SISA”);
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.⁵

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences, from the collecting Office to the International Bureau for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

Between 1 July and 30 September 2022 (inclusive), the following Offices notified the International Bureau of their participation, or of a change in the scope of their participation, in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Part II.1 of Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

⁴ A participating Office may refer to a PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”) or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”).

⁵ Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

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International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	Differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency	
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name) ⁶	Scope of Participation				
EA Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AZ, BY, IB, RU</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in RUB, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EA (AM, KG, TJ)</i>
PA Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/BR, CL, EP, ES, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

⁶ Rows relating to participating Offices having an agreement with the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)* are identified by light grey shading.

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KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendments to Annexes A and D

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) and (iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annexes A and D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 December 2022, consist of the addition of **Cabo Verde** to the States indicated in item (i) of Annex A and in item (4) of Part II of Annex D.

As from 1 December 2022, Annexes A and D will read as follows:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

(ii) [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf

Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of fees and charges

[No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) to (3) [No change]

(4) Where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant, is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States, the amount of the search fee to be paid is reduced by 75%: Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.

(5) to (6) [No change]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2022, are USD 330 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and USD 881 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2022, are NZD 3,820 and ZAR 39,360 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, NZD 1,910 and ZAR 19,680 for a small entity, and NZD 955 and ZAR 9,840 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CV Cabo Verde

The **Institute for Quality Management and Intellectual Property (IGQPI (Cabo Verde))** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office – in addition to the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed on or after 17 October 2022 and 1 December 2022, respectively, with IGQPI or the receiving Office of the International Bureau of WIPO, by nationals and residents of Cabo Verde.

Further information on the requirements of the Office, as receiving Office, is provided in Annex C(CV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
CV **INSTITUTE FOR QUALITY MANAGEMENT** **CV**
AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (IGQPI)
(CABO VERDE)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Cabo Verde
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, Portuguese ¹
Language(s) in which the sequence listing may be filed:	Same as the language of filing (English or Portuguese); or both
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, Portuguese
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2,3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the due care and the “unintentional” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, ⁵ Korean Intellectual Property Office ⁶ or National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office, ^{5,7} Korean Intellectual Property Office ⁶ or National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)

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¹ Depending on the applicant’s choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).
² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).
³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this should be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.26 XML format; no fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format.
⁴ With effect from 31 October 2022. The relevant notification by the Office will be published in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* shortly.
⁵ With effect from 17 October 2022.
⁶ [With effect from 1 December 2022.](#)
⁷ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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UZ Uzbekistan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 8 October 2020, pages 206 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(UZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended Rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,² the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

UZ Uzbekistan

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan** has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept English or Russian for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and Russian within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(UZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MK North Macedonia

The **State Office of Industrial Property (North Macedonia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Str. Dame Gruev, No. 14
1000 Skopje
North Macedonia

[Updating of Annex B1(MK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DZ Algeria

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of the amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Algerian dinars (DZD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This fee, applicable since 1 January 2022, is DZD 10,000.

[Updating of Annex C(DZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

PA Panama

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 October 2016, pages 207 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
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- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(PA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended Rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,² the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

PA Panama

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept Spanish for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(PA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.2(a)

IB International Bureau of WIPO

In accordance with PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the **International Bureau of WIPO** hereby notifies the following period of unavailability of one of its permitted electronic means of communication:

- ePCT system: 19 October 2022, from 2:30 a.m. to 6:25 a.m. CEST (Central European Summer Time)

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 July 2020, pages 155 *et seq.*

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html>

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ME Montenegro

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **Ministry of Economic Development and Tourism (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau that Montenegro, which became bound by the *European Patent Convention (EPC)* on 1 October 2022, has closed the national route for obtaining patent protection via the PCT, with effect since the aforementioned date.

Consequently, and in accordance with Article 153a of the *Patent Law* of Montenegro and PCT Article 45(2), any designation of Montenegro in an international application filed on or after 1 October 2022 shall constitute an indication under PCT Rule 4.9(iii) that the international application is for the grant of a regional (European) patent for Montenegro.

[Updating of Annex B1(ME) and of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office and applicable since 1 December 2021, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 237	(online)
	[no change]	(on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 32	

[Updating of Annex C(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** has clarified the conditions for exemption of national search and examination fees, as follows:

For applications filed on or before 1 January 2017, no search or examination fee is payable, if an international search report or preliminary examination report has been established for the international application.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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CA Canada

Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendments to Annex D

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will take effect on 1 January 2023, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 1 January 2023, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Canadian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,684.12
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,684.12
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	842.06
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	842.06
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2) in electronic form	
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus	[no change]
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes	[no change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page (paper)	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ca.pdf

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2023, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	CAD	1,684.12
Additional search fee ² (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	CAD	1,684.12

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of fees in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, also applicable from 1 January 2023, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	CAD	842.06
Additional preliminary examination fee ³ (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	CAD	842.06

[Updating of Annex E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CH Switzerland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 June 2017, pages 88 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(CH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 August 2016, pages 176 *et seq.* (as modified in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 5 May 2022, page 110).

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MA Morocco

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 6 April 2017, pages 63 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26.

Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(MA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)⁴ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended Rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-bis) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022.

⁴ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,⁵ the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

CH Switzerland

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept English, French or German for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. The Office also permits the language-dependent free text to be filed in both English and another filing language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(CH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁵ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

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US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its specification of competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities.

In particular, with effect from 1 December 2022, the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Israel Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office (JPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the USPTO are the only competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO, or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau.

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 December 2014, pages 190 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

[Updating of Annex C(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HR Croatia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notifications published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 December 2012, pages 180 *et seq.* and 22 February 2018, pages 193 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notifications published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended Rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-bis) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,² the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Offices, in their capacity as receiving Offices, have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which they are prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** is prepared to accept Spanish. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** is prepared to accept the same language as used in the international application (Croatian or English). The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following consultations undertaken by the Director General of WIPO in October 2022, in accordance with the Directives adopted by the PCT Assembly¹ and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the **international filing fee** (including the fee per sheet over 30 and fee reductions when an international application is filed in electronic form) and the **handling fee**, respectively, have been established in **various currencies**, with effect from 1 January 2023, as indicated in table 1 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts in the prescribed currencies, and, in bold print, the new equivalent amounts of those fees corresponding to the amounts in Swiss francs (CHF) set out in the current Schedule of Fees.²

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of **search fees** have been established in **receiving Offices' currencies** for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2023, as indicated in table 2 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts (in receiving Offices' currencies) and, in bold print, any new amounts of the search fees fixed,³ or to be fixed,⁴ by the International Searching Authority and the new equivalent amounts of all search fees, in the currencies other than the currency in which the International Searching Authority has fixed its fees.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the **supplementary search fees** have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, also with effect from 1 January 2023, for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, as indicated in table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current amounts of the supplementary search fees (in the currencies in which the Authority has fixed its fees), and, in bold print, any new amounts⁵ of the supplementary search fees fixed by the Authority, as well as the new equivalent amounts of those fees in Swiss francs (CHF), with effect from 1 January 2023.

¹ The Directives of the PCT Assembly relating to the establishment of equivalent amounts of certain fees are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/equivalent_amounts.html

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/rtax.html>

³ Applicable only to the search fees fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

⁴ Applicable only to the search fees to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent), and the Nordic Patent Institute.

⁵ Applicable only to the supplementary search fees fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent), and the Nordic Patent Institute.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BG), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CN), (CR), (CV), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DJ), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IQ), (IS), (IT), (JM), (JO), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KH), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MD), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (OM), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (QA), (RO), (RS), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (UG), (US), (UZ), (WS), (ZA), (ZM), (ZW),

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all Annexes SISA,

Annexes E(AT), (AU), (CA), (CL), (CN), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (IL), (IN), (JP), (KR), (PH), (RU), (SE), (SG), (UA), (US), (XN) and (XV)]

RECEIVING OFFICES

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its specification of competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities. In particular, with effect from 1 December 2022, the European Patent Office (EPO) will be the only competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Latvia with the Latvian Patent Office, the EPO or the receiving Office of the International Bureau.

Furthermore, the Office notified that, with effect from 1 February 2023, the languages in which the international application may be filed are Latvian, English, French and German, and the languages in which the request may be filed are English, French and German.

[Updating of Annex C(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TM Turkmenistan

The **State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan** has specified the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 4 November 2022 with the State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO, in their capacities as receiving Offices, by nationals and residents of Turkmenistan.

[Updating of Annex C(TM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

TH Thailand

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 3 February 2022, pages 36 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)⁶ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended Rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

⁶ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (a-bis) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,⁷ the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

TH Thailand

In accordance with Section 332(a-bis) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept English for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly. Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, is able to participate in DAS, either as an Office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an Office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

LT Lithuania

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as both a depositing and an accessing Office, with effect from 1 January 2023.⁸

[Updating of Annex B1(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁷ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

⁸ For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12645

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies) (applicable as from January 1, 2023)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on October 3, 2022	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200 Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.63700	1,970 2,088	22 24	n.a n.a	296 314	444 471	296 314 New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.71938	1,811 1,849	20 21	n.a n.a	272 278	408 417	272 278 New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi	0.13824	9,280 9,620	100 110	n.a n.a	1,390 1,450	2,090 2,170	1,390 1,450 New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.12973	9,710 10,250	110 120	n.a n.a	1,460 1,540	2,190 2,310	1,460 1,540 New amount
EUR - Euro	0.96487	1,305 1,378	15 16	98 104	196 207	294 311	196 207 New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.10800	1,132 1,200	13 14	n.a n.a	170 181	255 271	n.a n.a New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00227	549,600 585,900	6,200 6,600	n.a n.a	82,600 88,100	124,000 132,200	n.a n.a New amount
ILS - New Israeli sheqel	0.27553	** **	** **	n.a n.a	** **	** **	695 726 Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krone	0.00681	185,500 195,300	2,100 2,200	n.a n.a	27,900 29,400	41,800 44,100	n.a n.a New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.00682	190,300 195,000	2,100 2,200	n.a n.a	n.a n.a	42,900 44,000	28,600 29,300 Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00068	*** ***	*** ***	n.a n.a	n.a n.a	*** ***	274,000 294,000 Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.09131	13,830 14,570	160 160	n.a n.a	2,080 2,190	3,120 3,290	n.a n.a New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.55900	2,208 2,379	25 27	n.a n.a	332 358	498 537	n.a n.a New amount
SEK - Swedish krone	0.08860	14,650 15,010	170 170	n.a n.a	2,200 2,260	3,300 3,390	2,200 2,260 Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.68840	1,948 1,932	22 22	n.a n.a	293 291	439 436	293 291 Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	0.98790	1,437 1,346	16 15	108 101	216 202	324 304	216 202 Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.05490	23,410 24,230	260 270	n.a n.a	3,520 3,640	5,280 5,460	n.a n.a Current amount New amount

* Amounts applicable since November 1, 2022.
 ** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in New Israeli sheqels of the amounts in US dollars indicated above.
 *** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss francs indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA	
	EUR	Exch. Rate	AUD	Exch. Rate	BRL	Exch. Rate	CAD	Exch. Rate
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,775	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	CAD	1,628.74
<i>Exchange rates applicable on October 3, 2022</i>								
CHF - Swiss franc	1,03641	1,809	1,56986	1,485	5,48216	471	1,39009	1,197
		1,713		1,401		461		1,212 ²
USD - US dollar	1,02387	1,816	1,55086	1,502	5,41582	488 ³	1,37327	1,310
		1,734		1,419		466		1,226 ⁴
EUR - Euro			1,51471	1,508	5,28957	484	1,34125	1,196
				1,452		477		1,256 ⁵
AUD - Australian dollar								
DKK - Danish krone								
GBP - Pound sterling								
HUF - Hungarian forint								
ISK - Icelandic krona								
JPY - Japanese yen								
KRW - Korean won	0,00070	2,465,000	0,00107	2,018,000				
		2,536,000		2,056,000				
NOK - Norwegian krone								
NZD - New Zealand dollar			0,87755	2,428 ³				
				2,507				
SEK - Swedish krona								
SGD - Singapore dollar	0,71346	2,495 ³	1,08069	2,175				
		2,488		2,036				
ZAR - South African rand	0,05690	30,060	0,08619	25,560 ³				
		31,200		25,530				

1. This new amount of the search fee has been fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2023. (Refer to *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 10 November 2022, page 298).
2. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2023.
3. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2022.
4. New equivalent amount in US dollars of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2023.
5. New equivalent amount in Euros of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2023.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority	ISA/CL			ISA/CN		ISA/EA		ISA/EG		ISA/EP			
	USD	2,000	400	300	CNY	2,100	RUB	40,000	9,000	EGP	4,000	EUR	1,775
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate				Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate			Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate	
Exchange rates applicable on October 3, 2022	1.01225	1,852	370	278	7.23380	301	58.96226	605	136	19.88072	203	1.03641	1,809
CHF - Swiss franc		1,976	395	296		290		678	153		201		1,713
USD - US dollar					7.14627	304 ⁶	58.24862	631	142	19.64016	216	1.02387	1,816
EUR - Euro	0.97669	1,954	391	293	6.97967	299	56.89092	697	157		199		1,734
AUD - Australian dollar		2,048	410	307		301		703	158		209		
DKK - Danish krone													
GBP - Pound sterling												0.13445	13,200
HUF - Hungarian forint												1.14834	1,518
ISK - Icelandic krona												0.00235	680,100
JPY - Japanese yen												0.00706	251,800
KRW - Korean won												0.00707	245,500
NOK - Norwegian krone													Current amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar													New amount
SEK - Swedish krona													17,710
SGD - Singapore dollar												0.09463	Current amount
ZAR - South African rand												0.57935	New amount
												0.09183	18,000
												0.71346	Current amount
												0.05690	New amount
													2,495 ⁶
													2,488
													30,060
													31,200

6. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2022.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority	ISAES		ISAFI		ISAIL		ISAIN		Current amount New amount
	EUR	Exch. Rate	EUR	Exch. Rate	ILS	Exch. Rate	INR	Exch. Rate	
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	ILS	3,635	INR	10,000	2,500
Exchange rates applicable on October 3, 2022									
CHF - Swiss franc	1,809	1,809	1,809	1,024	1,024	1,024	125	125	31
	1,03641	1,713	1,03641	1,713	3.62937	1,002	83.33333	120	30
USD - US dollar	1,816	1,816	1,816	1,065	1,065	1,065	126	126	31
	1,02387	1,734	1,02387	1,734	3.58545	1,014	82.32500	121	30
EUR - Euro					1,041	1,041	124 ⁷	124 ⁷	31 ⁷
					3.50187	1,038	80.40583	124	31
AUD - Australian dollar									Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone									Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling									Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint									Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona									Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen								16,600	4,200
							0.56833	17,600	4,400
KRW - Korean won									Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone									Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar									Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona									Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar									Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand									Current amount New amount

7. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2022.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority	ISA/JP		ISA/KR		ISA/PH		ISA/RU		
	JPY	169,000	KRW	1,200,000	USD	1,000	RUB	40,000	8,500
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		
Exchange rates applicable on October 3, 2022									
CHF - Swiss franc	146.62757	1,181 ⁸ 1,153	1,470.58824	880 ⁸ 816	1.01225	926 988	58.96226	605 678	129 144
USD - US dollar	144.85337	1,250 1,167	1,452.79412	881 ⁹ 826			58.24882	631 687	134 146
EUR - Euro	141.47654	1,222 1,195	1,418.92647	869 846	0.97669	977 1,024	56.89092	697 703	148 149
AUD - Australian dollar			936.76471	1,313 1,281					
DKK - Danish krone									
GBP - Pound sterling									
HUF - Hungarian forint									
ISK - Icelandic krona									
JPY - Japanese yen									
KRW - Korean won	0.09971	1,404,000 1,434,000							
NOK - Norwegian krone									
NZD - New Zealand dollar			822.05882	1,450 1,460					
SEK - Swedish krona									
SGD - Singapore dollar	100.93842	1,743 1,674	1,012.35294	1,290 1,185					
ZAR - South African rand									

8. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2022.

9. Amounts applicable from December 1 to December 31, 2022.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority	ISA/SE ¹⁰		ISA/SG		ISA/TR ¹¹		ISA/UA	
	SEK	18,000	SGD	2,240	TRY	18,250	EUR	300
Reference currency & amount	SEK	18,000	SGD	2,240	TRY	18,250	EUR	300
Exchange rates applicable on October 3, 2022	SEK	19,330	Exch. Rate		TRY	32,210	Exch. Rate	100
CHF - Swiss franc		1,809		1,529		1,809		306
		1,713		1,452.64		1,713		289
USD - US dollar		1,816		1,652		1,816		306
		1,734		1,435.07		1,734		293
EUR - Euro		1,775		1,593 ¹²		1,775		293
		1,775		1,401.61		1,775		293
AUD - Australian dollar								
DKK - Danish krone		13,200						
		13,200						
GBP - Pound sterling								
HUF - Hungarian forint								
ISK - Icelandic krona		251,800						
		251,400						
JPY - Japanese yen				217,300				
				0.00991				
KRW - Korean won				2,074,000				
				0.00099				
NOK - Norwegian krone		17,710						
		18,760						
NZD - New Zealand dollar								
SEK - Swedish krona								
SGD - Singapore dollar								
ZAR - South African rand								

10. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2023, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

11. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2023, to be fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

12. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2022.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
 (applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority	ISA/US			ISA/XN ¹³		ISA/XV		
	Reference currency & amount	USD	1,090	545	DKK	13,200	EUR	1,775
Exchange rates applicable on October 3, 2022	Exch. Rate				DKK	13,200	Exch. Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc	2,018 2,154	1,009 1,077	505 538	1,809 1,713	1,809 1,713	1,03641	1,809 1,713	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	1.01225			1,816 1,734	1,816 1,734	1.02387	1,816 1,734	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	2,132 2,232	1,066 1,116	533 558	1,775 1,775	1,775 1,775		Current amount New amount	Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar								Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone								Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling								Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint								Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona							680,100 755,300	Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen								Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won								Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone								Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	3,820 ¹⁴ 3,853	1,910 ¹⁴ 1,926	955 ¹⁴ 963	17,710 18,760	17,710 18,760		Current amount New amount	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.56585			18,000 19,330	18,000 19,330		Current amount New amount	Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar								Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	39,360 ¹⁴ 39,210	19,680 ¹⁴ 19,600	9,840 ¹⁴ 9,800					Current amount New amount

13. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2023, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

14. Amounts applicable from December 1 to December 31, 2022.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
 (applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU	
	Reference currency & amount	EUR	850 ¹ 1,190 ² 1,700 ³	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴
Exchange rate applicable on October 3, 2022		<i>Exch. Rate</i>	<i>Exch. Rate</i>	<i>Exch. Rate</i>	<i>Exch. Rate</i>	<i>Exch. Rate</i>	<i>Exch. Rate</i>	
CHF - Swiss franc		1.03641	1.03641	1.03641	1.03641	1.03641	58.96226	200 320

1. For a search of only German-language documentation.
2. For a search of only European and North American documentation.
3. For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.
4. This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
5. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/SE		ISA/SG		ISA/TR		ISA/JA		
	Reference currency & amount	Amount	Reference currency & amount	Amount	Reference currency & amount	Amount	Reference currency & amount	Amount	
Exchange rate applicable on October 3, 2022 CHF - Swiss franc	SEK	18,000	SGD	2,240	TRY	500 ⁶	EUR	60 ⁷	90 ¹⁰
	SEK	19,330 ¹¹	Exch. Rate	1.45264	TRY	32,210 ¹²	Exch. Rate	70 ⁸	87
		1,713 ¹³		1,542		47 ¹⁴	1.03647	58	87

6. For a search only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.

7. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

8. For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.

9. For a search of only the European and North American documentation.

10. For a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation.

11. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2023.

12. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2023.

13. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2023.

14. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2023.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2023)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISAXN		ISAXV	
Reference currency & amount	DKK	4,000 ¹⁵	EUR	550 ¹⁶
<i>Exchange rate applicable on October 3, 2022</i> CHF - Swiss franc	DKK	13,200 ¹⁷	<i>Exch. Rate</i>	1.03641
		1,713¹⁸		531
				1,713

15. For a search only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection of the Authority.

16. For a search only on the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority.

17. This amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2023.

18. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2023.

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

NL Netherlands

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Netherlands Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 11/2005, of 17 March 2005, pages 7068 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the PCT Gazette is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 June 2015, pages 92 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LANGUAGES ACCEPTED FOR LANGUAGE-DEPENDENT FREE TEXT UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(d): NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER SECTION 332(a-bis) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-third (23rd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 4 to 8 October 2021, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 12.1(d)¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning language-dependent free text contained in the sequence listing part of the description. This amended Rule entered into force on 1 July 2022.

Following the amendment to PCT Rule 12.1(d), a new paragraph (*a-bis*) was added to Section 332 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, also with effect from 1 July 2022. Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages of any language-dependent free text which, having regard to PCT Rules 12.1(a) and (b), it is prepared to accept under PCT Rule 12.1(d) for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description. According to the Rule, and pursuant to WIPO Standard ST.26,² the receiving Office may permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in two languages within the same sequence listing, in which case one must be English.

In accordance with Section 332(*a-bis*) of the Administrative Instructions, the following Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the language(s) of the language-dependent free text which it is prepared to accept for the filing of the sequence listing part of the description, as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/r12.html#_12

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/standards/en/pdf/03-26-01.pdf>

ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** is prepared to accept English. The Office does not permit the language-dependent free text to be filed in more than one language within a single sequence listing.

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5(i), it is to be noted that, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2023, the International Bureau will not be open to the public for the transaction of official business on the following days:

all Saturdays and Sundays, and
2 January 2023,
7 and 10 April 2023,
18 May 2023,
29 May 2023,
25 December 2023, and
29 December 2023.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** national Offices or other intergovernmental organizations.

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: COMMON TIMETABLE FOR FEE LISTS AND FEE TRANSFERS

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) may participate, as a “participating Office”, in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (“IB”) for PCT purposes (the “WIPO Fee Transfer Service”), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

Common Timetable for Fee Lists and Fee Transfers

Following consultations with participating Offices, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.2, paragraph 8 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, a common timetable has been established for the year 2023, specifying the latest dates, each month, by which a participating Collecting Office shall establish and transmit fee transfer information to the International Bureau; and by which the lists of fees to be transferred, and the amounts of fees indicated in said lists, shall be established and transmitted to, and from, the International Bureau.

The common timetable established for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2023 is as follows:

Cycle	Calendar month (2023)	PCT Fee Transfer Service Month (Invoice Period)	Fee Transfer Service	Last date for documentation notification to IB (12h00 CET)	Receiving Office payment cut-off value date	PCT Fee Transfer Service Statement Reports	PCT Fee Transfer Service Settlement Date
1	January	Dec. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 19-Jan-2023	Friday 20-Jan-2023	Tuesday 24-Jan-2023	Friday 27-Jan-2023
2	February	Jan. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 17-Feb-2023	Monday 20-Feb-2023	Tuesday 21-Feb-2023 ¹	Friday 24-Feb-2023
3	March	Feb. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 17-Mar-2023	Monday 20-Mar-2023	Tuesday 21-Mar-2023	Friday 24-Mar-2023
4	April	Mar. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 20-Apr-2023	Friday 21-Apr-2023	Monday 24-Apr-2023	Thursday 27-Apr-2023
5	May	Apr. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 19-May-2023	Monday 22-May-2023	Tuesday 23-May-2023	Friday 26-May-2023
6	June	May 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 22-Jun-2023	Friday 23-Jun-2023	Monday 26-Jun-2023	Thursday 29-Jun-2023
7	July	June 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 20-Jul-2023	Friday 21-Jul-2023	Tuesday 25-Jul-2023	Friday 28-Jul-2023
8	August	July 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 18-Aug-2023	Monday 21-Aug-2023	Tuesday 22-Aug-2023	Friday 25-Aug-2023
9	September	Aug. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 21-Sep-2023	Friday 22-Sep-2023	Monday 25-Sep-2023	Thursday 28-Sep-2023
10	October	Sept. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Thursday 19-Oct-2023	Friday 20-Oct-2023	Tuesday 24-Oct-2023	Friday 27-Oct-2023
11	November	Oct. 2023	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 17-Nov-2023	Monday 20-Nov-2023	Tuesday 21-Nov-2023	Friday 24-Nov-2023
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EA Eurasian Patent Organisation (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are EUR 144 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 641 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are CHF 156, EUR 159 and USD 163, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HU Hungary

New equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF	556,500
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF	6,300
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	HUF	83,700
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	HUF	125,500

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are EUR 136 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 641 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 710(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **International Bureau**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 February 2021, pages 23 *et seq.*

In particular, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2022, the applicable format for the filing of sequence listings is WIPO Standard ST.26. Consequently, since 1 July 2022, the item concerning electronic document formats specified by the International Bureau in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) is as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.26 XML (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.4, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are USD 347 for international applications filed in Korean or for which a translation into Korean has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3, and USD 924 for international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are CHF 127 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 600 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have also been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 February 2023, are CHF 177 and CHF 283 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are NZD 3,400 for an entity other than a small or micro-entity, NZD 1,700 for a small entity, and NZD 850 for a micro-entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

WS Samoa

Information on the requirements of the **Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa)** as designated (or elected) Office is now available in the Summary of the National Chapter (WS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly. Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, can participate in DAS, either as an Office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an Office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

MC Monaco

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion (Monaco)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as both a depositing and an accessing Office, with effect from 1 February 2023.¹

[Updating of Annex B1(MC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=12646

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**MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY
AND LABOUR (MCIL) (SAMOA)**

WS

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report) ²
Is a copy of the international application required?	No, a copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: Samoan tala (SAT) For patent: Filing fee: SAT 500 For innovative patent: Filing fee: SAT 350
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² Where the applicant furnishes a translation of the international application only as amended or only as originally filed, the Office will invite the applicant to furnish the missing translation.

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AND LABOUR (MCIL) (SAMOA)**

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application^{3, 4}

Nationality of the applicant if it has not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date⁴

Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent^{3, 4}

Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application^{3, 4}

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Samoa⁵

Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney)⁵

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer registered in Samoa

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49*ter.2*)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of the invitation. The Office will charge a fee in the amount of SAT 100 for compliance with that requirement in response to the invitation.

⁵ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

MU Mauritius

On 15 December 2022, **Mauritius** deposited its instrument of accession to the *Patent Cooperation Treaty* (PCT), and will become bound by the PCT on **15 March 2023**. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 15 March 2023 will automatically include the designation of Mauritius (country code: MU).

Mauritius will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 15 March 2023.

Furthermore, as from 15 March 2023, nationals and residents of Mauritius will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating PCT Contracting States of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning how to contact the Authority to obtain copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3) or international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2), or in case of problems with downloading documents cited in the aforementioned reports, as follows:

E-mail: isa.kipo@korea.kr

Facsimile: (82-42) 481 85 78

Contact information for the PCT Korea Center in the United States of America remains unchanged.

[Updating of Annexes D(KR) and E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2023, are CHF 135 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 600 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **new Israel shekels (ILS)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2023, is ILS 596.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Türkiye

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

[Updating of Annex D(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XV Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2023, is USD 1,875.

[Updating of Annex D(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, of the national filing fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable as from 1 January 2023, is ILS 2,183.¹

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ A 40% reduction in the fee will be applicable for applications first filed in Israel for an individual applicant or for a corporate entity with a turnover of less than ILS 10 million in the last calendar year.

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IE Ireland

The **Intellectual Property Office of Ireland** has notified the International Bureau of information of interest if Ireland is designated (or elected), with effect since 2 December 2019, as follows:

Applicants of an international application designating Ireland for a European patent may request the Controller, within 31 months from the priority date, that the international application be treated as an application for a patent in Ireland under Part II of the *Patents Act 1992* (refer to Section 127A of the *Copyright and Other Intellectual Property Law Provisions Act 2019*, effective from 2 December 2019, and Rule 87A of the *Patents (Amendment) Rules 2019*, S.I. 589/2019).

[Updating of Annex B1(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LS Lesotho

The **Registrar General's Office (Lesotho)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (266) 22 31 28 56
(266) 22 31 12 51

E-mail: registrar.general@gov.ls

[Updating of Annex B1(LS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

QA Qatar

The **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone number and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (974) 4042 3278

E-mail: malnoaimi@moci.gov.qa
salobaidli@moci.gov.qa
walmkhlef@moci.gov.qa

[Updating of Annex B1(QA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TM Turkmenistan

The **Patent Department, Ministry of Economy and Finance of Turkmenistan** has notified the international Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, as well as to its location, telephone and facsimile numbers, and Internet address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	State Service for Intellectual Property of the Ministry of Finance and Economy of Turkmenistan
Location:	Archabil Ave., 156 Ashgabat City Turkmenistan
Telephone:	(993-12) 39 46 86 (993-12) 39 46 84
Facsimile machine:	(993-12) 98 24 45
Internet:	http://fineconomic.gov.tm/ru

[Updating of Annex B1(TM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UA Ukraine

The **Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office:	Ministry for Development of Economy, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine, Department for Development of Intellectual Property
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[Updating of Annex B1(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Due to the official closing of federal government offices, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Thursday, 24 December 2020, in addition to the previously planned closure on Friday, 25 December 2020.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Monday, 28 December 2020.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closures, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2021, is ZAR 32,730.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2021, is ZAR 24,970.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2021, is ZAR 32,730.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2021, are ZAR 33,650 for an entity other than a small or micro-entity, ZAR 16,830 for a small entity, and ZAR 8,410 for a micro-entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 22,660
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 260
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	ZAR 3,410
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	ZAR 5,110

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WAIVERS OF SEPARATE POWER OF ATTORNEY OR COPY OF GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)

IT Italy

Pursuant PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney, respectively, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 March 2021.

However, the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has also indicated particular instances in which a power of attorney is still required.

The Office continues to require that a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted in the following instances:

- if the agent is not a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law authorized to practice in Italy (recorded in the pertinent official register or professional roll) or any law firm employing such a lawyer or attorney-at-law.
- if the agent is not a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law qualified to practice in another member State of the European Union, authorized to pursue certain professional activities in Italy on a temporary basis (refer to legislative Decree No. 206/2007).
- in case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent's entitlement to act.
- in case of a common representative (separate power of attorney required).

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ - Amendment to Annex D

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2021.

With effect from 1 March 2021, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,553
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,553
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,523
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,523
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2)	457
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 ^{ter} and 94.2), per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau that its filing offices in Munich, The Hague, and Berlin were not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 4 to 8 January 2021 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expires on Monday, 11 January 2021. For further information, refer to the Notice from the President of the EPO dated 16 December 2020, available at:

<https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/president-notice/archive/20201216.html>

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closures, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

PH Philippines

Due to inclement weather conditions, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 11 to 13 November 2020 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Monday, 16 November 2020.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2021, is BYN 71.05.

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2021, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,553
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,553
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	ILS	457

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office also notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 March 2021, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	ILS	1,523
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	ILS	1,523
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	ILS	457

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES:
NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES**

FR France

Certain information concerning the participation of the **National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)** in the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), as notified to the International Bureau and reproduced in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 October 2020 (page 220), was erroneous.

The said notification is hereby corrected and republished, as follows:

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions of the Digital Access for Priority Documents*, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect from 1 December 2020, for international applications filed on or after 1 October 2019, which the applicant has expressly requested to be made available through DAS.

[Updating of Annex B1(FR) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

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BR Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2021, are USD 318 when filing online, and USD 476 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2021, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): BYN 71.05

Fee for requesting restoration
of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): BYN 60.90

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2021, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): EUR 75.00

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): EUR 29.98

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2021, are CHF 976, EUR 903 and USD 1,107, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2021, are USD 115 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 543 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2021, are NZD 3,076 for an entity other than a small or micro-entity; NZD 1,538 for a small entity; and NZD 769 for a micro-entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee,^{1, 2} in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2021, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	BYN	71.05
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	30.45
Examination fee:	BYN	345.10
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	203
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	71.05

¹ For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian roubles in accordance with the rate of the base value.

² For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollars, euros, Swiss francs or Russian roubles, unless otherwise provided for by international agreements with the Republic of Belarus, in accordance with the rate of the base value and the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus applicable on the date of payment.

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BYN	142.10
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	71.05

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GM Gambia

The **Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Gambia)** has notified the International Bureau that the amount of the national filing fee, in **Gambian dalasi (GMD)** and **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, is GMD 5,000³ or USD 400³ (for applicants who are not residents of the Gambia).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VN Viet Nam

The **Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)** has notified the International Bureau of a temporary change concerning exemption, reduction or refund of the filing fee component of the national fee. For the period from 1 January to 30 June 2021, the amount of the national filing fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, is reduced by 50%.

For additional information, refer to Circular No 112/2020/TT-BTC dated December 29, 2020 of the Ministry of Finance.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ Includes examination, grant, and publication.

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) GB United Kingdom

On 23 December 2020, the **Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** deposited a declaration in accordance with Article 62(3) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

With effect from 23 March 2021, the United Kingdom's ratification of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) shall be extended to the territory of the **Bailiwick of Guernsey**, for the international relations of which the United Kingdom is responsible.

For additional information, refer to PCT Notification No. 218, available on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/pct/treaty_pct_218.html

[Updating of Annexes A and C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GE Georgia

Due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, and taking into consideration the recommendations of the Interagency Coordination Council established at the Government of Georgia, the **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 3 January to 15 January 2021 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Monday, 18 January 2021.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2021, is USD 1,697.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified the International Bureau that the filing fee component of the national fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, includes grant and publication.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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RECEIVING OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office. The following persons may now act as such:

Any individual, partnership or body corporate who resides in or has a place of business in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or a Member State of the European Economic Area (EEA). A list of registered patent attorneys may be obtained from the following address: The Registrar, c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys, 2nd Floor Halton House, 20-23 Holborn, London, EC1N 2JD.¹ For international applications filed on or after 1 January 2021, any agent appointed must have an address for service in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands or Gibraltar.

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), which are now as follows:

- Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application;^{2, 3}
- No representation by an agent is required, but an address for service in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands or Gibraltar is necessary (refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Chapter, Procedure in the National Phase, paragraph GB.04 (Address for Service) for additional information).⁴

¹ E-mail: mail@cipa.org.uk; Internet: www.cipa.org.uk; telephone: (44-20) 74 05 94 50; facsimile: (44-20) 74 30 04 71.

² Must be furnished within 33 months from the priority date. Where the applicant expressly requests early entry into the national phase, the name and address of the inventor must be furnished within 16 months from the priority date, or two months from the date on which the conditions for early entry are satisfied, whichever is the later (unless already furnished in the “Request”).

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Furthermore, the Office notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The following persons may now act as such:

Any individual, partnership or body corporate who resides in or has a place of business in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or a Member State of the European Economic Area (EEA). A list of registered patent attorneys may be obtained from the following address: The Registrar, c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys, 2nd Floor Halton House, 20-23 Holborn, London, EC1N 2JD.⁵ For international applications that enter the national phase on or after 1 January 2021, any agent appointed must have an address for service in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man, the Channel Islands or Gibraltar.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WAIVERS OF SEPARATE POWER OF ATTORNEY OR COPY OF GENERAL POWER OF ATTORNEY UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of changes to particular instances in which the Office may require a separate power of attorney⁶ or a copy of a general power of attorney under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii), respectively, even if the receiving Office has waived the requirement in general.

The Office continues to require that a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted in the following instances:

- If the agent is not:
 - (i) a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law authorized to practice in Germany;
 - (ii) a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law of a member State of the European Union, of a contracting party to the *Agreement on the European Economic Area*, or of Switzerland, authorized to pursue certain professional activities (refer to the *Act on the Activities of European Patent Attorneys in Germany* and the *Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany*).
- In case of reasonable doubts regarding the agent's entitlement to act.
- In case of a common representative (separate power of attorney required).

[Updating of Annex C(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁵ E-mail: mail@cipa.org.uk; Internet: www.cipa.org.uk; telephone: (44-20) 74 05 94 50; facsimile: (44-20) 74 30 04 71.

⁶ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rules 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rules 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; refer also to International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirement, under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), concerning the translation of the international application: the Office continues to require that the translation of the international application be furnished in three copies; however, where the international application is filed electronically, only one copy of the translation in electronic form must be furnished.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VN Viet Nam

The **Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirement, under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), concerning the translation of the international application: the Office now requires that the translation of the international application be furnished in two copies, instead of three.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Sections 703(a), 710(b) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **International Bureau**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 07/2004 of 12 February 2004 (pages 3796 *et seq.*), as modified by the notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 43/2005 of 27 October 2005 (page 28466) and the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 8 May 2014 (pages 64 *et seq.*).

In particular, as from 1 July 2021, the International Bureau, in its capacity as receiving Office, will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

Consequently, as from 1 July 2021, the International Bureau, in its capacity as receiving Office, is prepared to accept international applications in electronic form according to the following requirements:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2, and for documents submitted subsequent to the filing of the international application)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing
- EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string or click-wrap signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the International Bureau as receiving Office will contain the information required under Section 704(a)(i).

The International Bureau as receiving Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) will a notification, or confirmation, of receipt not be generated.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the International Bureau will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available through WIPO's online Payment platform (<https://www3.wipo.int/epayweb/en/main.xhtml>).

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The PCT eServices Help Desk is available from 8.30 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. (Central European time) and can be contacted as follows:

- by e-mail at: pct.eservices@wipo.int
- by telephone at: (+41-22) 338 95 23

Every attempt will be made to respond to e-mail questions within one business day.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- related documents to be submitted to the receiving Office after filing of the international application

However, priority documents may only be submitted in electronic form indirectly, using the WIPO Digital Access Service for priority documents, save for priority documents created in signed PDF format by the authority that received the earlier application, where the International Bureau has recognized the authority's format as one that can be accepted by ePCT.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The International Bureau as receiving Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is to be filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office, the applicant may use the ePCT Contingency Upload Service,¹ submit documents on physical media (CD-R or DVD-R), or use a different receiving Office. In addition, the International Bureau as receiving Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or notices on the WIPO website, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

¹ Available at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/contingencyupload.html>

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (<https://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm>)
- the International Bureau as receiving Office will also accept certificates issued by certification authorities which are accepted by other PCT receiving Offices and which have been notified accordingly to the International Bureau under Section 710, provided that such certificates are permitted, under the relevant certificate policy, to be used for filing with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

ePCT private services provide access to the files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF NOTIFICATIONS, COMMUNICATIONS, CORRESPONDENCE OR OTHER DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance Sections 703(a), 710(a), and 713(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions, the **International Bureau** notifies that, with effect from 1 July 2021, it is prepared to receive notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications in electronic form, according to the following requirements:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (for Article 19 amendments and data generated through ePCT “Actions”; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- PDF (for other files)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online submission

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT, using “Actions” or document upload

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile or text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available through WIPO’s online Payment platform (<https://www3.wipo.int/epayweb/en/main.xhtml>).

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The PCT eServices Help Desk is available from 8.30 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. (Central European time) and can be contacted as follows:

- by e-mail at: pct.eservices@wipo.int
- by telephone at: (+41-22) 338 95 23

Every attempt will be made to respond to e-mail questions within one business day.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- documents for the International Bureau related to international applications

However, priority documents may only be submitted in electronic form indirectly, using the WIPO Digital Access Service for priority documents, save for priority documents created in signed PDF format by the authority that received the earlier application, where the International Bureau has recognized the authority’s format as one that can be accepted by ePCT.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The International Bureau will accept the filing of documents in Office Open XML (docx) format together with Article 19 amendments.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of electronic systems when a document is to be submitted, the applicant may use the ePCT Contingency Upload Service² or submit documents on physical media (CD-R or DVD-R). In addition, the International Bureau will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or notices on the WIPO website, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

ePCT private services provide access to the files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.2(a)

EP European Patent Organisation

In accordance with PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of the following period of unavailability of one of its permitted electronic means of communication:

- New online filing (CMS): 23 December 2020, from 08:20 CET (Central European Time) to 18:45 CET.

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of the above-mentioned service during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions, published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020, page 254.

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the EPO website at:

<https://www.epo.org/service-support/availability-of-online-services/2020.html>

and on the WIPO website at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html>

² Available at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/contingencyupload.html>

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SD Sudan

The **Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: epct.info@ipsudan.gov.sd

[Updating of Annex B1(SD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 January 2021, the currency for payment of fees to the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, is the **Cuban peso (CUP)**.

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document, in **Cuban pesos (CUP)**, payable since 1 January 2021, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): CUP 2,400

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): CUP 2,400

[Updating of Annex C(CU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee	NOK 12,750
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	NOK 140
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	NOK 1,920
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	NOK 2,880

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – one copy is now required, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(PE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 January 2021, the currency for payment of the national fee, and for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, is the **Cuban peso (CUP)**.

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts, in **Cuban pesos (CUP)**, of the national fee and of the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, applicable since 1 January 2021, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee (including publication fee and the annual fee for the 1 st and the 2 nd years): ¹	CUP 11,040
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For utility model:

Filing fee (including publication fee and the annual fee for the 1 st and the 2 nd years): ¹	CUP 8,400
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Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

Fees are reduced by CUP 1,200 where applications are filed both on paper and in electronic form

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The Office may also require payment of the third annual fee at the time of filing, depending on the date of entry into the national phase.

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TZ United Republic of Tanzania

The **Business Registrations and Licensing Agency, Ministry of Industry and Trade (United Republic of Tanzania)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Location:	New Ushirika Tower, 6 th floor Lumumba Street Dar es Salaam United Republic of Tanzania
Telephone:	(255-22) 218 13 44 (255-22) 218 01 13 (255-22) 218 01 41 (255-22) 221 28 00
E-mail:	ceo@brela.go.tz maoni@brela.go.tz

[Updating of Annex B1(TZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office — any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office may now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office — any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office may now act as such.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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SE Sweden

Agreement between the Swedish Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D, Part I, thereof. These amendments, which consist of changes to the fee amounts for copies of cited documents and documents contained in the file of the international application, entered into force on 9 November 2020.

The amended Annex D now reads as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Swedish kronor)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change] ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change] ²
Supplementary search fee(s) (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change] ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), ³ 71.2(b), ³ 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2):	
– for less than 10 pages	none
– for 10 pages	50
– for each page in excess of 10	2

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_se.pdf

² Swedish kronor equivalent of the euro amount of the search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) payable to the European Patent Office as International Searching Authority, as modified from time to time in accordance with the directives under Rule 16.1(d).

³ The applicant will receive free of charge a copy of each document containing non-patent literature. Other documents are available electronically, free of charge on the website: www.prv.se.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

FR France

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone number for national calls. Its telephone numbers are now as follows:

Telephone:	01 56 65 89 98 (national calls)
	(+33) 1 71 08 71 63 (international calls)

[Updating of Annex B1(FR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its facsimile number and an additional Internet address, as follows:

Facsimile machine:	(352) 247 94113
Internet:	www.eco.public.lu https://patent.public.lu/

[Updating of Annex B1(LU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau of an additional e-mail address, to which general enquiries should be addressed. Its e-mail addresses are now as follows:

E-mail:	ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg (for general enquiries)
	pct@ipos.gov.sg (for enquiries on specific PCT applications filed with RO/SG, ISA/SG or IPEA/SG)

Furthermore, the Office notified changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — with effect since 16 June 2020, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication.

[Updating of Annex B1(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for copies of various documents, in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority and applicable since 9 November 2020, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3(b)):⁴

for less than 10 pages		None
for 10 pages	SEK	50
for each page in excess of 10	SEK	2

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1*ter*):

for less than 10 pages		None
for 10 pages	SEK	50
for each page in excess of 10	SEK	2

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

The Office also notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for copies of various documents, in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable to it in its capacity as Authority specified for international search, since 9 November 2020, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 45*bis*.7(c)):⁵

for less than 10 pages		None
for 10 pages	SEK	50
for each page in excess of 10	SEK	2

⁴ All documents cited in the international search report are available free of charge from PRV's online service "Cited Documents" at: <https://www.prv.se/en/patents/patent-online-services/>

⁵ All documents cited in the supplementary international search report are available free of charge from PRV's online service "Cited Documents" at: <https://www.prv.se/en/patents/patent-online-services/>

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1*ter*):

for less than 10 pages		None
for 10 pages	SEK	50
for each page in excess of 10	SEK	2

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office notified new amounts of fees for copies of various documents, in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, since 9 November 2020, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2(b)):⁶

for less than 10 pages		None
for 10 pages	SEK	50
for each page in excess of 10	SEK	2

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):

for less than 10 pages		None
for 10 pages	SEK	50
for each page in excess of 10	SEK	2

[Updating of Annex E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁶ All documents cited in the international preliminary examination report are available free of charge from PRV's online service "Cited Documents" at: <https://www.prv.se/en/patents/patent-online-services/>

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D, Part I, thereof. These amendments, which consist of changes to the amounts of the preliminary examination fee and the additional fee for international preliminary examination, will enter into force on 12 March 2021.

With effect from 12 March 2021, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change] ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change] ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	589.48 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	589.48 ²
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf

² This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

NG Nigeria

The **Commercial Law Department (Trademarks, Patents and Designs) (Nigeria)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, as well as to its location and mailing address, telephone numbers, and e-mail addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Patents and Designs Registry, Commercial Law Department (Nigeria)
Location and mailing address:	Registrar Ministry of Industry, Trade and Investment Block D, Old Secretariat Area 1 Garki Abuja Nigeria
Telephone:	(234-8) 033 34 88 06 (234-8) 036 77 71 83 (234-7) 031 65 16 52
E-mail:	iponigeria@yahoo.com patentsanddesigns@gmail.com

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication.

[Updating of Annex B1(NG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WS Samoa

General information on **Samoa** as a PCT Contracting State is now available in Annex B1(WS), which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2021, is NZD 2,942.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 12 March 2021, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee ³ (PCT Rule 58):	EUR	589.48
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ^{3, 4}	EUR	589.48

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	2,025
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	23
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	NZD	305
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	NZD	457

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ The fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income". Refer to: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/oeprm_fee_reduction.html

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

WS Samoa

The **Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL)** has notified the International Bureau of the amounts of several fees, in **Samoan talas (SAT)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	SAT	200
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	SAT	100
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d)):	SAT	200

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22. The consolidated list of required contents is now as follows:

- Under PCT Article 22: description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings.
- Under PCT Article 39(1): description, claims, any text matter of drawings (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*(a)(i), concerning documents relating to the identity of the inventor.

With effect from 1 April 2021, the consolidated list of special requirements of the Office, under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), will be as follows:

- Name, country and place of residence of the inventor, if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application or in a declaration in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17(i).
- Address, nationality and residence of the applicant if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application.
- Appointment of an agent if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business within the territory of one of the Contracting States of the European Patent Convention.
- Furnishing of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form if it is not otherwise available to the EPO.

For details, refer to *Official Journal EPO, 2021 A3*, available online at:

<https://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/2021/01/a3.html>

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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SAMOA

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General information

Name of Office:	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa)
Location:	ACC House, Levels 3 & 4, Apia, Samoa
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 862, Apia, Samoa
Telephone:	(685) 204 41
Facsimile machine:	(685) 204 43
E-mail:	ipros@mcil.gov.ws mpal@mcil.gov.ws
Internet:	www.mcil.gov.ws
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Samoa:	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Samoa is designated (or elected):	Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa)
May Samoa be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a national patent)
Provisions of the law of Samoa concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Samoa is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Samoa is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of receipt of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D, Part I, thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 16 May 2021, consist of changes to amounts of the additional fees for international search and international preliminary examination, as well as the introduction of an additional fee in the case of missing parts, or correct elements or parts, included or considered to have been contained in the international application.

With effect from 16 May 2021, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Korean won)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (in English language)	[No change]
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (in Korean language)	[No change]
Additional fee (Rules 40.2(a) and 40 <i>bis</i>) (in English language)	1,200,000
Additional fee (Rules 40.2(a) and 40 <i>bis</i>) (in Korean language)	450,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	450,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MX Mexico

Due to the unavailability of its electronic systems, the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Monday, 22 February 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Tuesday, 23 February 2021.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of one of its facsimile numbers and a change to one of its telephone numbers for application processing. Its facsimile and telephone numbers are now as follows:

Telephone:	(7-499) 240 60 15 (general)
	(7-499) 240 58 88 (application
	(7-499) 240 25 91 processing)
Facsimile machine:	(7-495) 531 63 18

In addition, the Office notified that it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

Furthermore, the Office notified additional delivery services, other than the postal authorities, from which it would accept evidence of mailing a document in case of loss or delay under PCT Rule 82.1: in addition to DHL and Federal Express, the Office now also accepts evidence of mailing a document from any other service that is recognized worldwide and is available in the Russian Federation.

Finally, the Office notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the provisions of the law of the Russian Federation concerning international-type search – Article 1386(4) of the *Civil Code of the Russian Federation* is no longer valid; consequently, there are now no provisions of the law of the Russian Federation concerning international-type search.

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2021, is CHF 1,573.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts, in **Korean won (KRW)**, of the additional search fee (under PCT Rule 40.2(a)), as well as the introduction of an additional search fee (under PCT Rule 40*bis*) in the case of missing parts, or correct elements or parts, included or considered to have been contained in the international application. These fees, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority with effect from 16 May 2021, are as follows:

Additional search fee

(PCT Rules 40.2(a) and 40*bis*):²

for searches carried out in English	KRW	1,200,000
for searches carried out in Korean	KRW	450,000

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office also notified a new amount, in **Korean won (KRW)**, of the additional preliminary examination fee, payable to the Office its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority from 16 May 2021, as follows:

Additional preliminary examination fee

(PCT Rule 68.3(a)):³

KRW 450,000

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

UZ Uzbekistan

The **Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Uzbek sum (UZS)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office since 1 February 2021, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	UZS	245,000 ⁴
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	UZS	245,000 ⁴

[Updating of Annex C(UZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES, AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and in accordance with Sections 703, 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of the availability of the new web-based filing service of the EPO, Online Filing 2.0, as from 1 April 2021.

Consequently, as from 1 April 2021, the EPO, in its aforementioned capacities, is prepared to accept international applications, as well as other documents and correspondence relating to international applications, in electronic form, according to the following requirements:

FILING VIA EPO ONLINE FILING:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- ASCII (7- and 8-bit) (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

⁴ Reductions may apply. For further details refer to the Office's website at: <http://ima.uz/ru/regulatory/tarify-i-poshliny/>

- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- CD-R filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d) and (e))
- DVD-R or DVD+R filing (see Annex F, section 5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1)
- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- EPO Online Filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application
- subsequently filed documents
- PCT Chapter II demand

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format under Section 706(a) and (f) of the Administrative Instructions. In particular, the files should be archived in ZIP format and contain either plain ASCII text or be created with one of the following word processing programs:

- Microsoft Word 97 and later releases
- Corel WordPerfect 6.1, 8 & 10 and later releases
- Writer of OpenOffice 2.0 and later releases (including the corresponding StarOffice products)

Any objects originating from other programs may be embedded into documents being generated by the word processing programs mentioned above as long as they can be viewed without loss of the information being contained in these objects.

Documents in a format other than those mentioned above may be attached in that format only if the applicant informs the European Patent Office at the time of filing where it can within reason acquire the relevant software.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Väestörekisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi) (FINEID smartcards)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (CERES certificates)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA THE EPO WEB-FORM FILING SERVICE:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA THE EPO CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office
(www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA ePCT-FILING:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- DOCX containing JPEG converted into XML before submission
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application
- subsequently filed documents through ePCT Document upload (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA ONLINE FILING 2.0 WITH INTEGRATED ePCT-FILING:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1);
- DOCX containing JPEG converted into XML before submission
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- EPO Online Filing 2.0

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

EPO Online Filing 2.0-related end user support questions, including straightforward ePCT user assistance questions, will be managed and resolved directly by the European Patent Office help desk. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

The WIPO PCT eServices team will provide second-level support.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application
- subsequently filed documents
- PCT Chapter II demand

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office
(www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AO Angola

The **Angolan Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Largo 17 de Setembro Edifício Palácio de Vidro nº 7 4º Andar, Ala Esquerda Caixa Postal 3840 Luanda-Marginal Angola
Telephone:	(244-222) 04 49 91 (244-922) 40 49 36 (mobile)
E-mail:	iapi1992@iapi.gov.ao

In addition, the Office notified changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and, consequently, no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(AO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UZ Uzbekistan

The **Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	33, Khadra Street Tashkent 100017 Republic of Uzbekistan
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[Updating of Annex B1(UZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 May 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD 1,860
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD 21
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	AUD 280
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	AUD 420
Handling fee:	AUD 280

[Updating of Annexes C(AU) and E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

In accordance with PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(a)(ii), the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, which are now as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
Bulgaria Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	At the time of filing, as part of the application	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

RU Russian Federation

Agreement between the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D, Part I, thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 18 May 2021, consist of changes to the amounts of the review fee and the fees for copies of cited documents and documents contained in the file of the international application.

As from 18 May 2021, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Russian roubles)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	
– for an application in English	[No change]
– for an application in Russian	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	
– for an application in English	[No change]
– for an application in Russian	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search for a search in accordance with paragraph 3(3) of Annex B, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	4,200
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	
– for an application in English	[No change]
– for an application in Russian	[No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ru.pdf

– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	
– for an application in English	[No change]
– for an application in Russian	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	
– for an application in English	[No change]
– for an application in Russian	[No change]
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	
– for an application in English	[No change]
– for an application in Russian	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b))	
– patent document, per page	24
– non-patent document, per page	60
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	96

Part II. [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

Due to inclement weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Thursday, 18 February 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Friday, 19 February 2021.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2021, is EUR 1,429.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 May 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	1,028
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	12
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	GBP	155
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	GBP	232

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 May 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	184,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK	2,100
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	ISK	27,700
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	ISK	41,600

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for copies of various documents, in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority and applicable from 18 May 2021, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3(b)):		
for a patent document, per page	RUB	24
for a non-patent document, per page	RUB	60
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):		
	RUB	96

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

The Office also notified new amounts of the review fee and the fees for copies of various documents, in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to it in its capacity as Authority specified for international search, from 18 May 2021, as follows:

Review fee (PCT Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c)):	RUB	4,200
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Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 45*bis*.7(c)):

for a patent document, per page	RUB	24
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for a non-patent document, per page	RUB	60
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Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 <i>ter</i>):	RUB	96
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[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees for copies of various documents, in **Russian roubles (RUB)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, also from 18 May 2021, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2(b)):

for a patent document, per page	RUB	24
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for a non-patent document, per page	RUB	60
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Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	RUB	96
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[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

WS Samoa

The **Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa)** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities, with effect since 23 March 2021, for international applications filed with the MCIL by nationals and residents of Samoa.

Additional information on the requirements of the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa) as a receiving Office under the PCT is now available in Annex C(W.S) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
WS **MINISTRY OF COMMERCE, INDUSTRY AND** **WS**
LABOUR (MCIL) (SAMOA)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Samoa
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ¹ or Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Samoan tala (SAT) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	SAT 200
International filing fee: ²	USD 1,453
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ²	USD 16
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (PH)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	SAT 100
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	SAT 200
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Samoa Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Samoa
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

² This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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**NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES FOR PCT PURPOSES:
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**List of PCT Fee Transfers that are Part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service –
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PT Portugal

The information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020 (pages 255 *et seq.*), concerning PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as of 20 November 2020, was incomplete.

As of 20 November 2020, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** was also participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as follows:

PCT Fee Transfers					
	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
PT National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATION BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) may participate, as a “participating Office”, in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (“IB”) for PCT purposes (the “WIPO Fee Transfer Service”), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

An Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a collecting Office may transfer the following fees and related differences, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.¹

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences from the collecting Office to the International Bureau, for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

¹ Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

Between 21 November 2020 and 31 March 2021 (inclusive),² the following Offices notified the International Bureau of their participation in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

PCT Fee Transfers					
International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency	
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AZ Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
BY National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
PL Patent Office of the Republic of Poland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP	n/a	n/a	n/a

² A complete list of the PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service from 1 July 2020 to 20 November 2020 is available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020 (pages 255 *et seq.*)

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KH Cambodia

The **Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office and to its Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office: Department of Industrial Property (DIP)
Ministry of Industry, Science,
Technology and Innovation (MISTI)

Internet: www.misti.gov.kh

[Updating of Annex B1(KH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD	1,782
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD	20
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	CAD	268
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	CAD	402
Handling fee:	CAD	268

[Updating of Annexes C(CA) and E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, also applicable from 1 June 2021, is CHF 1,218.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2021, is CHF 301.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)** and **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are GBP 1,526 and ISK 268,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KH Cambodia

The **Department of Industrial Property (DIP), Ministry of Industry, Science, Technology and Innovation (MISTI) (Cambodia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change in the currency for the payment of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), from **US dollars (USD)** to **Cambodian riels (KHR)**, with effect since 26 July 2020.

Furthermore, the Office notified a new amount of the transmittal fee in **Cambodian riels (KHR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 26 July 2020, is KHR 420,000.

[Updating of Annex C(KH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are CHF 106 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 498 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have also been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by Rospatent. These amounts, also applicable from 1 June 2021, are CHF 147 and CHF 235 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	12,280
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	140
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	SEK	1,850
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	SEK	2,770
Handling fee:	SEK	1,850

[Updating of Annexes C(SE) and E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CY Cyprus

The **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: deptcomp@drcor.meci.gov.cy

Internet: www.intellectualproperty.gov.cy

[Updating of Annex B1(CY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LR Liberia

The **Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bureau of Archives, Patents, Trade Marks and Copyright (Liberia)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, as well as to its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers, and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office: Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)

Location and mailing address: Old Labor Ministry Building, U.N. Drive
Monrovia
Liberia

Telephone: (231) 775 53 35 95

Facsimile machine: (231) 770 32 90 24

E-mail: liberiaindustrialproperty@gmail.com

[Updating of Annex B1(LR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2021, is NOK 17,880.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2021, is KRW 714,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LR Liberia

The **Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee, in **US dollars (USD)**, as well as changes in the amount and the currency, from **Liberian dollars (LRD)** to **US dollars (USD)**, of the fee for priority document.

These fees, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD	50	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD	5	per page of the certified copy

[Updating of Annex C(LR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** and **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are ISK 268,000 and NOK 17,880.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** and **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are ISK 268,000 and NOK 17,880.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	20,630
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	230
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	ZAR	3,100
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	ZAR	4,650

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

LR Liberia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)**, has notified the International Bureau that, in its capacity as receiving Office, it applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3.

Furthermore, the Office notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it, in its capacity as receiving Office. The following persons may now act as such:

- any attorney certified by the LIPO and registered by the Legal Bar Association;
- any IP agent certified by the LIPO.

[Updating of Annex C(LR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FURNISHING BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF COPIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT: NOTIFICATION BY ELECTED OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 94.1(c)

IT Italy

In accordance with PCT Rule 94.1(c), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as elected Office, has requested the International Bureau to furnish, on behalf of the Office, copies of the international preliminary examination report and related documents under PCT Rule 94.1(b).¹

MX Mexico

In accordance with PCT Rule 94.1(c), the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as elected Office, has requested the International Bureau to furnish, on behalf of the Office, copies of the international preliminary examination report and related documents under PCT Rule 94.1(b).¹

¹ Information concerning which elected Offices have requested the International Bureau to furnish copies of the international preliminary examination reports on their behalf is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/access_iper.html

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

IN India

Agreement between the Indian Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 July 2021, consists of the addition of Japan to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex.

As from 1 July 2021, the amended Annex A will read as follows:

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Japan.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_in.pdf

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 July 2021, consists of the addition of India to the States indicated in items (i) and (ii) of the Annex.

As from 1 July 2021, the amended Annex A will read as follows:

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam.

For the United States of America, the Authority will act under Article 3(1) provided that (a) the international application is submitted in English; and (b) the Authority has not received more than 8,400 international applications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office during the five-year period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2023, and not more than 300 applications per quarter during the first and second years, and not more than 500 applications per quarter during the third, fourth, and fifth years. Where the Authority has prepared the international search report, the Authority will also act under Article 3(2) if these conditions are met.

Where a receiving Office specifies the Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and the Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf

- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [No change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:
English;
 - (c) [No change]
 - (d) for international applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office acting for Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:
Japanese, English.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the fee for priority document, payable in **Mexican pesos (MXN)** to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable since 5 February 2021, are as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	MXN 11.46 per page (black and white)
	MXN 14.60 per page (color)

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

DM Dominica

IB International Bureau of WIPO

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Intellectual Property Office (Dominica)** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect since 15 April 2021, it has ceased acting as a receiving Office and has delegated these functions to the International Bureau of WIPO.

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has specified the Japan Patent Office (JPO)—in addition to the Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), European Patent Office (EPO), Indian Patent Office, Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV), and United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)—as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the Indian Patent Office by nationals and residents of India, with effect from 1 July 2021.

[Updating of Annex C(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has specified the Indian Patent Office—in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO),³ the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore,³ and the Japan Patent Office (JPO)—as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the Japan Patent Office (JPO) by nationals and residents of Japan, with effect from 1 July 2021.

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AO Angola

Information on the requirements of the **Angolan Institute of Industrial Property** as designated (or elected) Office under the PCT is now available in the Summary of the National Chapter (AO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89bis.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 January 2015, pages 19 *et seq.*

³ The Office is competent only if the international application is filed in English (PCT Rule 12.3 does not apply).

In particular, as from 1 July 2021, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

Consequently, as of 1 July 2021, the item concerning electronic filing software specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) will be replaced by the following:

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

HU Hungary

The **Government of the Republic of Hungary** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name and details of the National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM), an international depositary authority under the *Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure*, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made.

The name of the University including the National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM) has changed from Szent István University to Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences.

Consequently, since 1 February 2021, the name and details of the authority are as follows:

National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM)
Institute of Food Science and Technology
Hungarian University of Agriculture and Life Sciences
Somlói út 14-16
1118 Budapest
Hungary

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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**ANGOLAN INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL
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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Portuguese
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee: ²	Currency: Kwanza (AOA) For patent: Filing fee and publication fee up to 15 claims: AOA 27,722 plus for each claim over 15: AOA 792 For utility model: Filing fee and publication fee up to 15 claims: AOA 13,464 plus for each claim over 15: AOA 792
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² Must be paid within 21 days from the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

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**ANGOLAN INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY**

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[Continued]

Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Angola³
An instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) is required³
Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application^{4, 5}
Statement or notice as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent^{4, 5}
Two copies of translation of international application should be furnished
Document evidencing a change of name or person of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)⁵
Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer authorized to represent applicants before the national office in Angola

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter.2*)?

Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

⁴ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁵ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within two months from the date of the invitation.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES: NOTIFICATIONS FROM OFFICES CONCERNING EXCEPTIONAL NON-WORKING DAYS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

PH Philippines

Due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that it was closed to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 29 March to 30 April 2021 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on 3 May 2021, or on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopens to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

For further information on measures adopted by the Office in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker, available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/>

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KW Kuwait

The **Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone number and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (965) 66 62 36 63

E-mail: mansouralnzhan@gmail.com
patent.department@moci.gov.kw
eng_rashid7755@hotmail.com

Furthermore, the Office notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of a document must now be furnished within 90 days from the date of the invitation, instead of 14 days.

[Updating of Annex B1(KW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2021, are USD 302 when filing online and USD 453 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2021, are JPY 14,400, or JPY 3,600 in the case of filing by an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

DM Dominica

The **Intellectual Property Office (Dominica)** has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the International Bureau by nationals and residents of Dominica, with effect since 26 April 2021.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of paper documents with the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office – since 1 April 2021, documents for entry into the national phase filed on paper are received only by mail. For additional information, refer to the Official Ordinance of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), No. 22/21 of 29 March 2021.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b) and in accordance with the procedures set out in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (Annex F, section 2.5), modifications to the Administrative Instructions, Annex F, Appendix I (XML DTDs for the e-PCT Standard), sections 3 and 5, were promulgated,¹ with effect from 1 July 2021.

These modifications are to Document Type Definitions (DTDs), to allow:

- the possibility of multiple top-up searches (section 5.14, Written opinion components);
- the inclusion of earlier search letters for “PCT Direct” (section 3.1, Package data DTD);
- the author to break the statement into sections (sections 5.7, IB publication, and 5.8, Filing of amendments and statements under Articles 19 and 34.2(b));
- the attachment of standard ST.26 sequence listing files (sections 3.1 Package data, and 5.7, IB publication); and
- the inclusion of additional information regarding the citation and passage (sections 3.3, Application body; 3.9, Table; 5.6, IB bibliographic data; 5.7, IB publication; 5.8, Filing of amendments and statements under Articles 19 and 34.2(b); 5.9, Search report; 5.10, International Preliminary Report on Patentability; and 5.14, Written opinion components).

Due to its highly technical content, the consolidated revised text of Annex F, Appendix I of the Administrative Instructions is not reproduced here, but has been published as document PCT/AI/DTD/15 on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_dtd_15.pdf

¹ Refer to Circular C. PCT 1621 of 26 April 2021.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(55-21) 3037 37 42 (55-21) 3037 42 44
Internet:	https://www.gov.br/inpi/pt-br faleconosco.inpi.gov.br/faleconosco/

[Updating of Annex B1(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2021, is ZAR 30,610.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2021, is ZAR 30,610.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2021, are ZAR 31,120 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 15,560 for a small entity, and ZAR 7,780 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KW Kuwait

The **Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Kuwaiti dinars (KWD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 21 July 2019, are as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:	KWD	40	filing by an individual
	KWD	80	filing by a company

In addition, the Office notified the conditions for reduction of the filing fee component of the national fee – with effect since 21 July 2019, the filing fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a student.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PH Philippines

Pursuant to Presidential Proclamation No. 1142 S. 2021, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Thursday, 13 May 2021, in addition to the previously planned closure on Friday, 14 May 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on Monday, 17 May 2021.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AG Antigua and Barbuda

The **Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO)** has notified the International Bureau of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, in **East Caribbean dollars (XCD)**. The amount of this fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d), is XCD 800.

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, is able to participate in DAS, either as an office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

LV Latvia

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents*, the **Latvian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as both an accessing office and a depositing Office, with effect from 1 July 2021.¹

[Updating of Annex B1(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11775

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TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on the following days:

- Friday 12 February 2021;
- Monday 12 April 2021; and
- Monday 10 May 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopened to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closures, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Indian rupees (INR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, as well as a change in the categories of applicants to which the amounts of these fees are applicable.

With effect since 4 November 2020, the applicant category “Small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or start-up” is no longer available. Consequently, since this date, the consolidated list of applicant categories established by the Office, and corresponding fee amounts payable under each category, is as follows:

	<i>Natural person(s) or start-up(s) or small entity(ies)</i>	<i>Other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or start-up(s) or small entity(ies)</i>
Transmittal fee:		
– electronic filing:	None	None
– paper filing:	INR 3,500	INR 17,600

Fee for priority document:¹

– online transmission:

up to 30 pages:	INR	1,000	INR	5,000
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from 31 st page, per page:	INR	30	INR	150
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– paper transmission:

up to 30 pages:	INR	1,100	INR	5,500
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from 31 st page, per page:	INR	30	INR	150
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[Updating of Annex C(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AO Angola

On 14 May 2021, the **Angolan Institute of Industrial Property** notified the International Bureau of a correction concerning the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 April 2021, page 91.

The correct time limit applicable for entry into the national phase, under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a), is 30 months from the priority date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national filing fee, in **Indian rupees (INR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, as well as a change to the categories of applicants to which the amounts of these components are applicable.

With effect since 4 November 2020, the applicant category “Small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or start-up” is no longer available. Consequently, since this date, the consolidated list of applicant categories established by the Office, and corresponding amounts of the components of the filing fee payable under each category, is as follows:

¹ The Indian Patent Office is a Participating Office in the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) (refer to *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex B1(IN)). No fee is required by the Office where, as a depositing Office, it has made a certified copy of the priority document available through DAS.

	<i>Natural person(s) or start-up(s) or small entity(ies)</i>	<i>Other(s), alone or with natural person(s) or start-up(s) or small entity(ies)</i>
Filing fee: ²		
– Up to 30 sheets and 10 claims:		
– electronic filing:	INR 1,600	INR 8,000
– paper filing:	INR 1,750	INR 8,800
– For each additional priority claim, multiple of:		
– electronic filing:	INR 1,600	INR 8,000
– paper filing:	INR 1,750	INR 8,800
– For each additional sheet in addition to 30:		
– electronic filing:	INR 160	INR 800
– paper filing:	INR 180	INR 880
– For each additional claim in addition to 10:		
– electronic filing:	INR 320	INR 1,600
– paper filing:	INR 350	INR 1,750
– For each page of sequence listing of nucleotides and/or amino acid sequences under <i>The Patent Rules, 2003</i> Rule 9(3):		
– electronic filing:	INR 160 ³	INR 800 ⁴
– paper filing:	Not allowed	Not allowed

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² Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), or at the time of any earlier express request by the applicant to proceed earlier with the national phase.

³ Subject to a maximum of INR 24,000.

⁴ Subject to a maximum of INR 120,000.

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and in accordance with Sections 703, 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search, and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 March 2021, pages 51 *et seq.*

In particular, as from 1 January 2022, the EPO will no longer accept international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications filed using EPO New Online Filing (CMS) (formerly EPO Case Management System).

From 1 January 2022, the means available for filing international applications and other documents and correspondence relating to international applications in electronic form with the EPO will be: EPO Online Filing, EPO Web-Form Filing, ePCT-Filing, and EPO Online Filing 2.0.

[Updating of Annexes C(EP) and E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2021, is USD 1,353.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2021, is JPY 236,100.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2021, are EUR 526 for searches carried out in Japanese and EUR 1,173 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of one of its telephone numbers. The remaining available telephone number is as follows:

Telephone: (56-2) 28 87 05 51

[Updating of Annex B1(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (30-210) 618 36 67
(30-210) 618 35 08

In addition, the Office notified that it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

[Updating of Annex B1(GR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 January 2021, the Office has discontinued the use of facsimile services.

[Updating of Annex B1(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MT Malta

The **Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department, Ministry for the Economy, Investment and Small Businesses (Malta)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the name of the Office, as follows:

Name of Office: Industrial Property Registrations
Directorate, Commerce Department,
Ministry for the Economy and Industry
(Malta)

Furthermore, the Office notified that it has discontinued the use of facsimile services.

[Updating of Annex B1(MT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – one copy is now required, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(GR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – one copy is now required, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (966-11) 280 59 76
(966-11) 280 12 21

[Updating of Annex B1(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

In observance of the Juneteenth National Independence Day, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Friday 18 June 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Monday 21 June 2021.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

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CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2021, is USD 328.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

ME Montenegro

International applications may be filed and processed in electronic form or by electronic means in accordance with Part 7 (legal framework) and Annex F (technical standard) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Ministry of Economy, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from 1 August 2021, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (382) 20 234 591
- by e-mail at: mladen.koprivica@mek.gov.me

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.ziscg.me).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(ME) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CZ Czechia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: www.upv.gov.cz

[Updating of Annex B1(CZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — the Office no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile machine; however, since 1 January 2021, all types of documents may be transmitted to the Office by e-mail and the original of the document is no longer required.

[Updating of Annex B1(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified the International Bureau that, as a depositing Office participating in the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS), no fee for a priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) is required by the Office where it has made a certified copy of the priority document available through DAS.

[Updating of Annex C(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office. With effect since 28 June 2021, the following persons may act as such:

An individual who holds a patent agent licence or a patent agent-in-training licence issued by the College of Patent Agents and Trademark Agents. An applicant may appoint all of the patent agents who work at the same firm to represent them in respect of their application.

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirements, under PCT Rule 51*bis*.1(b), concerning representation by an agent.

With effect since 28 June 2021, the consolidated list of special requirements of the Office, under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), is as follows:

- The name and postal address of each inventor.
- A statement that either (i) the applicant(s) is (are) entitled to apply for a patent, or (ii) the applicant is the sole inventor or, if there are joint applicants, the applicants are all inventors and the sole inventors.
- If the Commissioner reasonably doubts that the person who entered the national phase is the applicant of the international application or his/her legal representative, the Commissioner will require evidence to establish ownership rights in the international application. An applicant may provide documentation with the request to enter the national phase establishing how the person who entered the national phase is the applicant of the international application or the legal representative. Such documentation may include: Form PCT/IB/306, a document effecting the transfer of rights, or a change of name document.
- Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not the inventor.
- Evidence of the consent of the appointment of the patent agent is required when the document appointing that agent is submitted by someone other than the patent agent being appointed.

Furthermore, the Office notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. With effect since 28 June 2021, the following persons may act as such:

An individual who holds a patent agent license or a patent agent-in-training license issued by the College of Patent Agents and Trademark Agents. An applicant may appoint all of the patent agents who work at the same firm to represent them in respect of their application.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: <https://www.gov.il/en/departments/ilpo>

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UA Ukraine

The **Ministry for Development of Economy, Trade and Agriculture of Ukraine, Department for Development of Intellectual Property** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office: National Intellectual Property Authority,
State Enterprise "Ukrainian Intellectual
Property Institute (Ukrpatent)"

[Updating of Annex B1(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2021, is ZAR 23,560.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2021, are CHF 306 and USD 330 when filing online, and CHF 458 and USD 495 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out (in English) by the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2021, is SGD 1,906.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the amounts of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)), in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office.

Since 1 June 2021, the amounts of this fee are USD 534 or USD 276 (in the case of filing by an individual).

[Updating of Annex C(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2021, is JPY 183,400.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: CEASING OF DEVELOPMENT, DISTRIBUTION AND SUPPORT FOR THE PCT-SAFE SOFTWARE BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

IB International Bureau of WIPO

As of 30 June 2022, the International Bureau will end its development, distribution and support of the PCT-SAFE software; the final scheduled release will be in April 2022, and no further updates to the software will be provided after that date.

Although the International Bureau specifically recommends against doing so, from 1 July 2022, PCT applicants may continue to prepare and file PCT applications using existing versions of the PCT-SAFE software at receiving Offices which continue to accept them.

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATION BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) may participate, as a “participating Office”, in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (“IB”) for PCT purposes (the “WIPO Fee Transfer Service”), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

An Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a collecting Office may transfer the following fees and related differences, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.¹

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences from the collecting Office to the International Bureau, for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

Between 1 April 2021 and 30 June 2021 (inclusive),² the following Offices notified the International Bureau of their participation, or of a change in the scope of their participation, in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

¹ Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

² Complete lists of the PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service from 1 July 2020 to 20 November 2020 and from 21 November 2020 to 31 March 2021 are available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020 (pages 256 *et seq.*) and 8 April 2021 (pages 74 *et seq.*), respectively.

PCT Fee Transfers					
International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency	
Participating Office³ (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, EP, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
CU Cuban Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, BR, EP, ES, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
EG Egyptian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, EP, US as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/OM, QA, SA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives EGP transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EG</i>

³ Rows relating to participating Offices having an agreement with the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) are identified by light grey shading.

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PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
IN Indian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, SE, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: ⁴ <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/JP</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: ⁴ <i>receives INR transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/IN</i>
JP Japan Patent Office (JPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, IN,⁴ SG</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/KR, MY, PH, SG, US, VN</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives JPY transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/JP</i>
KZ National Institute Of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
RO State Office For Inventions And Trademarks (Romania)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

⁴ With effect since 1 July 2021.

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BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2021, are EUR 285 when filing online and EUR 428 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee, in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 July 2021, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):

- electronic filing: COP 419,640
- paper filing: COP 503,470

[Updating of Annex C(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee,¹ in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 July 2021, are as follows:

For a patent:	Online	On paper
Filing fee:	COP 84,840	COP 105,160
Annual fee:		
– for the 1 st to the 4 th year, per year:	COP 279,420 (415,580) ²	COP 335,820 (498,390) ²
For a utility model:		
– Filing fee:	COP 75,190	COP 92,460

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable fee amount.

² The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of late payment within a grace period of six months from the due date.

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the time limit in which a translation of the international application must be furnished to the Office: the translation must be furnished within two months from the date of entry into the national phase.

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of several components of the national fee,³ in **Turkish lira (TRY)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 January 2021, are as follows:

For patent or utility model:

Filing fee:	TRY	2,015
Fee for certificate of grant:	TRY	400
Renewal fee for third year:	TRY	400
Reinstatement of rights:	TRY	2,610

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). However, the national fee may still be paid within three months from the date of entry into the national phase, provided that an additional fee is paid with the national fee within that period.

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CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its mailing address, which is now as follows:

Mailing address:	The Commissioner of Patents Canadian Intellectual Property Office Place du Portage I, 50 Victoria Street Room C-114 Gatineau, Quebec K1A 0C9 (Courier J8X 3X1) Canada
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[Updating of Annex B1(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WS Samoa

The **Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa)** has notified the International Bureau of the types of protection available via the PCT, where Samoa is designated (or elected): protection by patent and innovation patent is available; protection by utility model is not available.

[Updating of Annex B1(WS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2021, are EUR 98 for searches carried out in Russian and EUR 459 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau that it was closed to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Tuesday 20 July 2021, in observance of *Eid'l Adha* (Feast of Sacrifice).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Wednesday 21 July 2021, or on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopened to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

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ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 03/2004, pages 1732 *et seq.*, and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 October 2010, page 175.

In particular, as from 1 November 2021, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

Consequently, as of 1 November 2021, the item concerning electronic filing software, as specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issues of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette), will be replaced by the following:

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- EPO online filing software

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FURNISHING BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF COPIES OF DOCUMENTS: NOTIFICATION BY ELECTED OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 94.1(c)

EP European Patent Organisation

Under amended PCT Rule 94.1(c), which entered into force on 1 July 2020, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as elected Office, has requested the International Bureau to furnish, on behalf of that Office, copies of any document transmitted to it under Rule 71.1(a) or (b) by the International Preliminary Examining Authority, in accordance with the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

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AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, as well as to its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia
Location and mailing address:	Republic Square, Government House 3 Yerevan 0010 Armenia

In addition, the Office notified a change to the provisions of the national law of Armenia concerning restrictions applicable to the filing of international applications with the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO: the applicable provisions are available under the *Law on Patents*, Article 58.

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the types of protection available via the PCT, where Armenia is designated or elected: since 1 July 2021, protection by patent and short-term patent is available, and protection by utility model is no longer available.

[Updating of Annex B1(AM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 July 2021, the Office accepts Russian¹, in addition to English, as a language in which international applications and requests, may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(a) and (c)).

[Updating of Annex C(AM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority, the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

VN Viet Nam

The **Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the requirements for representation before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

- an agent is not required if the applicant resides in Viet Nam or has a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in Viet Nam;
- an agent is required if the applicant is a non-resident or, where there are two or more applicants, the first named applicant on the request form (PCT/RO/101) does not reside in Viet Nam.

[Updating of Annex C(VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the claim fee component of the national filing fee, payable to it in its capacity as designed (or elected) Office: since 1 July 2021, an additional fee is payable for each claim in excess of five, instead of for each independent claim in excess of one.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EE Estonia

On 2 August 2021, the **Estonian Patent Office** notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the claim fee component of the national filing fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

For a patent:

Claim fee for each claim	
in excess of 10:	EUR 13

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT OF PRIORITY:
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AM Armenia

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Intellectual Property Office of the Republic of Armenia**, in its capacities both as receiving Office and designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that, since 1 July 2021, it applies the “unintentional” criterion instead of the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(AM) and of the National Chapter, Summary (AM), of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

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KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Mangilik Yel Avenue 57A
010000 Nur-Sultan
Kazakhstan

In addition, the Office notified that it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

[Updating of Annex B1(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is KZT 1,100 in case of filing by a natural person.

[Updating of Annex C(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

GT Guatemala

IB International Bureau

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 September 2021, it will cease to act as a receiving Office and delegate its functions as receiving Office to the International Bureau.

[Updating of Annexes B(GT) and C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified changes to components of the national fee, in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	KZT	20,320.16
Examination fee:	KZT	66,959.20
Annual fee for the first three years of maintenance, per year:	KZT	20,320.16

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	KZT	16,450.56
Annual fee for the first three years of maintenance, per year:	KZT	16,450.56

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)** has notified the International Bureau of the discontinuation of its facsimile numbers, as well as of a change to its location and mailing address and the addition of a new telephone number extension, as follows:

Location and mailing address: 7a. Avenida 7-61, zona 4, primer nivel
Guatemala Ciudad 01004
Guatemala

Telephone: (502) 232 470 70 ext. 105 and 109

[Updating of Annex B1(GT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2021, is CHF 1,449.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified the International Bureau of additional information regarding the location and mailing address of its Sarajevo branch office, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Sarajevo: Bulevar Meše Selimovića 95
Lamela C, 3 sprat
71000 Sarajevo
Bosnia and Herzegovina

[Updating of Annex B1(BA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: i.ramirez@onapi.gob.do
r.nunez@onapi.gob.do
l.castillo@onapi.gob.do

[Updating of Annex B1(DO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES CONCERNING EXCEPTIONAL NON-WORKING DAYS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

PH Philippines

Due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** notified the International Bureau that it was closed to the public, for the purposes of the transaction of official business, from 6 to 20 August 2021 (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period expired on 23 August 2021.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

For further information on measures adopted by the Office in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the *WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker*, available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 November 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD 2,019
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD 23
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	AUD 304
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	AUD 455
Handling fee:	AUD 304

[Updating of Annexes C(AU) and E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 July 2021, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): ¹	RSD 8,210
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¹ This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): ²	RSD 1,970	for the first document up to 10 pages
plus	RSD 490	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
plus	[No change]	per page in excess of 10
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): ²	RSD 3,300	

[Updating of Annex C(RS) the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of various components of its national fee, in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable since 1 July 2021, are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee: ²	RSD 8,210
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: ²	RSD 800
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee
Examination fee: ²	RSD 8,210
Annual fee for the first three years: ²	RSD 11,510

For petty patent:

Filing fee: ²	RSD 8,210
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

In accordance with PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(a)(ii), the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau of changes to its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, which are now as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
Eurasian Patent Organization Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	Where applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request	At the time of filing (must be in the description)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Office and of an additional telephone number, as follows:

Name of Office:	State Agency of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Cabinet of Ministers of the Kyrgyz Republic
Telephone:	(996-312) 68 08 19 (996-312) 68 10 71

[Updating of Annex B1(KG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

On 1 September 2021, the **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Bosnia and Herzegovina convertible marks (BAM)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. The amount of this fee is now BAM 40.

[Updating of Annex C(BA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

A new equivalent amount in **New Israeli shekels (ILS)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2021, is ILS 704.

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

On 25 August 2021, the **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** notified the International Bureau of changes to the filing fee components of the national fee payable, in **Dominican pesos (DOP)**, to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The filing fee is now as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|------------|
| – Up to 30 sheets | DOP 11,500 |
| – For each additional sheet | DOP 75 |

For utility model:

Filing fee:

- | | |
|-----------------------------|-----------|
| – Up to 30 sheets | DOP 8,050 |
| – For each additional sheet | DOP 75 |

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ME Montenegro

The **Ministry of Economy, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office:	Ministry of Economic Development Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)
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[Updating of Annex B1(ME) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: dj.epct@odpic.dj

[Updating of Annex B1(DJ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and Internet address, which are now as follows:

Location: Al. Niepodległości 188/192
PL-00-950 Warszawa
Poland

Internet: <https://www.uprp.gov.pl>

[Updating of Annex B1(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*, concerning the furnishing, where applicable, of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings: the Office now requires the furnishing of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing on paper and in electronic form.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Thursday 30 September 2021.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Friday 1 October 2021.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: plpctteam@uprp.gov.pl

[Updating of Annex B1(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2021, are NZD 538 for searches carried out in Korean and NZD 1,435 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

TN Tunisia

Information on the requirements of the **National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)** as designated (or elected) Office under the PCT is now available in the Summary of the National Chapter (TN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: NOTIFICATION BY OFFICES OF PARTICIPATION IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE FOR PCT PURPOSES

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) may participate, as a “participating Office”, in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (“IB”) for PCT purposes (the “WIPO Fee Transfer Service”), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

An Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a collecting Office may transfer the following fees and related differences, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.¹

¹ Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences from the collecting Office to the International Bureau, for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

Between 1 July 2021 and 30 September 2021 (inclusive),² the following Offices notified the International Bureau of their participation, or of a change in the scope of their participation, in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.1 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT:

PCT Fee Transfers					
International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	Differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency	
Participating Office³ (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
CA Canadian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB, SA</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in CAD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CA (BZ)</i>

² Complete lists of the Offices that have notified the International Bureau of their participation, or of a change in the scope of their participation, in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for PCT purposes from 1 July 2020 to 20 November 2020, from 21 November 2020 to 31 March 2021, and from 1 April to 30 June 2021 are available in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020 (pages 256 *et seq.*), 8 April 2021 (pages 73 *et seq.*), and 8 July 2021 (pages 126 *et seq.*), respectively.

³ Rows relating to participating Offices having an agreement with the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) are identified by light grey shading.

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PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	Differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<p>CL National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)</p>	Collecting RO	<p>as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, ES, KR, US</i></p> <p>as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/CO, CR, CU, DO, IB, MX, PE, TT</i></p>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	<p>Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in USD, but may receive transfers in other currencies directly from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/CL (EC, PA, SV)</i></p>
<p>IR Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)</p>	Collecting RO	Collecting RO <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, IN, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<p>ME Ministry of Economic Development, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)</p>	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<p>TT Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)</p>	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, CL, EP, SE, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	Differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
UA National Intellectual Property Authority, State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute (Ukrpatent)”	<i>(not yet participating as RO)</i>	as Collecting RO: <i>(not yet participating as RO)</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/IB</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives transfers through the service in USD (specified only by non-participating RO/UA)</i>

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

TN

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR
STANDARDIZATION AND INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY (INNORPI) (TUNISIA)**

TN

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic, English or French
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only, any text matter of drawings, abstract) Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Tunisian dinar (TND) Filing fee and first annual fee: ^{1,2} TND 140 Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10, per claim: ^{1,2} TND 30
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) Representation by an agent if the applicant is not resident in Tunisia Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney)
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Tunisia
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49 <i>ter</i> .2)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² Fees are subject to value added tax (VAT) of 19%.

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

DJ Djibouti

International applications may be filed and processed in electronic form or by electronic means in accordance with Part 7 (legal framework) and Annex F (technical standard) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from 3 January 2022, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (253) 21 35 60 11
- by e-mail at: dj.epct@odpic.dj

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.odpic.dj).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(DJ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WS Samoa

International applications may be filed and processed in electronic form or by electronic means in accordance with Part 7 (legal framework) and Annex F (technical standard) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Labour (MCIL) (Samoa)** in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from 31 January 2022, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

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The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (685) 204 41
- by e-mail at: ipros@mcil.gov.ws

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.mcil.gov.ws).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(WS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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GM Gambia

The **Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Gambia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the types of national protection available via the PCT, where the Gambia is designated (or elected): in addition to protection by patent, protection by utility model is also available.

[Updating of Annex B1(GM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GM Gambia

The **Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Gambia)** has notified the International Bureau of a national filing fee for utility models, in **Gambian dalasi (GMD)** and **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee is GMD 2,500, or USD 200 for applicants who are not residents of the Gambia.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LR Liberia

The **Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the amount and in the currency, from **Liberian dollars (LRD)** to **US dollars (USD)**, of the national filing fee. This fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, is USD 400.

Furthermore, the Office notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The following persons may now act as such:

- any attorney certified by LIPO and registered by the Legal Bar Association; or
- any IP agent certified by LIPO.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT OF PRIORITY: NOTIFICATIONS UNDER
PCT RULE 49ter.2**

LR Liberia

In accordance with PCT Rule 49ter.2(g), the **Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LR), of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

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LR Liberia

The **Liberia Intellectual Property Office (LIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the types of national protection available via the PCT, where Liberia is designated (or elected): protection by utility model is now available.

[Updating of Annex B1(LR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PA Panama

The **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** has notified the International Bureau of an additional e-mail address. Its e-mail addresses are now as follows:

E-mail: dgrpi@mici.gob.pa
epct@mici.gob.pa

[Updating of Annex B1(PA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CN China

New equivalent amounts in **Chinese yuan renminbi (CNY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 December 2021, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CNY	9,260
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CNY	100
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	CNY	1,390
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	CNY	2,090
Handling fee:	CNY	1,390

[Updating of Annexes C(CN) and E(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

CA Canada

Agreement between the Government of Canada and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will take effect on 1 January 2022, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 1 January 2022, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Canadian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,628.74
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,628.74
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	814.37
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	814.37
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2) in electronic form	
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus	[no change]
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes	[no change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page (paper)	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ca.pdf

SG Singapore

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² - Amendment to Annex A

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 1 November 2021, consists of the addition of **Saudi Arabia** to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex.

As from 1 November 2021, the amended Annex A reads as follows:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Uganda, United States of America, Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Saudi Arabia, Thailand, Uganda, United States of America, Viet Nam.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

(ii) [No change]

² Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2022, is CAD 305.39.

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 January 2022 are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	CAD 1,628.74
Additional search fee ³ (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	CAD 1,628.74

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, from 1 January 2022, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	CAD 814.37
Additional Preliminary examination fee ⁴ (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	CAD 814.37

[Updating of Annex E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

RECEIVING OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore – in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 November 2021 with SAIP, in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia.

[Updating of Annex C(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of certain components of its national fee, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2022, are as follows:

National fee:

Basic national fee: ⁵	CAD 407.18 (203.59) ⁶
Fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase):	CAD 203.59

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁵ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

⁶ The amount in parentheses is applicable only if the applicant is entitled to pay certain fees at the "small entity" level. In order to be entitled to pay the reduced fee, a signed "small entity" declaration compliant with subsection 44(3) of the *Canadian Patent Rules* must, within the applicable time limit set out in subsection 154(1)(c)(i), 154(2)(a), 154(3)(a)(iii)(A), 154(3)(b)(i)(A) or 154(3)(b)(ii)(A) of the *Canadian Patent Rules*, be made by the applicant or the agent on the applicant's behalf (the declaration shall preferably follow the form of the declaration set out in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Phase, Annex CA.II).

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), with Offices, Authorities, and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system, modifications to Sections 102(h), 705*bis*, 705*ter*, 709, 713(b) and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as well as the introduction of new Section 5.1*bis* in Annex F, were promulgated¹ with effect from 1 January 2022.

The main purposes of these modifications are:

(i) to provide Offices with more flexibility to design their online filing interfaces in respect of the specification of means of communication with the applicant (Section 102(h));

(ii) to clarify that Section 705*bis* applies to the case of “scanning” while new Section 705*ter* applies to the case of “conversion” (Section 705*bis*);

(iii) to provide a legal basis for permitting international applications to be converted from one electronic format (e.g., PDF) to another electronic format (e.g., XML) and processed on that basis, in order to authorize ROs, the IB and ISAs to convert international applications into XML format and use the resulting XML version as the home copy, record copy, or search copy (Section 705*ter*);

(iv) to provide a legal basis for Offices to transmit notifications or other documents to the applicant by making them available for retrieval by the applicant through a dedicated electronic system; and to enable an Office, if agreed by the IB, to request the latter to transmit documents to the applicant by electronic means on its behalf, and details in this respect would be left to the Office concerned and the IB to discuss if such a request would arise (Section 709);

(v) to provide a legal basis for applying Sections 705*bis*(b) to (e) to notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating international applications filed, processed or communicated in electronic form that are capable of applying, but do not expressly apply, under Section 713(b) (Section 713(b));

(vi) to set out the technical requirements for how an Office may transmit documents to the applicant by making them available for online retrieval (Annex F, Section 5.1*ter*); and

(vii) to prepare for the future decommissioning of PCT-SAFE (Section 703(b)(iv) *Editor’s Note*; and Annex F, section 6).

¹ Refer to Circular C. PCT 1631 of 26 October 2021.

The full text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 January 2022 (PCT/AI/22) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/

TEXT OF MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
(as in force from 1 January 2022)

PART 1
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO GENERAL MATTERS

Section 102
Use of the Forms

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) to (k) and Section 103, the International Authorities shall use, or require the use of, the mandatory Forms specified below:

[List of forms omitted]

(b) Slight variations in layout necessary in view of the printing of the Forms referred to in paragraph (a) in various languages are permitted.

(c) Slight variations in layout in the Forms referred to in paragraph (a)(ii) to (v) are permitted to the extent necessary to meet the particular office requirements of the International Authorities, in particular in view of the production of the Forms by computer or of the use of window envelopes.

(d) Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority and/or the International Preliminary Examining Authority are each part of the same Office, the obligation to use the Forms referred to in paragraph (a) does not extend to communications within that same Office.

(e) The annexes to Forms PCT/RO/106, PCT/RO/118, PCT/ISA/201, PCT/ISA/205, PCT/ISA/206, PCT/ISA/210, PCT/ISA/219, PCT/IB/313, PCT/IB/336, PCT/IPEA/404, PCT/IPEA/405 and PCT/IPEA/415 may be omitted in cases where they are not used.

(f) The notes attached to Forms PCT/RO/101 (request Form), PCT/IB/375 (supplementary search request Form) and PCT/IPEA/401 (demand Form) shall be distributed by the International Authorities concerned together with the printed versions of those Forms. The notes attached to Form PCT/ISA/220 shall accompany the Form when sent to the applicant.

(g) The use of Forms other than those referred to in paragraph (a) is optional.

(h) Where the request or the demand is presented as a computer print-out, such print-out shall be prepared as follows:

(i) subject to subparagraph (ix), the layout and contents of the request and the demand when presented as computer print-outs shall correspond to the format of Forms PCT/RO/101 (request Form) and PCT/IPEA/401 (demand Form) (“the printed Forms”), with the same information being presented on the corresponding pages;

(ii) all boxes shall be drawn by solid lines; double lines may be presented as single lines;

(iii) the box numbers and box titles shall be included even where no information is supplied therein;

(iv) the boxes for use by the International Authorities shall be at least as large as those on the printed Forms;

(v) all other boxes shall be within one cm in size of those on the printed Forms;

(vi) all text shall be 9 points or larger in size;

(vii) titles and other information shall be clearly distinguished;

(viii) explanatory notes presented in italics on the printed Forms may be omitted;

(ix) the request and the demand when presented as computer print-outs may contain additional or alternative details concerning the means of communication with the applicant.

(i) Other formats permitted for the presentation of the request and the demand as computer print-outs may be determined by the Director General. Any such format shall be published in the Gazette.

(j) The page-based layout of a Form generated from a character-coded format shall be permitted if it is generated using a stylesheet provided by the International Bureau.²

(k) A Form may be transmitted by one Office, International Authority or the International Bureau to another in character-coded format only, without its page based layout, if the recipient Office, Authority or Bureau has agreed to receive the information in such format and has agreed to generate any page based layout which may be required for the recipient Office’s file records.

² *Editor’s Note:* Available from the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/resources

PART 7
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC
FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

Section 705bis

Processing in Electronic Form of International Applications Filed on Paper

(a) Where an international application is filed on paper, it may, subject to this Part, be scanned into electronic form as a complete and accurate copy (“scanned copy”) and processed on the basis of the scanned copy.

(b) Pursuant to paragraph (a) and for the purposes of Article 12, the receiving Office, the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority may prepare a scanned copy of the international application and keep it as the home copy, the record copy or the search copy, as the case may be.

(c) Where a scanned copy of the international application is kept as the record copy under paragraph (b), the original of the international application as filed on paper shall be kept, for a period of at least 5 years from the international filing date, by the International Bureau or, where so agreed by the receiving Office and the International Bureau, by the receiving Office on behalf of the International Bureau. The original shall be marked with the words “INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION – ORIGINAL AS FILED ON PAPER (SECTION 705bis)” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application on the bottom of the first page of the request and of the first page of the description.³

(d) Where, before the expiration of the period referred to in paragraph (c), the International Bureau finds, upon request for correction made by the applicant or otherwise, that a scanned copy of the international application kept as the record copy under paragraph (b) is not in fact a complete and accurate copy of the original kept under paragraph (c), it shall correct the record copy so as to bring it into conformity with the original. If the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or a designated or elected Office considers that the International Bureau should make a finding under the first sentence of this paragraph, it shall call the relevant facts to the attention of the International Bureau.

(e) Where the International Bureau has corrected the record copy in accordance with paragraph (d), it shall promptly notify the applicant, publish the corrected international application together with a revised front page, and publish a notice of this fact in the Gazette. Section 422(a)(i) to (v) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* with regard to the notification of the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority and the designated and elected Offices.

³ *Editor's Note:* In principle, receiving Offices should mark the original at the time of its receipt but they could also mark the original when it is relied upon for the purposes of the correction of the record copy under Section 705bis(d).

Section 705ter

Processing of International Applications Filed in or Scanned into Electronic Form in a Converted Electronic Format

(a) Where an international application is filed in electronic form, or filed on paper and scanned into electronic form under Section 705bis(a), it may, subject to this Part, be converted from the initial or scanned electronic format into another electronic format permitted for this purpose as a complete and accurate copy (“converted copy”) and processed on the basis of the converted copy.

(b) The electronic format into which an international application may be converted for the purpose of paragraph (a) shall be XML format as referred to in section 3.1.1.1 of Annex F.

(c) Pursuant to paragraph (a) and subject to the agreement between the relevant Offices, for the purposes of Article 12, the receiving Office, the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority may prepare a converted copy of the international application and keep it as the home copy, the record copy or the search copy, as the case may be.

(d) Notwithstanding Section 705bis(c), where a converted copy of the international application is kept under paragraph (c) as the home copy, the record copy or the search copy, the copy in the initial or scanned electronic format shall be kept in the file of the international application in accordance with Rule 93.

(e) Section 705bis(d) and (e) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* with respect to corrections of any inconsistencies in the converted copy with the copy in the initial or scanned electronic format kept under paragraph (d).

Section 709

Means of Communication with the Applicant

(a) The receiving Office shall, if it provides for such a service, send any notifications, invitations and other correspondence (“documents”) to the applicant by electronic means in accordance with Annex F, unless the applicant requests to receive them by other means offered by the Office.

(b) Where it appears to the receiving Office that a document sent to the applicant by electronic means was not successfully transmitted, the Office shall promptly resend the document by the same or another means.

(b-bis) Where the receiving Office provides for such a service and the applicant so requests, the receiving Office may, instead of directly transmitting a document to the applicant, make it available for retrieval by the applicant in an electronic system in accordance with the standard set forth in section 5.1ter of Annex F. In this case, the document shall be considered to have been transmitted to the applicant on the day when it was made available for retrieval by the applicant in that electronic system. The receiving Office shall promptly alert the applicant by electronic means whenever a new document has been made available, unless the applicant requests otherwise.

(c) When the electronic systems of the receiving Office are not available for the filing or retrieval of documents in electronic form or by electronic means, the Office shall, if possible, promptly publish information to that effect by reasonably available means.

(d) Where agreed between the receiving Office and the International Bureau, the Office may furnish an electronic copy of a document to the International Bureau for transmission by electronic means to the applicant on its behalf.

Section 713
Application of Provisions to International Authorities and the International Bureau, and to Notifications, Communications, Correspondence and Other Documents⁴

(a) The provisions of this Part, other than Sections 703(c), 704(c) to (g), 707, 708(b)(iii) to (v), 710(a)(iv) and 714(b), shall, if they are capable of applying but do not expressly apply to the International Searching Authorities, the International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau, apply *mutatis mutandis* to those Authorities and that Bureau.⁵

(b) The provisions of this Part, other than Sections 703(c), 704(c) to (f), 705, 707, 708(b)(iii) to (v) and 710(a)(iv), shall, if they are capable of applying but do not expressly apply to notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications that are filed, processed or communicated in electronic form, apply *mutatis mutandis* to such notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications.

ANNEX F
STANDARD FOR THE FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

5. TRANSMISSION

5.1ter Alternative means of secure online transmission by recipient retrieval

Offices offering electronic transmission of documents through online retrieval by a recipient (either the applicant or Office processing the application) should use a secure protocol. Unless the applicant has explicitly requested an alternative arrangement (such as transmission of documents directly by email), transmission should use a connection protected by a modern, secure version of TLS or an alternative protocol of similar security mandated by national law, and a means appropriate to the sensitivity of the documents concerned to ensure that the documents can be retrieved only by authorized persons.

⁴ *Editor's Note:* Provisions of Part 7 and Annex F relating to the form or contents of the international application would automatically, by virtue of Article 27(1), be applicable to designated Offices. Communications between applicants and designated Offices would not, however, be governed in general by Annex F.

⁵ *Editor's Note:* In relation to Sections 703(a) and 710, an Office acting in more than one capacity (receiving Office, International Searching Authority and/or International Preliminary Examining Authority) would give separate notices to the International Bureau, in each capacity, as to its readiness to receive and process international applications in electronic form.

A preferred implementation involves:

(a) the international application being associated with one or more accounts with the Office, secured by two-factor authentication;

(b) notifications being sent to the recipient when a document becomes available, either using email to the recipient or, where so agreed with the recipient, by the recipient regularly accessing a secure list of newly available documents provided through an associated account, either manually through a secure browser connection or automatically through a RESTful secure web service;

(c) the recipient downloading such documents from an associated account, either manually through a secure browser connection or automatically through a RESTful secure web service.

The association between the international application and any applicant account should preferably be set up using information provided by the applicant at the time of filing using compatible online filing software. Offices should also provide secure means for adding, removing or modifying such associations after filing.

6. ELECTRONIC FILING SOFTWARE

The International Bureau provides software⁶ that supports all of the requirements of the basic common standard and certain alternatives available under Annex F. Use of this software is not mandatory but any applicant may choose to use it, in which case the receiving Office must accept the international application concerned (except where it has notified a transitional reservation under Als Section 703(f) in that respect). Any receiving Office may also specify other filing software acceptable to it.

⁶ The current software provided by the International Bureau for this purpose is ePCT. However, for as long as the PCT-SAFE software is still available, any receiving Office may continue to accept PCT-SAFE or both ePCT and PCT-SAFE for this purpose.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its facsimile number, which is now as follows:

Facsimile machine: (202) 279 21 273

[Updating of Annex B1(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

SC Seychelles

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

The Republic of Seychelles has deposited its instrument of accession to the *Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the Framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)* (Harare Protocol) and will become bound by that Protocol on 1 January 2022.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 1 January 2022 will include the designation of the Seychelles for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent. Furthermore, from 1 January 2022, nationals and residents of the Seychelles will be able to file international applications with ARIPO as receiving Office, in addition to the Registration Division, Department of Legal Affairs (Seychelles) and the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B2(AP), C(AP) and B1(SC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2022, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD	108
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD	54

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

LT Lithuania

Pursuant to PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d), and in accordance with Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 January 2013, page 8.

In particular, as from 15 January 2022, the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania, in its capacity as receiving Office, will accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using ePCT-Filing.

Consequently, as of 15 January 2022, the Office is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (370-5) 278 02 50
- by e-mail at: info@vpb.gov.lt

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<https://vpb.lrv.lt>).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: www.odpic.dj

[Updating of Annex B1(DJ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following consultations undertaken by the Director General of WIPO in October 2021, in accordance with the Directives adopted by the PCT Assembly¹ and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the **international filing fee** (including the fee per sheet over 30 and fee reductions when an international application is filed in electronic form) and the **handling fee**, respectively, have been established in **various currencies**, with effect from 1 January 2022, as indicated in table 1 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts in the prescribed currencies, and, in bold print, the proposed new equivalent amounts of those fees corresponding to the amounts in Swiss francs (CHF) set out in the current Schedule of Fees.²

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of **search fees** have been established in **receiving Offices' currencies** for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2022, as indicated in table 2 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts (in receiving Offices' currencies) and, in bold print, any new amounts of the search fees fixed,³ or to be fixed,⁴ by the International Searching Authority and the proposed new equivalent amounts of all search fees, in the currencies other than the currency in which the International Searching Authority has fixed its fees.

¹ The Directives of the PCT Assembly relating to the establishment of equivalent amounts of certain fees are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/equivalent_amounts.html

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/rtax.html>

³ Applicable only to the search fees fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

⁴ Applicable only to the search fees to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent), and the Nordic Patent Institute.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the **supplementary search fees** have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, also with effect from 1 January 2022, for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, as indicated in table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current amounts of the supplementary search fees (in the currencies in which the Authority has fixed its fees), and, in bold print, any new amounts⁵ of the supplementary search fees fixed by the Authority, as well as the proposed new equivalent amounts of those fees in Swiss francs (CHF), with effect from 1 January 2022.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BG), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CN), (CR), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DJ), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JO), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KH), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MD), (ME), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (OM), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (QA), (RO), (RS), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (UG), (US), (UZ), (WS), (ZA), (ZM) and (ZW),

all Annexes D,

all Annexes SISA,

Annexes E(AT), (AU), (CA), (CL), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (IL), (IN), (JP), (KR), (PH), (RU), (SE), (SG), (UA), (US) and (XV)]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2022, are CHF 1,197, EUR 1,134 and USD 1,310, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁵ Applicable only to the supplementary search fees fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office (PRV), the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent), and the Nordic Patent Institute.

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5(i), it is to be noted that, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2022, the International Bureau will not be open to the public for the transaction of official business on the following days:

all Saturdays and Sundays, and
3 January 2022,
15 and 18 April 2022,
26 May 2022,
6 June 2022,
8 September 2022, and
26 and 30 December 2022.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** national Offices or other intergovernmental organizations.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies) (applicable as from January 1, 2022)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 04.10.2021	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200 Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.67506	2,019 1,970	23 22	n.a n.a	304 296	455 444	304 296 Current amount New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.73452	1,782 1,811	20 20	n.a n.a	268 272	402 408	268 272 Current amount New amount
CNY - Yuan renminbi	0.14339	9,260 9,280	100 100	n.a n.a	1,390 1,390	2,090 2,090	1,390 1,390 Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.14483	9,170 9,180	100 100	n.a n.a	1,380 1,380	2,070 2,070	1,380 1,380 Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1.07715	1,233 1,235	14 14	93 93	185 186	278 279	185 186 Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.25978	1,028 1,056	12 12	n.a n.a	155 159	232 238	n.a n.a Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00303	444,200 438,900	5,000 5,000	n.a n.a	66,800 66,000	100,200 99,000	n.a n.a Current amount New amount
ILS - New Israeli sheqel	0.28759	*** ***	*** ***	n.a n.a	*** ***	*** ***	704 695 Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00717	184,200 185,500	2,100 2,100	n.a n.a	27,700 27,900	41,600 41,800	n.a n.a Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.00834	153,600 159,500	1,700 1,800	n.a n.a	n.a n.a	34,600 36,000	23,100 24,000 Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00078	**** ****	**** ****	n.a n.a	n.a n.a	**** ****	253,000 256,000 Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.10797	12,750 12,320	140 140	n.a n.a	1,920 1,850	2,880 2,780	n.a n.a Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.64566	2,025 2,060	23 23	n.a n.a	305 310	457 465	n.a n.a Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.10620	12,280 12,520	140 140	n.a n.a	1,850 1,880	2,770 2,820	1,850 1,880 Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.68273	1,977 1,948	22 22	n.a n.a	297 293	446 439	297 293 Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	0.92585	1,453 1,437	16 16	109 108	218 216	328 324	218 216 Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.06216	20,630 21,400	230 240	n.a n.a	3,100 3,220	4,650 4,830	n.a n.a Current amount New amount

* Amounts applicable since November 1, 2021.
 ** Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2021.
 *** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in New Israeli sheqels of the amounts in US dollars indicated above.
 **** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss francs indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority	ISA/IAT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA	
	EUR	Exch. Rate	AUD	Exch. Rate	BRL	Exch. Rate	CAD	Exch. Rate
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,775	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	CAD	1,632
Exchange rates applicable on 4.10.2021								
CHF - Swiss franc	0.92837	1,915	1.48134	1,449 ²	5.81351	458	1.36143	1,218
		1,912		1,485		434		1,197³
USD - US dollar	0.85954	2,091	1.37151	1,604	5.38254	495	1.26048	1,353
		2,065		1,604		469		1,310⁴
EUR - Euro			1.59564	1,429	6.26214	428	1.46647	1,060
				1,379		403		1,134⁵
AUD - Australian dollar								Current amount
								New amount
DKK - Danish krone								Current amount
								New amount
GBP - Pound sterling								Current amount
								New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint								Current amount
								New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona								Current amount
								New amount
JPY - Japanese yen								Current amount
								New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00072	2,422,000	0.00116	1,829,000				Current amount
		2,465,000		1,897,000				New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone								Current amount
								New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar			0.95645	2,379				Current amount
				2,300				New amount
SEK - Swedish krona								Current amount
								New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.63383	2,846	1.01136	2,150				Current amount
		2,800		2,175				New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.05771	30,610	0.09208	23,560				Current amount
		30,760		23,890				New amount

1. This new amount of the search fee has been fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2022. (Refer to *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 4 November 2021, page 177).
2. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2021.
3. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2022.
4. New equivalent amount in US dollars of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2022.
5. New equivalent amount in Euros of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2022.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority	ISACL			ISACN		ISA/EG		ISA/EP			
	Reference currency & amount	USD	2,000	400	300	CNY	2,100	EGP	4,000	EUR	1,775
Exchange rates applicable on 4.10.2021	Exch. Rate				Exch. Rate			Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc		1,831	366	275		301		233		1,915	
	1.08009	1,852	370	278	6.97384	301		16.95879		0.92837	1,912
USD - US dollar						328		254		2,091	
					6.45687	325		15.70036		0.85954	2,065
EUR - Euro		1,697	339	255		282		216			
	1.16342	1,719	344	258	7.51203	280		18.26607			
AUD - Australian dollar											
DKK - Danish krone											
										13,210	
GBP - Pound sterling										0.13446	13,200
										1.526	
HUF - Hungarian forint										1.16955	1,518
										639,500	
ISK - Icelandic krona										0.00281	631,700
										268,000	
JPY - Japanese yen										0.00666	266,500
										236,100	
KRW - Korean won										0.00774	229,300
NOK - Norwegian krone											
										17,880	
NZD - New Zealand dollar										0.10024	17,710
										2,942	
SEK - Swedish krona										0.59942	2,961
										18,610	
SGD - Singapore dollar										0.09859	18,000
										2,846	
ZAR - South African rand										0.63383	2,800
										30,610	
										0.05771	30,760

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority	ISA/JP		ISA/KR		ISA/PH		ISA/RU	
	Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate	Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate	Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate	Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate
Reference currency & amount	JPY 156,000	70,000	KRW 1,200,000	450,000	USD 1,000	400	RUB 40,000	8,500
Exchange rates applicable on 4.10.2021								
CHF - Swiss franc	1,351	606	949	356	916	366	498	106
	119.97574	1,300	1,274.46334	942	1,08009	370	78.67416	508
USD - US dollar	1,476	662	1,036	389			543	115
	111.01319	1,405	1,186.98718	1,011			72.84422	549
EUR - Euro	1,173	526	879	330	849	339	459	98
	129.15468	1,208	1,380.96154	869	1.16342	344	84.74823	472
AUD - Australian dollar			1,443	541				
			865.46154	1,387				
DKK - Danish krone								
GBP - Pound sterling								
HUF - Hungarian forint								
ISK - Icelandic krone								
JPY - Japanese yen								
KRW - Korean won	0.09353	714,000						
		748,000						
NOK - Norwegian krone								
NZD - New Zealand dollar			1,435 ⁶	538 ⁶				
			827.76923	1,450				
SEK - Swedish krona								
SGD - Singapore dollar	1,906		1,410	529				
	81.86211	1,906	875.29487	1,371				
ZAR - South African rand								

6. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2021.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority	ISA/SE ⁷		ISA/SG		ISA/TR ⁸		ISA/UA	
	Reference currency	Amount	Reference currency	Amount	Reference currency	Amount	Reference currency	Amount
Exchange rates applicable on 4.10.2021	SEK	18,610	SGD	2,240	TRY	16,250	EUR	300
	SEK	18,000	Taux de change		TRY	18,250	Taux de change	100
CHF - Swiss franc	1,915	1,507	1,915	1,507	1,915	1,915	324	Current amount
	1,912	1,529	1,912	1,529	1,912	1,912	323	New amount
USD - US dollar	2,091	1,646	2,091	1,646	2,091	2,091	353	Current amount
	2,065	1,652	2,065	1,652	2,065	2,065	349	New amount
EUR - Euro	1,775	1,397	1,775	1,397	1,775	1,775		Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	1,775	1,420	1,775	1,420	1,775	1,775		New amount
DKK - Danish krone	13,210							Current amount
	13,200							New amount
GBP - Pound sterling								Current amount
HUF - Hungarian forint								New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	268,000							Current amount
	266,500							New amount
JPY - Japanese yen		183,400		183,400				Current amount
		183,300		183,300				New amount
KRW - Korean won		1,906,000		1,906,000				Current amount
		1,965,000		1,965,000				New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	17,880							Current amount
	17,710							New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar								Current amount
SEK - Swedish krona								New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar								Current amount
ZAR - South African rand								New amount

7. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2022, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

8. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2022, to be fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority	ISA/US			ISA/XN ⁶		ISA/XV			
	Reference currency & amount	USD	2,180	1,090	545	DKK	13,210	EUR	1,775
Exchange rates applicable on 4.10.2021	Exch. Rate							Exch. Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc		1,996	998	499		1,915		0.92837	1,915
		2,018	1,009	505		1,912			1,912
USD - US dollar						2,091		0.85954	2,091
						2,065			2,065
EUR - Euro		1,850	925	463		1,775			
		1,874	937	468		1,775			
AUD - Australian dollar									
DKK - Danish krone									
GBP - Pound sterling									
HUF - Hungarian forint									
ISK - Icelandic krona									
						268,000			639,500
						266,500		0.00281	631,700
JPY - Japanese yen									
KRW - Korean won									
NOK - Norwegian krone									
						17,880			
						17,710			
NZD - New Zealand dollar		3,076	1,538	769					
		3,126	1,563	782					
SEK - Swedish krona									
						18,610			
						18,000			
SGD - Singapore dollar									
ZAR - South African rand		31,120	15,560	7,780					
		32,470	16,230	8,120					

9. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2022, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISARU	
	Reference currency & Amount	EUR	850 ¹ 1,190 ² 1,700 ³	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴
Exchange rate applicable on 04.10.2021 CHF - Swiss franc	Exch. Rate	0.92837	Exch. Rate	0.92837	Exch. Rate	0.92837	Exch. Rate	78.67416
		916 1,282 1,831		1,912		1,912		150 240

1. For a search of the German-language documentation.
2. For a search of the European or North American documentation.
3. For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.
4. This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
5. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/SE	ISA/SG	ISA/TR	ISA/JA
Reference currency & Amount	SEK 18,610	SGD 2,240	TRY 500 ⁶ 16,250	EUR 60 ⁷ 70 ⁸ 90 ⁹ 90 ¹⁰
<i>Exchange rate applicable on 04.10.2021</i> CHF - Swiss franc	SEK 18,000 ¹¹ 1,912 ¹³	<i>Exch. Rate</i> 1.46471 1,529	TRY 52 ¹⁴ 1,912 ¹⁴	<i>Exch. Rate</i> 0.92837 65 75 97 97

6. For a search of only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.
7. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
8. For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.
9. For a search of only the European and North American documentation.
10. For a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation.
11. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2022.
12. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2022.
13. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2022.
14. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2022.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable as from January 1, 2022)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISAXN		ISAXV	
Reference currency & Amount	DKK	4,000 ¹⁵	EUR	550 ¹⁶
Exchange rate applicable on 04.10.2021 CHF - Swiss franc	DKK	13,210	Exch. Rate	0.92837
		13,200¹⁷		592
		1,912¹⁸		1,912

15. For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

16. For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

17. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2022.

18. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2022.

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

JM Jamaica

On 10 November 2021, **Jamaica** deposited its instrument of accession to the *Patent Cooperation Treaty* (PCT), and will become bound by the PCT on **10 February 2022**. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 10 February 2022 will automatically include the designation of Jamaica (country code: JM).

Jamaica will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 10 February 2022.

Furthermore, as from 10 February 2022, nationals and residents of Jamaica will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TZ United Republic of Tanzania

The **Business Registrations and Licensing Agency, Ministry of Industry and Trade (United Republic of Tanzania)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location, which is now as follows:

Location:	BRELA Office Plot No. 23, Block No. 20 Shaaban Robert/Sokoine Drive Junction Dar Es Salaam The United Republic of Tanzania
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[Updating of Annex B1(TZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

LT Lithuania – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 November 2021 (page 190) contained an error concerning the available means for filing international applications in electronic form with the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania**.

In particular, from 15 January 2022, the Office will continue to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using EPO Online Filing.

Consequently, as from 15 January 2022, the item concerning electronic filing software, as specified by the Office in the notification published in the aforementioned issue of the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette), is replaced by the following:

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing
- EPO online filing software

TT Trinidad and Tobago

International applications may be filed and processed in electronic form or by electronic means in accordance with Part 7 (legal framework) and Annex F (technical standard) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)** in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from **31 January 2022**, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (1-868) 226 44 76
- by fax at: (1-868) 226 51 60
- by e-mail at: info@ipo.gov.tt

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.ipo.gov.tt).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

– WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(TT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES UNDER PCT RULE 96.2: COMMON TIMETABLE FOR FEE LISTS AND FEE TRANSFERS

Since 1 July 2020, any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) may participate, as a “participating Office”, in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (“IB”) for PCT purposes (the “WIPO Fee Transfer Service”), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

Common Timetable for Fee Lists and Fee Transfers

Following consultations with participating Offices, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.2, paragraph 8 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, a common timetable has been established for the year 2022, specifying the latest dates, each month, by which a participating Collecting Office shall establish and transmit fee transfer information to the International Bureau; and by which the lists of fees to be transferred, and the amounts of fees indicated in said lists, shall be established and transmitted to, and from, the International Bureau.

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The common timetable established for the period from 1 January 2022 to 31 December 2022 is as follows:

Cycle	Calendar month (2022)	PCT Fee Transfer Service Month (Invoice Period)	Fee Transfer Service	Last date for documentation notification to IB (12h00 CET)	Receiving Office payment cut-off value date	PCT Fee Transfer Service Statement Reports	PCT Fee Transfer Service Settlement Date
1	January	Dec. 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 19-Jan-2022	Friday 21-Jan-2022	Tuesday 25-Jan-2022	Friday 28-Jan-2022
2	February	Jan. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 18-Feb-2022	Monday 21-Feb-2022	Tuesday 22-Feb-2022	Friday 25-Feb-2022
3	March	Feb. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 18-Mar-2022	Monday 21-Mar-2022	Tuesday 22-Mar-2022	Friday 25-Mar-2022
4	April	Mar. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 20-Apr-2022	Friday 22-Apr-2022	Monday 25-Apr-2022	Thursday 28-Apr-2022
5	May	Apr. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 18-May-2022	Friday 20-May-2022	Tuesday 24-May-2022	Friday 27-May-2022
6	June	May 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 17-Jun-2022	Monday 20-Jun-2022	Tuesday 21-Jun-2022	Friday 24-Jun-2022
7	July	June 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 20-Jul-2022	Friday 22-Jul-2022	Monday 25-Jul-2022	Thursday 28-Jul-2022
8	August	July 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 19-Aug-2022	Monday 22-Aug-2022	Tuesday 23-Aug-2022	Friday 26-Aug-2022
9	September	Aug. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 21-Sep-2022	Friday 23-Sep-2022	Monday 26-Sep-2022	Thursday 29-Sep-2022
10	October	Sept. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 19-Oct-2022	Friday 21-Oct-2022	Tuesday 25-Oct-2022	Friday 28-Oct-2022
11	November	Oct. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Friday 18-Nov-2022	Monday 21-Nov-2022	Tuesday 22-Nov-2022	Friday 25-Nov-2022
12	December	Nov. 2022	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 14-Dec-2022	Friday 16-Dec-2022	Tuesday 20-Dec-2022	Friday 23-Dec-2022

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ - Amendment to Annex D

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2022.

With effect from 1 March 2022, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,635
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,635
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,558
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,558
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	467
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per document	45

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 1 October 2021, consists of the addition of Saudi Arabia to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

So far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Jordan, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America, and

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Jordan, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago.

Where a receiving Office specifies the Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and the Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) [no change]

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: ro-th-pct@ipthailand.go.th

[Updating of Annex B1(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts, in **new Israel shekels (ILS)**, of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document, applicable from 1 January 2022 and 1 March 2022, respectively, and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	ILS	567
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Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ILS	90
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[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2022, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,635
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Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,635
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Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	ILS	467
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Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1 ^{ter}), per document:	ILS	45
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[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office also notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 March 2022, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	ILS	1,558
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	ILS	1,558
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	ILS	467
Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document:	ILS	45

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) – in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the Korean Intellectual Property Office – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 October 2021 with SAIP, in its capacity as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia.

[Updating of Annex C(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, of the national filing fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable as from 1 January 2022, is ILS 2,077.³

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ A 40% reduction in the fee will be applicable for applications first filed in Israel for an individual applicant or for a corporate entity with a turnover of less than ILS 10 million in the last calendar year.

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.2(a)

EP European Patent Organisation

In accordance with PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of the following period of unavailability of several of its permitted electronic means of communication:

- Online Filing, Online Filing 2.0, Web Form Filing, Online Fee Payment, Mailbox and MyFiles, Espacenet, Open Patent Services (OPS) and The European Patent Register: 29 November 2021, from 03:13 CET (Central European Time) to 08:35 CET.

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to the unavailability of any of the above-mentioned services during the indicated period may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions, published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020, page 254.

Information concerning this unavailability has been published on the EPO website at:

<https://www.epo.org/service-support/availability-of-online-services/2021.html>

and on the WIPO website at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/unavailability.html>

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BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO)** has notified the international Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, telephone and Internet address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: The Law Building
Ground Floor
Jalan Raja Isteri Pengiran Anak Hajah Saleha
Bandar Seri Begawan, BA 1910
Brunei Darussalam

Telephone: (673) 222 59 19

Internet: <http://www.bruipo.gov.bn/SitePages/Home.aspx>

[Updating of Annex B1(BN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified the International Bureau of an additional component of the national fee, in **Indonesian rupiah (IDR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The amount, applicable since 3 May 2019, is as follows:

National fee:

Additional filing fee:
for each page of the description
in excess of 30: IDR 15,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BZ Belize

On 7 December 2021, the **Belize Intellectual Property Office** notified the International Bureau that the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services.

[Updating of Annex B1(BZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of one of its telephone numbers. The remaining available telephone number is as follows:

Telephone: (40-21) 306 08 00

[Updating of Annex B1(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau that, from 1 January 2022, and for one year on a pilot basis, an e - mail address will be available for submitting general and non time sensitive questions regarding the PCT and the procedures applicable to international applications filed under the PCT and U.S. national phase applications submitted under 35 U.S.C. §371. It should be noted that this e-mail address is not intended for case specific or time sensitive inquiries, which should still be directed by telephone to the PCT Help Desk ((1- 571) 272 43 00). The new e-mail address is as follows:

E-mail: PCTHelp@uspto.gov

[Updating of Annex B1(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new lei (RON)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2022, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	RON	495	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RON	99	plus copying costs

[Updating of Annex C(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ - Amendment to Annex D

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2020. The amended Annex D will read as follows:

**“Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,582
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,582
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,535
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,535
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ter .1(c) and 13 ter .2)	460
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 ter and 94.2), per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone and facsimile numbers, as well as to its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(375-17) 272 46 96
Facsimile:	(375-17) 272 98 34
E-mail:	icd@ncip.by ncip@ncip.by
Internet:	www.ncip.by

[Updating of Annex B1(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office since 18 December 2019, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 212 (online) USD 289 (on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 29
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD 144

[Updating of Annex C(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Indonesian rupiah (IDR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 3 May 2019, is IDR 300,000.

[Updating of Annex C(ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2020, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,582
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,582
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	ILS	460

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office also notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 March 2020, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	ILS	1,535
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	ILS	1,535
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	ILS	460

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – one copy is now required, instead of two.

[Updating of Annex C(ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UG Uganda

The **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO), in addition to the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the URSB by nationals and residents of Uganda, with effect since 27 November 2019.

[Updating of Annex C(UG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** notified the International Bureau of a new amount, in **Egyptian pounds (EGP)**, of the examination fee component of its national fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 7 November 2017, is EGP 17,000. Students are exempt from paying this fee.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount, in **euros (EUR)**, of the filing fee component of its national fee for non-online filings. This amount, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 April 2019, is EUR 250.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and will no longer accept the filing of documents by fax.

[Updating of Annex B1(ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Indonesian rupiah (IDR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 3 May 2019, are as follows:

National fee:

Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	IDR	75,000
Substantive examination fee:	IDR	3,000,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2020, are CHF 1,009, EUR 932 and USD 1,036, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IL Israel – Corrigendum

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ - Amendment to Annex D

The indication of “Late furnishing fee” in Part I of Annex D of the above-mentioned Agreement, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 January 2020, page 2, was erroneous. The correct indication is: “Late furnishing fee for sequence listings”.

In addition, the translation into French of the indication “Cost of copies” was also erroneous. The corrected French version of Annex D is published in the *Notifications officielles (Gazette du PCT)*² of 30 January 2020, page 10.

As from 1 March 2020, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

“Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,582
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,582
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,535
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,535
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2)	460
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 ^{ter} and 94.2), per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf

² Available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/official_notices/officialnotices.pdf

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic** has notified the International Bureau of an amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Kyrgyz som (KGS)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 3 October 2016, is KGS 4,000. This fee is reduced by 90% if the applicant is an individual.

For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in a freely convertible currency, in accordance with the exchange rate of the National Bank of the Kyrgyz Republic applicable on the date of payment.

[Updating of Annex C(KG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(A-BIS)

Corrigendum: The notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 December 2019 (pages 199 and 200) concerning incompatibility with the law applied by the European Patent Office (EPO) in its capacity as receiving Office, under new PCT Rule 20.8, contained incorrect references to Rule 20.8(b-bis). The said notification is hereby corrected and republished, as follows:

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5bis³ of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(a-bis), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii)⁴ and 20.5bis(d)⁵ with the national law applied by receiving Offices. These new Rules, among others, will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

³ The complete text of Rule 20.5bis is reproduced in Annex III of document number PCT/A/51/2, which is available online at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_2.pdf

⁴ New Rule 20.5bis(a)(ii) states: "Where, in determining whether the papers purporting to be an international application fulfil the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office finds that an entire element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) has or appears to have been erroneously filed, or that a part of the description, claims or drawings has or appears to have been erroneously filed, including the case where all drawings have or appear to have been erroneously filed ("erroneously filed element or part"), it shall promptly invite the applicant, at the applicant's option to confirm, in accordance with Rule 20.6(a), that the correct element or part was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18 and to make observations, if any, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7. If that time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of any application whose priority is claimed, the receiving Office shall call that circumstance to the attention of the applicant."

⁵ New Rule 20.5bis(d) states: "Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, a correct element or part is, under Rule 20.6(b), considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall remain in the application, and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c) and as provided for in the Administrative Instructions."

New Rule 20.8(a-*bis*) states: “If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

EP European Patent Organisation

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) cannot be considered to be compatible with the legal framework of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents (EPC).

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(B-BIS)

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5*bis*⁶ of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(b-*bis*), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii)⁷ and 20.5*bis*(d)⁸ with the national law applied by designated Offices. These new Rules, among others, will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

New Rule 20.8(b-*bis*) states: “If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

EP European Patent Organisation

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(b-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) cannot be considered to be compatible with the legal framework of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents (EPC).

⁶ See footnote 3.

⁷ See footnote 4.

⁸ See footnote 5.

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, is able to participate in DAS, either as an office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access for Priority Documents or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT are published by the International Bureau at: www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html.

NO Norway

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions of the Digital Access for Priority Documents, the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as depositing Office and accessing Office, with effect since 1 January 2020.

[Updating of Annex B1(NO) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

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SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, as well as to its location and mailing address, telephone numbers, facsimile number, and e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)
Location and mailing address:	As Sahafah, Olaya St. 6531, 3059 Riyadh 13321 Saudi Arabia
Telephone:	(966-11) 280 59 76 (966-11) 280 60 09
Facsimile machine:	(966-11) 280 60 02
E-mail:	pct@saip.gov.sa
Internet:	www.saip.gov.sa

[Updating of Annex B1(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

TN Tunisia

The **National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Tunisian dinars (TND)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 2 January 2020, is TND 100.

[Updating of Annex C(TN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2020, are NZD 3,135 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, NZD 1,567 for a small entity and NZD 784 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Advanced Biotechnology Center (ABC), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new name of the authority is ***IRCCS Ospedale Policlinico San Martino***.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new components of its national fee, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 30 October 2019, are as follows:

National fee:

Additional fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase):	CAD	200
Additional fee for late payment under subsection 154(4) of the Canadian Patent Rules:	CAD	150

Furthermore, the Office notified changes to the relevant provisions of its national law concerning an applicant's entitlement to pay the reduced amount of the basic national fee as a "small entity". In order to be entitled to pay the reduced fee, a signed "small entity" declaration¹ compliant with subsection 44(3) of the Canadian Patent Rules must be made by the applicant or the applicant's agent, within the applicable time limit set out in subsections 154(1)(c)(i), 154(2)(a), 154(3)(a)(iii)(A), 154(3)(b)(i)(A), 154(3)(b)(ii)(A) or 80(1)(a) and 80(2) of Canadian Patent Rules.

In addition, the Office notified a change in the time limits for payment of the maintenance fee in respect of each one-year period, due at the time of entry into the national phase, where that entry is effected on or after the second (or possibly third) anniversary of the international filing date. With effect since 30 October 2019, where PCT Article 22 or 39(1) applies, this fee is due:

- within 24 months from the international filing date, or within 30 months from the priority date if that time limit expires later; or
- within 12 months after the 30-month deadline, provided the applicant pays the additional fee for late entry into the national phase.

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¹ This declaration should preferably follow the form of the declaration set out in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Phase, Annex CA.II.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the requirements for late entry into the national phase. Late entry into the national phase is still possible (up to 12 months after the 30-month deadline (30 months from the priority date)); however, since 30 October 2019, applicants must pay the fee for reinstatement of rights and meet the other requirements outlined in subsection 154(3) of the Canadian Patent Rules for the reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase).

Furthermore, the Office notified several changes to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. Since 30 October 2019, the complete list of these special requirements is as follows:

- The name and postal address of each inventor.
- A statement that either (i) the applicant/applicants is/are entitled to apply for a patent, or (ii) the applicant is the sole inventor or, if there are joint applicants, that the applicants are all inventors and the sole inventors.
- If the Commissioner reasonably doubts that the person who entered the national phase is the applicant of the international application or the legal representative, the Commissioner will require evidence to establish ownership rights in the international application.

An applicant may provide documentation² with the request to enter the national phase establishing that the person who entered the national phase is the applicant of the international application or the legal representative.

- Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not the inventor.

If the appointed agent does not reside in Canada, the appointment by the agent of an agent who resides in Canada to be the associate agent.

Evidence of the consent of the appointment of the agent when the document appointing that agent is not submitted by the latter.

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² Such documentation may include: Form PCT/IB/306, a document effecting the transfer of rights, or a change of name document.

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the conditions for reduction of the filing fee component of the national fee. Since 18 December 2019, the filing fee is reduced by 70% where the international application has been filed by natural persons, micro or small enterprises (as defined in Law No. 8262 of Costa Rica), public institutions of higher education, or public institutes for scientific or technology research.

Together with the request for reduction of the fee, the applicant must provide, in addition to the proof of payment, the following documents:

- a sworn statement in which the applicant declares that he is entitled to the reduction;
- a copy of the identification card (“*cédula de identidad*”) in the case of a natural person; or
- a copy of the corporation card (“*cédula jurídica*”) in the case of a legal person.

To proceed with the registration of the transfer of rights to a third party that is not entitled to the reduction, the latter must pay the remaining 70% of the fee that was not initially paid by the assignor. In addition, as from the date of transfer to a third party, the assignee must pay the total amount of the annual fees due to maintain the validity of the patent.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CR) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

UG Uganda

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 April 2020, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (256-41) 733 80 00
(256-41) 733 81 00
- by e-mail at: ip@ursb.go.ug

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.ursb.go.ug).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.”

[Updating of Annex C(UG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since 1 July 2018, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine and, consequently, no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax.

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AZ Azerbaijan

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several fees, in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These fees, applicable since 27 May 2019, are as follows:

For patent or utility model:

Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	AZN	7 ¹	
Additional fee for each dependent claim in excess of ten:	AZN	7 ¹	
Annual fee for the 3 rd year:	AZN	50	(reduced to AZN 10 where all applicants are natural persons)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new lei (RON)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2020, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	RON	475	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RON	95	plus copying costs

[Updating of Annex C(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This fee is subject to value-added tax (VAT) of 18%.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Articles 11(3)(iii) and 11(4)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Parts I and II of Annex D thereof. These amendments consist of changes in the amounts of several fees, the introduction of conditions for reduction of the supplementary international search fee, as well as changes to conditions for reductions of the international search fee and the international preliminary examination fee.

The new conditions for reduction of the international search fee shall apply to all international applications filed on or after 1 April 2020. The new conditions for reduction of the supplementary international search fee and the international preliminary examination fee shall apply in respect of payments made on or after 1 April 2020.

The amendments to Annex D, which will enter into force on 1 April 2020, will read as follows:

“Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change] ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change] ²
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change] ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change] ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change] ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	910
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	910
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	240

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf

² This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 12 December 2019 (OJ EPO 2020, A4). See Part II, paragraph (4) for further details.

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) to (3) [No change]

(4) The amount of the international search fee and the international preliminary examination fee (including any additional fee to be paid), and of the supplementary international search fee, shall be reduced by 75%:

(i) where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person who is a national and resident of a State not party to the European Patent Convention, and which on the date of filing of the application or on the date of payment of the supplementary international search fee or of the international preliminary examination fee, is classified as a low-income or lower-middle-income economy by the World Bank. Where the Authority is informed of a change under Rule 92*bis* before the start of the international search, the supplementary international search or, as the case may be, the start of the international preliminary examination, and the change would modify the applicability of the fee reduction, the Authority may request the applicant to pay the full amount of the international search fee, supplementary international search fee or international preliminary examination fee, as well as the full amount of any additional fees that the applicant may be invited to pay; or

(ii) where the applicant, or if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural or legal person who, within the meaning of Rule 18, is a national and resident of a State in which a validation agreement with the European Patent Organisation is in force.

(5) to (8) [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 April 2020, as follows:

Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	910
Review fee (PCT Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c)):	EUR	910
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	EUR	240

[Updating of Annexes D(EP) and SISA(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2020, are as follows:

Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	910
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):	EUR	240

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of its national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These new amounts, applicable from 1 April 2020, are as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:^{3, 4}

– for online filings	EUR	125
– for non-online filings	EUR	260

Additional fee for pages in excess of 35 (for the 36 th and each subsequent page)	EUR	16
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Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated ⁵	EUR	610
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Claims fee:³

– for the 16 th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50:	EUR	245
– for the 51 st and each subsequent claim:	EUR	610

Search fee:³

– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005	EUR	920
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	EUR	1,350

³ Must be paid within 31 months from the priority date. For claims fees see also paragraph EP.08 of National Chapter (EP).

⁴ See the Decisions of the EPO's Administrative Council dated 12 December 2019 (CA/D 12/19), OJ EPO 2020, A3.

⁵ The designation, extension and validation fees are payable within 31 months from the priority date or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

Fee for further processing:	
– in the event of late payment of a fee	[No change]
– other cases	EUR 265
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing	EUR 240
Examination fee: ⁶	
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005	EUR 1,900
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up	EUR 1,900
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005	EUR 1,700
Renewal fee for the third year ⁷	EUR 490

Finally, the Office notified a new amount of the reduction of the search fee component of the national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, for international applications for which the international search report or a supplementary international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office or, in accordance with the Protocol on Centralisation, by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) or the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI).

The new amount of this reduction is EUR 1,150.

The reduction shall apply to international applications filed up to and including 31 March 2024 and for which the supplementary search fee is paid on or after 1 April 2020.⁸

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁶ A request for examination must be made and the examination fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) and EPC Rule 159(1) or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

⁷ This fee is due before the expiration of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date; it is due within 31 months from the priority date, if that 31-month time limit expires later.

⁸ See the Decision of the EPO's Administrative Council dated 12 December 2019 (CA/D 12/19), OJ EPO 2020, A3.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CN China

In January 2020, the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** announced⁹ that, as from 1 March 2020, it would no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the PCT-SAFE software.

On 18 February 2020, pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau of this change.

Consequently, with effect from 1 March 2020, the item concerning electronic filing software specified by the Office in the notification published in the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) of 23 June 2016, pages 133 *et seq.* will be replaced by the following:

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- CEPCT Software

[Updating of Annex C(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁹ This announcement is available on the Office's website at:
<http://www.pctonline.cnipa.gov.cn/index.do?type=gengduo&jilulx=1>

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FIFTY-FIRST (22ND ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved the following changes affecting the PCT System:

- amendments to the PCT Regulations; and
- a revised version of the lists of States meeting the criteria referred to in items 5(a) and 5(b) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, in accordance with the Directives¹ for updating these lists.

Documents prepared for the Assembly, which give detailed background information relating to the decisions taken, as well as the session report, are available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=52258

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The amendments to the PCT Regulations that were approved by the Assembly will enter into force on 1 July 2020 and are as follows:

- Amendments to PCT Rule 82*quater*, regarding safeguards in case of outages affecting Offices, are intended to allow Offices to simplify the process of excusing failures to meet certain time limits due to outages of electronic systems;
- New PCT Rule 26*quater*, concerning correction or addition of indications under PCT Rule 4.11, allows for correction of errors or omissions in indications of the type of protection to be sought in the national phase;
- New PCT Rule 40*bis*, as well as amendments to PCT Rules 4, 12, 20, 48, 51*bis*, 55 and 82*ter*, concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of the international application, are intended to align the practices of receiving Offices and designated (or elected) Offices in the special case where an applicant has erroneously filed a wrong element or part of the international application;

¹ As adopted by the Assembly of the PCT Union at its forty-sixth (27th extraordinary) session and published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 February 2015 (page 33).

- Amendments to PCT Rules 15, 16, 57 and 96, concerning the transfer of PCT Fees, are enabling provisions setting out consistent procedures on transferring fees from one Office to another via the International Bureau, with an aim to assist Offices wishing to use the new “netting” arrangement; and
- Amendments to PCT Rules 71 and 94, concerning the availability of the file held by the International Preliminary Examining Authority, allow greater transparency by permitting more documents related to the international preliminary examination procedure to be made available to the public.

Furthermore, the Assembly adopted the following Understandings concerning the provisions relating to erroneously filed elements and parts of the international application:

- “In adopting new Rule 20.5*bis*, the Assembly agreed that Article 15 should be interpreted such that, in the case of incorporation by reference of a correct element or part under Rule 20.5*bis*(d), the International Searching Authority would only be required to carry out the international search on the basis of the international application (‘the claims, with due regard to the description and the drawings, if any’) including the correct element or part incorporated by reference, and would not need to take into account any erroneously filed element or part which, pursuant to Rule 20.5*bis*(d), remained in the application. The Assembly further agreed that Article 15 should be interpreted such that, in the case referred to in Rule 40*bis*.1, where no additional fees were paid within the prescribed time limit, the International Searching Authority would only be required to carry out the international search on the basis of the international application (‘the claims, with due regard to the description and the drawings, if any’) including the erroneously filed element or part, and would not need to take into account any correct element or part included in the application under Rule 20.5*bis*(c) or incorporated by reference under Rule 20.5*bis*(d).
- In adopting new Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), the Assembly agreed that, where a correct element or part cannot be incorporated by reference under Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) because of the operation of Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), the receiving Office concerned and the International Bureau shall agree, under Rule 19.4(a)(iii), with the authorization of the applicant, that the procedures under Rule 19.4 shall apply, in which case the international application shall, subject to Rule 19.4(b), be considered to have been received by that Office on behalf of the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii).”

The text of the new and amended Rules is reproduced hereafter.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2020)

Rule 4
The Request (Contents)

4.1 to 4.17 [No change]

4.18 *Statement of Incorporation by Reference*

Where the international application, on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, claims the priority of an earlier application, the request may contain a statement that, where an element of the international application referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e), or a part of the description, claims or drawings referred to in Rule 20.5(a), or an element or part of the description, claims or drawings referred to in Rule 20.5bis(a) is not otherwise contained in the international application but is completely contained in the earlier application, that element or part is, subject to confirmation under Rule 20.6, incorporated by reference in the international application for the purposes of Rule 20.6. Such a statement, if not contained in the request on that date, may be added to the request if, and only if, it was otherwise contained in, or submitted with, the international application on that date.

4.19 [No change]

Rule 12
Language of the International Application
and Translations for the Purposes of International Search
and International Publication

12.1 [No change]

12.1bis *Language of Elements and Parts Furnished under Rule 20.3, 20.5, 20.5bis or 20.6*

An element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) furnished by the applicant under Rule 20.3(b), 20.5bis(b), 20.5bis(c) or 20.6(a) and a part of the description, claims or drawings furnished by the applicant under Rule 20.5(b), 20.5(c), 20.5bis(b), 20.5bis(c) or 20.6(a) shall be in the language of the international application as filed or, where a translation of the application is required under Rule 12.3(a) or 12.4(a), in both the language of the application as filed and the language of that translation.

12.1ter to 12.4 [No change]

Rule 15
The International Filing Fee

15.1 [No change]

15.2 *Amount; Transfer*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) Where the prescribed currency is the Swiss franc, the receiving Office shall transfer the said fee to the International Bureau in Swiss francs in accordance with Rule 96.2.

(d) Where the prescribed currency is a currency other than the Swiss franc and that currency:

(i) is freely convertible into Swiss francs, the Director General shall establish, for each receiving Office which prescribes such a currency for the payment of the international filing fee, an equivalent amount of that fee in the prescribed currency according to directives given by the Assembly, and the amount in that currency shall be transferred by the receiving Office to the International Bureau in accordance with Rule 96.2;

(ii) is not freely convertible into Swiss francs, the receiving Office shall be responsible for the conversion of the international filing fee from the prescribed currency into Swiss francs and shall transfer that fee in Swiss francs, in the amount set out in the Schedule of Fees, to the International Bureau in accordance with Rule 96.2. Alternatively, if the receiving Office so wishes, it may convert the international filing fee from the prescribed currency into euros or US dollars and transfer the equivalent amount of that fee in euros or US dollars, as established by the Director General according to directives given by the Assembly as referred to in item (i), to the International Bureau in accordance with Rule 96.2.

15.3 and 15.4 [No change]

Rule 16
The Search Fee

16.1 *Right to Ask for a Fee*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) Where the prescribed currency is the currency in which the International Searching Authority has fixed the said fee ("fixed currency"), the receiving Office shall transfer the said fee to that Authority in that currency in accordance with Rule 96.2.

(d) Where the prescribed currency is not the fixed currency and that currency:

(i) is freely convertible into the fixed currency, the Director General shall establish, for each receiving Office which prescribes such a currency for the payment of the search fee, an equivalent amount of that fee in the prescribed currency according to directives given by the Assembly, and the amount in that currency shall be transferred by the receiving Office to the International Searching Authority in accordance with Rule 96.2;

(ii) is not freely convertible into the fixed currency, the receiving Office shall be responsible for the conversion of the search fee from the prescribed currency into the fixed currency and shall transfer that fee in the fixed currency, in the amount fixed by the International Searching Authority, to the International Searching Authority in accordance with Rule 96.2.

(e) and (f) [*No change*]

16.2 and 16.3 [*No change*]

Rule 20 **International Filing Date**

20.1 to 20.4 [*No change*]

20.5 Missing Parts

(a) Where, in determining whether the papers purporting to be an international application fulfill the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office finds that a part of the description, claims or drawings is or appears to be missing, including the case where all of the drawings are or appear to be missing (“missing part”) but not including the case where an entire element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) is or appears to be missing and not including the case referred to in Rule 20.5*bis*(a), it shall promptly invite the applicant, at the applicant’s option:

(i) to complete the purported international application by furnishing the missing part; or

(ii) to confirm, in accordance with Rule 20.6(a), that the part was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18;

and to make observations, if any, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7. If that time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of any application whose priority is claimed, the receiving Office shall call that circumstance to the attention of the applicant.

(b) Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, the applicant furnishes to the receiving Office, on or before the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled but within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7, a missing part referred to in paragraph (a) so as to complete the purported international application, that part shall be included in the application, and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c).

(c) to (e) [*No change*]

20.5bis Erroneously Filed Elements and Parts

(a) Where, in determining whether the papers purporting to be an international application fulfill the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office finds that an entire element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) has or appears to have been erroneously filed, or that a part of the description, claims or drawings has or appears to have been erroneously filed, including the case where all drawings have or appear to have been erroneously filed (“erroneously filed element or part”), it shall promptly invite the applicant, at the applicant’s option:

(i) to correct the purported international application by furnishing the correct element or part; or

(ii) to confirm, in accordance with Rule 20.6(a), that the correct element or part was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18;

and to make observations, if any, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7. If that time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of any application whose priority is claimed, the receiving Office shall call that circumstance to the attention of the applicant.

(b) Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, the applicant furnishes to the receiving Office, on or before the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled but within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7, a correct element or part so as to correct the purported international application, that correct element or part shall be included in the application, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall be removed from the application and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c) and as provided for in the Administrative Instructions.

(c) Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, the applicant furnishes to the receiving Office, after the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) were fulfilled but within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7, a correct element or part so as to correct the international application, that correct element or part shall be included in the application, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall be removed from the application, and the receiving Office shall correct the international filing date to the date on which the receiving Office received that correct element or part, notify the applicant accordingly and proceed as provided for in the Administrative Instructions.

(d) Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, a correct element or part is, under Rule 20.6(b), considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall remain in the application, and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c) and as provided for in the Administrative Instructions.

(e) Where the international filing date has been corrected under paragraph (c), the applicant may, in a notice submitted to the receiving Office within one month from the date of the notification under paragraph (c), request that the correct element or part be disregarded, in which case the correct element or part shall be considered not to have been furnished, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall be considered not to have been removed from the application and the correction of the international filing date under paragraph (c) shall be considered not to have been made, and the receiving Office shall proceed as provided for in the Administrative Instructions.

20.6 *Confirmation of Incorporation by Reference of Elements and Parts*

(a) and (b) [*No change*]

(c) Where the receiving Office finds that a requirement under Rule 4.18 or paragraph (a) has not been complied with or that the element or part referred to in paragraph (a) is not completely contained in the earlier application concerned, the receiving Office shall proceed as provided for in Rule 20.3(b)(i), 20.5(b), 20.5(c), 20.5bis(b) or 20.5bis(c), as the case may be.

20.7 *Time Limit*

(a) The applicable time limit referred to in Rules 20.3(a) and (b), 20.4, 20.5(a), (b) and (c), 20.5bis(a), (b) and (c), and 20.6(a) shall be:

(i) where an invitation under Rule 20.3(a), 20.5(a) or 20.5bis(a), as applicable, was sent to the applicant, two months from the date of the invitation;

(ii) where no such invitation was sent to the applicant, two months from the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office.

(b) [*No change*]

20.8 *Incompatibility with National Laws*

(a) [*No change*]

(a-bis) If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

(a-ter) Where an element or a part cannot be incorporated by reference in the international application under Rules 4.18 and 20.6 because of the operation of paragraph (a) or paragraph (a-bis) of this Rule, the receiving Office shall proceed as provided for in Rule 20.3(b)(i), 20.5(b), 20.5(c), 20.5bis(b) or 20.5bis(c), as the case may be. Where the receiving Office proceeds as provided for in Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5bis(c), the applicant may proceed as provided for in Rule 20.5(e) or 20.5bis(e), as the case may be.

(b) [*No change*]

(b-*bis*) If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

(c) Where an element or part is considered to have been incorporated by reference in the international application by virtue of a finding of the receiving Office under Rule 20.6(b), but that incorporation by reference does not apply to the international application for the purposes of the procedure before a designated Office because of the operation of paragraph (b) or paragraph (b-*bis*) of this Rule, the designated Office may treat the application as if the international filing date had been accorded under Rule 20.3(b)(i), 20.5(b) or 20.5*bis*(b), or corrected under Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5*bis*(c), as the case may be, provided that Rule 82*ter*.1(c) and (d) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Rule 26*quater*
Correction or Addition of Indications under Rule 4.11

26quater.1 Correction or Addition of Indications

The applicant may correct or add to the request any indication referred to in Rule 4.11 by a notice submitted to the International Bureau within a time limit of 16 months from the priority date, provided that any notice which is received by the International Bureau after the expiration of that time limit shall be considered to have been received on the last day of that time limit if the notice reaches the International Bureau before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed.

26quater.2 Late Correction or Addition of Indications

Where any correction or addition of an indication referred to in Rule 4.11 is not timely received under Rule 26*quater*.1, the International Bureau shall notify the applicant accordingly and shall proceed as provided for in the Administrative Instructions.

Rule 40*bis*
**Additional Fees in Case of Missing Parts or Correct Elements and Parts
Included in the International Application or Considered to Have Been Contained in
the International Application**

40bis.1 Invitation to Pay Additional Fees

The International Searching Authority may invite the applicant to pay additional fees where the fact that a missing part or a correct element or part:

(i) is included in the international application under Rule 20.5(c) or Rule 20.5*bis*(c), respectively; or

(ii) is considered, under Rule 20.5(d) or Rule 20.5*bis*(d), respectively, to have been contained in the international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office;

is notified to that Authority only after it has begun to draw up the international search report. The invitation shall invite the applicant to pay the additional fees within one month from the date of the invitation and indicate the amount of those fees to be paid. The amount of the additional fees shall be determined by the International Searching Authority but shall not exceed the search fee; the additional fees shall be payable directly to that Authority. Provided any such additional fees have been paid within the prescribed time limit, the International Searching Authority shall establish the international search report on the international application including any such missing part or any such correct element or part.

Rule 48 **International Publication**

48.1 [No change]

48.2 *Contents*

(a) [No change]

(b) Subject to paragraph (c), the front page shall include:

(i) to (iv) [No change]

(v) where the international filing date has been accorded by the receiving Office under Rule 20.3(b)(ii), 20.5(d) or 20.5*bis*(d) on the basis of the incorporation by reference under Rules 4.18 and 20.6 of an element or part, an indication to that effect, together with an indication as to whether the applicant, for the purposes of Rule 20.6(a)(ii), relied on compliance with Rule 17.1(a), (b) or (b-*bis*) in relation to the priority document or on a separately submitted copy of the earlier application concerned;

(vi) [No change]

(vii) where applicable, an indication that the published international application contains information concerning a request under Rule 26*bis*.3 for restoration of the right of priority and the decision of the receiving Office upon such request;

(viii) where applicable, an indication that an erroneously filed element or part has been removed from the international application in accordance with Rule 20.5*bis*(b) or (c).

(c) to (n) [No change]

48.3 to 48.6 [No change]

Rule 51bis
Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27

51bis.1 Certain National Requirements Allowed

(a) Subject to Rule 51bis.2, the national law applicable by the designated Office may, in accordance with Article 27, require the applicant to furnish, in particular:

(i) to (vi) [No change]

(vii) any missing indication required under Rule 4.5(a)(ii) and (iii) in respect of any applicant for the designated State;

(viii) in the cases referred to in Rule 82ter.1, a translation of any erroneously filed element or part removed from the international application in accordance with Rule 20.5bis(b) or (c).

(b) to (d) [No change]

(e) The national law applicable by the designated Office may, in accordance with Article 27, require the applicant to furnish a translation of the priority document, provided that such a translation may only be required:

(i) [No change]

(ii) where the international filing date has been accorded by the receiving Office under Rule 20.3(b)(ii), 20.5(d) or 20.5bis(d) on the basis of the incorporation by reference under Rules 4.18 and 20.6 of an element or part, for the purposes of determining under Rule 82ter.1(b) whether that element or part is completely contained in the priority document concerned, in which case the national law applicable by the designated Office may also require the applicant to furnish, in the case of a part of the description, claims or drawings, an indication as to where that part is contained in the translation of the priority document.

51bis.2 and 51bis.3 [No change]

Rule 55
Languages (International Preliminary Examination)

55.1 [No change]

55.2 Translation of International Application

(a) [No change]

(a-bis) A translation of the international application into a language referred to in paragraph (a) shall include any element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) furnished by the applicant under Rule 20.3(b), 20.5bis(b), 20.5bis(c) or 20.6(a) and any part of the description, claims or drawings furnished by the applicant under Rule 20.5(b), 20.5(c), 20.5bis(b), 20.5bis(c) or 20.6(a) which is considered to have been contained in the international application under Rule 20.6(b).

(a-ter) to (d) [No change]

55.3 [No change]

Rule 57
The Handling Fee

57.1 [No change]

57.2 *Amount; Transfer*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) Where the prescribed currency is the Swiss franc, the Authority shall transfer the said fee to the International Bureau in Swiss francs in accordance with Rule 96.2.

(d) Where the prescribed currency is a currency other than the Swiss franc and that currency:

(i) is freely convertible into Swiss francs, the Director General shall establish, for each Authority which prescribes such a currency for the payment of the handling fee, an equivalent amount of that fee in the prescribed currency according to directives given by the Assembly, and the amount in that currency shall be transferred by the Authority to the International Bureau in accordance with Rule 96.2;

(ii) is not freely convertible into Swiss francs, the Authority shall be responsible for the conversion of the handling fee from the prescribed currency into Swiss francs and shall transfer that fee in Swiss francs, in the amount set out in the Schedule of Fees, to the International Bureau in accordance with Rule 96.2. Alternatively, if the Authority so wishes, it may convert the handling fee from the prescribed currency into euros or US dollars and transfer the equivalent amount of that fee in euros or US dollars, as established by the Director General according to directives given by the Assembly as referred to in item (i), to the International Bureau in accordance with Rule 96.2.

57.3 and 57.4 [No change]

Rule 71
Transmittal of the
International Preliminary Examination Report
and Related Documents

71.1 *Recipients*

(a) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall, on the same day, transmit one copy of the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, to the International Bureau, and one copy to the applicant.

(b) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall transmit copies of other documents from the file of the international preliminary examination to the International Bureau in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

71.2 [No change]

Rule 82ter
Rectification of Errors Made
by the Receiving Office or by the International Bureau

82ter.1 Errors Concerning the International Filing Date and the Priority Claim

(a) [No change]

(b) Where the international filing date has been accorded by the receiving Office under Rule 20.3(b)(ii), 20.5(d) or 20.5bis(d) on the basis of the incorporation by reference under Rules 4.18 and 20.6 of an element or part but the designated or elected Office finds that:

(i) the applicant has not complied with Rule 17.1(a), (b) or (b-bis) in relation to the priority document;

(ii) a requirement under Rule 4.18, 20.6(a)(i) or 51bis.1(e)(ii) has not been complied with; or

(iii) the element or part is not completely contained in the priority document concerned;

the designated or elected Office may, subject to paragraph (c), treat the international application as if the international filing date had been accorded under Rule 20.3(b)(i), 20.5(b) or 20.5bis(b), or corrected under Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5bis(c), as applicable, provided that Rule 17.1(c) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(c) The designated or elected Office shall not treat the international application under paragraph (b) as if the international filing date had been accorded under Rule 20.3(b)(i), 20.5(b) or 20.5bis(b), or corrected under Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5bis(c), without giving the applicant the opportunity to make observations on the intended treatment, or to make a request under paragraph (d), within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances.

(d) Where the designated or elected Office, in accordance with paragraph (c), has notified the applicant that it intends to treat the international application as if the international filing date had been corrected under Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5bis(c), the applicant may, in a notice submitted to that Office within the time limit referred to in paragraph (c), request that the missing part concerned, or the correct element or part concerned, be disregarded for the purposes of national processing before that Office, in which case that missing part, or that correct element or part, shall be considered not to have been furnished and that Office shall not treat the international application as if the international filing date had been corrected.

Rule 82^{quater}
Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits

82^{quater}.1 [No change]

82^{quater}.2 *Unavailability of Electronic Means of Communication at the Office*

(a) Any national Office or intergovernmental organization may provide that, where a time limit fixed in the Regulations for performing an action before that Office or organization is not met due to the unavailability of any of the permitted electronic means of communication at that Office or organization, delay in meeting that time limit shall be excused, provided that the respective action was performed on the next working day on which the said electronic means of communication were available. The Office or organization concerned shall publish information on any such unavailability including the period of the unavailability, and notify the International Bureau accordingly.

(b) The excuse of a delay in meeting a time limit under paragraph (a) need not be taken into account by any designated or elected Office before which the applicant, at the time the information referred to in paragraph (a) is published, has already performed the acts referred to in Article 22 or Article 39.

Rule 94
Access to Files

94.1 *Access to the File Held by the International Bureau*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) The International Bureau shall, if so requested by an elected Office, but not before the international preliminary examination report has been established, furnish on behalf of that Office copies under paragraph (b) of any document transmitted to it under Rule 71.1(a) or (b) by the International Preliminary Examining Authority. The International Bureau shall promptly publish details of any such request in the Gazette.

(d) to (g) [No change]

94.1^{bis} to 94.3 [No change]

Rule 96
The Schedule of Fees; Receipt and Transfer of Fees

96.1 [No change]

96.2 *Notification of Receipt of Fees; Transfer of Fees*

(a) For the purposes of this Rule, “Office” shall mean the receiving Office (including the International Bureau acting as receiving Office), the International Searching Authority, an Authority specified for supplementary international search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau.

(b) Where, in accordance with these Regulations or the Administrative Instructions, a fee is collected by one Office (“collecting Office”) for the benefit of another Office (“beneficiary Office”), the collecting Office shall promptly notify the receipt of each such fee in accordance with the Administrative Instructions. Upon receipt of the notification, the beneficiary Office shall proceed as if it had received the fee on the date on which the fee was received by the collecting Office.

(c) The collecting Office shall transfer any fees collected for the benefit of a beneficiary Office to that Office in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

Revised Lists of States Meeting the Criteria referred to in Items 5(a) and 5(b) of the PCT Schedule of Fees

Having reviewed the criteria set out in item 5 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, the Assembly decided that those criteria be maintained and that they be reviewed again by the Assembly in five years’ time, as required by that Schedule.

The revised lists of States meeting those criteria, with effect since 1 January 2020, are as follows:

(1) For the purpose of item 5(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees:

(i) States that are PCT Contracting States:

Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Eswatini, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Oman, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

(ii) States that are not PCT Contracting States:

Afghanistan, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Burundi, Cabo Verde, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Micronesia (Federated States of), Guyana, Haiti, Iraq, Jamaica, Kiribati, Lebanon, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nauru, Nepal, Pakistan, Palau, Paraguay, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Suriname, Timor-Leste, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Yemen.

(2) For the purpose of item 5(b) of the PCT Schedule of Fees:

(i) States that are PCT Contracting States:

Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Djibouti, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Rwanda, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Zambia.

(ii) States that are not PCT Contracting States:

Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burundi, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Haiti, Kiribati, Myanmar, Nepal, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Timor-Leste, Tuvalu, Vanuatu, Yemen.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office and applicable from 1 April 2020, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14)	EUR	135
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b))	EUR	105
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d))	EUR	665

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone number, which is now as follows:

Telephone: (966-11) 280 59 98

[Updating of Annex B1(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2020, are CHF 375 and USD 376, respectively, when filing online, and CHF 562 and USD 564, respectively, when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Pounds sterling (GBP)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2020, is GBP 1,479.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MA Morocco

The **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the discontinuation of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), with effect since 1 October 2017.

The Office further notified that, since 1 January 2018, the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) is no longer required.

[Updating of Annex C(MA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified changes to the conditions of eligibility for reduction of the national fee, payable to OMPIC in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office – since 2 September 2019, public establishments, foundations, research centers and associations with a research and development mission, whether foreign or national, have been entitled to pay the reduced amount of the national fee.

Very small enterprises, small or medium enterprises (in accordance with the criteria of the SME charter), natural persons, self-entrepreneurs, craftsmen, universities and educational establishments, whether foreign or national, continue to be eligible for reductions of the national fee.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the national fee, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. As from 1 April 2020, the following amounts are payable by all applicants:

National fee:

Filing fee	ZAR	590
First annual fee ¹	ZAR	130

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its special requirement, under PCT Rule 51*bis*, concerning the address for service.

Applicants must still have an address for service of notices and other communications; however, since 5 April 2018, this address may be in either New Zealand or Australia.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Due within three years from the international filing date.

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GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its address for filings by hand, which is now as follows:

Address (filings by hand):	3 rd Floor 10 Victoria Street London SW1H 0NB United Kingdom
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[Updating of Annex B1(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the address from which to obtain a list of registered patent attorneys, as follows:

The Registrar
c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys
2nd Floor Halton House
20-23 Holborn
London EC1N 2JD
United Kingdom

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(A-BIS)

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5*bis*¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii)² and 20.5*bis*(d)³ with the national law applied by receiving Offices. These new rules will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

New Rule 20.8(a-*bis*) states: “If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

CZ Czechia

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **Industrial Property Office (Czechia)** has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as receiving Office.

¹ The complete text of Rule 20.5*bis* is reproduced in Annex III of document number PCT/A/51/2, which is available online at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_2.pdf

² New Rule 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) states: “Where, in determining whether the papers purporting to be an international application fulfil the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office finds that an entire element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) has or appears to have been erroneously filed, or that a part of the description, claims or drawings has or appears to have been erroneously filed, including the case where all drawings have or appear to have been erroneously filed (“erroneously filed element or part”), it shall promptly invite the applicant, at the applicant’s option to confirm, in accordance with Rule 20.6(a), that the correct element or part was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18 and to make observations, if any, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7. If that time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of any application whose priority is claimed, the receiving Office shall call that circumstance to the attention of the applicant.”

³ New Rule 20.5*bis*(d) states: “Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, a correct element or part is, under Rule 20.6(b), considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall remain in the application, and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c) and as provided for in the Administrative Instructions.”

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(B-BIS)

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5*bis*⁴ of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(b-*bis*), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii)⁵ and 20.5*bis*(d)⁶ with the national law applied by designated Offices. These new rules will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

New Rule 20.8(b-*bis*) states: “If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

CZ Czechia

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(b-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **Industrial Property Office (Czechia)** has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office.

⁴ See footnote 1.

⁵ See footnote 2.

⁶ See footnote 3.

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SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau that its telephone numbers are as follows:

Telephone:	(966-11) 280 59 98
	(966-11) 280 59 76

[Updating of Annex B1(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2020, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	ISK 17,800
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ISK 4,800
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d)):	ISK 42,500

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 May 2020, are as follows:

National fee:

Application fee ¹	ISK 66,100
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10 ²	ISK 4,300
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation ³	ISK 17,800
Total annual fees for the first three years ⁴	ISK 33,900

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its special requirements under Rule 51*bis*, concerning the address for service and verification of the translation. These changes, applicable since 25 September 2019, are as follows:

- Applicants must still have an address for service of notices and other communications; however, this address may be in either Australia or New Zealand (but no representation by an agent is required).
- Verification of translations will only be required to be furnished to the Office if the Commissioner specifically requires the applicant to do so.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

³ Where the basic national fee has been paid within the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the prescribed translation may be filed within a further period of two months, provided that it is accompanied by the additional fee.

⁴ These fees are payable within two months after performing the acts for entering the national phase. Payment can still be made, together with a 20% surcharge for late payment, before the expiration of the sixth month after the month containing the anniversary of the international filing date.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (55-21) 3037 36 86
(55-21) 3037 37 42

[Updating of Annex B1(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the telephone numbers of its New Delhi office, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (91-11) 25 30 02 00
(91-11) 25 30 03 35 (PCT Section)

[Updating of Annex B1(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES: NOTIFICATIONS FROM OFFICES CONCERNING EXCEPTIONAL NON-WORKING DAYS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Due to circumstances relating the COVID-19 pandemic, the International Bureau has been notified that a number of PCT Offices are closed to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach the Office falls on a day on which such Office is not open to the public for the aforementioned purposes, that period is extended so as to expire **on the next subsequent day on which the respective Office reopens to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.**

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to an Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

Additional information concerning Offices' closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by each respective Office, is available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

The International Bureau has been notified that the following Offices are or were not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business, under PCT Rule 80.5(i), due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, as follows:

Office Code and Name	Closed Dates Notified
CO Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)	16 to 31 March 2020
IN Indian Patent Office	25 March to 14 April 2020
MD State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)	30 March to 3 April 2020
PA Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)	17 March 2020 until further notice
ZA Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)	27 March to 30 April 2020

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2020, are EUR 304 when filing online and EUR 455 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of one of the components of the filing fee, in **Indian rupees (INR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 16 May 2016, are as follows:

	<i>Natural person and/or start-up</i>	<i>Small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or start-up</i>	<i>Others, alone or with natural person(s) and/or start-up and/or small entity</i>
Filing fee: ¹			
– For each page of sequence listing of nucleotides and/or amino acid sequences:			
– electronic filing	INR 160 ²	INR 400 ²	INR 800 ³
– paper filing	Not allowed	Not allowed	Not allowed

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), or at the time of any earlier express request by the applicant to proceed earlier with the national phase.

² Subject to a maximum of INR 24,000.

³ Subject to a maximum of INR 120,000.

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New Rule 20.8(a-*bis*) states: “If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

CL Chile

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as receiving Office.

⁴ The complete text of Rule 20.5*bis* is reproduced in Annex III of document number PCT/A/51/2, which is available online at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_2.pdf

⁵ New Rule 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) states: “Where, in determining whether the papers purporting to be an international application fulfil the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office finds that an entire element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) has or appears to have been erroneously filed, or that a part of the description, claims or drawings has or appears to have been erroneously filed, including the case where all drawings have or appear to have been erroneously filed (“erroneously filed element or part”), it shall promptly invite the applicant, at the applicant’s option to confirm, in accordance with Rule 20.6(a), that the correct element or part was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18 and to make observations, if any, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7. If that time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of any application whose priority is claimed, the receiving Office shall call that circumstance to the attention of the applicant.”

⁶ New Rule 20.5*bis*(d) states: “Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, a correct element or part is, under Rule 20.6(b), considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall remain in the application, and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c) and as provided for in the Administrative Instructions.”

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(B-BIS)

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5*bis*⁷ of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(b-*bis*), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii)⁸ and 20.5*bis*(d)⁹ with the national law applied by designated Offices. These new rules will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

New Rule 20.8(b-*bis*) states: “If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

CL Chile

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(b-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office.

⁷ See footnote 4.

⁸ See footnote 5.

⁹ See footnote 6.

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RECEIVING OFFICES

DK Denmark

On 9 March 2020, the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** provided additional information, in its capacity as competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Denmark, in the event of national security considerations.

International applications for inventions that relate to war material or processes for the manufacture of war material and are owned by a person or enterprise residing in Denmark, or by a Danish institution, must be filed through the Danish Patent and Trademark Office and may only be granted patent protection, as “secret patents”, with authorization from the (Danish) Minister of Defence, in accordance with sections 2 and 2a of the Consolidate Secret Patents Act and section 70 of the (Danish) Patents Act.

[Updating of Annex B1(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office provided additional guidance concerning representation before the Office.

In accordance with section 12 of the (Danish) Patents Act, the Danish Patent and Trademark Office may invite the applicant to appoint an agent residing in the European Economic Area (EEA) to represent him in all matters relating to the application.

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(A-BIS)

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5*bis*¹ of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii)² and 20.5*bis*(d)³ with the national law applied by receiving Offices. These new rules will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

New Rule 20.8(a-*bis*) states: “If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

DE Germany

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as receiving Office.

FR France

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)** has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) cannot be considered to be compatible with the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as receiving Office.

¹ The complete text of Rule 20.5*bis* is reproduced in Annex III of document number PCT/A/51/2, which is available online at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_2.pdf

² New Rule 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) states: “Where, in determining whether the papers purporting to be an international application fulfil the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office finds that an entire element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) has or appears to have been erroneously filed, or that a part of the description, claims or drawings has or appears to have been erroneously filed, including the case where all drawings have or appear to have been erroneously filed (“erroneously filed element or part”), it shall promptly invite the applicant, at the applicant’s option to confirm, in accordance with Rule 20.6(a), that the correct element or part was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18 and to make observations, if any, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7. If that time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of any application whose priority is claimed, the receiving Office shall call that circumstance to the attention of the applicant.”

³ New Rule 20.5*bis*(d) states: “Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, a correct element or part is, under Rule 20.6(b), considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall remain in the application, and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c) and as provided for in the Administrative Instructions.”

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During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5*bis*⁴ of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(b-*bis*), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii)⁵ and 20.5*bis*(d)⁶ with the national law applied by designated Offices. These new rules will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

New Rule 20.8(b-*bis*) states: “If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

CN China

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(b-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office.

DE Germany

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(b-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office.

⁴ Refer to footnote 1.

⁵ Refer to footnote 2.

⁶ Refer to footnote 3.

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NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU: INTERPRETATIVE STATEMENT AND RECOMMENDED PRACTICE

Pursuant to PCT Rule 82*quater*.1, where any interested party offers evidence that a time limit fixed in the Regulations under the PCT (“the Regulations”) for performing an action before an Office, Authority or the International Bureau was not met due to war, revolution, civil disorder, strike, natural calamity, general unavailability of electronic communications services or other like reason, and that the relevant action was taken as soon as reasonably possible, the delay in meeting the relevant time limit may¹ be excused.

In the view of the International Bureau, the current global COVID-19 pandemic should be considered to be a “natural calamity” or “other like reason” under PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(a).

Consequently, the International Bureau, including in its capacity as receiving Office, shall treat favorably any request, under PCT Rule 82*quater*.1(a), which cites reasons relating to the COVID-19 pandemic for the failure to meet a time limit fixed in the Regulations, and shall not require the interested party to provide evidence to it that the COVID-19 pandemic affected the locality in which the interested party resides, has a place of business, or is staying.

Furthermore, the receiving Office of the International Bureau shall delay until 31 May 2020 the issuance of notifications concerning an international application considered to be withdrawn (Form PCT/RO/117).

The International Bureau urges all PCT Offices and Authorities to adopt a similar interpretation and practice. Furthermore, the International Bureau recommends the following:

- for at least one month (with the possibility of further extension), notifications that an international application is considered to be withdrawn only be issued with respect to deadlines that had previously expired for at least two months; and
- receiving Offices waive the charging of late payment fees (under PCT Rule 16*bis*.2).

Please note the “Interpretative statement and Recommended Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) Practice Changes in light of the COVID-19 Pandemic” of 9 April 2020, available at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2020/news_0009.html

¹ To benefit from the relief provided for under Rule 82*quater*.1, the interested party would normally be required to address such evidence to the competent Office, Authority or the International Bureau, as the case may be, not later than six months after the expiration of the time limit applicable in the given case, in addition to having taken the relevant action as soon as reasonably possible. If such circumstances are proven to the satisfaction of the addressee, delay in meeting the time limit shall be excused.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: plpctteam@uprp.pl

[Updating of Annex B1(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2020, is CHF 1,242.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2020, are CHF 374 when filing online, and CHF 470 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2020, is CHF 1,085.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2020, are CHF 128 and EUR 120, or CHF 32 and EUR 30 in the case of filing by an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2020, are CHF 353 for searches carried out in Korean and CHF 941 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2020, are CHF 104 and EUR 97 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 489 and EUR 455 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 June 2020, are CHF 144 and CHF 231 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2020, is CHF 1,509.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 June 2020, is CHF 1,509.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – two copies are now required, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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TRANSMITTAL OF PCT-RELATED DOCUMENTS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU: TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF TRANSMITTAL OF PCT-RELATED DOCUMENTS ON PAPER

Due to the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic on the operations of the International Bureau and postal systems worldwide, the International Bureau, including in its capacity as PCT receiving Office, has suspended the transmittal of PCT-related documents **on paper**, with effect since 30 March 2020.

Consequently, the International Bureau will only transmit PCT-related documents electronically via e-mail, until further notice. It is to be noted that PCT-related documents concerning individual international applications are available via ePCT¹ or, after international publication, on PATENTSCOPE².

Furthermore, due to reduced postal services and scanning operations at the International Bureau, all PCT users are urged to communicate with the International Bureau exclusively via electronic means.

PCT users who have not yet provided the International Bureau with an email address in relation to their international application(s), are encouraged to provide such information as soon as possible by:

- populating the information directly in relation to pending international applications in ePCT for which they have the relevant access rights;
- using the PCT Contingency Upload service;³
- sending an email to one of the following addresses: pct.eservices@wipo.int or pct.infoline@wipo.int; or
- using the *WIPO Contact Us* page⁴ for PCT customers.

For additional information, refer to the *PCT System newsfeed*, dated 30 March 2020, available at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/news/2020/news_0008.html

¹ Available at: <https://pct.wipo.int/ePCT>

² Available at: <https://patentscope.wipo.int>

³ Available at: <https://pct.wipo.int/ePCTExternal/pages/UploadDocument.xhtml>

⁴ Available at: <https://www3.wipo.int/contact/en/area.jsp?area=pct>

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES:
NOTIFICATIONS FROM OFFICES CONCERNING EXCEPTIONAL NON-WORKING
DAYS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

CU Cuba

Due to circumstances relating the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that it is closed to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 14 April 2020 until further notice.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on or after 14 April 2020, that period is **extended so as to expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopens to the public** for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2020, is ZAR 35,130.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD 2,356
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	AUD 27
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	AUD 354
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	AUD 531
Handling fee	AUD 354

[Updating of Annexes C(AU) and E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee	CAD 1,961
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	CAD 22
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	CAD 295
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	CAD 442
Handling fee	CAD 295

[Updating of Annexes C(CA) and E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2020, is ZAR 35,130.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

A new equivalent amount in **New Israeli shekels (ILS)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 June 2020, is ILS 743.

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee	ISK 195,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	ISK 2,200
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	ISK 29,300
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	ISK 44,000

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

A new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 June 2020, is KRW 255,000.

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee	NOK 15,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	NOK 170
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	NOK 2,300
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	NOK 3,450

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2020, are USD 106 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 501 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

New equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 June 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SGD 1,974
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	SGD 22
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	SGD 297
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	SGD 445
Handling fee	SGD 297

[Updating of Annexes C(SG) and E(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee	ZAR 24,090
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	ZAR 270
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	ZAR 3,620
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	ZAR 5,430

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

On 17 April 2020, the **European Patent Office (EPO)** notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Articles 11(3)(iii) and 11(4)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Part I of Annex D thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, consists of a new “Additional fee” payable under new PCT Rule 40*bis* and applicable in conjunction with new PCT Rule 20.5*bis*, which will also enter into force on 1 July 2020.²

The amended Annex D will read as follows:

**“Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rules 40.2(a) and 40 <i>bis</i> ³)	1,775 ⁴
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf

² The complete text of new Rules 20.5*bis* and 40*bis* is reproduced in Annex III of document number PCT/A/51/2, which is available online at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_2.pdf

³ This fee is applied in conjunction with PCT Rule 20.5*bis* (see decision of the EPO’s Administrative Council of 27 March 2020 (OJ EPO 2020, A36).

⁴ This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO’s Administrative Council of 12 December 2019 (OJ EPO 2020, A4)). See Part II, paragraph (4), for further details.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to the adoption in Italy of Ministerial Decree 13/11/2019⁵, PCT Article 45(2)⁶ is no longer applicable to the designation or election of Italy, with respect to international applications filed **on or after 1 July 2020**.

Consequently, any designation or election of Italy in an international application filed on or after 1 July 2020 shall constitute an indication under PCT Rule 4.9(iii) that the international application is for the grant of a regional (European) patent and also a national patent in Italy.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES: NOTIFICATIONS FROM OFFICES CONCERNING EXCEPTIONAL NON-WORKING DAYS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

MX Mexico

Due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau that it is closed to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 27 March to 30 May 2020.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period is **extended so as to expire on 1 June 2020, or on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopens to the public** for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

⁵ Refer to *Gazzetta Ufficiale della Repubblica Italiana* (No. 283) of 3 December 2019.

⁶ PCT Article 45 states: "The national law of the said designated or elected State may provide that any designation or election of such State in the international application shall have the effect of an indication of the wish to obtain a regional patent under the regional patent treaty."

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)**, **Korean won (KRW)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2020, are EUR 1,241, KRW 1,643,000, SGD 1,920 and USD 1,341, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau of the establishment of a new additional fee, under new PCT Rule 40*bis* and applicable in conjunction with new PCT Rule 20.5*bis*⁷.

This new fee, which will be applicable from 1 July 2020, is EUR 1,775.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2020, are AUD 603 for searches carried out in Korean and AUD 1,607 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2020, are NZD 3,496 and ZAR 38,860, respectively, for an entity other than a small or micro entity; NZD 1,748 and ZAR 19,430, respectively, for a small entity; and NZD 874 and ZAR 9,710, respectively, for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁷ The complete text of new Rules 20.5*bis* and 40*bis* is reproduced in Annex III of document number PCT/A/51/2, which is available online at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_2.pdf

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IT Italy

Following the adoption in Italy of Ministerial Decree 13/11/2019 (refer to this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), page 82), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau that the time limits for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a) are 30 months from the priority date (or where the international application does not contain any priority claim under PCT Article 8, the international filing date of such application).

Furthermore, the Office notified that, under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a), for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020, a translation of the international application into Italian is required.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF ELEMENTS OR PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS OF PCT RULES 20.3(a)(ii) AND (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) AND (d), AND 20.6

IT Italy

Further to its notification⁸ of the incompatibility of the national law of Italy under PCT Rule 20.8(a) (refer to PCT Gazette No. 26/2006 of 26 June 2006, page 18992), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that its national law is now compatible with PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 (concerning defects under PCT Article 11(1), missing parts, and incorporation by reference of elements of parts), which will be applicable with respect to international applications filed **on or after 1 July 2020**.

INCORPORATION BY REFERENCE OF ELEMENTS OR PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS OF PCT RULES 20.3(a)(ii) AND (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) AND (d), AND 20.6

IT Italy

Following the adoption in Italy of Ministerial Decree 13/11/2019 (refer to this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), page 82), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that its national law is compatible with PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 (concerning defects under PCT Article 11(1), missing parts, and incorporation by reference of elements of parts), with respect to international applications filed **on or after 1 July 2020**.

⁸ The current list of PCT reservations, declarations, notifications and incompatibilities is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a-bis)

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5bis⁹ of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(a-bis), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii)¹⁰ and 20.5bis(d)¹¹ with the national law applied by receiving Offices. These new rules will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

New Rule 20.8(a-bis) states: “If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

ES Spain

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(a-bis), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii) and 20.5bis(d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as receiving Office.

⁹ The complete text of Rule 20.5bis is reproduced in Annex III of document number PCT/A/51/2, which is available online at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_2.pdf

¹⁰ New Rule 20.5bis(a)(ii) states: “Where, in determining whether the papers purporting to be an international application fulfil the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office finds that an entire element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) has or appears to have been erroneously filed, or that a part of the description, claims or drawings has or appears to have been erroneously filed, including the case where all drawings have or appear to have been erroneously filed (“erroneously filed element or part”), it shall promptly invite the applicant, at the applicant’s option to confirm, in accordance with Rule 20.6(a), that the correct element or part was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18 and to make observations, if any, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7. If that time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of any application whose priority is claimed, the receiving Office shall call that circumstance to the attention of the applicant.”

¹¹ New Rule 20.5bis(d) states: “Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, a correct element or part is, under Rule 20.6(b), considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall remain in the application, and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c) and as provided for in the Administrative Instructions.”

**ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS:
NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH
NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b-bis)**

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5bis¹² of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as new Rule 20.8(b-bis), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii)¹³ and 20.5bis(d)¹⁴ with the national law applied by designated Offices. These new rules will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

New Rule 20.8(b-bis) states: “If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

ES Spain

In accordance with new PCT Rule 20.8(b-bis), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii) and 20.5bis(d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office.

¹² Refer to footnote 8.

¹³ Refer to footnote 9.

¹⁴ Refer to footnote 10.

**RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY:
NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH
NATIONAL LAWS OF PCT RULE 26bis.3(a) TO (i)**

IT Italy

Further to its notification¹⁵ of the incompatibility of the national law of Italy under PCT Rule 26bis.3(j) (refer to PCT Gazette No. 26/2006 of 26 June 2006, page 18994), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that its national law is now compatible with PCT Rule 26bis.3(a) to (i) (concerning restoration of the right of priority by receiving Offices), which will be applicable with respect to international applications filed **on or after 1 July 2020**.

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**EFFECT OF RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES:
NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH
NATIONAL LAWS OF PCT RULE 49ter.1(a) TO (d)**

IT Italy

Following the adoption of in Italy of Ministerial Decree 13/11/2019 (refer to this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), page 82), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau that the national law applied by it as designated Office under the PCT is compatible with PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (d) (concerning the effect of restoration of right of priority by receiving Offices), with respect to international applications filed **on or after 1 July 2020**.

**RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY:
NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH
NATIONAL LAWS OF PCT RULE 49ter.2(a) TO (g)**

IT Italy

Following the adoption in Italy of Ministerial Decree 13/11/2019 (refer to this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), page 82), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that its national law is compatible with PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) (concerning restoration of the right of priority by designated Offices), with respect to international applications filed **on or after 1 July 2020**.

¹⁵ The current list of PCT reservations, declarations, notifications and incompatibilities is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Sections 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 3 November 2016, pages 221 *et seq.*

In particular, as from 1 July 2020, the EPO, in its capacity as receiving Office, will no longer accept the filing of international applications in electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software.

Consequently, as of 1 July 2020, the available means for filing international applications in electronic form with the EPO are: EPO Online Filing, EPO web-form filing service, EPO case management system (CMS), and ePCT-Filing.

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the *Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure* with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect since 1 January 2016, as follows:

Guangdong Microbial Culture Collection Center (GDMCC)
Guangdong Institute of Microbiology
No.59 Building, No.100 Xianliezhong Road
Guangzhou 510075
The People's Republic of China

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MD Moldova

Further to the notification regarding closure to the public of the **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 2 April 2020 (pages 58 and 59), the Office has notified the International Bureau that the aforementioned closure has been extended.

Therefore, for the period from 30 March to 30 April 2020, the Office was closed to the public for the transaction of official business on the following days:

- 30 March 2020 to 3 April 2020;
- 7 to 17 April 2020; and
- 21 to 30 April 2020.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on one of the aforementioned days, that period is **extended so as to expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office reopens to the public** for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

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BR Brazil – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 69) contained an error concerning the new equivalent amount, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, of the search fee when filing online for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**.

As from 1 June 2020, the new equivalent amounts of the search fee are CHF 314 when filing online and CHF 470 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2020, are USD 322 when filing online, and USD 483 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2020, is USD 1,132.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)**, **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** and **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2020, are GBP 1,560, ISK 276,000, and NOK 20,010, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HU Hungary

New equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee	HUF	458,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	HUF	5,200
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	HUF	68,900
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	HUF	103,400

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2020, are USD 131 and USD 33 (in the case of filing by an individual).

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee	NZD	2,288
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	NZD	26
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	NZD	344
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	NZD	516

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2020, are EUR 105 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 495 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** and **Norwegian kronor (NOK)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2020, are ISK 276,000 and NOK 20,010, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** and **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2020, are ISK 276,000 and NOK 20,010, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF THE RIGHT OF PRIORITY: NOTIFICATIONS UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3(i) AND 49ter.2(g)

IT Italy

Further to its notifications concerning restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 (refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 April 2020, page 87), and pursuant to PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau that it will, in its capacity as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, apply both the “unintentional” and “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

In addition, the Office notified that there is no fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rules 26bis.3(d) and 49ter.2(d); however, such requests will be subject to a stamp duty (*imposta di bollo*) of EUR 15.

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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Due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the International Bureau has been notified that a number of PCT Offices are closed to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office falls on a day on which such Office is not open to the public for the aforementioned purposes, that period **shall expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office opens to the public** for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to an Office or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 2 April 2020 (pages 58 and 59), the International Bureau has been notified that the following Offices were also not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business, under PCT Rule 80.5(i), due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, as follows:

Office Code and Name	Closed Dates Notified
AG Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO)	1 to 28 April 2020
RO State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)	9 to 20 March 2020

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2020, is ZAR 26,420.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2020, is HUF 626,100.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee	NOK 14,420
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	NOK 160
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	NOK 2,170
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	NOK 3,250

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of an online service for general correspondence, as follows:

Online service
(general correspondence): <https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/wr01970.html>

[Updating of Annex B1(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

SV El Salvador

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 July 2020, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (503) 2593 5718
- by e-mail at: patentes@cnr.gob.sv

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.cnr.gob.sv).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(SV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IN India

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 2 April 2020 (pages 58 and 59), the **Indian Patent Office** notified the International Bureau, on 8 May 2020, that it was additionally closed from 15 to 19 April 2020, due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Therefore, in accordance with the aforementioned notifications, the Office was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 25 March to 19 April 2020.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell between 25 March to 19 April 2020 (inclusive), that period **shall expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office opens to the public** for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

For further information on measures adopted by the Office in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker, available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/>

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS: NOTIFICATION BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

CA Canada

In accordance with Section 513(f) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of an additional means of transmittal of the sequence listing in electronic form accepted by it in its capacity as International Searching Authority.

In addition to a text file on a single diskette, CD-ROM, or DVD, sequence listings may now be submitted electronically, in <.txt> format, via the Office's general correspondence web service, available at:

<https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cipointernet-internetopic.nsf/eng/wr01970.html>

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD 2,150
Fee per sheet in excess of 30	AUD 24
Reductions (under the Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format)	AUD 323
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format)	AUD 485
Handling fee	AUD 323

[Updating of Annexes C(AU) and E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2020, are USD 113 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 532 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2020, are CHF 1,361 and KRW 1,757,000, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau that since 2 October 2019, the fee for the priority document on paper, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, is no longer applicable. The fee for the priority document online remains unchanged.

[Updating of Annex C(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2020, are AUD 564 for searches carried out in Korean and AUD 1,503 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau that since 2 October 2019, the priority document may only be requested online.¹

Furthermore, the Office notified that since 19 November 2019, the international application and other PCT-related documents filed **on paper** are received only by mail. For information concerning filing on paper by mail, refer to the Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) N°253 of 13 November 2019.²

[Updating of Annex C(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Refer to *RPI – Revista da Propriedade Industrial* No. 2544 (8 October 2019), available at: <http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2544.pdf>

² Refer to *RPI – Revista da Propriedade Industrial* No. 2550 (19 November 2019), available at: <http://revistas.inpi.gov.br/pdf/Comunicados2550.pdf>

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

BR Brazil

Agreement between the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

On 30 April 2020, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments consist of a change to the reference contained in the footnote of Part I of Annex D, as well as the establishment of a new condition for the filing on paper of PCT-related documents (reflected in a new footnote introduced in Part I of Annex D).

With effect since 19 November 2019, the amended Annex D reads as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge ²	Amount (Brazilian reals)	
	(online)	(on paper) ³
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,685	2,525
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,360	2,040
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	630	945
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	365	545
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58bis.2	
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,220	1,830
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rule 13ter.1(c) and 13ter.2)	180	270
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94ter.1 and 94.2), per page	1.5	2

Part II. [No change]

[Updating of Annexes D(BR) and E(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_br.pdf

² These fees are reduced by 60% under certain conditions (refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 251/19 of 2 October 2019).

³ International applications and PCT-related documents filed on paper are received only by mail (refer to Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 253/19 of 13 November 2019).

SG Singapore

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁴ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, consists of the addition of the **Republic of Korea** to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex.

As from 1 July 2020, the amended Annex A will read as follows:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Uganda, United States of America, Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Uganda, United States of America, Viet Nam.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) [No change]

⁴ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES: NOTIFICATIONS FROM OFFICES CONCERNING EXCEPTIONAL NON-WORKING DAYS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Further to the notifications published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 2 April 2020 (page 59), 23 April 2020 (page 74), 30 April 2020 (page 82), 7 May 2020 (page 90), 14 May 2020 (page 96) and 28 May 2020 (page 103), the International Bureau has been notified that due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, a number of additional PCT Offices were closed to the public, or have extended previously notified closures to the public, for the purposes of the transaction of official business, as follows:

Office Code and Name	Closed Dates Notified
BZ Belize Intellectual Property Office	3 April (midday) to 13 April 2020
MX Mexican Institute of Industrial Property	27 March 2020 until further notice ⁵
PH Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines	15 March to 25 May 2020

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is (was) required to reach an Office falls (fell) on a day on which such Office is (was) not open to the public for the aforementioned purposes, that period **shall expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office opens to the public** for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to an Office or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by Offices, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

For further information on measures adopted by Offices in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker, available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/>

⁵ Extended from 30 May 2020 (refer to Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 April 2020, page 82).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), an equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2020, is KRW 1,955,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore – in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office (JPO), and the Korean Intellectual Property Office – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the Korean Intellectual Property Office by nationals and residents of the Republic of Korea, with effect from 1 July 2020.

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES: NOTIFICATIONS FROM OFFICES CONCERNING EXCEPTIONAL NON-WORKING DAYS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

PA Panama

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 2 April 2020 (page 59) concerning the closure of the **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office has notified the International Bureau that it reopened to the public on 8 June 2020 for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

Consequently, as published in the aforementioned notification and in accordance with PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell between 17 March and 7 June 2020 (inclusive), that period **shall expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office opens to the public** for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning the Office's closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

For further information on measures adopted by the Office in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker, available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/>

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address, and its facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	7a. Avenida 7-61 zona 4 Segundo Nivel Guatemala Ciudad, CP 01004 Guatemala
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Facsimile machine:	(502) 232 470 51 (502) 232 470 52
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[Updating of Annex B1(GT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2020, are CHF 286 and EUR 271, respectively, when filing online; and CHF 429 and EUR 406, respectively, when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2020, are CHF 118 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 554 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 August 2020, are CHF 163 and CHF 261 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with Offices, Authorities, and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 111, 308*bis*, 309, 310, 310*bis*, 310*ter*, 311, 410, 413, and Annexes C, D and E of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as well as new Sections 114, 317*bis*, 419*bis*, 420*bis*, 602*bis* and new Annex G, were promulgated with effect from 1 July 2020.

The main purposes of these modifications are:

(i) to increase transparency and legal certainty of the procedure for the excuse of delay in the case of unavailability of electronic means of communication under new PCT Rule 82*quater*.2¹ (Section 111 and Annex E);

(ii) to establish details of the procedures to be followed by Offices collecting fees for the benefit of other Offices, or receiving fees collected by other Offices, and to create a consistent legal basis for the operation of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (formerly the “netting pilot”) with the long term aim of exchanging high-quality and timely fee information in a consistent format (Section 114 and Annex G);

(iii) to provide guidance in order to align the practices of receiving Offices and designated (or elected) Offices in the special case where an applicant has erroneously filed an incorrect element or part of the international application (Sections 308*bis*, 309, 310, 310*bis*, 310*ter*, 311, 410 and 413, and Annexes C and D);

(iv) to provide a legal basis for treating the date of receipt of a notice under PCT Rule 26*quater*.1 at the receiving Office as the date of receipt at the International Bureau, and a legal basis for the correction or addition of the indications provided for in Rule 4.11 within a period that would ensure their inclusion in the international publication (Sections 317*bis* and 419*bis*); and

(v) to provide a legal basis for requiring an International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) to copy certain documents from the file of the international preliminary examination to the International Bureau while allowing some flexibility in the time for effecting such transmittal, and a legal basis for permitting the International Bureau to communicate the documents received from an IPEA to elected Offices (Sections 420*bis* and 602*bis*).

The full text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 July 2020 (PCT/AI/21) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int//pct/en/texts/>

TEXT OF MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
(as in force from 1 July 2020)

PART 1
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO GENERAL MATTERS

Section 111
Procedure and Considerations in the Case of Excuse of the Delay in Meeting
Certain Time Limits under Rule 82*quater*

(a) Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority, or the International Bureau receives a request under Rule 82*quater* for the excuse of a delay in meeting a time limit, it shall promptly:

(i) communicate its decision whether or not to excuse such a delay to the interested party; and

(ii) where applicable, transmit a copy of such a request, a copy of any evidence furnished and of its decision to the International Bureau.

(b) An interested party desiring to have delays excused due to general unavailability of electronic communications services under Rule 82*quater*.1 must establish that the outage of electronic communications services affected a widespread geographical area rather than being a localized problem, that it was unexpected or unforeseen, and that there was no alternative communication means available to him.

(c) Where any Office that acts as the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, or the International Preliminary Examining Authority provides for the excuse of a delay in meeting time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at that Office under Rule 82*quater*.2, it shall notify the International Bureau accordingly. The International Bureau shall promptly publish this information in the Gazette.

(d) Where the International Bureau provides for the excuse of a delay in meeting time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at the Bureau under Rule 82*quater*.2, it shall publish this information in the Gazette.

(e) The International Bureau shall also promptly publish in the Gazette any notification received by it under Rule 82*quater*.2(a), last sentence.

Section 114
Notification and Transfer of Fees

The notification of the receipt of fees under Rule 96.2(b) and the transfer of fees under Rule 96.2(c) shall be carried out in accordance with Annex G.

PART 3
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE RECEIVING OFFICE

Section 308bis
Marking of Later Submitted Sheets

The receiving Office shall indelibly mark any sheet containing an element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e), or a part referred to in Rule 20.5(a) or an element or part referred to in Rule 20.5bis(a), received on a date later than the date on which sheets were first received (“later submitted sheet”), in the upper right-hand corner of each sheet, with the international application number referred to in Section 307 and the date of actual receipt of that sheet.

Section 309
Procedure in the Case of Later Submitted Sheets
Furnished for the Purposes of Incorporation by Reference

(a) This Section applies, subject to paragraph (f), to later submitted sheets which accompany a notice confirming under Rule 20.6 that an element or part embodied in those sheets was incorporated by reference.

(b) Where later submitted sheets as referred to in paragraph (a) are received within the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7 and the receiving Office makes a finding under Rule 20.6(b), the receiving Office shall:

(i) indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each later submitted sheet, the words “INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (RULE 20.6)”, or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application;

(ii) notify the applicant that the element or part contained in the later submitted sheets is considered to have been contained in the international application or purported international application on the date when sheets were first received and that that date has been accorded or retained, as the case may be, as the international filing date;

(iii) keep in its files a copy of the later submitted sheets marked under item (i) and of the notice under Rule 20.6(a);

(iv) where the later submitted sheets are furnished under Rule 20.5bis to correct any sheets that have been erroneously filed (“erroneously filed sheets”), indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each erroneously filed sheet, the words “ERRONEOUSLY FILED (RULE 20.5bis)”, or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application, and move the erroneously filed sheets to the end of the corresponding element of the purported international application;

(v) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have already been made, notify the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority accordingly, and transmit the later submitted sheets marked under item (i) and the notice under Rule 20.6(a) to the said Bureau and a copy thereof to the said Authority; and

(vi) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have not yet been made, attach the later submitted sheets marked under item (i) and the notice under Rule 20.6(a) to the record copy and a copy thereof to the search copy.

(c) Where later submitted sheets referred to in paragraph (a) are received within the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7 and the receiving Office makes a finding under Rule 20.6(c), the receiving Office shall, subject to Section 310*bis*:

(i) effect the required correction of the international filing date or accord as the international filing date the date of receipt of the later submitted sheets;

(ii) notify the applicant that the content of the later submitted sheets is not considered to have been contained in the international application or purported international application on the date when sheets were first received and that the international filing date has been accorded as, or corrected to, as the case may be, the date on which the new sheets were received;

(iii) keep in its files a copy of the later submitted sheets and of the notice under Rule 20.6(a);

(iv) where the later submitted sheets are furnished under Rule 20.5*bis* to correct any erroneously filed sheets, remove the erroneously filed sheets from the international application and notify the applicant accordingly, and keep a copy of the removed sheets in the file;

(v) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have already been made, notify the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority accordingly and transmit a copy of the corrected first and last sheets of the request, the later submitted sheets and the notice under Rule 20.6(a) to the said Bureau and a copy thereof to the said Authority; and

(vi) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have not yet been made, attach the later submitted sheets and the notice under Rule 20.6(a) to the record copy and a copy thereof to the search copy.

(d) Where later submitted sheets referred to in paragraph (a) are received within the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7 but the purported international application still does not fulfill the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office shall proceed as provided in Rule 20.4, but not before the expiration of the time limit under Rule 20.7.

(e) Where later submitted sheets referred to in paragraph (a) are received after the expiration of the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7, the receiving Office shall proceed as provided in Section 310*ter*.

(f) Where later submitted sheets referred to in paragraph (a) are received but a missing element or part contained in those sheets cannot be incorporated by reference in the international application under Rules 4.18 and 20.6 because of the operation of Rule 20.8(a), the receiving Office shall:

(i) inform the applicant that the notice under Rule 20.6(a) confirming the incorporation by reference of the missing element or part has been disregarded;

(ii) proceed in accordance with Section 310(b), which shall apply *mutatis mutandis*, as if the notice under Rule 20.6(a) were a correction furnished under Rule 20.3(b)(i), or a missing part furnished under Rule 20.5(b) or (c), as the case may be; and

(iii) proceed in accordance with Section 310*bis*(b) where the applicant requests, within the time limit under Rule 20.5(e), that the missing part concerned be disregarded.

(g) Where later submitted sheets referred to in paragraph (a) are furnished under Rule 20.5*bis* to correct any erroneously filed element or part but the correct element or part embodied in those sheets cannot be incorporated by reference in the international application under Rules 4.18 and 20.6 because of the operation of Rule 20.8(a-*bis*), the receiving Office shall:

(i) subject to subparagraph (ii), transmit the international application to the International Bureau as receiving Office;

(ii) if the applicant does not authorize the transmittal of the international application under Rule 19.4(a)(iii) or does not pay the required fee within the applicable time limit, proceed in accordance with Section 333(c) and apply the procedure provided in paragraph (f) *mutatis mutandis* as if the notice under Rule 20.6(a) were a correction furnished under Rule 20.5*bis*(b) or (c), as the case may be.

Section 310
Procedure in the Case of Later Submitted Sheets
Not Furnished for the Purposes of Incorporation by Reference

(a) This Section applies to later submitted sheets which do not accompany a notice confirming under Rule 20.6 that an element or part embodied in those sheets was incorporated by reference.

(b) Where later submitted sheets as referred to in paragraph (a) are received within the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7 and where the international filing date is to be accorded under Rule 20.3(b)(i), 20.5(b) or 20.5*bis*(b), or corrected under Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5*bis*(c), the receiving Office shall, subject to Section 310*bis*:

(i) accord the international filing date in accordance with Rule 20.3(b)(i), 20.5(b) or 20.5*bis*(b), or effect the required correction of the international filing date in accordance with Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5*bis*(c), as the case may be;

(ii) notify the applicant of the correction or the according of the international filing date effected under item (i);

(iii) keep in its files a copy of the later submitted sheets;

(iv) where the later submitted sheets are furnished under Rule 20.5*bis* to replace any erroneously filed sheets, remove the erroneously filed sheets from the international application and notify the applicant accordingly, and keep a copy of the removed sheets in the file;

(v) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have already been made, notify the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority accordingly and transmit a copy of the corrected first and last sheets of the request and the later submitted sheets to the said Bureau and a copy thereof to the said Authority; and

(vi) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have not yet been made, attach the later submitted sheets to the record copy and a copy thereof to the search copy.

(c) Where later submitted sheets referred to in paragraph (a) are received within the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7 but the purported international application still does not fulfill the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office shall proceed as provided in Rule 20.4.

(d) Where later submitted sheets referred to in paragraph (a) are received after the expiration of the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7, the receiving Office shall proceed as provided in Section 310*ter*.

Section 310bis
Procedure in the Case of Later Submitted Sheets
Resulting in the Correction of the International Filing Date under
Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5bis(c)

(a) Where, following the receipt of later submitted sheets referred to in Sections 309(a) or 310(a) within the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7, the international filing date has been corrected under Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5bis(c), the receiving Office shall, in addition to proceeding under Section 309(c)(i) to (iii), or 310(b)(i) to (iii), as the case may be:

(i) draw the attention of the applicant to the procedure available under Rule 20.5(e) or 20.5bis(e), as the case may be;

(ii) proceed under Section 309(c)(iv) to (vi), or 310(b)(iv) to (vi), as the case may be, but only after the expiration of the time limit under Rule 20.5(e) or 20.5bis(e) and only where the applicant has not made a request under that Rule.

(b) Where the applicant requests within the time limit under Rule 20.5(e) or 20.5bis(e) that the missing part or the correct element or part concerned be disregarded, the receiving Office shall:

(i) restore the international filing date to that which had applied prior to its correction under Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5bis(c);

(ii) indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each sheet containing the missing part concerned, the words “NOT TO BE CONSIDERED (RULE 20.5(e))”, or in the middle of the bottom margin of each sheet embodying the correct element or part concerned, the words “NOT TO BE CONSIDERED (RULE 20.5bis(e))”, as the case may be, or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application;

(iii) notify the applicant that the missing part or the correct element or part is considered not to have been furnished and that the international filing date has been restored to that which had applied prior to its correction under Rule 20.5(c) or 20.5bis(c);

(iv) keep in its files a copy of the later submitted sheets marked under item (ii) and of the request made under Rule 20.5(e) or 20.5bis(e);

(v) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have already been made, notify the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority accordingly, and transmit the later submitted sheets marked under item (ii), the notice under Rule 20.6(a) and the request made under Rule 20.5(e) or 20.5bis(e) to the said Bureau and a copy thereof to the said Authority;

(vi) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have not yet been made, notify the International Bureau accordingly and attach the later submitted sheets marked under item (ii), the notice under Rule 20.6(a) and the request under Rule 20.5(e) or 20.5bis(e) to the record copy.

Section 310ter
Procedure in the Case of Later Submitted Sheets
Furnished after the Expiration of the Applicable Time Limit Referred to in
Rule 20.7

Where later submitted sheets referred to in Sections 309(a) or 310(a) are received after the expiration of the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7, the receiving Office shall:

- (i) notify the applicant of the fact and of the date of receipt of the later submitted sheets, and of the fact that they will not be considered for the PCT procedure;
- (ii) indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each sheet containing the missing or correct element or part concerned, the words “NOT TO BE CONSIDERED (RULE 20.7)”, or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application;
- (iii) keep in its files a copy of the later submitted sheets marked under item (ii) and, where applicable, of the notice under Rule 20.6(a);
- (iv) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have already been made, notify the International Bureau accordingly, and transmit the later submitted sheets marked under item (ii) and, where applicable, the notice under Rule 20.6(a) to the said Bureau;
- (v) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have not yet been made, notify the International Bureau accordingly, and attach the later submitted sheets marked under item (ii) and, where applicable, the notice under Rule 20.6(a) to the record copy.

Section 311
Renumbering in the Case of Deletion, Substitution or Addition
of Sheets of the International Application and of the Translation Thereof

(a) The receiving Office shall, subject to Section 207, sequentially renumber the sheets of the international application when necessitated by the addition of any new sheet, the deletion of entire sheets, a change in the order of the sheets or any other reason.

(b) The sheets of the international application shall be provisionally renumbered in the following manner:

- (i) subject to paragraph (iii), when a sheet is deleted, the receiving Office shall either include a blank sheet with the same number and with the word “DELETED,” or its equivalent in the language of publication of the international application, below the number, or insert, in brackets, below the number of the following sheet, the number of the deleted sheet with the word “DELETED” or its equivalent in the language of publication of the international application;
- (ii) when one or more sheets are added, each sheet shall be identified by the number of the preceding sheet followed by a slant and then by another Arabic numeral such that the additional sheets are numbered consecutively, starting always with number one for the first sheet added after an unchanged sheet (e.g., 10/1, 15/1, 15/2, 15/3, etc.); when later additions of sheets to an existing series of added sheets are necessary, an extra numeral shall be used for identifying the further additions (e.g., 15/1, 15/1/1, 15/1/2, 15/2, etc.).

(iii) where a correct element or part furnished under Rule 20.5*bis* to correct an erroneously filed element or part is added to the international application, the sheets of the correct element or part shall be numbered without taking into account the sheets of the erroneously filed element or part, and no action referred to in paragraph (i) need be taken with respect to the sheets of the erroneously filed element or part, either when they are removed from the international application under Section 309(c)(iv) or 310(b)(iv), or when they are moved to the end of the corresponding element of the international application under Section 309(b)(iv).

(c) In the cases mentioned in paragraph (b), it is recommended that the receiving Office should write, below the number of the last sheet, the total number of the sheets of the international application followed by the words “TOTAL OF SHEETS” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application. It is further recommended that, at the bottom of any last sheet added, the words “LAST ADDED SHEET” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application should be inserted.

(d) Paragraphs (a) to (c) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any translation of the international application furnished under Rule 12.3 or 12.4.

Section 317*bis*
Transmittal of a Notice of Correction or Addition
of an indication under Rule 26*quater*.1

If a notice under Rule 26*quater*.1 is submitted by the applicant to the receiving Office, that Office shall mark the date of receipt on the notice and transmit it promptly to the International Bureau. The notice shall be considered to have been received by the International Bureau on the date marked.

PART 4
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Section 410
Numbering of Sheets for the Purposes of International Publication;
Procedure in Case of Missing or Erroneously Filed Sheets

(a) In the course of preparing the international application for international publication, the International Bureau shall sequentially renumber the sheets to be published only when necessitated by the addition of any new sheet, the deletion of entire sheets or a change in the order of the sheets. Otherwise, the numbering provided under Section 207 shall be maintained.

(b) Where a sheet has not been filed or is not to be taken into consideration for the purposes of international processing under Section 310*bis* or 310*ter*, the International Bureau shall include an indication to that effect in the published international application.

(c) Where the receiving Office fails to correct the numbering of the sheets in accordance with Section 311(b)(iii), the International Bureau shall number the sheets accordingly.

Section 413

Incorporations by Reference under Rule 20.6, Corrections of Defects under Rule 26.4 and Rectifications of Obvious Mistakes under Rule 91

(a) Where the International Bureau receives from the receiving Office a letter containing a correction of any defects under Rule 26.4, or a replacement sheet and the letter accompanying it, the International Bureau shall transfer the correction to the record copy, together with the indication of the date on which the receiving Office received the letter, or shall insert the replacement sheet in the record copy. Any letter and any replaced sheet shall be kept in the file of the international application.

(b) Paragraph (a) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to rectifications of obvious mistakes under Rule 91 authorized by the receiving Office, by the International Searching Authority or, where a demand has been made, by the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

(b-bis) Where the International Bureau receives from the receiving Office, under Sections 309(c)(v), 310(b)(v), or 310bis(b)(v), corrected sheets of the request or later submitted sheets, the International Bureau shall transfer any correction to the record copy and insert any later submitted sheets in the record copy.

(c) Where the International Bureau is notified by the International Searching Authority under Rule 43.6bis(b) that the rectification of an obvious mistake authorized under Rule 91 has not been taken into account for the purposes of the international search, the International Bureau shall notify the designated Offices and, where a demand has been made, the International Preliminary Examining Authority accordingly.

(d) Where the International Bureau is notified by the International Preliminary Examining Authority under Rule 70.2(e) that the rectification of an obvious mistake authorized under Rule 91 has not been taken into account for the purposes of the international preliminary examination, the International Bureau shall notify the elected Offices accordingly.

Section 419bis

Processing of Corrections or Additions under Rule 26quater

(a) Where any indication referred to in Rule 4.11, or any correction thereof under Rule 26quater.1, is submitted to the International Bureau within the time limit under Rule 26quater.1, the International Bureau shall enter the correction or addition in the request, draw a line through, while still leaving legible, any indication deleted as a result of the correction, and enter, in the margin, the letters "IB".

(b) The International Bureau shall promptly notify the applicant of any indication corrected or added under Rule 26quater.1.

(c) Where any indication referred to in Rule 4.11, or any correction thereof under Rule 26quater.1, is submitted to the International Bureau after the expiration of the time limit under Rule 26quater.1, the International Bureau shall notify the applicant accordingly and inform the applicant that such an indication or correction should be submitted directly to the designated Office or Offices concerned.

Section 420bis
Communication of Other Documents to Elected Offices

The International Bureau shall communicate the documents received from the International Preliminary Examining Authority under Rule 71.1(b) to each elected Office, at the same time as it effects the communication provided for in Article 36(3)(a) in accordance with Rule 73.2.

PART 6
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITY

Section 602bis
Transmittal of Other Documents to the International Bureau under Rule 71.1(b)

(a) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall transmit a copy of the following documents to the International Bureau under Rule 71.1(b):

(i) any written opinion issued by the International Preliminary Examining Authority;

(ii) any replacement sheet containing amendments under Article 34 and any letter accompanying the amendments, including any such amendments and letters that have been superseded;

(iii) any letter containing arguments that the applicant submitted to the International Preliminary Examining Authority under Rule 66.3;

(iv) any invitation to restrict the claims or pay additional fees issued by the International Preliminary Examining Authority; and

(v) any protest against the invitation to restrict the claims or pay additional fees and the decision thereon, regardless of whether or not the applicant has so requested in accordance with Rule 68.3(c).

The International Preliminary Examining Authority may transmit to the International Bureau a copy of any other document in its file.

(b) The International Preliminary Examining Authority may transmit the documents referred to in paragraph (a) to the International Bureau at any time after they have become available, but generally not later than at the time of transmitting a copy of the international preliminary examination report to that Bureau.

(c) Any International Preliminary Examining Authority may decide to postpone the application of paragraphs (a) and (b) until such time as it is technically prepared to do so.

ANNEX C
STANDARD FOR THE PRESENTATION
OF NUCLEOTIDE AND AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS
IN INTERNATIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS UNDER THE PCT

INTRODUCTION

1. This Standard has been elaborated so as to provide standardization of the presentation of nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings in international patent applications. The Standard is intended to allow the applicant to draw up a single sequence listing which is acceptable to all receiving Offices, International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for the purposes of the international phase, and to all designated and elected Offices for the purposes of the national phase. It is intended to enhance the accuracy and quality of presentations of nucleotide and amino acid sequences given in international applications, to make for easier presentation and dissemination of sequences for the benefit of applicants, the public and examiners, to facilitate searching of sequence data and to allow the exchange of sequence data in electronic form and the introduction of sequence data onto computerized databases.

DEFINITIONS

2. For the purposes of this Standard:

(i) the expression “sequence listing” means a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing which gives a detailed disclosure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences and other available information;

(i-bis) the expression “sequence listing forming part of the international application” means a sequence listing contained in the international application as filed (as referred to in paragraph 3), including any sequence listing or part thereof which is included in the international application under Rule 20.5(b) or (c), or 20.5bis(b) or (c), which is considered to have been contained in the international application under Rule 20.6(b), or which has been corrected under Rule 26, rectified under Rule 91 or amended under Article 34(2); or a sequence listing included in the international application by way of an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application as filed (as referred to in paragraphs 3bis and 3ter);

(i-ter) the expression “sequence listing not forming part of the international application” means a sequence listing which does not form part of the international application but is furnished for the purposes of the international search or international preliminary examination (as referred to in paragraphs 4 and 4bis);

(ii) sequences which are included are any unbranched sequences of four or more amino acids or unbranched sequences of ten or more nucleotides. Branched sequences, sequences with fewer than four specifically defined nucleotides or amino acids as well as sequences comprising nucleotides or amino acids other than those listed in Appendix 2, Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4, are specifically excluded from this definition;

(iii) “nucleotides” embrace only those nucleotides that can be represented using the symbols set forth in Appendix 2, Table 1. Modifications, for example, methylated bases, may be described as set forth in Appendix 2, Table 2, but shall not be shown explicitly in the nucleotide sequence;

(iv) “amino acids” are those L-amino acids commonly found in naturally occurring proteins and are listed in Appendix 2, Table 3. Those amino acid sequences containing at least one D-amino acid are not intended to be embraced by this definition. Any amino acid sequence that contains post-translationally modified amino acids may be described as the amino acid sequence that is initially translated using the symbols shown in Appendix 2, Table 3, with the modified positions, for example, hydroxylations or glycosylations, being described as set forth in Appendix 2, Table 4, but these modifications shall not be shown explicitly in the amino acid sequence. Any peptide or protein that can be expressed as a sequence using the symbols in Appendix 2, Table 3, in conjunction with a description elsewhere to describe, for example, abnormal linkages, cross-links (for example, disulfide bridge) and end caps, non-peptidyl bonds, etc., is embraced by this definition;

(v) “sequence identifier” is a unique integer that corresponds to the SEQ ID NO assigned to each sequence in the listing;

(vi) “numeric identifier” is a three-digit number which represents a specific data element;

(vii) “language-neutral vocabulary” is a controlled vocabulary used in the sequence listing that represents scientific terms as prescribed by sequence database providers (including scientific names, qualifiers and their controlled-vocabulary values, the symbols appearing in Appendix 2, Tables 1, 2, 3 and 4, and the feature keys appearing in Appendix 2, Tables 5 and 6);

(viii) “competent Authority” is the International Searching Authority that is to carry out the international search and to establish the written opinion of the International Searching Authority on the international application, or the International Preliminary Examining Authority that is to carry out the international preliminary examination on the international application.

3. to 42. [No change]

Appendices 1, 2 and 3 [No change]

ANNEX D
INFORMATION FROM FRONT PAGE OF PUBLISHED INTERNATIONAL
APPLICATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE GAZETTE UNDER RULE 86.1(i)

The following information shall be extracted from the front page of the publication of the international publication for each published international application and shall, in accordance with Rule 86.1(i), appear in the corresponding entry of the Gazette:

1. as to the international publication:
 - 1.1 the international publication number
 - 1.2 the date of the international publication
 - 1.3 an indication whether the following items were published in the published international application:
 - 1.31 international search report
 - 1.32 declaration under Article 17(2)
 - 1.33 claims amended under Article 19(1)
 - 1.34 statement under Article 19(1)
 - 1.35 information concerning the removal of an erroneously filed element or part under Rule 20.5*bis*(b) or (c)
 - 1.36 request for rectification under the first sentence of Rule 91.3(d)
 - 1.37 information concerning the incorporation by reference of a missing element or part or a correct element or part as referred to in Rule 48.2(b)(v)
 - 1.38 information concerning a priority claim under Rule 26*bis*.2(d)
 - 1.39 information concerning a request under Rule 26*bis*.3 for restoration of the right of priority
 - 1.4 the language in which the international application was filed
 - 1.5 the language of publication of the international application
2. to 8. [No change]

ANNEX E
INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE
UNDER RULE 86.1(v)

1. The time limits applicable under Articles 22 and 39 in respect of each Contracting State.
2. The list of the non-patent literature agreed upon by the International Searching Authorities for inclusion in the minimum documentation.
3. The names of the national Offices which do not wish to receive copies under Article 13(2)(c).
4. The provisions of the national laws of Contracting States concerning international-type search.
5. The text of the agreements entered into between the International Bureau and the International Searching Authorities or the International Preliminary Examining Authorities.
6. The names of the national Offices which entirely or in part waived their rights to any communication under Article 20.
7. The names of the Contracting States which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT.
8. Index of concordance of international application numbers and international publication numbers, listed according to international application numbers.
9. Index of applicants' names giving, for each name, the corresponding international publication number(s).
10. Index of international publication numbers, grouped according to the International Patent Classification symbols.
11. Indication of any subject matter that will not be searched or examined by the various International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities under Rules 39 and 67.
12. Requirements of designated and elected Offices under Rules 49.5 and 76.5 in relation to the furnishing of translations.
13. The dates defining the period referred to in Rule 32.1(b) during which the international application, whose effects may be extended to a successor State under Rule 32.1, must have been filed.
14. The criteria for restoration of the right of priority applied by receiving Offices under Rule 26*bis*.3 or designated Offices under Rule 49*ter*.2, and any subsequent changes in that respect.
15. Information about the receiving Offices, the International Bureau and the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities which provide for the excuse of delays in meeting time limits under Rule 82*quater*.2.

ANNEX G
NOTIFICATION OF RECEIPT AND TRANSFER OF FEES

I. INTRODUCTION

1. Pursuant to Rules 96.2(b) and 96.2(c) and Section 114 of the PCT Administrative Instructions, the notification of receipt of fees and the transfer of fees collected by one Office for the benefit of another Office shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions set out in this Annex.
2. For the purposes of this Annex, the term “Office” has the same definition as in Rule 96.2(a).

II. AGREEMENTS AND TIMETABLES

II.1 AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE

3. An Office (“participating Office”) may agree with the International Bureau to participate in the WIPO process for exchanging fees via the International Bureau (“WIPO Fee Transfer Service”) for PCT purposes by:

(a) transferring some or all fees collected by it for the benefit of another participating Office to that other participating Office via the International Bureau in accordance with the provisions set out in this Annex; and

(b) having some or all fees collected by another participating Office for its benefit transferred to it via the International Bureau in accordance with the provisions set out in this Annex.

4. Where a collecting Office and the corresponding beneficiary Office have agreed to participate in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service, the transfer of

(a) international filing fees under Rule 15.2(c) or (d) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;

(b) search fees under Rule 16.1(c) or (d) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;

(c) supplementary search fees under Rule 45*bis*.3(b) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;

(d) handling fees under Rule 57.2(c) or (d) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and

(e) differences under Rule 16.1(e) relating to search fees received by the Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency;

from the collecting office to the International Bureau for further transfer to the beneficiary Office shall be considered to be the transfer of said fee in accordance with Rule 15.2(c) or (d), Rule 16.1(c) or (d), Rule 45*bis*.3(b), Rule 57.2(c) or (d), or Rule 16.1(e), as applicable and shall not be considered a payment by the collecting office to a third party. The transfer shall be carried out promptly in accordance with a timetable for such transfers agreed between the Offices concerned and/or the International Bureau. The Office carrying out the transfer (including, where applicable, the International Bureau) shall bear all bank charges for the transfer of the fees.

5. A participating Office, in its capacity as an International Searching Authority, may agree with the International Bureau that some or all of the transfers of fees by it under paragraph 3(a) and the transfer of fees to it under paragraph 3(b) shall be subject to netting in accordance with the provisions set out in this Annex (“fee transfer subject to netting”).

6. The agreement shall specify the formats referred to in paragraphs 10 and 14, below, in which notifications of fee payments and lists of fees to be transferred shall be exchanged.

7. The International Bureau shall publish a list of the PCT fee transfers that are part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for each participating Office in the PCT Gazette.

II.2 COMMON TIMETABLE FOR FEE LISTS AND FEE TRANSFERS

8. The International Bureau shall, following consultation with participating Offices and taking into account dates when Offices are closed or bank transfers may not be possible, annually establish a timetable (“the common timetable”) specifying the latest dates each month by which lists should be established under paragraphs 13 and 14, below, and transfer of fees made to and from the International Bureau under paragraphs 19 to 23, below. The timetable and any subsequently required modifications shall be transmitted to each participating Office and published in the PCT Gazette.

III. NOTIFICATION AND TRANSFER OF FEES VIA THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

III.1 NOTIFICATION OF THE RECEIPT OF FEES

Notification to the International Bureau by a Collecting Office

9. In accordance with Rule 96.2(b), a collecting Office shall promptly notify the International Bureau of each fee received in full by the Office for the benefit of the International Bureau or to be transferred to a beneficiary Office via the International Bureau. It shall preferably also promptly notify the International Bureau of other fees received, whether for the benefit of itself or of other beneficiary Offices in their role as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search or International Preliminary Examining Authority.

10. A notification of a fee received by a collecting Office according to paragraph 9 shall be made to the International Bureau in a format agreed between the collecting Office and the International Bureau. The notification shall contain sufficient information to make clear the relevant international application and the type of fee paid and shall preferably be made using XML conforming to a DTD published for the purpose in Appendix I to Annex F.

11. In the case where an overpayment has been received, the fee shall be promptly notified as having been paid in the proper amount, without waiting for any refunds to be made.

Notification to the Beneficiary Office by the International Bureau

12. Where a notification under Rule 96.2(b) relates to a fee for a beneficiary Office other than the International Bureau, the International Bureau shall promptly inform the Office concerned. Where the search copy is transmitted to the International Searching Authority by the International Bureau on behalf of the receiving Office, information that the search fee has been paid may take the form of the transmission of the search copy and, where necessary, be delayed until the other requirements for such transmission have been met.

III.2 TRANSMISSION OF INFORMATION BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU CONCERNING MONTHLY OR OTHER PERIODIC FEE TRANSFERS

Transmission of fee transfer information by the Collecting Office

13. A participating collecting Office shall establish and transmit to the International Bureau, in accordance with the common timetable, a list of:

(a) the fees collected by that Office in the course of the preceding month or other agreed interval, which are to be paid to the International Bureau or to be transferred via the International Bureau for the benefit of another Office; and

(b) corrections and omissions relating to fees transferred, or which should have been transferred, in previous months.

14. The list shall be in a format agreed between the collecting Office and the International Bureau. The list shall contain sufficient information to validate the amounts to be transferred and shall preferably be made using XML conforming to the DTD published for the purpose in Appendix I of Annex F.

Differences in Fees Received by International Searching Authorities from Non-Participating Offices

15. Any participating International Searching Authority that receives search fees directly from receiving Offices in a prescribed currency different from the fixed currency shall, at agreed intervals, establish and transmit to the International Bureau a list of the amounts of fees received in the prescribed and fixed currencies in a format agreed between the Authority and the International Bureau, sufficient to determine the difference due to the International Bureau or to the International Searching Authority in accordance with Rule 16.1(e).

16. The Authority shall also submit documentation agreed with the International Bureau showing the amounts transferred in the prescribed currency, the date, the exchange rate applied and the amount received in the fixed currency.

III.3 CHECKING OF FEE INFORMATION RECEIVED

17. The International Bureau shall check the fee information received in accordance with paragraphs 9, 13 and 15 against the information it holds in its databases with regard to the international applications concerned and confirm to that Office that the information it has received is consistent. In case of differences that require reconciliation, the International Bureau shall contact the participating Office. Where possible, any required corrections shall be made to the relevant notifications and lists in time to be reflected in the transmission of fees in the month following their receipt by the collecting Office.

III.4 CORRECTION OF ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

18. Any errors or omissions discovered in the information transmitted concerning fees collected by one Office for the benefit of another to be transferred through the WIPO Fee Transfer Service shall be notified promptly to the International Bureau. The International Bureau shall promptly inform any other Office to which the erroneous information has been transmitted, including notifying the beneficiary Office of any corrections required to amounts that have already been transferred to that Office. Where the error is discovered too late to correct the lists on which the transfers of fees are based during the same month, the correction shall be included in the lists and transfers to be made the following month.

III.5 CALCULATION OF AMOUNTS TO BE TRANSFERRED VIA THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU; TRANSFER OF FEES VIA THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

III.5.1 Fee Transfers to the International Bureau Not Subject to Netting

19. Where a fee transfer referred to in paragraph 3, above, is not subject to netting, the collecting Office shall transfer the amount indicated in the list transmitted according to paragraph 13, above, no later than the date set in the common timetable for the purpose. The collecting Office shall bear all bank charges, if any, for this transfer.

III.5.2 Fee Transfers from the International Bureau Not Subject to Netting

20. Where a fee transfer referred to in paragraph 3, above, is not subject to netting, the International Bureau shall transmit a list of the fees to be transferred to the beneficiary Office and transfer the total amount indicated in that list no later than the dates set in the common timetable for those purposes. The International Bureau shall bear all bank charges, if any, for this transfer.

III.5.3 Fee Transfers Subject to Netting

21. Where the agreement between a participating Office and the International Bureau has specified under paragraph 5, above, that fee transfer shall be subject to netting, the International Bureau shall establish and transmit each month, to that participating Office (“netting office”), no later than the date set in the common timetable, a netting statement comprising:

- (i) a list of the fees collected by other Offices for the benefit of the netting Office;
- (ii) a list of the fees collected by the netting Office for the benefit of other Offices; and
- (iii) an indication of the net amount in favor of the netting Office or of the International Bureau.

22. Where the net amount indicated on a netting statement is in favor of the participating Office, the International Bureau shall transfer the net amount to the netting Office no later than the date set in the common timetable. The International Bureau shall bear all bank charges, if any, for this transfer.

23. Where the net amount indicated on a netting statement is in favor of the International Bureau, the netting Office shall transfer the net amount to the International Bureau, no later than the date set in the common timetable. The participating Office shall bear all bank charges, if any, for this transfer.

III.5.4 Transfer of Fees Not Included in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service

24. Any fee transfer between a collecting Office and a beneficiary Office that is not included in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service, despite one or other Office being a participating Office, shall be carried out in accordance with paragraph 25, below.

IV. TRANSFER OF FEES BY OR TO OFFICES NOT PARTICIPATING IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE

25. Where either a collecting Office or the corresponding beneficiary Office has not agreed to participate in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service (“non-participating Office”), the transfer, where applicable, of:

(a) international filing fees under Rule 15.2(c) or (d) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;

(b) search fees under Rule 16.1(c) or (d) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a non-participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;

(c) supplementary search fees under Rule 45*bis*.3(b) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of the non-participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;

(d) handling fees under Rule 57.2(c) or (d) collected by the Office in its capacity as an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and

(e) differences under Rule 16.1(e) relating to search fees received by the Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;

shall be carried out promptly in accordance with Rule 15.2(c) or (d), Rule 16.1(c) or (d), Rule 45*bis*.3(b), Rule 57.2(c) or (d), or Rule 16.1(e), as applicable, preferably in accordance with a monthly time table for such transfers agreed between the Offices concerned and/or the International Bureau. The Office carrying out the transfer shall bear all bank charges, if any, for the transfer of the fees referred to in paragraphs (a), (b) and (d) and, where the difference belongs to the International Bureau, paragraph (e), whereas the International Bureau shall bear all bank charges, if any, for the transfer of the fees referred to in paragraph (c) and, where the difference belongs to the Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority, paragraph (e).

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A(ii) thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, consist of changes concerning the languages it will accept for international applications filed with various receiving Offices, or with an Office or the International Bureau acting for various receiving Offices.

As from 1 July 2020, Annex A will read as follows:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) [No change]
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of Japan:
Japanese, English;
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:
English;
 - (c) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, the Republic of Korea:
Japanese;
 - (d) for international applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office acting for Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:
Japanese, English.

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Annexes A and D

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) and (iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annexes A and D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, consist of the addition of the **Lao People's Democratic Republic** to the States indicated in item (i) of Annex A and in item (4) of Part II of Annex D.

As from 1 July 2020, Annexes A and D will read as follows:

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

(ii) [No change]

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of fees and charges

[No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) to (3) [No change]

(4) Where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant, is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States, the amount of the search fee to be paid is reduced by 75%: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.

(5) to (6) [No change]

RECEIVING OFFICES

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic
IB International Bureau of WIPO

The **Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office – in addition to the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), European Patent Office (EPO), and Japan Patent Office (JPO) – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the International Bureau of WIPO (in its capacity as receiving Office) by nationals and residents of the Lao People's Democratic Republic, with effect from 1 July 2020.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES UNDER SECTION 111(c) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 82^{quater}.2⁴ of the PCT Regulations concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office. This new rule will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

As a result of the adoption of Rule 82^{quater}.2, Section 111 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT is amended, also from 1 July 2020, so as to require any Office providing for the excuse of delays under Rule 82^{quater}.2 to notify the International Bureau of the existence of such provisions, so that the International Bureau can publish the information in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) and make applicants aware of the availability of potential remedies.

SE Sweden

In accordance with Section 111(c) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau that pursuant to PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2, it will excuse a delay in meeting a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations for performing an action before it that is caused by the unavailability of permitted electronic means of communications at that Office, provided that the duration of such unavailability is at least 24 hours and that the respective action is performed on the next working day on which the said electronic means of communication became available.

⁴ Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/>

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since 1 January 2020, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax.

[Updating of Annex B1(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2020, are EUR 1,337, SGD 2,102 and USD 1,507, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	13,450
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	150
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character-coded format):	NOK	2,020
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character-coded format):	NOK	3,030

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2020, are ZAR 35,920 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 17,960 for a small entity and ZAR 8,980 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IT Italy

Further to the notification by the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** of the adoption in Italy of Ministerial Decree 13/11/2019, pursuant to which any designation of Italy in an international application filed on or after 1 July 2020 shall constitute an indication that the international application is for the grant of a regional (European) patent and also a national patent in Italy, under PCT Rule 4.9(iii) (refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 April 2020, page 82), information on the requirements of the Office as designated (or elected) Office is provided in the Summary of the National Chapter (IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date																														
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Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name of the inventor if it has not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application ³ Instrument of assignment of the priority right where the applicants are not identical ³ Address for service in the European Union or European Economic Area is necessary (but no representation by an agent is required) Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form																														

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¹ Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) or at the latest within two months from entry into the national phase. This deadline cannot be extended.

² The filing fee for entry into the national phase is calculated on the basis of the number of claims of the international application as amended (Ministerial Decree of 13 November 2019, Art. 2(1)).

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

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(or elected) Office**

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IT ITALIAN PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE IT

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Who can act as agent?⁴

Any patent attorney recorded in the official register established by the Board of the Industrial Property Consultants Institute⁵

Citizens of the European Union qualified to practice as patent attorney in another member State, on a temporary basis, pursuant to the procedure under the legislative Decree No. 206/2007

Any Italian lawyer or attorney-at-law whose name appears in the pertinent professional roll or any law firm employing such a lawyer or attorney-at-law⁶

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49^{ter}.2)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” and “unintentional” criteria to such requests.

⁴ An agent, if any, must be appointed by filing a power of attorney, and payment of a special tax (*imposta di bollo*) is required. For further details, refer to Annex IT.I.

⁵ The list of patent attorneys can be obtained from the Ordine dei Consulenti in Proprietà Industriale (Board of the Industrial Property Consultants Institute (<https://www.ordine-brevetti.it>)).

⁶ For further details, refer to <https://www.consiglionazionaleforense.it>.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

SG Singapore

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 7 July 2020, consists of the addition of the **Lao People's Democratic Republic** to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex.

As from 7 July 2020, the amended Annex A reads as follows:

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Uganda, United States of America, Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mexico, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Uganda, United States of America, Viet Nam.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

(ii) [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of the types of national protection available via the PCT where Italy is designated (or elected) – for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020, protection by patent and utility model is available (a utility model may be sought instead of a national patent).

Furthermore, the Office specified its requirements concerning provisional protection after international publication, where a designation is made for the purposes of a national patent, as follows:

An international application designating Italy which has been published under PCT Article 21 confers provisional protection, as provided for in Article 55 c.1-*bis* of the Italian Industrial Property Code, as from the date on which the owner of the application made available to the public, through the Italian Patent and Trademark Office, a translation of the application into Italian language, or from the date on which the owner of the application notified the alleged infringer directly of the translation.

Finally, the Office also specified its requirements concerning the time when the name and address of the inventor must be provided if Italy is designated (or elected), as follows:

The name and address of the inventor may be in the request or may be furnished later. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

HU Hungary

New equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF	432,700
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF	4,900
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	HUF	65,100
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	HUF	97,600

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)). This amount, a stamp fee (*imposta di bollo*) applicable for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020, is EUR 15 when filing online and EUR 16 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2020, are USD 123 for searches carried out in Russian, and USD 578 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the international Bureau of changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it, which are now as follows:

- Any patent attorney recorded in the official register established by the Board of the Industrial Property Consultants Institute. (The list of patent attorneys can be obtained from the *Ordine dei Consulenti in Proprietà Industriale* (Board of the Industrial Property Consultants Institute), available at: <https://www.ordine-brevetti.it>);
- Citizens of the European Union qualified to practice as patent attorney in another member State, on a temporary basis, pursuant to the procedure under the legislative Decree No. 206/2007; and
- Any Italian lawyer or attorney-at-law whose name appears in the respective professional roll or any law firm employing such a lawyer or attorney-at-law (for further details, refer to <https://www.consiglionazionaleforense.it>).

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

IB International Bureau of WIPO

The **Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore – in addition to the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), European Patent Office (EPO), Japan Patent Office (JPO), and Korean Intellectual Property Office – as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the International Bureau of WIPO (in its capacity as receiving Office) by nationals and residents of the Lao People's Democratic Republic on or after 7 July 2020.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from **1 October 2020**, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (263-242) 79 40 54
(263-242) 79 40 65
(263-242) 79 40 68
- by e-mail at: registry@aripo.org

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<https://www.aripo.org/>).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

The **Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of its Internet address, and of changes to its telephone number and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(856-21) 213 470 ext. 154
E-mail:	dip.laopdr@gmail.com kkeobounphanh@yahoo.co.uk saybandith30@gmail.com
Internet:	http://dip.gov.la/

[Updating of Annex B1(LA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, and for the handling fee (pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)). These new amounts, applicable from 1 September 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	2,043
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	23
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	AUD	307
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	AUD	461
Handling fee	AUD	307

[Updating of Annexes C(AU) and E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, also applicable from 1 September 2020, is CHF 1,432.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2020, are NZD 3,246 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, NZD 1,623 for a small entity, and NZD 811 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EXCUSE OF DELAY IN MEETING TIME LIMITS UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER SECTION 111 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 82^{quater}.2 of the PCT Regulations concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization. This rule entered into force on 1 July 2020.

As a result of the adoption of Rule 82^{quater}.2, Section 111 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT was also amended, from 1 July 2020, so as to require the International Bureau, where it provides for the excuse of a delay in meeting time limits, due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at the Bureau (including in its capacity as receiving Office) under Rule 82^{quater}.2, to publish such information in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

IB International Bureau of WIPO

In accordance with PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2(a) and Sections 111(c) and (d) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the International Bureau makes the following notification concerning excuse of delays in meeting time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication:

1. References to the “International Bureau” shall be construed as including the International Bureau as receiving Office, where applicable.

2. This notification applies to all time limits fixed in the Regulations under the PCT and in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT within which an action is to be performed before the International Bureau. It also applies to time limits fixed in invitations or notifications issued to the applicant by the International Bureau. It does not apply to the priority period.

3. The permitted means of electronic communication at the International Bureau include the ePCT system and the PCT Contingency Upload Service. Any delay in meeting time limits due to the unavailability of either the ePCT system, with or without strong authentication, or the PCT Contingency Upload Service may be excused under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a).

4. Delays in meeting time limits may be excused where the ePCT system or the PCT Contingency Upload Service was unavailable for a minimum of a continuous one-hour period on a specific working day at the International Bureau.

5. An interested party who wishes to request excuse of delay in meeting a time limit under PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a) before the International Bureau should:

(i) submit a request to the International Bureau, indicating that the time limit was not met due to the unavailability of the ePCT system or the PCT Contingency Upload Service on a specific date, and

(ii) perform the relevant action on the next working day at the International Bureau on which the ePCT system or the PCT Contingency Upload Service was again available.

6. The International Bureau will excuse a delay in meeting a time limit referred to in paragraph 2, above, if the conditions set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 are met and if it acknowledges that the ePCT system or the PCT Contingency Upload Service was unavailable for at least a continuous one hour period on the day in question. The International Bureau will communicate its decision to the interested party by way of Form PCT/IB/345, or Form PCT/RO/132 when it acts as receiving Office.

7. The International Bureau will publish information on any unavailability for more than a continuous one-hour period of the ePCT system or the PCT Contingency Upload Service on the WIPO website.

8. This notification is applicable from July 1, 2020.

[Updating of Annex B2(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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RECEIVING OFFICES

IT Italy

On 14 July 2020, in accordance with PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau that it applies only the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

UG Uganda

The **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office—in addition to European Patent Office (EPO) and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore—as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the URSB by nationals and residents of Uganda, with effect since 7 July 2020.

[Updating of Annex C(UG) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IT Italy

On 14 July 2020, in accordance with PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(g), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, notified the International Bureau that it applies only the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority, with respect to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2020.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IT) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

ZM Zambia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from **1 October 2020**, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (260-211) 25 51 35
(260-211) 25 54 25
(260-211) 25 51 51
- by e-mail at: patents@pacra.org.zm

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.pacra.org.zm).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(ZM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MX Mexico

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 June 2020 (page 111) concerning the closure of the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office has notified the International Bureau that it reopened to the public on **13 July 2020** for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

For further information on measures adopted by the Office in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker, available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/>

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RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to one of its Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Internet: www.rospatent.gov.ru
www1.fips.ru

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the *Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure* with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect since 28 July 2020, as follows:

National Agriculturally Important Microbial Culture Collection (NAIMCC)
ICAR-National Bureau of Agriculturally Important Microorganisms
Kushmaur, Maunath Bhanjan PIN 275 103
Uttar Pradesh
India

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, is able to participate in DAS, either as an office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access for Priority Documents, or in accordance with Sections 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

AT Austria

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions of the Digital Access for Priority Documents, the **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as depositing Office and accessing Office, with effect from 1 October 2020.

[Updating of Annex B1(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its mailing address, which is now as follows:

Mailing address:	Dresdner Straße 87
	A-1200 Wien
	Austria

[Updating of Annex B1(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since 1 January 2020, the original of a document must be furnished within one month of the date of its transmission, instead of 14 days.

[Updating of Annex B1(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable^{1, 2} to it in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	BYN	94.50	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) ³ :	BYN	36.00	for each copy of priority document up to 35 pages
	plus BYN	0.60	for each page of one copy in excess of 35 pages

¹ For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian roubles in accordance with the rate of the base value.

² For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollars, euros, Swiss francs or Russian roubles, unless otherwise provided for by international agreements with the Republic of Belarus, in accordance with the rate of the base value and the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus applicable on the date of payment.

³ For further details refer to the "Patent Information Services, Price List" (page 6, items 1.1 and 1.3) at <https://www.ncip.by/en/uslugi-i-informaciya/patentno-informacionnye-uslugi/>

Fee for requesting restoration
of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): BYN 81

The above amounts have been in effect since 1 January 2020, with the exception of the fee for priority document, which has been in effect since 21 January 2020.

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee^{4, 5} in **Belarusian roubles (BYN)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2020, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	BYN	94.50
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	40.50
Examination fee:	BYN	459
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	270
Claim examination fee for each dependent claim in excess of ten:	BYN	40.50
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	94.50

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BYN	189
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	BYN	94.50
Claim fee for each dependent claim in excess of ten:	BYN	40.50

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁴ For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian roubles in accordance with the rate of the base value.

⁵ For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollars, euros, Swiss francs or Russian roubles, unless otherwise provided for by international agreements with the Republic of Belarus, in accordance with the rate of the base value and the exchange rate established by the National Bank of the Republic of Belarus applicable on the date of payment.

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2020, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	10.79	(online)
	EUR	21.58	(on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	43.14	
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	161.79	(request filed online)
	EUR	323.58	(request filed on paper)

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – two copies are now required, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has specified the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) – in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) – as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the Office, or with the International Bureau as receiving Office, by nationals and residents of Serbia, with effect from 1 September 2020.

[Updating of Annex C(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2020, is NOK 19,010.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 October 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	152,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	1,700
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	JPY	34,300

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 October 2020, are CHF 612 for an application in Japanese,¹ and CHF 1,364 for an application in English.²

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For international applications filed in Japanese or for which a translation into Japanese has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3. This fee is reduced for applications by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, see https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

² For international applications filed in English or for which a translation into English has been furnished under PCT Rule 12.3.

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2020, is JPY 22,900.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30 (pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d)), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These new amounts, applicable from 1 October 2020, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	2,162
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	24
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	NZD	325
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	NZD	488

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PH Philippines

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 June 2020 (page 111) concerning the closure of the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office has notified the International Bureau that it was not open to the public for transaction of official PCT-related business from 20 to 24 July 2020 and from 6 to 18 August 2020.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is (was) required to reach an Office falls (fell) on a day on which such Office is (was) not open to the public for the aforementioned purposes, that period **shall expire on the next subsequent day on which the Office opens to the public** for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to an Office or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by Offices, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

For further information on measures adopted by Offices in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker, available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/>

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AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount, in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, of the national filing fee where specific transactions are carried out by means of mail or at a counter. This amount, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 October 2020, is AUD 570.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2020, is EUR 1,016.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2020, are:

- CHF 1,839 (general fee);
- CHF 368 (reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion));
- CHF 276 (reduced fee for universities (where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b))).

[Updating of Annex D(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2020, are CHF 920 or CHF 368 where the applicant is a small entity.¹

[Updating of Annex D(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than One Hundred Million Pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2020, is NOK 19,010.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2020, are CHF 1,913 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, CHF 956 for a small entity, and CHF 478 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2020, is NOK 19,010.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater.2}: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater.2}(a)

Under PCT Rule 82^{quater.2}(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the following period of unavailability is notified:

IB International Bureau of WIPO

The ePCT system was unavailable during the following period of time:

- from 12 July 2020, 7:20 a.m. to 13 July 2020, 7:52 a.m., Central European Summer Time.

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to this particular unavailability may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82^{quater.2}, in accordance with the applicable conditions announced in the notification of the International Bureau published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 July 2020 (p.155 *et seq.*).

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments consist of changes in the amounts of several fees, payable to the USPTO in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, which will take effect on 2 October 2020.

With effect from 2 October 2020, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (United States dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,180 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,180 ²
Preparation of an international type search report on a United States national application	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– where the international search fee has been paid on the international application to the Authority	640 ²
– where the international search was carried out by another Authority	800 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	640 ²
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 ter .1(c) and 13 ter .2))	320 ²

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf

² This fee is reduced by 50% in the case of filing by a “small entity” and by 75% in the case of filing by a “micro entity”. For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of “small entity” status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#d0e30961 and 37 CFR 1.27 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of “micro entity” status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#ch500_d1ff69_210b3_1ca and 37 CFR 1.29 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf
These details shall be subject to change by the Authority at its discretion.

Cost of copies (Rules 44.3 and 71.2)³

– US patent, per copy [No change]

Cost of copies (Rules 94.1*ter* and 94.2)

– US patent, per copy [No change]

– non-US patent document, per copy [No change]

Part II. [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES: NOTIFICATIONS FROM OFFICES CONCERNING EXCEPTIONAL NON-WORKING DAYS DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

SV El Salvador

Due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, **the National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador)** has notified the International Bureau that it was closed to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from **14 March to 15 June 2020** (inclusive).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell between 14 March and 15 June 2020 (inclusive), that period expired on **16 June 2020**.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to closures relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively, and to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 April 2020 (page 68).

Additional information concerning closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

For further information on measures adopted by Offices in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker, available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/>

³ The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each cited document that is not a US patent document or a published international application. The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each cited document not cited in the international search report that is not a US patent document or a published international application. Electronic copies of these documents may be viewed at the USPTO's website (www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/search-patents) and printed for free. Copies can also be purchased online or obtained from the USPTO Office of Public Records.

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DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified the International Bureau that it does not accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1).

Furthermore, the Office notified that special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed are provided under Article III Section 4(4) of the Act on International Patent Conventions.

[Updating of Annex B1(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of an additional phone number, as well as a change in its facsimile number, as follows:

Telephone: (372) 627 79 00
(372) 627 79 11 (reception)

Facsimile machine: (372) 645 79 12

[Updating of Annex B1(EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Due to the designation of a temporary holiday by the government of the Republic of Korea, the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** was not open to the public on Monday 17 August 2020 for the purposes of the transaction of official business.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5(i), if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period expired on Tuesday 18 August 2020.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the aforementioned closure, refer to PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau of WIPO

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2020, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD	109
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD	54
	Supplement for airmail:	
	USD	11

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 2 October 2020, are as follows:

			<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
Transmittal fee ⁴ (PCT Rule 14):	USD	260	130	65
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD	2,100	1,050	525

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁴ In addition, there is a non-electronic filing fee applicable to international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system (EFS) of USD 400, or in the case of filings by small or micro entities, USD 200.

In addition, the Office also notified new amounts of fees, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Searching Authority, from 2 October 2020, as follows:

			<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
Search fee ⁵ (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	USD	2,180	1,090	545
Additional search fee ⁵ (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	USD	2,180	1,090	545
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .1(c)):	USD	320	160	80

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 2 October 2020, as follows:

			<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
Preliminary examination fee ^{5,6} (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	USD (USD)	640 800	320 400	160 200
Additional preliminary examination fee ⁷ (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	USD	640	320	160
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .2):	USD	320	160	80

[Updating of Annex E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office also notified changes to several components of the national fee⁵ in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are also applicable from 2 October 2020. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

			<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
Basic national fee: ⁸	USD	320	160	80

⁵ The amounts of these fees change periodically. The United States Patent and Trademark Office or the current USPTO Fee Schedule at: www.uspto.gov/about/offices/cfo/finance/fees.jsp should be consulted for the applicable amounts.

⁶ The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search was not carried out by the USPTO.

⁷ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁸ Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

Search fee:⁹

– IPRP prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):					[No change]
– International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA:					[No change]
– Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO:	USD	540	270	135	
– All other situations:	USD	700	350	175	

Examination fee:⁹

– IPRP prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):					[No change]
– All other situations:	USD	800	400	200	

For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium): ⁹	USD	420	210	105	
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Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three: ⁹	USD	480	240	120	
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⁹ If not paid with the basic national fee, the USPTO will invite the applicant to pay the fee within a time period fixed in the invitation.

Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20: ¹⁰					[No change]
In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application: ¹⁰	USD	860	430	215	
Surcharge for paying any of the search fee, the examination fee, or filing the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage: ¹⁰	USD	160	80	40	
Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): ¹⁰					[No change]
Mega-Sequence Listing filing fee:					
– submission of sequence listing of 300 MB to 800 MB:	USD	1,060	530	265	
– submission of sequence listing of more than 800 MB:	USD	10,500	5,250	2,625	

[Updating of National Chapter, Summary (US), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, is able to participate in DAS, either as an office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access for Priority Documents, or in accordance with Sections 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

¹⁰ Refer to footnote 9.

CO Colombia

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions of the Digital Access for Priority Documents, the **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office and accessing Office, with effect from 28 August 2020.¹¹

[Updating of Annex B1(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IT Italy

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions of the Digital Access for Priority Documents, the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect from 1 October 2020.¹²

[Updating of Annex B1(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹¹ For additional details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11586

¹² For additional details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11580

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 July 2020, as follows:

For patent: ¹	EUR 53.93	(online)
	EUR 107.86	(on paper)

For utility model: ¹	EUR 53.93	(online)
	EUR 107.86	(on paper)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Includes publication and examination.

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ZM Zambia

The **Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location, as well as of an additional e-mail address, as follows:

Location:	Pacra House Haile Selassie Avenue Long Acres, Lusaka Zambia
E-mail:	patents@pacra.org.zm pro@pacra.org.zm

The Office also notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office now accepts the filing of documents by e-mail, in addition to facsimile.

Furthermore, the Office notified that provisions of the law of Zambia concerning international-type search are provided under Section 52(3) of the Patents Act No. 40 of 2016.

The Office also notified the International Bureau of changes in the relevant provisions of its national law concerning provisional protection after international publication – the relevant provisions are now Sections 62(2), 65(1) and 54 of the Patents Act.

Finally, the Office notified that Sections 21 and 32(2) of the Patents Act provide for the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material with an international depository institution established in accordance with the *Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure*.

[Updating of Annex B1(ZM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the currency for payment of the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, from **Bulgarian leva (BGN)** to **euros (EUR)**, with effect from 1 October 2020.

From 1 October 2020, the consolidated list of currencies accepted by the Office, and of the fees payable to it as receiving Office, will be as follows:

Fees payable to the receiving Office: Currency: Bulgarian lev (BGN), euro (EUR)

Transmittal fee:	BGN	80
International filing fee: ¹	EUR	1,217
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ¹	EUR	14
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character-coded format):	EUR	183
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character-coded format):	EUR	275
Search fee:		Refer to Annex D(EP) or D(RU)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):		None
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):		None

[Updating of Annex C(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

US United States of America – Corrigendum

Following the notification of a new amount of the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** on or after 2 October 2020,² the equivalent amounts of this fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, as established with effect from 1 October 2020 and published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 August 2020 (page 175), are hereby cancelled.

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee² for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** on or after 2 October 2020. These amounts, also applicable from 2 October 2020, are as follows:

		<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Micro entity</i>
Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CHF 1,976	988	494
	EUR 1,820	910	455
	NZD 3,220	1,610	805
	ZAR 36,144	18,072	9,036

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES UNDER SECTION 111(c) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 82^{quater}.2 of the Regulations under PCT (“PCT Regulations”) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office. This new rule entered into force on 1 July 2020.

As a result of the adoption of Rule 82^{quater}.2, Section 111 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT was amended, also from 1 July 2020, so as to require any Office providing for the excuse of delays under Rule 82^{quater}.2 to notify the International Bureau of the existence of such provisions, so that the International Bureau can publish the information in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

² From 2 October 2020, the amount of this fee, in US dollars (USD), is USD 2,180 for an entity other than a small or micro entity; USD 1,090 for a small entity; or USD 545 for a micro entity. For additional information, refer to the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 27 August 2020, page 181.

JP Japan

In accordance with Section 111(c) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau that it will excuse a delay in meeting a time limit fixed in the PCT Regulations for performing an action where such delay is caused by the special maintenance or unavailability of permitted electronic means of communication at the Office, provided that the duration of such maintenance or unavailability is at least 24 hours, and that the respective action is performed on the next working day on which the said electronic means of communication became available, in accordance with PCT Rule 82*quater*.2(a).

Information concerning maintenance and unavailability of the JPO online filing software is available at:

http://dl-sv1.pcinfo.jpo.go.jp/docs/error/server_status.html

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NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its mailing address, which is now as follows:

Mailing address: P.O. Box 93144
2509 AC Den Haag
Netherlands

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax; however, documents may now be filed by e-mail.

[Updating of Annex B1(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZM Zambia

The **Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia)** has notified the International Bureau of an additional type of national protection available via the PCT where Zambia is designated (or elected) – applicants may seek protection by utility model; protection by patent, and/or patent of addition, remains available.

[Updating of Annex B1(ZM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)), in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. This new amount, applicable from 1 October 2020, is USD 276.

[Updating of Annex C(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – one copy is now required, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required – the applicant is only required to provide a copy of the international application if the Office has not received a copy from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49^{ter}.2(d)), in **Saudi riyals (SRI)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount of this fee, payable from 1 October 2020, is SRI 2,000, or SRI 1,000 in the case of filing by an individual.

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, is able to participate in DAS, either as an office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access for Priority Documents, or in accordance with Sections 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

MX Mexico

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions of the Digital Access for Priority Documents, the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office and accessing Office, with effect from 3 November 2020.¹

[Updating of Annex B1(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For additional details, refer to: https://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices/details.jsp?id=11592

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HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified the International Bureau of an additional type of national protection available via the PCT where Croatia is designated (or elected): with effect since 20 February 2020, applicants may seek protection by utility model. Protection by patent remains available; however, since 20 February 2020, protection by “consensual patent” is no longer available.

In addition, the Office notified changes to the provisions of its national law concerning provisional protection after international publication – the relevant provisions are now under Articles 59 and 95 of the Patent Law 2020.

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the time limit within which the name and address of the inventor must be provided if Croatia is designated (or elected), which is now as follows:

The name and address of the inventor may be provided in the request, or may be furnished later. If this data is not provided within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within two months of receipt of the invitation, or to furnish, not later than four months from the date of entry into the national phase, a statement that the inventor wishes not to be named.

[Updating of Annex B1(HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VN Viet Nam

The **Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: vietnamipo@ipvietnam.gov.vn

Internet: www.ipvietnam.gov.vn

[Updating of Annex B1(VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Korean won (KRW)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2020, are KRW 2,495,000, SGD 2,882, and USD 2,107, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2020, is KRW 1,869,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2020, is USD 1,210.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2020, is CHF 274.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2020, are JPY 221,900, SEK 18,250, SGD 2,882, and USD 2,107, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2020, are AUD 530 for searches carried out in Korean and AUD 1,413 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2020, are CHF 106, EUR 97, and USD 114, respectively, for searches carried out in Russian; and CHF 498, EUR 455, and USD 537, respectively, for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, in accordance with PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have also been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by Rospatent. As from 1 November 2020, these amounts are CHF 147, or CHF 235 where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified the International Bureau of the amount of the national filing fee for a utility model, in **Croatian kune (HRK)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 20 February 2020, is HRK 760 (for an application up to 30 sheets and 10 claims).

Furthermore, the Office notified a change concerning the conditions for exemption, reduction or refund of the national fee, which are now as follows:

- The filing fees, examination fees, and publication and maintenance fees are reduced by 50% where the applicant is also the inventor.
- The filing fee is reduced by 50% where the application is filed by electronic means; the same reduction applies where the text of the patent application filed on paper has been furnished additionally on an electronic carrier in accordance with the technical specifications published (in Croatian) on the Office's website at:

www.dziv.hr/files/file/obrasci/patent/Tehnicke_specifikacije_prijava_patenta.pdf

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CZ Czechia

On 18 September 2020, the **Industrial Property Office (Czechia)** notified the International Bureau of the official name of its Office, as follows:

Name of Office:	Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic
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[Updating of Annex B1(CZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)**¹ has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4): with effect since 24 March 2020, the Office has discontinued the use of its facsimile services and no longer accepts the filing of documents by fax; however, since this date, the Office accepts the filing of documents by e-mail, at:

paperformcontingency@ipo.gov.uk

[Updating of Annex B1(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TJ Tajikistan

The **Tajik Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of the official name of its Office, as well as of changes to its telephone and facsimile numbers, and to its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	National Center for Patents and Information under the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan
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Telephone:	(992-372) 22 21 53 (992-372) 21 47 60
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Facsimile machine:	(992-372) 22 21 38
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E-mail:	izobretenie@ncpi.tj info@ncpi.tj
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Internet:	www.ncpi.tj
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¹ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

In addition, the Office notified an additional delivery service, other than the postal authorities, from which the Office would accept evidence of mailing a document in case of loss or delay (PCT Rule 82.1): in addition to DHL, Federal Express or UPS, it now accepts evidence of mailing a document where EMS TAJIKPOST is used.

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of the types of national protection available via the PCT, where Tajikistan is designated (or elected): protection by “petty patent” is available, in addition to protection by patent; protection by utility model is not available.

The Office also notified changes relating to the provisions of the law of Tajikistan concerning international-type search: relevant information is now available under Article 20 (conventional patents) and Article 21 (petty patents) of the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan on inventions.

Finally, the Office notified the International Bureau of changes concerning provisional protection after international publication, where a designation of Tajikistan is made for the purposes of a national patent, as follows:

After international publication, the furnishing of a translation of the international application into Tajik (Farsi) gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages. (Refer to Article 24 of the Law of the Republic of Tajikistan on inventions.)

[Updating of Annex B1(TJ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UZ Uzbekistan

The **Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Uzbekistan** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan
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[Updating of Annex B1(UZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

TJ Tajikistan

The **National Center for Patents and Information under the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of the Republic of Tajikistan**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from **1 December 2020**, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (992-372) 22 21 53
 (992-372) 21 47 60
- by e-mail at: izobretenie@ncpi.tj

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.ncpi.tj).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(TJ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UZ Uzbekistan

The **Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from **1 December 2020**, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (998-71) 232 50 50
- by e-mail at: info@ima.uz
i.abdukadirov@ima.uz

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.ima.uz).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(UZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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NL Netherlands – Corrigendum

The information concerning a change of mailing address published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 September 2020 (page 193) was incorrect. The mailing address of the **Netherlands Patent Office** (a department of the Netherlands Enterprise Agency) has not changed, and remains as follows:

Mailing Address: P.O. Box 10366
2501 HJ Den Haag
The Netherlands

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UZ Uzbekistan

The **Intellectual Property Agency under the Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Uzbekistan** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: 33, Khadra District
100011, Tashkent
Uzbekistan

[Updating of Annex B1(UZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2020, is USD 1,587.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2020, are as follows:

Search fee: EUR 1,685

Reduced search fee for natural persons and legal entities: EUR 337 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States that benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion.)

Reduced search fee for universities: EUR 253 (applicable where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b).)

[Updating of Annex D(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2020, is CHF 228.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2020, are EUR 114 or EUR 29 (the latter amount applies in the case of filing by an individual).

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2020, are EUR 320 for searches carried out in Korean and EUR 854 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2020, are EUR 843 or EUR 337 (the latter applies where the applicant is a small entity).¹

[Updating of Annex D(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2020, is EUR 1,380.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

UA Ukraine

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2020, are USD 119 for searches carried out in Russian or Ukrainian, and USD 356 for searches carried out in English, French or German.

[Updating of Annex D(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the international Bureau of changes concerning its requirements for representation before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, as follows:

- An agent is required if the applicant has neither his residence, nor principal place of business, nor an establishment in Germany.
- An agent is not required if the applicant has his residence, principal place of business or an establishment in Germany.

Furthermore, the Office notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office. The following persons may act as such:

- If an agent is required: any patent attorney, attorney-at-law, or firm of representatives established in Germany and authorized to represent the applicant in proceedings before the Office; or any patent attorney or attorney-at-law of a member State of the European Union, of a contracting party to the *Agreement on the European Economic Area*, or of Switzerland, entitled to practice in Germany, or to provide temporary services, and authorized to represent the applicant in proceedings before the Office (refer to the *Act on the Activities of European Patent Attorneys in Germany [EuPAG]* and the *Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany [EuRAG]*).²
- If an agent is not required: as mentioned above and any natural person, in accordance with the provisions of the *Legal Services Act [Rechtsdienstleistungsgesetz – RDG]*.

[Updating of Annex C(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the *Patentanwaltskammer* (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the *Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer* (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Littenstrasse 9, 10179 Berlin, Germany.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the international Bureau of changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. The following persons may now act as such:

- If an agent is required (because the applicant neither has his residence, nor principal place of business, nor an establishment in Germany): any patent attorney, attorney-at-law, or firm of representatives established in Germany and authorized to represent the applicant in proceedings before the Office; or any patent attorney or attorney-at-law of a member State of the European Union, of a contracting party to the *Agreement on the European Economic Area*, or of Switzerland, entitled to practice in Germany, or to provide temporary services, and authorized to represent the applicant in proceedings before the Office (refer to the *Act on the Activities of European Patent Attorneys in Germany [EuPAG]* and the *Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany [EuRAG]*).³
- If an agent is not required: as mentioned above and any natural person, in accordance with the provisions of the *Legal Services Act [Rechtsdienstleistungsgesetz – RDG]*.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ A list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the *Patentanwaltskammer* (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Germany, and a list of attorneys-at-law from the *Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer* (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Littenstrasse 9, 10179 Berlin, Germany.

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NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b) and in accordance with the procedures set out in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (Annex F, section 2.5), modifications to Annex F, Appendix I (XML DTDs for the e-PCT Standard), section 5.13 of the Administrative Instructions were promulgated, with effect from **1 January 2021**.

These modifications involve changes to the Document Type Definitions (DTDs) for the written opinion of the International Searching Authority (ISA/237). The purpose of these modifications, which also enable the provision of written opinions in XML, is:

- to allow the structured specification of the claims for which there is non-establishment of the written opinion; and
- to allow the inclusion of the category of the citation and the examiners' opinion regarding the citation.

Due to its highly technical content, the consolidated revised text of Annex F, Appendix I of the Administrative Instructions is not reproduced here, but has been published as document PCT/AI/DTD/14 on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_dtd_14.pdf

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new lei (RON)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2021, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	RON	487	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RON	97	plus copying costs

[Updating of Annex C(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

KG Kyrgyzstan

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from **15 December 2020**, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (996-312) 68 08 19
- by fax at: (996-312) 68 17 03
- by e-mail at: info@patent.kg
inter@patent.kg

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<http://patent.kg>).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

– WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(KG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES:
NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES**

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, is able to participate in DAS, either as an office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions for the Digital Access for Priority Documents*, or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, are published by the International Bureau at:

www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html

FR France

In accordance with paragraphs 10 and 12 of the *Framework Provisions of the Digital Access for Priority Documents*, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office, with effect from 1 December 2020, for international applications filed on or after this date.

[Updating of Annex B1(FR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CU Cuba

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 April 2020 (page 74) concerning the closure of the **Cuban Industrial Property Office** due to circumstances relating to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office has notified the International Bureau that it reopened to the public, for the purposes of the transaction of official business, on **20 October 2020**.

Additional information concerning the Office's closed dates, as furnished to the International Bureau by the Office, is available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/pct/dc/closeddates/>

For further information on measures adopted by the Office in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, refer to the WIPO COVID-19 IP Policy Tracker, available at:

<https://www.wipo.int/covid19-policy-tracker/>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the amount of the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Bosnia and Herzegovina convertible marks (BAM)**. This amount, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, is BAM 30.

[Updating of Annex C(BA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the conditions for reduction of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office: these fees are now reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by electronic means.

[Updating of Annex C(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CN China

In accordance with PCT Rules 35.2 and 59.1, the **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) – in addition to the CNIPA – as competent International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed with CNIPA or with the receiving Office of the International Bureau, in English, by nationals and residents of China, with effect from 1 December 2020.

The aforementioned specification of the EPO arises in the framework of a pilot and shall apply for a duration of two years, for a maximum of 2,500 applications in total in the first year, and 3,000 applications in the second year.

During a transitional phase, applicants who file an international application with the CNIPA as receiving Office and select the EPO as ISA will be required to pay the international search fee directly to the EPO, in **euros (EUR)**.¹

In addition, applicants who are nationals or residents of China and whose international search is performed by the EPO as ISA will also be able to file a demand for international preliminary examination with the EPO, in its capacity as IPEA.

For further details, consult the Joint Communiqué of the EPO and CNIPA, available online at:

www.epo.org/news-events/news/2020/20201020.html (in English); and

www.cnipa.gov.cn/art/2020/10/20/art_53_153571.html (in Chinese).

[Updating of Annex C(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it, in its capacity as receiving Office: any person appointed by the applicant may now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For a list of fees payable to the EPO as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, refer to the *Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization* (available at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf), and Annexes D(EP), SISA(EP) and E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the amounts of the national fee, in **Bosnia and Herzegovina convertible marks (BAM)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

Filing and publication fee:	BAM	260
– plus for each page of the application over 30:	BAM	3
– plus for each claim over 10:	BAM	11
Publication fee for granted patent:	BAM	60

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the amounts of the national filing fee, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:²

– where the application is filed by an inventor or co-inventors:	EUR	30
– where the application is filed by an applicant other than the inventor or by applicants other than the co-inventors:	EUR	60

² Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), or if not paid within that time limit, within 15 days from the receipt of an invitation to pay the filing fee.

For utility model:

Filing fee:³

- where the application is filed
by an inventor or co-inventors: EUR 34
- where the application is filed by
an applicant other than the inventor
or by applicants other than
the co-inventors: EUR 68

The Office also notified changes to the conditions for exemption, reduction or refund of the national fee: the national filing fee is now reduced by 50% where the application is filed by electronic means.

In addition, the Office notified changes to its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* (Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27), which are now as follows:

- Document(s) relating to the applicant's entitlement to apply for, and be granted, a patent, if the applicant is not an inventor;⁴
- Three copies of the translation of the international application for a patent;
- Three copies of the translation of the international application for a utility model;
- Where the validity of the priority claim is relevant to the determination of whether the invention concerned is patentable, the Office may invite the applicant to furnish a translation of the priority document into the Slovak language, or into one of the official languages of the EPO, at the option of the applicant;
- Applicants who are not citizens of a Contracting State to the *Agreement on the European Economic Area* (EEA), or who do not have a residence or place of business in a Contracting State to the *Agreement on the EEA*, must be represented by an attorney-at-law or a patent attorney registered in the Slovak Republic.

Finally, the Office notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

³ Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), or if not paid within that time limit, within 15 days from the receipt of an invitation to pay the filing fee.

⁴ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

- Applicants who are citizens of a Contracting State to the *Agreement on the EEA*, or who have a residence or place of business in a Contracting State to the *Agreement on the EEA*, may appoint any person to act as such.
- Applicants who are neither citizens of a Contracting State to the *Agreement on the EEA*, or who have neither a residence nor a place of business in a Contracting State to the *Agreement on the EEA*, must be represented by an attorney at law or a patent attorney registered in the Slovak Republic.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES

SD Sudan

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department (Sudan)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form, with effect from **15 January 2021**, as follows:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (249-155) 12 68 62
(249-183) 74 23 58
- by e-mail at: epctiposd@gmail.com

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.ipsudan.gov.sd).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.

[Updating of Annex C(SD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

CA Canada

Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will take effect on 1 January 2021, consist of changes in the amounts of several fees payable to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

With effect from 1 January 2021, the amended Annex D will read as follows:

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Canadian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,632
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,632
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	816
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	816
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2) in electronic form	
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus	[no change]
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes	[no change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page (paper)	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ca.pdf

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2021, is CAD 306.

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of fees, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 January 2021 are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	CAD 1,632
Additional search fee ² (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	CAD 1,632

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of fees, also in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, from 1 January 2021, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	CAD 816
Additional Preliminary examination fee ³ (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	CAD 816

[Updating of Annex E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

PT Portugal

Following the notification concerning new amounts of fees, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 6 August 2020 (page 168), the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has further notified the International Bureau of the fee for an electronic copy of a priority document, in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office.

With effect since 1 July 2020, the fees for priority documents are the following:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	16.19 (electronic copy)
	EUR	43.14 (paper copy)

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee, in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2021 are as follows:

National fee:

Basic national fee: ⁴	CAD	408	(204) ⁵
Additional fee for reinstatement of rights (late entry into the national phase):	CAD	204	

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁴ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

⁵ The amount in parentheses is applicable only if the applicant is entitled to pay certain fees at the "small entity" level. In order to be entitled to pay the reduced fee, a signed "small entity" declaration compliant with subsection 44(3) of the *Canadian Patent Rules* must, within the applicable time limit set out in subsection 154(1)(c)(i), 154(2)(a), 154(3)(a)(iii)(A), 154(3)(b)(i)(A) or 154(3)(b)(ii)(A) of the *Canadian Patent Rules*, be made by the applicant or the agent on the applicant's behalf (the declaration shall preferably follow the form of the declaration set out in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, National Phase, Annex CA.II).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The **Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers, and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Kinmaul Dong No. 1, Pipha Street Moranbong District, Pyongyang Democratic People's Republic of Korea
Telephone:	(850-2) 381 85 44
Facsimile machine:	(850-2) 381 44 10
E-mail:	io520@star-co.net.kp

In addition, the Office notified changes concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4): the Office now accepts the filing of documents by e-mail, in addition to facsimile. The Office further notified that, in the case of filing of documents by means of telecommunication, only the original power of attorney document must be furnished, within three months from the filing date of the international application.

[Updating of Annex B1(KP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

In accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2021, are CHF 1,134, EUR 1,060 and USD 1,243, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5(i), it is to be noted that, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2021, the **International Bureau will not be open** to the public for the transaction of official business on the following days:

all Saturdays and Sundays, and
1 January 2021,
2 and 5 April 2021,
13 and 24 May 2021,
9 September 2021,
24 and 31 December 2021.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** national Offices or other intergovernmental organizations.

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

GB United Kingdom

On 1 October 2020, the **Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** deposited a declaration in accordance with Article 62(3) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT).

As from 1 January 2021, the United Kingdom's ratification of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) shall be extended to the territory of Gibraltar, for the international relations of which the United Kingdom is responsible. For additional information, refer to PCT Notification No. 13, available on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/treaties/en/notifications/pct/treaty_pct_13.html

[Updating of Annexes A and C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has notified the International Bureau of the official name of the Office, as well as of changes to its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office: Registry of Intellectual Property
(Costa Rica)

E-mail: vcohen@rnp.go.cr
jlizano@rnp.go.cr
dmarenco@rnp.go.cr

[Updating of Annex B1(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HN Honduras

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Honduras)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: patentes@ip.gob.hn
camilo.bendeck@ip.gob.hn

Internet: <https://www.ip.gob.hn/>

[Updating of Annex B1(HN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General of WIPO in October 2020, in accordance with the Directives adopted by the PCT Assembly¹ and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the **international filing fee** (including the fee per sheet over 30 and fee reductions when an international application is filed partially or entirely in electronic form) and the **handling fee**, respectively, have been established in **various currencies**, with effect from 1 January 2021, as indicated in table 1 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts in the prescribed currencies, and, in bold print, the proposed new equivalent amounts of those fees corresponding to the amounts in Swiss francs (CHF) set out in the current Schedule of Fees.²

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of **search fees** have been established in **receiving Offices' currencies** for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2021, as indicated in table 2 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current equivalent amounts (in receiving Offices' currencies) and, in bold print, any new amounts³ of the search fees fixed by the International Searching Authority and the proposed new equivalent amounts of all search fees, in the currencies other than the currency in which the International Searching Authority has fixed its fees.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the **supplementary search fees** have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, also with effect from 1 January 2021, for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, as indicated in table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette). This table shows both the current amounts of the supplementary search fees (in the currencies in which the Authority has fixed its fees), and, in bold print, any new amounts⁴ of the supplementary search fees fixed by the Authority, as well as the proposed new equivalent amounts of those fees in Swiss francs (CHF), with effect from 1 January 2021.

¹ The Directives of the PCT Assembly relating to the establishment of equivalent amounts of certain fees are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/equivalent_amounts.html

² Available on the WIPO website at: <https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/rules/rtax.html>

³ Applicable only to the search fees fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

⁴ Applicable only to the supplementary search fees fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office and the Nordic Patent Institute.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BG), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DJ), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (GT), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JO), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KH), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MD), (ME), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (OM), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (QA), (RO), (RS), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (UG), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM), (ZW),

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all Annexes SISA,

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IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the amounts of several fees, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office from 1 January 2021, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): ISK 18,200

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): ISK 4,900

Fee for requesting restoration of the
right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): ISK 43,500

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

HN Honduras

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Honduras)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the number of paper copies of the international application required by the Office – one paper copy is now required, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(HN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HN Honduras

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Honduras)** has notified the International Bureau of the amount of the substantive examination fee, in **Honduran lempiras (HNL)**. This amount, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, is HNL 1,500.

Furthermore, the Office notified the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

- The fees are reduced by 90% where the applicant is the inventor, and he (or she) provides a declaration indicating that his (or her) economic situation prevents him (or her) from paying the full amount of the fees.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)**, payable to it in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office from 1 January 2021, as follows:

National fee:

Application fee: ⁵	ISK 67,800
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: ⁶	ISK 4,400
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation: ⁷	ISK 18,300
Total annual fees for the first three years: ⁸	ISK 34,800

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁵ Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

⁶ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

⁷ Where the basic national fee has been paid within the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the prescribed translation may be filed within a further period of two months, provided that it is accompanied by the additional fee.

⁸ These fees are payable within two months after performing the acts for entering the national phase.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies) (applicable from January 1, 2021)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 05.10.2020	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(e) Schedule of fees Item 3
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.6574417	2,043 2,023	23	n.a. n.a.	307 304	461 456	307 Current amount 304 New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.6898827	1,961 1,928	22	n.a. n.a.	295 290	442 435	295 Current amount 290 New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.1449941	9,090 9,170	100	n.a. n.a.	1,370 1,380	2,050 2,070	1,370 Current amount 1,380 New amount
EUR - Euro	1.0788415	1,217 1,233	14	92 93	183 185	275 278	183 Current amount 185 New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.1873716	1,085 1,120	12	n.a. n.a.	163 168	245 253	n.a. Current amount n.a. New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.0029944	432,700 444,200	4,900 5,000	n.a. n.a.	65,100 66,800	97,600 100,200	n.a. Current amount n.a. New amount
ILS - New Israeli sheqel	0.2686275	*	*	n.a.	*	*	743 Current amount 745 New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.0066343	195,100 200,500	2,200 2,300	n.a. n.a.	29,300 30,100	44,000 45,200	n.a. Current amount n.a. New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.0086606	152,100 153,600	1,700 1,700	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	34,300 34,600	22,900 Current amount 23,100 New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.0007907	**	**	n.a.	n.a.	**	255,000 Current amount 253,000 New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.0991452	13,450 13,410	150 150	n.a. n.a.	2,020 2,020	3,030 3,030	n.a. Current amount n.a. New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.6079064	2,162 2,188	24 25	n.a. n.a.	325 329	488 493	n.a. Current amount n.a. New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.1029188	13,240 12,920	150 150	n.a. n.a.	1,990 1,940	2,990 2,910	1,990 Current amount 1,940 New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.6728352	1,974 1,977	22 22	n.a. n.a.	297 297	445 446	297 Current amount 297 New amount
USD - US dollar	0.9155967	1,446 1,453	16 16	109 109	217 218	326 328	217 Current amount 218 New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.0551488	24,090 24,120	270 270	n.a. n.a.	3,620 3,630	5,430 5,440	n.a. Current amount n.a. New amount

* Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in New Israeli sheqels of the amounts in US dollars indicated above.
 ** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss francs indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2021)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA	
	EUR	1,775	AUD	2,200	BRL	1,685	CAD	1,600
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate	
Exchange rates applicable on 05.10.2020								
CHF - Swiss franc	1,0788415	1,939	0,6574417	1,432	0,1626664	429	0,6898827	1,085
USD - US dollar	0,8486851	2,107 ¹	1,392666	1,587 ²	5,6217654	483	1,3271774	1,210 ¹
EUR - Euro		2,091		1,337		406		1,243 ⁵
AUD - Australian dollar			1,6409691	1,341	6,6240888	381	1,5638043	1,016
DKK - Danish krone								1,060 ⁶
GBP - Pound sterling								New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint								New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona								New amount
JPY - Japanese yen								New amount
KRW - Korean won	0,0007329	2,495,000 ¹	0,0012027	1,869,000 ¹				New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone		2,422,000		1,829,000				New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar			0,9246545	2,357				New amount
SEK - Swedish krona				2,379				New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0,6226646	2,882 ¹	1,0234142	2,102				New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0,0511185	35,130	0,0838839	26,420				New amount
		34,720		26,230				New amount

1. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2020.
2. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2020.
3. This new amount of the search fee has been fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2021. (Refer to *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of 5 November 2020, page 230).
4. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2021.
5. New equivalent amount in US dollars of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2021.
6. New equivalent amount in Euros of the search fee fixed by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office with effect from January 1, 2021.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2021)

International Searching Authority	ISA/CL			ISA/CN		ISA/EG		ISA/EP		
	USD	2,000	400	300	CNY	2,100	EGP	4,000	EUR	1,775
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate				Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate	
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 05.10.2020</i>										
CHF - Swiss franc	1,839 0.9155967	368 366	276 275	274 ⁷ 283	0.1348178	294	0.0582031	228 ⁷ 233	1.0788415	1,939 1,915
USD - US dollar				309	6.7913636	245	15.7310642	254	0.8486851	2,107 ⁷ 2,091
EUR - Euro	1,685 ⁷ 1,697	337 ⁷ 339	253 ⁷ 255	267 262	8.0022185	223	18.5358082	216		Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone										Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona										Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen										Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won										Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar										Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona										Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar										Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand										Current amount New amount

7. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2020.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2021)

International Searching Authority	ISAES		ISAFI		ISAIL		ISAIN		
	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	ILS	3,582	INR	10,000	2,500
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 05.10.2020</i>									
CHF - Swiss franc	1,939		1,939		1,009		128		32
	1,0788415	1,915	1,0788415	1,915	0.2686275	962	0.0125239	125	31
USD - US dollar	2,107 ⁸		2,107 ⁸		1,036		131		33
	0.8486851	2,091	0.8486851	2,091	3.4084250	1,051	73.1079536	137	34
EUR - Euro					932		114 ⁸		29 ⁸
					892		86.1426153	116	29
AUD - Australian dollar									Current amount
									New amount
DKK - Danish krone									Current amount
									New amount
GBP - Pound sterling									Current amount
									New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint									Current amount
									New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona									Current amount
									New amount
JPY - Japanese yen									Current amount
									New amount
KRW - Korean won									Current amount
									New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone									Current amount
									New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar									Current amount
									New amount
SEK - Swedish krona									Current amount
									New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar									Current amount
									New amount
ZAR - South African rand									Current amount
									New amount

8. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2020.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2021)

International Searching Authority	ISA/JP		ISA/KR		ISA/PH		ISA/RU		
	JPY	Exch. Rate	KRW	Exch. Rate	USD	Exch. Rate	RUB	Exch. Rate	
Reference currency & amount	156,000		70,000		450,000		400		8,500
Exchange rates applicable on 05.10.2020									
CHF - Swiss franc	1,364 1,351	0.0086606	612 606	941 949	353 356	920 916	498 ⁹ 467	106 ⁹ 99	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	1,457 1,476	105.7197769	654 662	1,003 1,036	376 389		537 ⁹ 510	114 ⁹ 108	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1,326 1,252	124.5689098	595 562	854 ⁹ 879	320 ⁹ 330	843 ⁹ 849	455 ⁹ 433	97 ⁹ 92	Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar				1,413 ⁹ 1,443	530 ⁹ 541		92.3444294 		Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone									Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling									Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint									Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona									Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen									Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won			783,000 767,000						Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone		0.0912985							Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar				1,594 1,561	598 585				Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona									Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar			2,012 2,008		519 529				Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand		77.6892130							Current amount New amount

9. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2020.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2021)

International Searching Authority	ISASE ¹⁰		ISA/SG		ISATR ¹¹		ISA/UA		
	SEK	18,250 ¹²	SGD	2,240	TRY	11,300	EUR	300	100
Reference currency & amount	SEK	18,610	Exch. Rate		TRY	16,250	Exch. Rate		
Exchange rates applicable on 05.10.2020	SEK		Exch. Rate		TRY		Exch. Rate		
CHF - Swiss franc		1,939		1,509		1,939		328	109
		1,915		1,507		1,915		324	108
USD - US dollar		2,107 ¹²		1,622		2,107 ¹²		356 ¹²	119 ¹²
		2,091		1,646		2,091		353	118
EUR - Euro		1,775		1,380 ¹²		1,775			
		1,775		1,397		1,775			
AUD - Australian dollar									
DKK - Danish krone		13,260							
		13,210							
GBP - Pound sterling									
HUF - Hungarian forint									
ISK - Icelandic krona		276,000							
		288,600							
JPY - Japanese yen				173,600					
				174,000					
KRW - Korean won				0,0128718					
				1,955,000					
NOK - Norwegian krone		19,010		0,0011752					
		19,310		1,906,000					
NZD - New Zealand dollar									
SEK - Swedish krona									
SGD - Singapore dollar									
ZAR - South African rand									

10. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2021, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

11. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2021, to be fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

12. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2020.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
 (applicable as from January 1, 2021)

International Searching Authority	ISA/US			ISA/XN ¹³		ISA/XV		
	USD	1,090	545	DKK	13,260	EUR	1,775	
Reference currency & amount	USD	2,180	1,090	545	DKK	13,260	EUR	1,775
Exchange rates applicable on 05.10.2020	Exch. Rate				DKK	13,210	Exch. Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc	1,976	988	494	1,939	1,915	1,0788415	1,939	Current amount
	1,996	998	499	1,915	1,915	1.0788415	1,915	New amount
USD - US dollar				2,107 ¹⁴	2,091	0.8486851	2,107 ¹⁴	Current amount
				2,091	2,091	0.8486851	2,091	New amount
EUR - Euro	1,820	910	455	1,775				Current amount
	1,850	925	463	1,775				New amount
AUD - Australian dollar								Current amount
								New amount
DKK - Danish krone								Current amount
								New amount
GBP - Pound sterling								Current amount
								New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint								Current amount
								New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona					276,000		626,100	Current amount
					288,600		639,500	New amount
JPY - Japanese yen								Current amount
								New amount
KRW - Korean won								Current amount
								New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone					19,010			Current amount
					19,310			New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	3,220	1,610	805					Current amount
	3,283	1,642	821					New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.6639456							Current amount
								New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar					18,250 ¹⁴			Current amount
					18,610			New amount
ZAR - South African rand	36,144	18,072	9,036					Current amount
	36,190	18,100	9,050					New amount
	0.0602326							Current amount
								New amount

13. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2021, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

14. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2020.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
 (applicable from January 1, 2021)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU						
	Reference currency & Amount	EUR	850 ¹	1,190 ²	1,700 ³	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴	11,800	18,880 ⁵	
Exchange rate applicable on 05.10.2020	CHF - Swiss franc	Exch. Rate	1.0788415	917	1,284	1,834	Exch. Rate	1.0788415	1,915	Exch. Rate	0.0116828	138	221

1. For a search of the German-language documentation.
2. For a search of the European or North American documentation.
3. For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.
4. This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
5. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2021)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/SE		ISA/SG		ISA/TR		ISA/UA	
	Reference currency & Amount	Amount	Reference currency & Amount	Amount	Reference currency & Amount	Amount	Reference currency & Amount	Amount
Reference currency & Amount	SEK	18,250	SGD	2,240	TRY	500 ⁶ 11,300	EUR	60 ⁷ 70 ⁸ 90 ⁹ 90 ¹⁰
	SEK	18,610 ¹¹			TRY	16,250 ¹²		
Exchange rate applicable on 05.10.2020 CHF - Swiss franc		1,915 ¹³	Exch. Rate				Exch. Rate	
				0.6728352		59 ¹⁴	1,915 ¹⁴	1.0788415

6. For a search of only the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.
7. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
8. For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.
9. For a search of only the European and North American documentation.
10. For a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation.
11. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2021.
12. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2021.
13. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2021.
14. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2021.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2021)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISAXN	ISAXV
Reference currency & Amount	EUR	EUR
	4,000 ¹⁵	550 ¹⁶
	13,260	1,775
	13,210 ¹⁷	
Exchange rate applicable on 05.10.2020		Exch. Rate
CHF - Swiss franc	580 ¹⁸	1.0788415
	1,915	593
		1,915

15. For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

16. For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

17. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2021.

18. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2021.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MC Monaco

The **Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion (Monaco)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone number, as well as its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(377) 98 98 98 01
E-mail:	mcipo@gouv.mc
Internet:	https://mcipo.gouv.mc

[Updating of Annex B1(MC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SK Slovakia – Corrigendum

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** has notified the International Bureau that the information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 October 2020 (page 222), concerning the conditions for reduction of the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), was erroneous.

The fee for a priority document, payable in **euros (EUR)** to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, is reduced by 50% where the request for the priority document is filed by electronic means. Consequently, the fee for a priority document, which is prepared and transmitted on paper by the Office, is as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	20	(request filed on paper)
	EUR	10	(request filed by electronic means)

[Updating of Annex C(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater.2}: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES UNDER SECTION 111(c) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, Rule 82^{quater.2} of the Regulations under the PCT ("PCT Regulations") concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office. This new rule entered into force on 1 July 2020.

As a result of the adoption of Rule 82*quater*.2, Section 111 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT was amended, also from 1 July 2020, so as to require any Office providing for the excuse of delays under Rule 82*quater*.2 to notify the International Bureau of the existence of such provisions, so that the International Bureau can publish the information in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Organisation (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau in accordance with Section 111(c) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, its intention to apply Rule 82*quater*.2(a) in case of unavailability of its electronic means of communication with a view to excusing delays in meeting time limits fixed in the Regulations under the PCT.

In particular, the EPO intends to apply Rule 82*quater*.2(a) as follows:

1. Delays in meeting time limits could be excused where any of the permitted means of electronic filing at the EPO notified under Rule 89*bis*, or means of online payment¹, was unavailable for a minimum of a continuous four-hour period on a specific working day. Rule 82*quater*.2 will not be applied by the EPO if a means of electronic filing is unavailable for less than four hours and an announcement of the outage has been published at least two working days in advance. In such cases, it is believed that users would have had enough lead time to adapt their working schedule by using the affected means of electronic filing before or after the unavailability. In cases where the advance notice indicated that an outage was to last for less than four hours, but eventually lasted longer, the EPO will consider applying Rule 82*quater*.2. The relevant information will be published by the EPO on its website and notified to the International Bureau. A list of all outages notified by the EPO under Rule 82*quater*.2(a), as well as minor incidents, will also be published by the EPO.

2. An unplanned outage, however, does not necessarily have to last a minimum of four hours to qualify for the application of Rule 82*quater*.2 by the EPO. If the unavailability of a means of electronic communication, or means of online payment, is qualified as an outage by its technical services, the EPO will consider applying Rule 82*quater*.2 and proceed as described above.

3. Following the publication by the International Bureau of a notification by the EPO, an interested party who wishes to be excused of a delay in meeting a time limit before the EPO should: (i) submit a request to the EPO, indicating that the time limit was not met due to the unavailability of any of the permitted means of electronic communication on a specific date, and (ii) perform the relevant action on the next working day at the EPO on which all permitted means of electronic communication or online payment are again available. Users will be informed without delay of the EPO's decision via Form PCT/RO/132.

4. In case of an outage affecting WIPO's ePCT system, the International Bureau will notify the EPO of such outage. The EPO will then determine whether Rule 82*quater*.2 is applicable and will proceed as described above.

¹ The Online Fee Payment tool and the EPO service for making payments via credit card and bank transfers both serve exclusively for making payments. Therefore, outages affecting these two services cannot be invoked for periods relating to the filing of documents.

5. This notification is applicable from November 16, 2020.

AGREEMENT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE WIPO FEE TRANSFER SERVICE: NOTIFICATION OF TRANSFER OF PCT FEES

Since 1 July 2020² any PCT receiving Office (“RO”), International Searching Authority (“ISA”), Authority specified for supplementary international search (“SISA”), or International Preliminary Examining Authority (“IPEA”) may participate, as a “participating Office”, in the exchange of PCT fees from one Office (the “collecting Office”) to another (the “beneficiary Office”) via the International Bureau (“IB”) for PCT purposes (the “WIPO Fee Transfer Service”), pursuant to PCT Rule 96.2 and in accordance with the provisions set out in Annex G of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

An Office participating in the WIPO Fee Transfer Service as a collecting Office may transfer the following fees and related differences, in accordance with Annex G of the Administrative Instructions:

- **international filing fee** (Rule 15.2(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of the International Bureau;
- **search fee** (Rule 16.1(c) or (d)) collected by the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority;
- **supplementary search fee** (Rule 45*bis*.3(b)) collected by the International Bureau for the benefit of a participating Office in its capacity as an Authority specified for supplementary search;
- **handling fee** (Rule 57.2(c) or (d)) collected by an International Preliminary Examining Authority for the benefit of the International Bureau; and
- **differences relating to the search fee** (Rule 16.1(e)) received by an Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority in a currency other than its fixed currency.³

Furthermore, pursuant to Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 3, the transfer of the above fees and differences, from the collecting Office to the International Bureau for the further transfer to the beneficiary Office, is considered to be the transfer of said fees in accordance with the applicable Rule, and is not considered to be a payment by the collecting Office to a third party.

² For details, refer to the Report of the fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union), available on the WIPO website at:
https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_4.pdf

³ Applicable where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency other than the currency fixed by the International Searching Authority, the amount actually received by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it.

List of PCT Fee Transfers that are Part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service

In accordance with Annex G, Part II.1, paragraph 7 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the list of the PCT fee transfers that were part of the WIPO Fee Transfer Service for each participating Office⁴ as of **20 November 2020** (inclusive), is as follows:

PCT Fee Transfers					
International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency	
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
AT Austrian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/BR, CO, GE, IN, JO, KE, KR, MA, MX, OA, OM, PE, SG, UG, VN, ZA	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives EUR transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AT</i>
AU Australian Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/KR</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from</i> RO/IN, JO, KE, KR, MY, NZ, OM, SG, US, VN, ZA	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives AUD transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/AU</i>
BG Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a

⁴ Rows relating to participating Offices having an agreement with the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the *Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)* are identified by light grey shading.

PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
BR National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, SE, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/CO, PE</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives USD transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/BR</i>
CH Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
CL National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, ES, KR, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>(not yet participating as ISA)</i>	n/a	<i>(not yet participating as IPEA)</i>	<i>(not yet participating as ISA)</i>
CO Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, BR, EP, ES, KR, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
CR Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, ES</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
CZ Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
DE German Patent and Trade Mark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
DK Danish Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, SE, XN</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
DO National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, ES, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
EE Estonian Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
EP European Patent Office (EPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: (n/a) as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AT, BG, BR, CH, CL, CO, CR, CZ, DE, DK, DO, EE, ES, FI, FR, GB, GE, GR, HU, IE, IL, IN, IS, IT, JO, JP, KE, LV, MA, MD, MX, MY, NI, NO, NZ, OA, OM, PE, PH, QA, RS, RU, SA, SE, SG, SI, SK, TN, TR, UG, US, VN, ZA</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives EUR transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/EP</i>

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PCT Fee Transfers (continued)	International Filing Fee collected by RO for the benefit of the IB	Search Fee collected by RO for the benefit of participating ISA(s)	Supplementary Search Fee collected by the IB for the benefit of participating SISA	Handling Fee collected by IPEA for the benefit of the IB	differences relating to search fees received by ISA in a currency other than fixed currency
Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i> Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/CL, CO, CR, DO, MX, NI, PE</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives EUR transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/ES</i>
FI Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, SE</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>(not yet participating as ISA)</i>	<i>(not yet participating as SISA)</i>	<i>(not yet participating as IPEA)</i>	<i>(not yet participating as ISA)</i>
FR National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI) (France)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
GB Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
GE National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, IL, RU, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
GR Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
HU Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
IE Intellectual Property Office of Ireland	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
IL Israel Patent Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, US</i> Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/GE, US</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives USD transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/IL</i>
IN Indian Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, SE, US</i> Beneficiary ISA: <i>(not yet participating as ISA)</i>	n/a	<i>(not yet participating as IPEA)</i>	<i>(not yet participating as ISA)</i>
IS Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, SE, XN</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
IT Italian Patent and Trademark Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
JO Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
JP Japan Patent Office (JPO)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, SG</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/KR, MY, PH, SG, US, VN</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives JPY transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/JP</i>
KE Kenya Industrial Property Institute	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, SE</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
KR Korean Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collects search fees for ISA/AT, AU, JP, SG</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/AU, CL, CO, MX, MY, NZ, PE, PH, SA, SG, US, VN</i>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives KRW transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/KR</i>
LV Latvian Patent Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collects search fees for ISA/EP, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
MA Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a
MD State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, RU	n/a	n/a	n/a
MX Mexican Institute of Industrial Property	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees</i> ISA/AT, EP, ES, KR, SE, SG, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
MY Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR	n/a	n/a	n/a
NI Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, ES	n/a	n/a	n/a
NO Norwegian Industrial Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/EP, SE, XN	n/a	n/a	n/a
NZ Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AU, EP, KR, US	n/a	n/a	n/a
OA African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for</i> ISA/AT, EP, RU, SE	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
OM Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
PE National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, BR, EP, ES, KR, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
PH Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AU, EP, JP, KR, US</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>(not yet participating as ISA)</i>	n/a	<i>(not yet participating as IPEA)</i>	<i>(not yet participating as ISA)</i>
QA Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
RS Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
RU Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/BG, CO, GE, LV, MA, MD, OA, SA, US, VN</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives RUB transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/RU</i>
SA Saudi Authority for Intellectual Property (SAIP)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, KR, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
SE Swedish Intellectual Property Office (PRV)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP, XN</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/BR, DK, FI, IN, IS, KE, MA, MX, NO, OA, VN</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives SEK transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/SE</i>
SG Intellectual Property Office of Singapore	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/JP, KR, MX, UG, US, VN</i>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives SGD transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/SG</i>

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
SI Slovenian Intellectual Property Office	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
SK Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
TN National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
TR Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)	Collecting RO	as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/EP</i> as Beneficiary ISA: <i>(not yet participating as ISA)</i>	<i>(not yet participating as SISA)</i>	<i>(not yet participating as IPEA)</i>	<i>(not yet participating as ISA)</i>
UG Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, EP, SG</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Participating Office (ST.3 code and Office name)	Scope of Participation				
<p>US United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)</p>	Collecting RO	<p>as Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AU, EP, IL, JP, KR, RU, SG</i></p> <p>as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/BR, CL, DO, GE, IL, IN, JO, MX, NZ, OM, PE, PH, QA, ZA</i></p>	n/a	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives USD transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/US</i>
<p>VN Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)</p>	<i>(fees paid directly by applicants to RO/IB)</i>	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, JP, KR, SG, SE, RU</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a
<p>XN Nordic Patent Institute</p>	n/a	<p>as Collecting RO: (n/a)</p> <p>as Beneficiary ISA: <i>receiving search fees transferred from RO/DK, IS, NO, SE</i></p>	Beneficiary SISA	Collecting IPEA	Beneficiary ISA: <i>receives DKK transfers for search fees collected from non-participating ROs that have specified ISA/XN</i>
<p>ZA Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)</p>	Collecting RO	Collecting RO: <i>collecting search fees for ISA/AT, AU, EP, US</i>	n/a	n/a	n/a

Common Timetable for Fee Lists and Fee Transfers

Following consultations with participating Offices, in accordance with Annex G, Part II.2, paragraph 8 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, a common timetable has been established for the year 2021, specifying the latest dates, each month, by which a participating Collecting Office shall establish and transmit fee transfer information to the International Bureau; and by which the lists of fees to be transferred, and the amounts of fees indicated in said lists, shall be established and transmitted to, and from, the International Bureau.

The common timetable established for the period from 1 January 2021 to 31 December 2021 is as follows:

Cycle	Calendar month (2021)	PCT Fee Transfer Service Month (Invoice Period)	Fee Transfer Service	Last date for documentation notification to IB (12h00 CET)	Receiving Office payment cut-off value date	PCT Fee Transfer Service Statement Reports	PCT Fee Transfer Service Settlement Date
1	January	Dec. 2020	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 21-Jan-2021	Friday 22-Jan-2021	Tuesday 26-Jan-2021	Friday 29-Jan-2021
2	February	Jan. 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 17-Feb-2021	Friday 19-Feb-2021	Tuesday 23-Feb-2021	Friday 26-Feb-2021
3	March	Feb. 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 17-Mar-2021	Friday 19-Mar-2021	Tuesday 23-Mar-2021	Friday 26-Mar-2021
4	April	Mar. 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 21-Apr-2021	Friday 23-Apr-2021	Tuesday 27-Apr-2021	Friday 30-Apr-2021
5	May	Apr. 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 19-May-2021	Friday 21-May-2021	Tuesday 25-May-2021	Friday 28-May-2021
6	June	May 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 16-Jun-2021	Friday 18-Jun-2021	Tuesday 22-Jun-2021	Friday 25-Jun-2021
7	July	June 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 21-Jul-2021	Friday 23-Jul-2021	Tuesday 27-Jul-2021	Friday 30-Jul-2021
8	August	July 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 18-Aug-2021	Friday 20-Aug-2021	Tuesday 24-Aug-2021	Friday 27-Aug-2021
9	September	Aug. 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 22-Sep-2021	Friday 24-Sep-2021	Tuesday 28-Sep-2021	Thursday 30-Sep-2021
10	October	Sept. 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 20-Oct-2021	Friday 22-Oct-2021	Tuesday 26-Oct-2021	Friday 29-Oct-2021
11	November	Oct. 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 17-Nov-2021	Friday 19-Nov-2021	Tuesday 23-Nov-2021	Friday 26-Nov-2021
12	December	Nov. 2021	PCT/ISA fee	Wednesday 15-Dec-2021	Friday 17-Dec-2021	Tuesday 21-Dec-2021	Thursday 23-Dec-2021

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The **Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea** has notified the International Bureau of the types of protection available via the PCT, where the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is designated (or elected): protection by "petty inventor's certificate" and "petty patent" is available, in addition to protection by patent and inventor's certificate.

Furthermore, the Office specified its requirements concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

- Provisional protection may be available from such time as a translation has been made available to the public, by laying open for public inspection as provided in the *Law on Inventions of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea*.

[Updating of Annex B1(KP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification as published in the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) of 21 April 2016, pages 79 *et seq.*

In particular, as from 1 February 2021, the Office will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the EPO online filing software (under Sections 703(b)(iv) and 710(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions).

Consequently, as from 1 February 2021, the item concerning electronic filing software specified by the Office in its aforementioned notification will be replaced by the following:

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

[Updating of Annex C(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BH Bahrain

The **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(973-17) 57 48 96
	(973-17) 57 49 23
	(973-17) 57 47 69

[Updating of Annex B1(BH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MN Mongolia

The **Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, and its Internet address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	13381 Ulaanbaatar Bayanzurkh District, 3 Khoroo Enkhtaivan Avenue 30 Mongolia
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Internet:	www.ipom.gov.mn
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[Updating of Annex B1(MN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the currency prescribed by the Office for payment of the international filing fee (PCT Rule 15.2(b)), the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. In addition to **US dollars (USD)**, the Office now accepts payment of these fees in **euros (EUR)**.

The consolidated list of fees to which this change applies, together with the amount of each fee, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, is as follows:

International filing fee: ¹	USD 1,446	(1,453) ²
	or EUR 1,217	(1,233) ²
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ¹	USD 16	
	or EUR 14	
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character-coded format):	USD 217	(218) ²
	or EUR 183	(185) ²
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character-coded format):	USD 326	(328) ²
	or EUR 275	(278) ²

[Updating of Annex C(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified the International Bureau that the amount of the national filing fee, payable in **Malagasy ariary (MGA)** to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, includes the fee for granting and publication of a patent.

[Updating of the National Chapter (MG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

² The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 January 2021.

EXCUSE OF DELAY UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.2: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU UNDER PCT RULE 82^{quater}.2(a)

Under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2(a) concerning the excuse of delay in meeting certain time limits due to the unavailability of electronic means of communication at an Office or organization, the following periods of unavailability are notified:

EP European Patent Organisation

Permitted electronic means of communication at the European Patent Organisation (EPO) were unavailable during the following periods of time:

- CMS: from 26 November 2020, 08:00 a.m. to 27 November 2020, 11:00 a.m., Central European Time.
- All online services: from 26 November 2020, 11:25 p.m. to 27 November 2020, 01:15 a.m., Central European Time.

Applicants who did not meet a PCT time limit due to these particular unavailabilities may request excuse of delay in meeting that time limit under PCT Rule 82^{quater}.2, in accordance with the applicable conditions (published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 November 2020 (p.253 *et seq.*)).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GM Gambia

The **Registrar General's Department, Department of State for Justice (Gambia)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, as well as to its telephone numbers, e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Gambia)
Telephone:	(220) 422 84 50 (220) 422 86 65 (220) 314 10 05
E-mail:	info@moj.gov.gm colleyabdoulie@yahoo.com
Internet:	www.moj.gov.gm

[Updating of Annex B1(GM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable as from 1 January 2021 is ILS 554.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several fees, in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 August 2020, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): ¹	RSD 7,990	
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 1,920	for the first document up to 10 pages, plus
	RSD 480	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages, plus
	[No change]	per page in excess of 10
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	RSD 3,210	

[Updating of Annex C(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BH Bahrain

The **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Bahraini dinars (BHD)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 13 December 2018, are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee: ²	BHD	540	(270) ³
Second annual fee:	BHD	200	(100) ³
Publication fee:	BHD	320	(160) ³

For utility model:

Filing fee: ²	BHD	270	(135) ³
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, of the national filing fee payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable as from 1 January 2021, is ILS 2,030.⁴

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

³ The amount in parentheses is payable in case of filing by an individual.

⁴ A 40% reduction in the fee will be applicable for applications first filed in Israel for an individual applicant or for a corporate entity with a turnover of less than ILS 10 million in the last calendar year.

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee,⁵ in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 August 2020, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee: ⁶	RSD 7,990
Examination fee: ⁶	RSD 7,990
Annual fee for the first three years: ⁶	RSD 11,200

For a petty patent:

Filing fee: ⁶	RSD 7,990
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁵ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

⁶ This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

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CA Canada

Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Following the publication in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 November 2018 (pages 331 and 332) of the text of an Amendment to the Agreement concluded between the **Canadian Commissioner of Patents** and the International Bureau extending the appointment of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT until 31 December 2019, or until the day before the entry into force of a new Agreement on the same subject matter (in accordance with PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3) and the domestic legal and constitutional procedures of Canada), the parties have concluded a new Agreement, which entered into force on 28 December 2018.

The new Agreement is effective until 31 December 2027, and is set out at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

RECEIVING OFFICES

BH Bahrain

The **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the requirements concerning who can act as agent — since 9 November 2018, any attorney or lawyer registered to practice before the Office can act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(BH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ca.pdf.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BH Bahrain

On 12 November 2018, the **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** notified the International Bureau that a copy of the international application is no longer required by the Office.

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of a change concerning one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*.1 — the Office no longer requires applicants to furnish two copies of the translation of the international application.

The Office also notified the International Bureau of a change in the requirements concerning who can act as agent — since 9 November 2018, any attorney or lawyer registered to practice before the Office can act as such.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BH), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee², in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2019, are as follows:

For a patent:	Online	On paper
Filing fee:	COP 76,000	COP 95,000
Annual fee:		
– for the 1 st to the 4 th year, per year:	COP 266,500 (396,000) ³	COP 320,000 (475,000) ³
For a utility model:		
– Filing fee:	COP 66,500	COP 83,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable fee amount.

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of late payment within a grace period of six months from the due date.

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts, in **new Israel shekels (ILS)**, of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document, applicable since 1 January 2019 and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	ILS 557
Fee for priority document:	ILS 88

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, with effect since 1 January 2019. The requirements are now as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
Israel Israel Patent Office	The name of the depository institution, the date of the deposit and the accession number at the time of filing (must be in the description)	None	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AGREEMENT

between the Government of Canada
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Government of Canada and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, hereinafter referred to as the “Parties”,

Considering that the Patent Cooperation Treaty Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, done at Washington, on June 19, 1970, and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT);
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Canadian Commissioner of Patents;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4 **Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined**

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5 **Fees and Charges**

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6 Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7 Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8 International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on the date specified in the written notification from the Government of Canada to the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization informing that it has completed its internal procedures necessary for the entry into force of this Agreement.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The Parties shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the Parties; they shall take effect in accordance with the process set out in Article 9 of this Agreement.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Government of Canada; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect in accordance with the process set out in Article 9 of this Agreement.

(3) The Government of Canada may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and
- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

**Article 12
Termination**

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
- (i) if the Government of Canada gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Government of Canada written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other Party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both Parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the Parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this 28th day of September 2018, in two originals in the English and French languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Government of Canada by:
by:

Johanne BÉLISLE
Commissioner of Patents
Government of Canada

For the International Bureau of the
World Intellectual Property Organization
by:

Francis GURRY
Director General
World Intellectual Property Organization

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Canada, and the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Canada, and the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:

English, French.

**Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions**

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

**Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination**

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination.

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Canadian patent law.

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Canadian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,600
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,600
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	800
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	800
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2) in electronic form	
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus	10 ⁴
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes	10 ⁴
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page (paper)	1 ⁴

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, up to 25% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

⁴ With respect to Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b), in its capacity as an International Searching Authority, the Authority provides applicants with a first copy of all non-patent literature documents cited in the international search report, free of charge. A first copy of each non-patent literature document cited is made available to designated or elected Offices upon request, free of charge. In its capacity as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, the Authority makes a first copy of all additional non-patent literature documents cited in the international preliminary examination report but not cited in the international search report available to applicants and elected Offices upon request, free of charge.

**Annex E
Classification**

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

**Annex F
Languages of Correspondence**

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
English, French.

**Annex G
International-Type Search**

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ - Amendment to Annex D

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2019. The amended Annex D will read as follows:

**“Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,567
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,567
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,529
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,529
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	458
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per document	44

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with Offices, Authorities, and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 102, 109, 705*bis* and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as well as new Section 406*bis*, were promulgated with effect from 1 January 2019.

The main purpose of these modifications is to:

- (i) facilitate electronic processing of international applications and other related documents (Section 102);
- (ii) extend the permitted length of file references (Section 109);
- (iii) provide a specific basis for an applicant to voluntarily submit a suggested English translation of the title of the invention to the International Bureau, where the application is not filed in English and no translation of the application into English is required by the receiving Office (Section 406*bis*); and
- (iv) shorten the retention time for paper originals by Offices (Sections 705*bis* and 713).

The full text of the Administrative Instructions as in force since 1 January 2019 (PCT/AI/19) is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai.pdf.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS *(as in force from 1 January 2019)*

Section 102 **Use of the Forms**

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) to (k) and Section 103, the International Authorities shall use, or require the use of, the mandatory Forms specified below:

[List of forms omitted]

(b) Slight variations in layout necessary in view of the printing of the Forms referred to in paragraph (a) in various languages are permitted.

(c) Slight variations in layout in the Forms referred to in paragraph (a)(ii) to (v) are permitted to the extent necessary to meet the particular office requirements of the International Authorities, in particular in view of the production of the Forms by computer or of the use of window envelopes.

(d) Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority and/or the International Preliminary Examining Authority are each part of the same Office, the obligation to use the Forms referred to in paragraph (a) does not extend to communications within that same Office.

(e) The annexes to Forms PCT/RO/106, PCT/RO/118, PCT/ISA/201, PCT/ISA/205, PCT/ISA/206, PCT/ISA/210, PCT/ISA/219, PCT/IB/313, PCT/IB/336, PCT/IPEA/404, PCT/IPEA/405 and PCT/IPEA/415 may be omitted in cases where they are not used.

(f) The notes attached to Forms PCT/RO/101 (request Form), PCT/IB/375 (supplementary search request Form) and PCT/IPEA/401 (demand Form) shall be distributed by the International Authorities concerned together with the printed versions of those Forms. The notes attached to Form PCT/ISA/220 shall accompany the Form when sent to the applicant.

(g) The use of Forms other than those referred to in paragraph (a) is optional.

(h) Where the request or the demand is presented as a computer print-out, such print-out shall be prepared as follows:

(i) the layout and contents of the request and the demand when presented as computer print-outs shall correspond to the format of Forms PCT/RO/101 (request Form) and PCT/IPEA/401 (demand Form) (“the printed Forms”), with the same information being presented on the corresponding pages;

(ii) all boxes shall be drawn by solid lines; double lines may be presented as single lines;

(iii) the box numbers and box titles shall be included even where no information is supplied therein;

(iv) the boxes for use by the International Authorities shall be at least as large as those on the printed Forms;

(v) all other boxes shall be within one cm in size of those on the printed Forms;

(vi) all text shall be 9 points or larger in size;

(vii) titles and other information shall be clearly distinguished;

(viii) explanatory notes presented in italics on the printed Forms may be omitted.

(i) Other formats permitted for the presentation of the request and the demand as computer print-outs may be determined by the Director General. Any such format shall be published in the Gazette.

(j) The page-based layout of a Form generated from a character-coded format shall be permitted if it is generated using a stylesheet provided by the International Bureau.²

(k) A Form may be transmitted by one Office, International Authority or the International Bureau to another in character-coded format only, without its page-based layout, if the recipient Office, Authority or Bureau has agreed to receive the information in such format and has agreed to generate any page-based layout which may be required for the recipient Office's file records.

Section 109 File Reference

(a) Where any document submitted by the applicant contains an indication of a file reference, that reference shall not exceed 25 characters in length and may be composed of either letters of the Latin alphabet, or Arabic numerals, or both. The hyphen character ("-") may also be used as a separator between alphanumeric characters.

(b) Correspondence from International Authorities intended for the applicant shall indicate any such file reference.

Section 406bis Suggested English Translation of the Title of the Invention

(a) Where the international application is to be published in a language other than English and a translation of the application into English is not required under Rule 12.3(a), the applicant may furnish a suggested translation of the title of the invention into English to the International Bureau before the expiration of 14 months from the priority date.

(b) The International Bureau shall, to the extent possible, take the suggested translation into account in the preparation of the translation referred to in Rule 48.3(c) if it is received within the time limit specified in paragraph (a).

Section 705bis Processing in Electronic Form of International Applications Filed on Paper; Home Copy, Record Copy and Search Copy

(a) Where an international application is filed on paper, it may, subject to this Part, be processed and kept as a complete and accurate copy in electronic form prepared by the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau.³

² *Editor's Note:* Available from the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/epct/resources.

³ *Editor's Note:* Notifications under Section 705bis(a) should contain information as to the types of electronic document formats and electronic packages that are used by the Office as well as to the means of transmission and any other appropriate information aiming at facilitating the exchange of documents.

(b) Pursuant to paragraph (a) and for the purposes of Article 12, where an international application is filed on paper:

(i) the receiving Office may keep a copy in electronic form referred to in that paragraph as the home copy;

(ii) the International Bureau may keep a copy in electronic form referred to in that paragraph as the record copy;

(iii) the International Searching Authority may keep a copy in electronic form referred to in that paragraph as the search copy.

(c) Where a copy in electronic form is kept as the record copy under paragraph (b)(ii), the original of the international application as filed on paper shall be kept, for a period of at least 5 years from the international filing date, by the International Bureau or, where so agreed by the receiving Office and the International Bureau, by the receiving Office on behalf of the International Bureau. The original shall be marked with the words “INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION – ORIGINAL AS FILED ON PAPER (SECTION 705*bis*)” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application on the bottom of the first page of the request and of the first page of the description.⁴

(d) Where, before the expiration of the period referred to in paragraph (c), the International Bureau finds, upon request for correction made by the applicant or otherwise, that a copy in electronic form kept as the record copy under paragraph (b)(ii) is not in fact a complete and accurate copy of the original kept under paragraph (c), it shall correct the record copy so as to bring it into conformity with the original. If the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or a designated or elected Office considers that the International Bureau should make a finding under the first sentence of this paragraph, it shall call the relevant facts to the attention of the International Bureau.

(e) Where the International Bureau has corrected the record copy in accordance with paragraph (d), it shall promptly notify the applicant, publish the corrected international application together with a revised front page, and publish a notice of this fact in the Gazette. Section 422(a)(i) to (v) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* with regard to the notification of the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority and the designated and elected Offices.

⁴ *Editor’s Note:* In principle, receiving Offices should mark the original at the time of its receipt but they could also mark the original when it is relied upon for the purposes of the correction of the record copy under Section 705*bis*(d).

Section 713
Application of Provisions to International Authorities and the International Bureau, and to Notifications, Communications, Correspondence and Other Documents⁵

(a) The provisions of this Part, other than Sections 703(c), 704(c) to (g), 707, 708(b)(iii) to (v), 710(a)(iv) and 714(b), shall, if they are capable of applying but do not expressly apply to the International Searching Authorities, the International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau, apply *mutatis mutandis* to those Authorities and that Bureau.⁶

(b) The provisions of this Part, other than Sections 703(c), 704(c) to (f), 705, 705bis(b) to (e), 707, 708(b)(iii) to (v) and 710(a)(iv), shall, if they are capable of applying but do not expressly apply to notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications that are filed, processed or communicated in electronic form, apply *mutatis mutandis* to such notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2019, are CHF 427 when filing online, and CHF 640 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the filing fee component of the national fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office since 1 January 2019. This amount, payable in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, is ILS 2,038.

[Updating of National Chapter, Summary (IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁵ *Editor's Note:* Provisions of Part 7 and Annex F relating to the form or contents of the international application would automatically, by virtue of Article 27(1), be applicable to designated Offices. Communications between applicants and designated Offices would not, however, be governed in general by Annex F.

⁶ *Editor's Note:* In relation to Sections 703(a) and 710, an Office acting in more than one capacity (receiving Office, International Searching Authority and/or International Preliminary Examining Authority) would give separate notices to the International Bureau, in each capacity, as to its readiness to receive and process international applications in electronic form.

The Office also notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2019, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,567
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,567
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c)):	ILS	458
Fee for copies of documents (PCT Rules 44.3(b) and 94.1 <i>ter</i>)	ILS	44

Furthermore, in accordance with PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2019, are CHF 948, EUR 842 and USD 963, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 March 2019, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	ILS	1,529
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	ILS	1,529
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .2):	ILS	458
Fee for copies of documents (PCT Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2)	ILS	44

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

Due to the official closing of Federal Government offices in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on the following days:

- Wednesday, 5 December 2018; and
- Monday, 14 January 2019.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on Thursday, 6 December 2018 and Tuesday, 15 January 2019, respectively.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closures, see PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SE Sweden

On 28 January 2019, the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** notified the International Bureau of a change in its telephone number, which is now as follows:

Telephone: (46-8) 782 28 00

[Updating of Annex B1(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts, in **new lei (RON)**, of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document, applicable since 1 January 2019, and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): RON 466

Fee for priority document: RON 93 plus copying costs

[Updating of Annex C(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2019, is EUR 75.

[Updating of Annex C(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2019, are EUR 560 for searches carried out in Japanese and EUR 1,249 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

On 4 January 2019, the **European Patent Office (EPO)** notified the International Bureau of a clarification concerning the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase. Specifically, if the translation of the claims amended under PCT Article 19(1) is not furnished in due time, only those claims will be disregarded (PCT Rule 49.5(c-bis)) and the international application will not be considered withdrawn.

The Office also clarified that the designation, extension and validation fees are payable within 31 months from the priority date, or six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

In addition, the Office clarified the conditions of the examination-fee component of its national fee—a request for examination must be made, and the examination fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) and EPC Rule 159(1), or within six months after the date of publication of the international search report, whichever expires later.

Furthermore, the Office clarified one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*—applicants must furnish any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form, if it is not otherwise available to the EPO.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** has notified the International Bureau of the deletion of one of its telephone numbers. Its telephone numbers are now as follows:

Telephone: (27-12) 394 50 01
(27-12) 394 50 84

[Updating of Annex B1(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2019, is JPY 221,700.

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

KE Kenya

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, which contain, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 28 November 2018, the **Kenya Industrial Property Institute**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 April 2019, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (254-2) 600 22 10, 600 22 11
- by e-mail at: info@kipi.go.ke, pct@kipi.go.ke

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.kipi.go.ke).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT”

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FIFTIETH (29TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its fiftieth (29th extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 24 September to 2 October 2018 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved the following changes:

- amendments to the PCT Regulations;
- introduction of an application form for appointment of an Office or intergovernmental organization as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT; and
- amendments to the agreement concerning the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

Documents prepared for the Assembly, which give detailed background information relating to the decisions taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=47815

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

Amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the PCT Assembly. The said amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2019:

- Amendments to PCT Rule 69 are intended to increase the time available for dialogue between the applicant and the examiner during international preliminary examination. The amendments allow the International Preliminary Examining Authority to begin the international preliminary examination as soon as it is in possession of all required documents and fees, without needing to wait until the time limit for filing a demand for international preliminary examination has expired.
- The amendments shall apply to any international application in respect of which a demand for international preliminary examination is made on or after 1 July 2019.

Introduction of an Application Form for Appointment as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT

The PCT Assembly adopted the proposed decision relating to the introduction of an application form for appointing an Office or intergovernmental organization as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT.

Amendments to the agreement concerning the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

The PCT Assembly approved the following proposed amendments to the aforementioned agreement:

- the party to the agreement with the International Bureau has been changed from the Canadian Commissioner of Patents to the Government of Canada;
- the Preamble explicitly defines “the Parties”, and includes the date of signature of the PCT; and
- amendments were approved to Article 9 and Articles 11(1) and (2) relating to the process for entry into force of the agreement and subsequent amendments to the agreement other than those listed in Article 11(3).

These amendments entered into force on 28 December 2018. The full text of the new agreement was published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 10 January 2019, pages 5 to 13.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2019)

Rule 69
Start of and Time Limit for
International Preliminary Examination

69.1 *Start of International Preliminary Examination*

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) to (e), the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall start the international preliminary examination when it is in possession of all of the following:

- (i) the demand;
- (ii) the amount due (in full) for the handling fee and the preliminary examination fee, including, where applicable, the late payment fee under Rule 58*bis*.2; and
- (iii) either the international search report or the declaration by the International Searching Authority under Article 17(2)(a) that no international search report will be established, and the written opinion established under Rule 43*bis*.1;

unless the applicant expressly requests to postpone the start of the international preliminary examination until the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54*bis*.1(a).

(b) to (e) [*No change*]

69.2 [*No change*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

Due to weather conditions in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Wednesday, 20 February 2019.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period was extended so as to expire on Thursday, 21 February 2019.

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BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2019, are CHF 452 when filing online, and CHF 677 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Engjateigi 3 IS-105, Reykjavik Iceland
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[Updating of Annex B1(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, is able to participate in DAS, either as an office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access for Priority Documents or Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT are published by the International Bureau at: www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html.

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Office of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office and an accessing Office, with effect from 1 April 2019.

[Updating of Annex B1(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as a depositing Office and an accessing Office, with effect from 1 May 2019.

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CN China

The **National Intellectual Property Administration, PRC (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the English name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Name of Office: China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)

[Updating of Annex B1(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location, mailing address, and telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Korgalzhin Highway, Building 3 B
Astana, 010000
Kazakhstan

Telephone: (7-7172) 62 15 15
(7-7172) 62 15 16

The Office also notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – since November 2016, the Office has ceased to accept the filing of documents by facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2019, are COP 400,000 when filing electronically and COP 480,000 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex C(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Part II of Annex D thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 April 2019, consists of a change in the reference contained in the footnote of Part II of Annex D, paragraph 3, as follows: OJ EPO 2019, A5.

The effect of this amendment is to change the conditions relating to the refund of the search fee, where the EPO (acting as International Searching Authority) benefits from the results of an earlier search prepared by it on an application the priority of which is claimed in the international application. In particular, a full or partial refund of the international search fee paid for a pending international application is now applicable where the international search report is based on an earlier search made on behalf of the United Kingdom on a national application filed as of 1 July 2018.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT:
MODIFICATIONS TO APPENDIX I OF ANNEX F (STANDARD FOR THE
ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS)**

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities, pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b) and in accordance with the procedures set out in section 2.5 of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, modifications to section 3.6 of Appendix I of Annex F are promulgated with effect from 1 April 2019.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

These modifications involve changes to the Document Type Definitions (DTDs) for the PCT fee calculation sheet, the PCT fee calculation sheet (Chapter II), and the PCT Demand. The purpose of these modifications is:

- to enable automated reimbursement procedures at a Receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority using reimbursement information provided at the time of filing an international application;
- to allow an applicant/agent the option to indicate a (different) deposit account for reimbursements, independent from the payment method indicated; and
- to indicate the expiry of the postponement of the start of the international preliminary examination.

Due to its highly technical content, the consolidated, revised text of Appendix I to Annex F of the Administrative Instructions is not reproduced here, but has been published as document PCT/AI/DTD/13 on the WIPO website at:

https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_dtd_13.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its telephone numbers and email addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(7-499) 240 60 15 (general) (7-299) 240 58 88 , (7-499) 240 25 91 (application processing)
E-mail:	rospatent@rupto.ru (general) ro-ru@rupto.ru (RO) pct-peo@rupto.ru (ISA, SISA, IPEA)

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 April 2019, it will no longer send notifications by e-mail in respect of international applications.

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the conditions for refund of the search fee, where the international search report drawn up by the Office is based on an earlier search report prepared by the Office on an application the priority of which is claimed in the international application (see OJ EPO 2019, A5 for details). With effect from 1 April 2019, earlier searches give rise to a refund as follows:

- for a European search (EPC Article 92), an international search (PCT Article 15(1)), a supplementary international search (PCT Rule 45*bis*) or a search made on behalf of a national Office on a national application (BE,² CY, FR, GB,³ GR, IT, LT, LU, LV, MC, MT, NL,² SM, TR):
 - full benefit: refund of 100%
 - partial benefit: refund of 25%
- for an international-type search (PCT Article 15(5)):
 - full benefit: refund of 70%
 - partial benefit: refund of 17.5%

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, applicable from 1 April 2019 and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	ZAR	525
Fee for priority document:	ZAR	210

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² Includes international-type searches covered by an agreement between the Authority and that Office.

³ Applies to search requests in respect of national applications filed as of 1 July 2018 for the United Kingdom.

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the national fee, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2019, are ZAR 590 in the case of filing by an individual or SMME, and ZAR 1,100 in the case of filing by a corporation.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 January 2019, the Office accepts Greek (in addition to English, French and German) as a language in which international applications may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(a)).

[Updating of Annex C(GR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of national fees. Since 6 October 2017, the examination fee is reduced by 10% where the international search report has been established by any International Searching Authority other than Rospatent.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (82-42) 481 87 70 (RO)
(82-42) 481 57 41 (ISA, IPEA)

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its email address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: epct@impi.gob.mx

[Updating of Annex B1(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: <https://www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/international-protection/patent-cooperation-treaty>

[Updating of Annex B1(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EC Ecuador

On 27 March 2019, the **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property** notified the International Bureau of an amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **US dollars (USD)**. This amount, payable to the Office as receiving Office, is USD 300.

[Updating of Annex C(EC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2019, are CHF 144 and EUR 129, or CHF 36 and EUR 32 in the case of filing by an individual.

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2019, is NZD 2,921.

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AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its telephone numbers, as well as a new email address and a website for online services, as follows:

Telephone: (263-242) 79 40 54, 79 40 65, 79 40 68

E-mail: mail@aripo.org
registry@aripo.org
(for filing of documents only)

Online service: <http://eservice.aripo.org>

[Updating of Annex B2(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the provisions of the law of Kazakhstan concerning the international-type search. For further details, see Article 22(7) of the Patent Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan.

[Updating of Annex B1(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

- Since 1 January 2016, the filing fee, fee for request for examination, annual fees from the first to the third year and fee for request for scope confirmation trial are reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and is also the inventor. However, if the number of applications per year by the applicant exceeds 20, the application fee will be reduced by only 30%;
- Since 1 October 2018, the fee for request for examination is reduced by 30% where the international search report or international preliminary examination report has been established by the Korean Intellectual Property Office; or by 70% where both the international search report and international preliminary examination report have been established by the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2019, is EUR 204.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PH Philippines

At its forty-ninth (21st ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 2 to 11 October 2017, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) appointed the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOP HL)** as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT.

On 10 April 2019, the Office notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect from 20 May 2019.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address, and its telephone numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Korgalzhyn Highway, Building 3 B Nur-Sultan, 010000 Kazakhstan
Telephone:	(7-7172) 62 15 15 (7-7172) 62 15 16 (7-7172) 62 15 91

[Updating of Annex B1(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) is payable in **Cuban convertible pesos (CUC)** or the equivalent in **Cuban pesos (CUP)**.

[Updating of Annex C(CU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **US dollars (USD)** and **Dominican pesos (DOP)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 2 May 2019, as follows:

Transmittal fee: (PCT Rule 14)	USD	316	
Fee for priority document: (PCT Rule 17.1(b))	DOP	1,725	for the first 10 pages plus
	DOP	12	for each additional page
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority: (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d))	DOP	17,250	

[Updating of Annex C(DO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office notified new amounts of the national filing fees, in **Dominican pesos (DOP)**. These amounts, also applicable since 2 May 2019, are DOP 11,500 for a patent and DOP 8,050 for a utility model.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines (IPOP HL)** has specified itself, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with IPOP HL by nationals and residents of the Philippines, with effect from 20 May 2019.

[Updating of Annex C(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 July 2019, consists of the addition of Brunei Darussalam to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

So far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

PH Philippines

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization²

Following the notification by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) on 20 May 2019 (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 May 2019, page 61), the Agreement between the Office and the International Bureau concerning these functions will enter into force on 20 May 2019.

This Agreement, in addition to information on the requirements of the Office as ISA and IPEA published in Annexes D(PH) and E(PH), is set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2019, is CHF 238.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2019, is CHF 1,007.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JO Jordan

The **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)** has notified the International Bureau that the transmittal fee payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office, in **Jordanian dinars (JOD)** only, is JOD 100.

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ph.pdf.

The Office has also notified the International Bureau of changes in the fees for requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)) payable to it as receiving Office in **Jordanian dinars (JOD)**. These amounts, applicable since 17 February 2019, are JOD 25 in the case of filing by an individual or JOD 50 in the case of filing by a company or organization.

[Updating of Annex C(JO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines**. These amounts, applicable from 20 May 2019, are CHF 1,004 and EUR 884, or CHF 402 and EUR 354 where the applicant is a small entity.³

[Updating of Annex D(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AG Antigua and Barbuda **IB International Bureau**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 2 May 2019, it has ceased acting as a receiving Office and has delegated these functions to the International Bureau.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ A small entity refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than One Hundred Million Pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Intellectual Property Office of Brunei Darussalam (BruIPO)** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office, and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as competent International Searching (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed with BruIPO by nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam, with effect from 1 July 2019.

[Updating of Annex C(BN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO EARLIER SEARCH OR CLASSIFICATION: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS

CH Switzerland

Further to its notification, under PCT Rule 23*bis*.2(e), of the incompatibility of the national law of Switzerland with PCT Rule 23*bis*.2(a) (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 October 2016, page 210) the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 January 2019, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as receiving Office under the PCT is now compatible with PCT Rule 23*bis*.2(a).

AGREEMENT

between the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Intellectual Property Office
of the Philippines
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8 International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and
- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:

- (i) if the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]* this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Intellectual Property Office of the
Philippines by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

any Contracting State;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

any Contracting State.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) the following language[s] which it will accept:
English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of national patent law of the Philippines.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (USD)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,000 (400) ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,000 (400) ¹
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	500 (200) ¹
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	500 (200) ¹
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	500 (200) ¹
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	250 (100) ¹
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2)	20 (8) ¹

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded on request of the applicant, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

¹ The fee is reduced by 60% where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than One Hundred Million Pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification system(s) in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language(s):
English.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

D International Searching Authorities D
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Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ²	US dollar (USD) 1,000 (400) ³ Euro (EUR) 884 (354) ³ Swiss franc (CHF) 1,004 (402) ³
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ⁴	USD 1,000 (400) ³
Copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	The Authority provides applicants with a copy of cited documents in electronic form, free of charge, when transmitting the international search report by e-mail. No copies are provided when the international search report is sent by mail.
How to obtain copies:	Copies are available upon request by e-mail at pct@ipophil.gov.ph, free of charge, for designated (elected) Offices. Applicants will be charged the fee mentioned below.
Fee(s):	USD 20 (8) ³ per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1ter):	USD 20 (8) ³ per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority: refund of 50%, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	USD 500 (200) ³
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.1c)):	USD 250 (100) ³
Language accepted for international search:	English
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13ter.1)?	Yes
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-R, DVD-R
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of any subject matter searched under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of national patent law of the Philippines

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¹ The Office will start operating as an International Searching Authority with effect from 20 May 2019.

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

³ The amount in parentheses applies where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

D **International Searching Authorities** **D**
PH **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **PH**
OF THE PHILIPPINES⁵

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Yes⁶

Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent; or from a new agent appointed by the common representative; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Yes⁶

Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent; or from a new agent appointed by the common representative; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.

⁵ See footnote 1.

⁶ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

E **E**
International Preliminary
Examining Authorities
PH **PH**
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
OF THE PHILIPPINES¹

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	US dollar (USD) 500 (200) ³
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ⁴	USD 500 (200) ³
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁵	USD 203
Copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	The Authority provides applicants with a copy of cited documents in electronic form, free of charge, when transmitting the international preliminary examination report by e-mail. No copies are provided when the international preliminary examination report is sent by mail.
How to obtain copies:	Copies are available upon request by e-mail at pct@ipophil.gov.ph, free of charge, for elected Offices. Applicants will be charged the fee mentioned below.
Fee(s):	USD 20 (8) ³ per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	USD 20 (8) ³ per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)): ⁴	USD 500 (200) ³
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	USD 250 (100) ³
Language accepted for international preliminary examination:	English
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1, with the exception of any subject matter examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of national patent law of the Philippines

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¹ The Office will start operating as an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 20 May 2019.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ The amount in parentheses applies where the applicant is a small entity which refers to any natural or juridical person whose assets are worth not more than one hundred million pesos (P100M); or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government including government-owned or controlled corporations, state universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)).

E **International Preliminary** **E**
Examining Authorities
PH **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **PH**
OF THE PHILIPPINES⁶

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁷

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent; or from a new agent appointed by the common representative; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁷

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent; or from a new agent appointed by the common representative; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.

⁶ See footnote 1.

⁷ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its telephone numbers, with effect from 1 June 2019, as follows:

Telephone: (972-73) 3927 313
(972-73) 3927 320

The Office also notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – as from 1 June 2019, the Office will no longer accept the filing of documents by facsimile machine. In addition, from this date, all documents, except the international application, may be transmitted to the Office by e-mail. The original of the document must be furnished only upon invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **Belarusian rubles (BYN)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 January 2019, as follows:

Transmittal fee: (PCT Rule 14)	BYN	89.25
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority: (PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d))	BYN	76.50

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee,^{1,2} in **Belarusian rubles (BYN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2019, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee: ³	BYN	127.50
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	BYN	51
Examination fee:	BYN	612
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	BYN	357
Claim examination fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	BYN	51
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	127.50

For utility model:

Filing fee ³ :	BYN	255
Claim fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	BYN	51

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian rubles. Fees are reduced by 75% for filings by natural persons, and waived in respect of certain other persons (please refer to the Office for details).

² For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollars, euros, Swiss francs or Russian rubles in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus (see <https://www.nbrb.by/statistics/rates/ratesDaily.asp>) and applicable on the date of payment.

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of entry into the national phase.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

The **Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location and Mailing Address:	Nahaidyo Road Chanthaboury District P.O. Box 2279 Vientiane Lao People's Democratic Republic
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[Updating of Annex B1(LA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the provisions of the law of Slovakia concerning the international-type search (PCT Article 15(5)), applicable since 1 January 2018. For more information, see Article 41(a) of Patent Law No. 435/2001 Coll. and Article 23 of Decree No. 223/2002 Coll.; Article 38(a) of Utility Model Law No. 517/2007 Coll.; and Article 20(b) of Decree No. 1/2008 Coll.

In addition, the Office further specified its requirements concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

- Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: Under Articles 13(2), 15(1) and 15(2) of the Patent Law, the applicant is entitled to appropriate remuneration starting from the day of publication of the application in the *Official Gazette of the Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic*, provided that a patent has been granted for an invention which is the subject of the application. However, claiming of these rights vis-à-vis third parties shall be possible only as from the date of effect of the patent.
- Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent: The provisional protection shall be effective in Slovakia as from the day on which: (1) the international application has been published in one of the EPO official languages; and (2) the translation of the claims into the Slovak language has been made available to the public.

[Updating of Annex B1(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2019, are USD 423 when filing online, and USD 634 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts of fees in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established under PCT Rule 15.2(d) for the **Japan Patent Office** in its capacity as receiving Office, as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2019, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 145,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,600
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	JPY 32,700

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 August 2019, are CHF 642¹ and KRW 759,000,¹ respectively, for an application in Japanese, and CHF 1,431 for an application in English.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 August 2019, is JPY 21,800.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by a small-sized sole proprietorship, a sole proprietorship that has commenced business less than ten years ago, a small-sized enterprise, or a small or medium-sized enterprise that has been established less than ten years.

KE Kenya

The **Kenya Industrial Property Institute** has notified new amounts and currencies of several fees, payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office. The consolidated list of these fees is now as follows:

Transmittal fee ² (PCT Rule 14):	KES 5,000 or USD 250 plus cost of mailing
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Fee for priority document ² (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	KES 2,000 or USD 100
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[Updating of Annex C(KE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2019, are NZD 577 for searches carried out in Korean and NZD 1,667 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of the Slovak Republic** has clarified its requirements concerning the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Slovakia is designated (or elected).

The name and address of the inventor may be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² This fee is payable in USD if the person paying the fee or on whose behalf the fee is being paid does not reside in Kenya and does not have a principal place of business in Kenya.

**RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26BIS.3
AND 49TER.2**

KE Kenya

In accordance with PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Kenya Industrial Property Institute** has notified the International Bureau that it applies the “unintentional” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3 and 49*ter*.2, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The amount of each of these fees, payable in **Kenyan shillings (KES)** or **US dollars (USD)**,³ is KES 1,000 or USD 50.

[Updating of Annex C(KE) and of the National Chapter, Summary (KE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ This fee is payable in USD if the person paying the fee or on whose behalf the fee is being paid does not reside in Kenya and does not have a principal place of business in Kenya.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its mailing address, which is now as follows:

Mailing address: 3-4-3 Kasumigaseki
Chiyoda-ku
Tokyo, 100-8915
Japan

[Updating of Annex B1(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KE Kenya

The **Kenya Industrial Property Institute** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts and currencies of several components of the national fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:

National fee¹:

For patent:

- National processing fee: KES 3,000 or USD 150
- Annual fee for the second year:² KES 2,000 or USD 300

For utility model:

- National processing fee: KES 1,000 or USD 50

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This fee is payable in USD if the person paying the fee or on whose behalf the fee is being paid does not reside in Kenya and does not have a principal place of business in Kenya.

² Late payment of annual fees is permitted in certain circumstances subject to the payment of a surcharge.

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2019, are SGD 520 for searches carried out in Korean and SGD 1,510 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with Offices, Authorities, and certain non-governmental organizations representing users of the PCT system pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Section 507 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT have been promulgated with effect from 1 July 2019.

The main purpose of these modifications is to:

- (i) provide for the introduction of document category “D” in line with WIPO Standard ST.14; and
- (ii) provide further guidance on the manner of indicating document categories in the international search report.

The full text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 July 2019 (PCT/AI/20) is available on the WIPO website at:
https://www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_20.pdf.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS *(as in force from 1 July 2019)*

Section 507 **Manner of Indicating Certain Special Categories** **of Documents Cited in the International Search Report**

(a) Where any document cited in the international search report refers to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition, or other means referred to in Rule 33.1(b), the separate indication required by that Rule shall consist of the letter “O” placed next to the citation of the document. Category “O” shall be accompanied by one of the categories “X”, “Y” or “A”.

(b) Where any document cited in the international search report is a published application or patent as defined in Rule 33.1(c), the special mention required by that Rule shall consist of the letter “E” placed next to the citation of the document.

(c) Where any document cited in the international search report is not considered to be of particular relevance requiring the use of categories “X” and/or “Y” as provided in Section 505 but defines the general state of the art, it shall be indicated by the letter “A” placed next to the citation of the document.

(d) Where any document cited in the international search report is a document whose publication date occurred earlier than the international filing date of the international application, but later than the priority date claimed in that application, it shall be indicated by the letter “P” next to the citation of the document. Category “P” shall be accompanied by one of the categories “X”, “Y” or “A”.

(e) Where any document cited in the international search report is a document whose publication date occurred after the filing date or the priority date of the international application and is not in conflict with the said application, but is cited for the principle or theory underlying the invention, which may be useful for a better understanding of the invention, or is cited to show that the reasoning or the facts underlying the invention are incorrect, it shall be indicated by the letter “T” next to the citation of the document.

(e-bis) Where any document cited in the international search report is a document cited by the applicant in the international application, it shall be indicated by the letter “D” next to the citation of the document. Category “D” shall be accompanied by one of the categories indicating the relevance of the cited document.

(f) Where in the international search report any document is cited for reasons other than those referred to in paragraphs (a) to (e-bis), for example:

- a document which may throw doubt on a priority claim,
- a document cited to establish the publication date of another citation,

such document shall be indicated by the letter “L” next to the citation of the document and the reason for citing the document shall be given.

(g) Where a document is a member of a patent family, it shall, whenever feasible, be mentioned in the international search report in addition to the one cited belonging as well to this family and should be preceded by the sign ampersand (&). Members of a patent family may also be mentioned on a separate sheet, provided that the family to which they belong shall be clearly identified and that any text matter on that sheet, if not in the English language, shall also be furnished to the International Bureau in English translation.

(h) A document whose contents have not been verified by the search examiner but are believed to be substantially identical with those of another document which the search examiner has inspected, may be cited in the international search report in the manner indicated for patent family members in the first sentence of paragraph (g).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: dirnuecreaciones@sic.gov.co
(general enquiries)

ePCT@sic.gov.co
(enquiries concerning ePCT)

Furthermore, the Office notified a change concerning its requirements as to evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1) – in addition to DHL and DEPRISA, it now also accepts such evidence where the 4-72 delivery service is used.

[Updating of Annex B1(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its location and mailing address, as from 29 July 2019, as follows:

Location and mailing address: 1 Paya Lebar Link #11-03
PLQ 1, Paya Lebar Quarter
Singapore 408533

[Updating of Annex B1(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Due to the relocation, the Office will not be open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on the following days:

- Friday, 26 July 2019;
- Monday, 29 July 2019; and
- Tuesday, 30 July 2019.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application is required to reach the Office falls on the aforementioned days, that period is extended so as to expire on Wednesday, 31 July 2019.

As regards the delay or loss in the mail of documents or letters addressed to the Office, or other possible reasons for delay in meeting time limits, due to the above closures, see PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*, respectively.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center on Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for the priority document in **Belarusian rubles (BYN)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document: (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):		BYN	36.50	per each copy of priority document up to 35 pages
	plus	BYN	18.50	per each additional copy of priority document provided that the copies are prepared simultaneously
	plus	BYN	0.60	per each page in excess of 35

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2019, are USD 381 for searches carried out in Korean and USD 1,101 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 August 2019, consists of the addition of **Saint Kitts and Nevis** to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

So far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Jordan, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America, and

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Jordan, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago.

Where a receiving Office specifies the Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and the Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 18 December 2017, the national legislation of Belarus restricts the filing of international applications with the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO by natural or legal persons having a residence or principal place of business in Belarus.

The national legislation indicates that: “Natural persons with the permanent domicile (residence) in the territory of the Republic of Belarus and legal persons of the Republic of Belarus have the right to patent inventions, utility models, and industrial designs in foreign countries.

Before filing of the application in foreign countries, the applicant is obliged to file such application in the Republic of Belarus and inform the patent authority about the intention to patent the invention, utility model, industrial design in foreign countries.”²

[Updating of Annex B1(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified the International Bureau that the restrictions imposed by the national legislation of Kazakhstan concerning the filing of international applications with the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) and the International Bureau of WIPO no longer apply.

The national legislation, as amended on 20 June 2018, now indicates: “International registration of industrial property objects is carried out by filing an application with the expert authority” and “the rules for consideration of applications shall be approved by the authorized body in accordance with the international treaties ratified by the Republic of Kazakhstan.”³

[Updating of Annex B1(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² Law No. 160-Z of the Republic of Belarus of 16 December 2002 “On Patents for Inventions, Utility Models and Industrial Designs”, Article 32.

³ Patent Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan No. 427-I of 16 July 1999, (as amended by Law No. 161-VI of the Republic of Kazakhstan of 20 June 2018 “On introducing amendments and additions to some legislative acts of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the improvement of legislation in the field of intellectual property”), Article 37.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the components of the national fee,⁴ in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office since 1 June 2019. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,940
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 780
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee
Reduced examination fee for international applications:	RSD 7,940
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 11,130

For a petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,940
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

KN Saint Kitts and Nevis

The **Intellectual Property Office of St. Kitts and Nevis** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) for international applications filed with the Intellectual Property Office of Saint Kitts and Nevis (in its capacity as receiving Office) by nationals and residents of Saint Kitts and Nevis, with effect from 1 August 2019.

⁴ The fees are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY: NOTIFICATIONS BY OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS

NO Norway

Further to its notifications⁵ (under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(j) and 49*ter*.2(h)) of the incompatibility of the national law of Norway with PCT Rules 26*bis*.3 and 49*ter*.2, respectively (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006 of 1 June 2006, pages 15988 and 15990), the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 July 2019, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as receiving Office and designated Office under the PCT is now compatible with PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(a) to (i) and 49*ter*.2(a) to (g), respectively.

Furthermore, in accordance with PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the Office also notified the International Bureau that it applies the “unintentional” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

In addition, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d) and a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d), in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The amount of each of the fees is NOK 3,000.

[Updating of Annex C(NO) and the National Chapter, Summary (NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EFFECT OF RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS

NO Norway

Further to its notification⁵ (under PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(g)) of the incompatibility of the national law of Norway with PCT Rule 49*ter*.1 (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006 of 1 June 2006, page 15990), the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 July 2019, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT is now compatible with PCT Rule 49*ter*.1(a) to (d).

⁵ The current list of PCT reservations, declarations, notifications and incompatibilities is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

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EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2019, is USD 239.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AT Austria

Under Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Austrian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 February 2014, pages 26 *et. seq.* In particular, from 1 August 2019, the Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software (under Section 710(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

[Updating of Annex C(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EC Ecuador

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 August 2019, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (593-2) 394 00 00
- by e-mail at: sguarderas@senadi.gob.ec

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.derechosintelectuales.gob.ec).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.”

[Updating of Annex C(EC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IE Ireland

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Patents Office (Ireland)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 9 September 2019, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (353-56) 772 01 11
- by fax at: (353-56) 772 01 00
- by e-mail at: epct@patentsoffice.ie

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<https://www.patentsoffice.ie>).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.”

[Updating of Annex C(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 September 2019, consist of a change regarding the cost of copies in the English version of the Agreement, as well as changes to the footnotes concerning the conditions for reduction or refund of the search and preliminary examination fees. These changes will appear in the amended Annex D as follows:

**“Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Japanese yen)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	[No change] ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in Japanese)	[No change] ²
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per request	[No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

² This fee is reduced for (i) applications filed in Japanese or (ii) applications to which translations into Japanese have been furnished, for the purposes of International Search under Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as applicants who are small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises, and academic institutions. For further details on the eligibility, see https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/patent/pct/tesuryo/pct_keigen_shinsei.html.

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(2) The amount of either 28,000 Japanese yen (for an application in Japanese)³ or 62,000 Japanese yen (for an application in English) shall be refunded upon request by the applicant where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

(i) and (ii) [No change]"

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AG Antigua and Barbuda

General information on **Antigua and Barbuda** as a Contracting State is provided in Annex B1(AG), which is published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes, with effect since 1 July 2019, in the name of the Office as well as in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Icelandic Intellectual Property Office (ISIPO)
(in Icelandic)	Hugverkastofan
E-mail:	isipo@isipo.is
(in Icelandic)	hugverk@hugverk.is
Internet:	www.isipo.is
(in Icelandic)	www.hugverk.is

[Updating of Annex B1(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ The amount of any refund of search fees will be reduced where the fee reductions stated in footnote 1 [Editor's Note: footnote 2 of this document] are applicable.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the conditions for reduction of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) payable to the Office as International Searching Authority – as from 1 September 2019, this fee will be reduced for (i) applications filed in Japanese or (ii) applications for which translations into Japanese have been furnished, for the purposes of International Search under Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as applicants who are small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises, and academic institutions.⁴

Furthermore, the amount of any refund of the search fee will also be reduced where a reduction of the said fee is applicable.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified a change in the conditions for the reduction of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) payable to the Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority, also with effect from 1 September 2019. As from this date, the preliminary examination fee will be reduced for (i) applications filed in Japanese or (ii) applications for which translations into Japanese have been furnished, for the purposes of International Search under Rule 12.3, by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as applicants who are small or medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises, and academic institutions.⁴

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁴ For further details on the eligibility, see
http://www.jpo.go.jp/system/patent/pct/tesuryo/pct_keigen_shinsei.html.

PA Panama

The **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI (Panama))** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of fees, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 4 July 2017, as follows:

Transmittal fee: (PCT Rule 14)	USD	240
Fee for priority document: (PCT Rule 17.1(b))	USD	60
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority: (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d))	USD	480

[Updating of Annex C(PA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AG Antigua and Barbuda

Information on the requirements of the **Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO)** as designated (or elected) Office is provided in the Summary of the National Chapter (AG), as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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Information on Contracting States

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ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

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General information

Name of Office:	Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO)
Location and mailing address:	Hewlett House, St. John's Street, Saint John's, Antigua, Antigua and Barbuda
Telephone:	(1-268) 562 54 40
Facsimile machine:	(1-268) 562 54 38
E-mail:	abipco@antigua.gov.ag
Internet:	https://abipco.gov.ag
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is an international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of an international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is Federal Express, Parcel Plus or UPS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Antigua and Barbuda:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Antigua and Barbuda is designated (or elected):	Antigua and Barbuda Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (ABIPCO)
May Antigua and Barbuda be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility model certificates
Provisions of the law of Antigua and Barbuda concerning international-type search:	None

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Information of interest if Antigua and Barbuda is designated (or elected)

Provisional protection after international publication:

None

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Antigua and Barbuda is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

**AG ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA INTELLECTUAL AG
PROPERTY ANDf COMMERCE OFFICE
(ABIPCO)**

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), ² any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report) ²
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: East Caribbean dollar (XCD) For patent: Filing fee: XCD 800 For utility certificate: Filing fee: XCD 400
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² Where the applicant furnishes a translation of the international application only as amended or only as originally filed, the Office will invite the applicant to furnish the missing translation.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

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PROPERTY AND COMMERCE OFFICE
(ABIPCO)**

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application^{3,4}

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date⁵

Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent^{3,5}

Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application^{3,5}

Translation to be furnished in two copies⁵

Statement justifying the applicant’s right to the patent where the applicant is not the inventor³

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Antigua and Barbuda

Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney)

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney at law resident in Antigua or Barbuda or any patent agent registered before the Office

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter.2*)?

Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit indicated in the invitation.

⁵ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of six months from the date of the invitation.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 9 July 2019, the fee for request for examination, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, is reduced by 70% where the international search report (PCT Rule 43) and/or international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 70) has been established by KIPO in its capacity as International Searching Authority (ISA) or International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), respectively.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2019, are EUR 121 for searches carried out in Russian and EUR 567 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

UA Ukraine

The **Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property**, has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several fees, in **Ukrainian hryvnias (UAH)** or the equivalent in **euros (EUR)** or **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 19 July 2019, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	UAH 2,600	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	UAH 800	plus UAH 10 for each sheet in excess of 30
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	UAH 200	

Furthermore, the Office notified changes in the conditions for reduction of these fees, as follows:

The transmittal fee, fee for priority document and fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority are reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors, and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profit institutions and/or organizations.

When these fees are payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicants, and all applicants are also either inventors, or non-profit institutions and/or organizations, the fees are reduced by 80%.

[Updating of Annex C(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Ukrainian hryvnias (UAH)** or the equivalent in **euros (EUR)** or **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) office. These amounts, also applicable since 19 July 2019, are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:¹

- online: UAH 1,280
- on paper: UAH 1,600

Additional fee for every 50 sheets
in excess of 150:

- online: UAH 640
- on paper: UAH 800

Additional fee for each claim,
dependent or independent,
in excess of three:

UAH 160

Examination fee:²

UAH 6,000

Additional fee for each
independent claim
in excess of one:

UAH 6,000

For utility model:

Filing fee:¹

- online: UAH 1,920
- on paper: UAH 2,400

Additional fee for every 50 sheets
in excess of 150:

- online: UAH 960
- on paper: UAH 1,200

Additional fee for each claim,
dependent or independent,
in excess of three:

UAH 240

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The applicant may still furnish the translation and pay the fee within two months after the expiration of the applicable time limit, provided that a written request for extension of the applicable time limit has been made and the fee for filing such request has been paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² A written request for examination must be made, and the examination fee must be paid, within three years from the international filing date.

Furthermore, the Office notified changes in the conditions for reductions of the national fee, as follows:

- For patents: All fees are reduced by 90% where all applicants are also inventors, and by 80% where all applicants are also non-profit institutions and/or organizations. When the fees are payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicants, and all applicants are also either inventors, or non-profit institutions and/or organizations, the fees are reduced by 80%.
- For utility models: All fees are reduced by 80% where all applicants are also inventors, and by 60% where all applicants are also non-profit institutions and/or organizations. When the fees are payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicants, and all applicants are also either inventors, or non-profit institutions and/or organizations, the fees are reduced by 60%.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the location and mailing address of its New Delhi office, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Indian Patent Office Delhi Intellectual Property Office Building Plot No. 32, Sector-14, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075 India
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[Updating of Annex B1(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office (JPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the conditions for reduction of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), payable to it as receiving Office. Since 1 April 2019, this fee is reduced if the application is filed in Japanese by applicants who are eligible for fee reductions, such as small or medium-sized enterprises, micro-enterprises and academic institutions.

For further details on eligibility, see:
https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/process/tesuryo/genmen/genmen20190401/document/index/leaflet_e.pdf

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

GB United Kingdom

On 21 May 2019, the **Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** notified the International Bureau, pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), of a change in the address of the **National Collection of Yeast Cultures (NCYC)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The address is now as follows:

National Collection of Yeast Cultures (NCYC)
Quadram Institute Bioscience
Norwich Research Park
Norwich, NR4 7UQ
United Kingdom

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 9 October 2019, consist of a change in the amount of the search fee, as well as changes to the conditions for reduction of the search fee. These changes will appear in the amended Annex D as follows:

**“Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Korean won)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (in English language)	1,200,000
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (in Korean language)	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 ^{ter} and 94.2), per page	[No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) to (3) [No change]

(4) Where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant, is a national of, and has an address or place of business in, a State which is classified as a low-income, lower-middle-income or upper-middle-income economy by the World Bank, the amount of the search fee to be paid is reduced by 75%.

(5) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the amount of the search fee, in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 9 October 2019, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) (in English language):	KRW	1,200,000
Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) (in Korean language):		[No change]

Furthermore, the Office notified a change in the conditions for reduction of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) payable to it as International Searching Authority — as from 9 October 2019, this fee will be reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has an address or place of business in, a State which is classified as a low-income, lower-middle-income or upper-middle-income economy by the World Bank.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2019, is EUR 217.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euros (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2019, is EUR 909.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts of fees in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** have been established under PCT Rule 15.2(d) for the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** in its capacity as receiving Office, as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2019, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	12,160
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	140
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	NOK	1,830
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	NOK	2,740

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

NI Nicaragua

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 October 2019, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (505) 2248 93 00

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.mific.gob.ni).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

– WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.”

[Updating of Annex C(NI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RO Romania

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 October 2019, as follows:

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Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (40-21) 306 08 01-29
- by fax at: (40-21) 312 38 19
- by e-mail at: office@osim.ro

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

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In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<https://www.osim.ro>).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf).

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.”

[Updating of Annex C(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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KR Republic of Korea – Corrigendum

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The information concerning the date of entry into force of the amendments to Parts I and II of Annex D of the above-mentioned Agreement, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 August 2019, pages 127 *et seq.*, is hereby corrected. These amendments enter into force on 10 October 2019.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2019, are CHF 1,459, SGD 2,070 and USD 1,492, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2019, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	2,005
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	23

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	AUD	302
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Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	AUD	452
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Handling fee:	AUD	302
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[Updating of Annexes C(AU) and E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2019, is JPY 209,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **Pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2019, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	1,112
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Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	13
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Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP	167
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Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP	251
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[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Euros (EUR)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts applicable from 1 November 2019, are EUR 594 and USD 660 for searches carried out in Japanese, and EUR 1,325, SGD 2,043 and USD 1,472 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Corrigendum

The information concerning the date of entry into force of the new amount, in **Korean won (KRW)**, of the search fee as well as the change in the conditions for reduction of that fee, payable to the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** as International Searching Authority, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 August 2019, page 128, is hereby corrected. The new amount and the new condition are applicable from 10 October 2019.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in Korean by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2019, is CHF 359.

Furthermore, new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office in English. These amounts, applicable from 10 October 2019, are AUD 1,473, CHF 981, EUR 902, NZD 1,571, SGD 1,377 and USD 991, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2019, is KRW 250,000.

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d), for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, as well as for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). These amounts, payable to the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** and applicable from 1 November 2019, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	13,150
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	150
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SEK	1,980
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SEK	2,970
Handling fee:	SEK	1,980

[Updating of Annexes C(SE) and E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2019, is JPY 171,100.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CN China

The **China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: `pct_affairs@cnipa.gov.cn`

[Updating of Annex B1(CN), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CY Cyprus

The **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now the following:

Location and mailing address: Ministry of Energy, Commerce and Industry, Corner Makarios Ave. and Karpenssiou St., 1427 Nicosia, Cyprus

[Updating of Annex B1(CY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The International Bureau has been notified that the name “North Macedonia” shall be used instead of the name “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”, the two-letter code remaining unchanged.

[Updating of Annexes B2 and C(EP), as well as Annexes A, B1, C, K, L and National Chapter, Summary (MK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

Further to the amendments published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 August 2019 (pages 127 and 128) and 19 September 2019 (page 138), the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an additional amendment to Annex D thereof.

This amendment, which will also enter into force on 10 October 2019, consists of a change concerning the conditions for reduction of the search fee in Part II of Annex D of the Agreement.

The amended Annex D now reads as follows:

**“Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. [No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) to (3) [No change]

(4) Where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant, is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States, the amount of the search fee to be paid is reduced by 75%: Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.

(5) to (6) [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone number and email address, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (359-2) 970 13 21

E-mail: services@bpo.bg

[Updating of Annex B1(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BG Bulgaria

On 24 September 2019, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** notified the International Bureau that the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, is no longer required.

[Updating of Annex C(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2019, are CHF 401 and EUR 375, respectively, when filing online, and CHF 601 and EUR 562, respectively, when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2019, is NOK 17,730.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HU Hungary

New equivalent amounts of fees in **Hungarian forints (HUF)** have been established under PCT Rule 15.2(d) for the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** in its capacity as receiving Office, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2019, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF	400,500
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF	4,500
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character-coded format):	HUF	60,200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character-coded format):	HUF	90,300

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the conditions for reduction of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) payable to it as International Searching Authority — as from 10 October 2019, this fee will be reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States: Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2019, is NOK 17,730.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2019, are ZAR 31,660 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 15,830 for a small entity and ZAR 7,920 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2019, is NOK 17,730.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts of fees in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established under PCT Rule 15.2(d) for the **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** in its capacity as receiving Office, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2019, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	20,440
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	230
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character-coded format):	ZAR	3,070
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character-coded format):	ZAR	4,610

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

WS Samoa

On 2 October 2019, **Samoa** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 2 January 2020, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 2 January 2020 will automatically include the designation of Samoa (country code: WS).

Samoa will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 2 January 2020.

Furthermore, as from 2 January 2020, nationals and residents of Samoa will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail:	cmena@rnp.go.cr
	kquesada@rnp.go.cr
	dmarenco@rnp.go.cr

[Updating of Annex B1(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KE Kenya

The **Kenya Industrial Property Institute** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location, mailing address and telephone numbers, as well as the deletion of its facsimile number, as follows:

Location:	KIPI Centre 17 Kabarsiran Avenue, Off Waiyaki Way Lavington, Nairobi Kenya
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 51648-00200 Nairobi Kenya
Telephone:	(254-20) 600 22 10, 600 22 11, 600 63 26, 600 63 29, 600 63 36, 238 62 20 (254-70) 200 20 20 (mobile phone) (254-73) 600 20 20 (mobile phone)

Furthermore, the Office notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the Office no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile machine; however, all kinds of documents may now be transmitted to the Office by e-mail. The original of the document must still be furnished within one month from the date of transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application.

[Updating of Annex B1(KE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the components of the national fee,^{1,2} in **Belarusian rubles (BYN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2019, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee: ³	BYN	89.25
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	BYN	38.25
Examination fee:	BYN	433.50
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	BYN	255
Claim examination fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	BYN	38.25
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	89.25

For utility model:

Filing fee ³ :	BYN	178.50
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	BYN	89.25
Claim fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	BYN	38.25

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian rubles. Fees are reduced by 75% for filings by natural persons, and waived in respect of certain other persons (please refer to the Office for details).

² For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollars, euros, Swiss francs or Russian rubles in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus (see <https://www.nbrb.by/statistics/rates/ratesDaily.asp>) and applicable on the date of payment.

³ If not already paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to pay within a time limit of two months from the date of entry into the national phase.

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KG Kyrgyzstan

The **State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: <http://patent.kg>

[Updating of Annex B1(KG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IN India

The **Indian Office Patent** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1), payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. Since 17 September 2019, the consolidated list of fees for the priority document, in **Indian rupees (INR)**, is as follows:

		<i>Natural person and/or start-up</i>	<i>Small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or start-up</i>	<i>Others, alone or with natural person(s) and/or start-up and/or small entity</i>
Fee for priority document: ¹				
– online transmission:		None	None	None
– paper transmission:				
Up to 30 pages:	INR	1,100	2,750	5,500
From 31 st page, per page:	INR	30	75	150

Furthermore, the Office also notified that, since 17 September 2019, the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, is no longer required, when the international application is filed electronically.

[Updating of Annex C(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The Indian Patent Office is a Participating Office in the WIPO Digital Access Service (DAS) (see Annex B1(IN)). No fee is required by the Office where, as a depositing Office, it has made a certified copy of the priority document available through DAS.

RECEIVING OFFICES

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a rule applicable to provisional protection after international publication — in addition to Article 9(3) of the Eurasian Patent Convention, applicants may also consult Rule 10 of the Patent Regulations under the Eurasian Patent Convention.

[Updating of Annex B2(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EFFECT OF RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES: NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF COMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS

CA Canada

Further to its notification² (under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g)) of the incompatibility of the national law of Canada with PCT Rule 49ter.1 (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2006 of 4 May 2006, page 12958), the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that, as from 30 October 2019, the national law applied by the Office in its capacity as designated Office under the PCT will be compatible with PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (d), and this Rule will apply to the Office in respect of international applications filed on or after 30 October 2019.

² The current list of PCT reservations, declarations, notifications and incompatibilities is available on the WIPO website at: https://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.html

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JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iv) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex E thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 January 2020, consists of the introduction of the File Index (FI) system, in addition to the International Patent Classification, to the classification systems specified by the Office under Article 6 of the Agreement. This change will appear in the amended Annex E as follows:

“Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: the FI.”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning facsimile services and the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) — as from 1 January 2020, the Office will discontinue the use of its facsimile services and will no longer accept the filing of documents by fax.

[Updating of Annex B1(CH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NI Nicaragua

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail	ezuniga@mific.gob.ni alarguello@mific.gob.ni
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[Updating of Annex B1(NI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the conditions for reduction of national fees. Since 1 January 2019, the unitary procedural fee (for filing, search, publication and other processing), the claim fee for each claim and the examination fee are reduced as follows:

- by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person who is a national or resident of any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention;
- by 70% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a state science or state educational organization of any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention;
- by 50% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person who is a national or resident of any of the states listed on the Office's website at:
https://www.eapo.org/ru/documents/norm/prilposh_2019.html; and
- by 10% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a legal person with a principal place of business in any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AZ Azerbaijan

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – one copy is required, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

MD Republic of Moldova

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 2 December 2019, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (373-22) 40 05 20
- by fax at: (373-22) 44 01 19
- by e-mail at: pct@agepi.gov.md

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<http://www.agepi.gov.md>).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.”

[Updating of Annex C(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VN Viet Nam

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 December 2019, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (84-24) 3558 82 17, 3858 30 69
- by e-mail at: angky_pct@noip.gov.vn

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.noip.gov.vn).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT."

[Updating of Annex C(VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning how to obtain copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3) or the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2).

Requests for copies of these documents should now be made using the relevant form available on the Office's website at:

https://www.jpo.go.jp/system/patent/pct/tetuzuki/document/tokkyo_jyouyaku-jitumu/22.pdf#page=62

[Updating of Annexes D(JP) and E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AZ Azerbaijan

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the transmittal fee and fee for priority document, in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. These fees, applicable since 27 May 2019, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	AZN	30
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b):	AZN	10

[Updating of Annex C(AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – two copies are now required, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified the International Bureau that it has discontinued the use of facsimile services.

[Updating of Annex B1(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Hipodrom Caddesi No. 13
06560 Yenimahalle
Ankara, Turkey

[Updating of Annex B1(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (1-868) 226 44 76

Facsimile machine: (1-868) 226 51 60

[Updating of Annex B1(TT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet over 30 and the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established in various currencies, with effect from 1 January 2020, as indicated in table 1 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2020, as indicated in table 2 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss francs for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2020, as indicated in table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DJ), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (GT), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JO), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KH), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MD), (ME), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (OM), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (QA), (RO), (RS), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM), and (ZW),

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

RO Romania

Further to its notification (under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT) concerning the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 September 2019, pages 134 *et seq.*), the **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau on 30 October 2019 that it would continue to accept international applications filed using EPO Online Filing software until 30 December 2019.

As from 31 December 2019, the Office will no longer accept international applications filed using EPO Online Filing software. Applicants wishing to file an international application in electronic form with the Office on or after 31 December 2019 may file using ePCT-Filing.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies) (applicable from January 1, 2020)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 07.10.2019	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200 Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.6703732	2,005 1,984	23 22	n.a. n.a.	302 298	452 448	302 298 Current amount New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.7474476	1,730 1,779	20 20	n.a. n.a.	260 268	390 401	260 268 Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.1462633	8,710 9,090	100 100	n.a. n.a.	1,310 1,370	1,970 2,050	1,310 1,370 Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1.0925160	1,169 1,217	13 14	88 92	176 183	264 275	176 183 Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.2253796	1,112 1,085	13 12	n.a. n.a.	167 163	251 245	n.a. n.a. Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	400,500	4,500 4,600	4,500 4,600	n.a. n.a.	60,200 61,100	90,300 91,600	n.a. n.a. Current amount New amount
ILS - New Israeli sheqel	0.0032745	406,200 ***	4,600 ***	n.a. n.a.	61,100 ***	91,600 ***	n.a. 739 Current amount 706 New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.2833729	163,600 166,200	1,800 1,900	n.a. n.a.	24,600 25,000	36,900 37,500	n.a. n.a. Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.0080022	145,000 143,200	1,600 1,600	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	32,700 32,300	21,800 21,500 Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.0092893	143,200 ****	1,600 ****	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	250,000 241,000 Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.0008309	12,160 12,210	140 140	n.a. n.a.	1,830 1,840	2,740 2,750	n.a. n.a. Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.1089379	2,044 2,126	23 24	n.a. n.a.	307 320	461 479	n.a. n.a. Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.6256969	13,150 13,240	150 150	n.a. n.a.	1,980 1,990	2,970 2,990	1,980 1,990 Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.1004617	1,854 1,847	21 21	n.a. n.a.	279 278	418 417	279 278 Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	0.7201197	1,352 1,337	15 15	102 101	203 201	305 302	203 201 Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.9944478	20,440 20,250	230 230	n.a. n.a.	3,070 3,050	4,610 4,570	n.a. n.a. Current amount New amount

* Amounts applicable since November 1, 2019.

** Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2019.

*** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in New Israeli sheqels of the amounts in US dollars indicated above.

**** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss francs indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2020)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		
	EUR	1,775	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	1,685	CAD	1,600
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		
Exchange rates applicable on 7.10.2019									
CHF - Swiss franc	1.0925160	2,020	0.6703732	1,459 ¹	0.2434665	601 ^{2,3}	401 ^{2,3}	0.7474476	1,230 ²
USD - US dollar	0.9102364	1,939	1.4834242	1,475	4.0845365	615 ²	410 ²		1,196 ²
EUR - Euro		2,053	1.374 ²	1,492 ¹	4.4873360	634	423		1,250
AUD - Australian dollar		1,950	1.6297131	1,483		562 ^{2,3}	375 ^{2,3}		1,203
DKK - Danish krone				1,350 ²			376 ²		1,081 ²
GBP - Pound sterling									1,095 ²
HUF - Hungarian forint									Current amount
ISK - Icelandic krona									New amount
JPY - Japanese yen									Current amount
KRW - Korean won	0.0007605	2,279,000	0.0012395	1,768,000					New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone		2,334,000		1,775,000					Current amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar			0.9333561	2,403					New amount
SEK - Swedish krona				2,357					Current amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.6591388	2,820	1.0742072	2,070 ¹					New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.0601066	2,693	0.0979565	2,048					Current amount
		29,160		22,570					New amount
		29,530		22,460					Current amount

1. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2019.
2. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.
3. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2019.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
 (applicable as from January 1, 2020)

International Searching Authority	ISA/CL			ISA/CN		ISA/EG		ISA/EP		
	USD	2,000	400	300	CNY	2,100	EGP	4,000	EUR	1,775
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate				Exch. Rate				Exch. Rate	
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 7.10.2019</i>										
CHF - Swiss franc	1,968 ⁴ 1,989⁴	394 ⁴ 398⁴	295 ⁴ 298⁴	301	0.1391124	238 ⁴ 244⁴	0.0610120	239	1.0925160	2,020 1,939
USD - US dollar				306	7.1485202	245	16.2992165	217 ^{4,5}	0.9102364	2,053 1,950
EUR - Euro	1,729 ⁴ 1,820⁴	346 ⁴ 364⁴	259 ⁴ 273⁴	264 ⁴ 267⁴	7.8534768	223 ⁴	17.9065758			Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone										Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling									0.1338775	13,230 13,260
HUF - Hungarian forint									1.1216125	1,576 1,583
ISK - Icelandic krona									0.0029972	573,200 592,200
JPY - Japanese yen									0.0073246	249,900 242,300
KRW - Korean won									0.0085027	209,000 ⁵ 208,800
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar									0.0997129	17,730 ⁶ 17,800
SEK - Swedish krona									0.5727119	2,921 3,099
SGD - Singapore dollar									0.0919544	18,380 19,300
ZAR - South African rand									0.6591388	2,820 2,693
									0.0601066	29,160 29,530

4. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

5. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2019.

6. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2019.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2020)

International Searching Authority	ISAES		ISA/FI		ISA/IL		ISA/IN		
	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	ILS	3,567	INR	10,000	2,500
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 7.10.2019</i>									
CHF - Swiss franc	1,0925160	2,020 ⁷ 1,939 ⁷	1,0925160	2,020 ⁷ 1,939 ⁷	0,2833729	1,007 ⁷ 1,011 ⁷	144	144	36 35
USD - US dollar	0,9102364	2,053 1,950	0,9102364	2,053 ⁷ 1,950 ⁷	3,5093257	1,016	144	141	36 35
EUR - Euro					3,8554004	909 ^{7,8} 925 ⁷	129 ⁷	128 ⁷	32 ⁷ 32 ⁷
AUD - Australian dollar									Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone									Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling									Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint									Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona									Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen									Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won									Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone									Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar									Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona									Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar									Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand									Current amount New amount

7. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

8. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2019.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2020)

International Searching Authority	ISA/JP		ISA/KR		ISA/PH		ISA/RU	
	JPY	156,000	KRW	1,200,000	USD	1,000	RUB	40,000
Reference currency & amount		70,000	450,000	400	8,500			
Exchange rates applicable on 7.10.2019	Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc	1,431 1,449	642 650	981 997	359 ⁹ 374	1,004 ¹⁰ 994¹⁰	402 ¹⁰ 398¹⁰	602 613	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	0.0092893 1,472 ⁹ 1,457	660 ⁹ 654	991 1,003	381 376	0.9944478		0.0153247 612 616	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	107.053039 1,325 ^{9,10} 1,326¹⁰	594 ^{9,10} 595¹⁰	902 ¹⁰ 913¹⁰	350 ¹⁰ 342¹⁰	884 ¹⁰ 910¹⁰	354 ¹⁰ 364¹⁰	567 561	Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar	117.610153		1314.858587	560 558	1.0986157		71.2911835	Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone			806.8037068	1,473				Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling				1,487				Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint								Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona								Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen								Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.0894470	759,000 783,000						Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone								Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar				1,571 1,594				Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona			753.0351426	577 598				Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	2,043 ⁹ 2,012			1,377 1,385				Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	77.5214171		866.6743290	520 519				Current amount New amount

9. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2019.

10. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

Table 2 – PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2020)

International Searching Authority	ISA/SE ¹¹		ISA/SG		ISA/TR ¹²		ISA/JA	
	Reference currency & amount	SEK	SGD	TRY	TRY	EUR	EUR	100
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 7.10.2019</i>			<i>Taux de change</i>			<i>Taux de change</i>		
CHF - Swiss franc		2,020 1,939	1,607 ¹³ 1,613 ¹³	2,020 1,939	341 ¹³ 328 ¹³	1,0925160	114 ¹³ 109 ¹³	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar		2,053 1,950	1,633 1,622	2,053 ¹³ 1,950 ¹³	347 ¹³ 330 ¹³	0,9102364	116 ¹³ 110 ¹³	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro		1,775 1,775	1,412 ¹³ 1,476 ¹³	1,775 ¹³ 1,775 ¹³				Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar			1,5171311					Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone		13,230 13,260						Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling								Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint								Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona		249,900 242,300						Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen			171,100 ¹⁴ 173,600					Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won			0,0128997					Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone		17,730 ¹⁵ 17,800						Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar								Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona								Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar								Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand								Current amount New amount

11. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2020, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.
 12. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2020, to be fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.
 13. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.
 14. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2019.
 15. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2019.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2020)

International Searching Authority	ISA/US			ISAXN ¹⁶		ISAXV		
	USD	2,080	1,040	520	DKK	13,230	EUR	1,775
Reference currency & amount	USD	2,080	1,040	520	DKK	13,230	EUR	1,775
Exchange rates applicable on 7.10.2019	Exch. Rate						Exch. Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc	0.9944478	2,046	1,023	512		2,020 ¹⁷		2,020 ¹⁷
USD - US dollar		2,068	1,034	517		1,939 ¹⁷		1,939 ¹⁷
EUR - Euro						2,053 ¹⁷		2,053 ¹⁷
AUD - Australian dollar	1.0986157	1,798 ¹⁷	899 ¹⁷	450 ¹⁷		1,950 ¹⁷		1,950 ¹⁷
		1,893 ¹⁷	947 ¹⁷	473 ¹⁷		1,775 ¹⁷		1,775 ¹⁷
DKK - Danish krone								
GBP - Pound sterling								
HUF - Hungarian forint								
ISK - Icelandic krona						249,900		573,200
JPY - Japanese yen						242,300		592,200
KRW - Korean won								
NOK - Norwegian krone								
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.6291903	3,145	1,573	786				
SEK - Swedish krona		3,306	1,653	826				
SGD - Singapore dollar								
ZAR - South African rand	0.0660340	31,660 ¹⁸	15,830 ¹⁸	7,920 ¹⁸				
		31,500	15,750	7,870				

16. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2020, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

17. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

18. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2019.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2020)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/IF		ISA/RU	
	Reference currency & Amount	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁵	Reference currency & Amount	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴	Reference currency & Amount	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴	Reference currency & Amount	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁵
EUR	850 ¹	1,190 ²	1,775	1,700 ³	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,880 ⁵
<i>Exchange rate applicable on 07.10.2019</i>	<i>Exch. Rate</i>	<i>Exch. Rate</i>	<i>Exch. Rate</i>	<i>Exch. Rate</i>	<i>Exch. Rate</i>	<i>Exch. Rate</i>	<i>Exch. Rate</i>	<i>Exch. Rate</i>
CHF - Swiss franc	1.0925160	1.300	1.939	1.857	1.0925160	1.939	1.0925160	0.0153247
		929	1,300	1,857		1,939		289

1. For a search of the German-language documentation.
2. For a search of the European or North American documentation.
3. For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.
4. This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
5. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2020)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/SE	ISA/SG	ISA/TR	ISA/JA
Reference currency & Amount	SEK 18,380	SGD 2,240	TRY 500 ⁶ 12,210	EUR 60 ⁷ 70 ⁸ 90 ⁹ 90 ¹⁰
	SEK 19,300 ¹¹		TRY 11,300 ¹²	
<i>Exchange rate applicable on 07.10.2019</i>		<i>Exch. Rate</i>		<i>Exch. Rate</i>
CHF - Swiss franc	1,939 ¹³	0.7201197	86 ¹⁴ 1,939 ¹⁴	66 76 98 98

6. For a search of only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.
7. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
8. For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.
9. For a search of only the European and North American documentation.
10. For a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation.
11. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2020.
12. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2020.
13. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2020.
14. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2020.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2020)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISAXN	ISAXV
Reference currency & Amount	DKK 4,000 ¹⁵ 13,230 DKK 13,260 ¹⁷	EUR 550 ¹⁶ 1,775
Exchange rate applicable on 07.10.2019 CHF - Swiss franc	585 ¹⁸ 1,939 ¹⁸	Exch. Rate 1.0925160 601 1,939

15. For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

16. For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

17. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2020.

18. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2020.

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The publication Official Notices (PCT Gazette) is part of the Gazette published by the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization in accordance with Article 55(4) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Rule 86 of the Regulations under the PCT.

In addition, the Office notified new amounts of the national fee,¹ in **euros (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 July 2019. These amounts are as follows:

For patent:	EUR 107.62	(online)
	EUR 215.24	(on paper)
For utility model:	EUR 188.35	(online)
	EUR 376.67	(on paper)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

NI Nicaragua

Pursuant to Section 332(e) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the language in which the request may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(c)) is Spanish.

[Updating of Annex C(NI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RO Romania

Pursuant to Section 332(e) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that the languages in which the request may be filed (PCT Rule 12.1(c)) are English, French or German.

[Updating of Annex C(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the applicant may still pay the fee within one month from the expiration of the applicable time limit, subject to the payment of a surcharge equal to 50% of the filing fee.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

TN Tunisia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

The **National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI (Tunisia))**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 2 January 2020, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (216-71) 80 67 58
- by fax at: (216-71) 80 70 71
- by e-mail at: innorpi@planet.tn

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<http://www.innorpi.tn/>).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.”

[Updating of Annex C(TN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has specified special provisions of its national law related to the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. These provisions, which concern the time by which the applicant must furnish certain indications prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii), as well as further indications that must be provided in addition to those prescribed in that Rule, are as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
Dominican Republic National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)	At the time of filing (must be in the description)	At the time of filing (must be in the description)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism

[Updating of Annexes B1(DO) and L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020, the **International Bureau will not be open** to the public for the transaction of official business on the following days:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
1 January 2020,
10 and 13 April 2020,
1 June 2020,
25 and 31 December 2020.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** national Offices or other intergovernmental organizations.

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CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the provisions of its national law related to provisional protection after international publication. In addition to subsection 55(2) of the Patent Act of Canada, applicants may now also consult section 157 of Canada's Patent Rules (instead of section 66).

[Updating of Annex B1(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IE Ireland

The **Patents Office (Ireland)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to the name of the Office, as well as to its e-mail and Internet addresses. These changes, applicable from 2 December 2019, are as follows:

Name of Office: Intellectual Property Office of Ireland

E-mail: ipinfo@ipoi.gov.ie

Internet: www.ipoi.gov.ie

[Updating of Annex B1(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified the International Bureau of the discontinuation of its facsimile number, as well as changes to its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (261-20) 22 335 02
(261-34) 43 152 36

Furthermore, the Office notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – it no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile; however, all kinds of documents may now be transmitted to the Office by e-mail. The original of the document must still be furnished within one month from the date of transmission.

[Updating of Annex B1(MG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified the International Bureau that the list of registered patent agents having the right to practice before the Office is available on the Office's website at: <http://www.omapi.mg/listes-des-mandataires.html>.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES: NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents ("DAS"), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, is able to participate in DAS, either as an office of first filing ("depositing Office") or as an office of second filing ("accessing Office"), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT or paragraphs 10 and 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access for Priority Documents are published by the International Bureau at: www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html.

CA Canada

Pursuant to Section 715(a) and (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, and in accordance with paragraph 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access of Priority Documents, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of its participation in DAS, as an accessing Office, with effect since 30 October 2019.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

FI Finland

Agreement between the Finnish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Part I of Annex D thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 January 2020, consists of the deletion of the fee for the cost of copies of documents cited in the international search report, the supplementary international search report and the international preliminary examination report, under PCT Rules 44.3(b), 45bis.7(c) and 71.2(b)), respectively.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ME Montenegro

The **Intellectual Property Office (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the name of the Office, its telephone number, and e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Ministry of Economy, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)
Telephone:	(382) 20 234 592
E-mail:	intelektualna.svojina@mek.gov.me
Internet:	www.ziscg.me www.mek.gov.me

In addition, the Office notified that facsimile services are not available.

[Updating of Annex B1(ME) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The Agreement is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_fi.pdf.

SM San Marino
EP European Patent Organisation

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 January 2020, San Marino will close the national route for obtaining patent protection via the PCT. Any designation of San Marino in an international application filed on, or after, 1 January 2020 will have the effect of an indication of the wish to obtain a European Patent for San Marino.

[Updating of Annex B1(SM) and of the National Chapter (SM), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**, in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of the discontinuation, as from 1 January 2020, of the fees for the cost of an additional set of copies of the documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3(b)), the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 45*bis*.7(c)) and the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2(b)).

Applicants will continue to receive, together with the international search report, the supplementary international search report, the written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge.

[Updating of Annexes D(FI), SISA(FI) and E(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

SM San Marino
EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified the International Bureau that, as from 1 January 2020, it will cease to act as a receiving Office and, with effect from this date, delegates its functions as receiving Office to the European Patent Office (EPO).

[Updating of Annex B1(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

NO Norway

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification as published in the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) of 3 December 2015, pages 198 *et seq.* In particular, as from 6 February 2020, the Office will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the PCT-SAFE software (under Sections 703(b)(iv) and 710(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions).

Consequently, as from 6 February 2020, the item concerning electronic filing software specified by the Office in its aforementioned notification will be replaced by the following:

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing
- EPO online filing software

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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SG Singapore

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 2 December 2019, consists of the addition of Uganda to the list of States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A now reads as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Thailand, Uganda, United States of America, Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Thailand, Uganda, United States of America, Viet Nam.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be provided if Canada is designated (or elected) – they may be furnished either in the request or at a later date. If the information is not furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) or, where the applicant requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2), if this information is not furnished by the national phase entry date, the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within three months from the date of the invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (632) 7238 63 00

Facsimile machine: (632) 8856 92 93

[Updating of Annex B1(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ME Montenegro

The **Ministry of Economy, Department for Intellectual Property (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau of the amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **euros (EUR)**, payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 30 March 2019, is EUR 15.

[Updating of Annex C(ME) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

UG Uganda

The **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the URSB by nationals and residents of Uganda, with effect since 2 December 2019.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annexes A and D

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Articles 11(2) and 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annexes A and D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 January 2020, consist of the addition of Cambodia to the States indicated in item (i) of Annex A and item (4) of Annex D, Part II. As from 1 January 2020, the amended Annexes will read as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf

**“Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of fees and charges

[No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) to (3) [No change]

(4) Where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant, is a national of, and has a residence or business domicile in, one of the following States, the amount of the search fee to be paid is reduced by 75%: Cambodia, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, Peru, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Viet Nam.

(5) to (6) [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts, in **new Israeli shekels (ILS)**, of the transmittal fee payable to the Office in its capacity as receiving Office, and of the filing fee payable to the Office in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2020, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:
(PCT Rule 14): ILS 559

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

National fee:
Filing fee: ILS 2,047

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

KH Cambodia

The **Ministry of Industry and Handicraft (MIH) (Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC))** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the China National Intellectual Property Administration (CNIPA), the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office (JPO) and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the DIPC by nationals and residents of Cambodia, with effect from 1 January 2020.

[Updating of Annex C(KH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UG Uganda

Information on the requirements of the **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)** as receiving Office is provided in Annex C(UG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

ERRONEOUSLY FILED ELEMENTS AND PARTS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY UNDER PCT RULES 20.8(A-BIS) AND (B-BIS)

During its fifty-first (22nd ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 30 September to 9 October 2019, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 20.5bis² of the PCT Regulations concerning erroneously filed elements and parts of international applications, as well as Rules 20.8(a-bis) and 20.8(b-bis), concerning incompatibility of Rules 20.5bis(a)(ii)³ and 20.5bis(d)⁴ with the national laws applied by receiving Offices. These new Rules, among others, will enter into force on 1 July 2020.

² The complete text of Rule 20.5bis is reproduced in Annex III of document number PCT/A/51/2, which is available online at: https://www.wipo.int/edocs/mdocs/govbody/en/pct_a_51/pct_a_51_2.pdf.

³ New Rule 20.5bis(a)(ii) states: "Where, in determining whether the papers purporting to be an international application fulfil the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office finds that an entire element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) has or appears to have been erroneously filed, or that a part of the description, claims or drawings has or appears to have been erroneously filed, including the case where all drawings have or appear to have been erroneously filed ("erroneously filed element or part"), it shall promptly invite the applicant, at the applicant's option to confirm, in accordance with Rule 20.6(a), that the correct element or part was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18 and to make observations, if any, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7. If that time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of any application whose priority is claimed, the receiving Office shall call that circumstance to the attention of the applicant."

⁴ New Rule 20.5bis(d) states: "Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, a correct element or part is, under Rule 20.6(b), considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, the erroneously filed element or part concerned shall remain in the application, and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c) and as provided for in the Administrative Instructions."

New Rule 20.8(a-*bis*) states: “If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

New Rule 20.8(b-*bis*) states: “If, on October 9, 2019, any of Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 9, 2020. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

EP European Patent Organisation

In accordance with new PCT Rules 20.8(a-*bis*) and (b-*bis*), which will enter into force on 1 July 2020, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that new PCT Rules 20.5*bis*(a)(ii) and 20.5*bis*(d) cannot be considered to be compatible with the legal framework of the Convention on the Grant of European Patents (EPC).

C	Receiving Offices	C
UG	UGANDA REGISTRATION SERVICES BUREAU (URSB)	UG

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Uganda
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Uganda shilling (UGX)
Transmittal fee:	Please refer to the Office
International filing fee: ¹	Equivalent in UGX of US dollars 1,352 (1,337) ²
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ¹	Equivalent in UGX of US dollars 15
Search fee:	Equivalent amount in UGX of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority: See Annex D(SG)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	Please refer to the Office
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	Please refer to the Office
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Uganda Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any advocate of the High Court of Uganda
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

² The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 January 2020.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified a new amount in **Indian rupee (INR)** of the fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3), or in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2). This amount, applicable since 1 January 2018, is INR 10.

[Updating of Annexes D(IN) and E(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SM San Marino

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable with effect since 1 January 2018, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	100
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	50

[Updating of Annex C(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION –
ASSEMBLY (FORTY-NINTH (21ST ORDINARY) SESSION)**

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

The Assembly of the PCT Union approved at its forty-ninth (21st ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 2 to 11 October 2017, in accordance with PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3), the texts of the Agreements between the International Bureau of WIPO and 22 national Offices or intergovernmental organizations, whose appointments were extended as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT, i.e., the Offices of the following States and the following intergovernmental organizations:

AT	Austria
AU	Australia
BR	Brazil
CA	Canada
CL	Chile
CN	People's Republic of China
EG	Egypt
EP	European Patent Organisation
ES	Spain
FI	Finland
IL	Israel
IN	India
JP	Japan
KR	Republic of Korea
RU	Russian Federation
SE	Sweden
SG	Singapore
TR	Turkey
UA	Ukraine
US	United States of America
XN	Nordic Patent Institute
XV	Visegrad Patent Institute

The Agreements entered into force on 1 January 2018 except those relating to the Offices of Australia and Canada.

The Governments of Australia and Canada were not able to complete the necessary domestic legal and constitutional procedures to ratify the new Agreements in relation to the functioning of their respective Offices as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority as from 1 January 2018.

Consequently, the Assembly of the PCT Union also approved an Amendment to the Agreement relating to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, in force since 1 January 2009 and most recently amended with effect from 1 July 2012 (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 29 January 2009, pages 14 to 19, 24 June 2010, page 112, July 22, 2010, page 128, and 7 June 2012, page 86), to extend the Agreement until 31 December 2018, or until the new Agreement relating to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office enters into force, whichever is sooner.

The Assembly of the PCT Union also approved an Amendment to the Agreement relating to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, in force since 1 January 2008 and most recently amended with effect from 1 July 2010 (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) dated 13 December 2007, pages 201 to 206, and 22 July 2010, page 129), to extend the Agreement until 31 December 2018, or until the new Agreement relating to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents enters into force, whichever is sooner.

The texts of the Agreements, including any amendments to the Annexes made since they were approved by the Assembly of the PCT Union, along with the Amendments to the Agreements in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office and the Canadian Commissioner for Patents, are reproduced on the following pages in the alphabetical order of the two-letter codes relating to the States of the Offices or the intergovernmental organizations concerned.

AGREEMENT

between the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology
of the Republic of Austria
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Austrian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Austrian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Austrian Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English and German languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria by: For the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations, in accordance with the obligations of the Republic of Austria undertaken within the framework of the European Patent Organisation;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations, in accordance with its obligations of the Republic of Austria undertaken within the framework of the European Patent Organisation.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
English, French, German.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, English, French or German.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:

- (i) the documents held in the search collection of the Authority including, but not limited to, the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34;
- (ii) European and North American documentation;
- (iii) German-language documentation.

(3) The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if a demand for supplementary international search exceeds available resources and also when normal conditions have been reestablished.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Austrian patent law.

Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,875 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875 ¹
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,700
– of only European and North American documentation	1,190
– of only German-language documentation	850
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,749 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,749 ¹
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	229
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 45 <i>bis</i> .7(c), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	0.95

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the search fee has not been reduced and where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, the search fee shall be refunded as follows, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search:

- where the earlier search was carried out by the Authority: refund of 75%;
- where the earlier search was carried out by another International Searching Authority: refund of 50%;
- where the earlier search was carried out by another Patent Office: refund of 25%.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

¹ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority.

**Annex E
Classification**

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

**Annex F
Languages of Correspondence**

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English, French and German, noting that the language of correspondence shall be the language in which the international application is filed or translated, as the case may be.

**Annex G
International-Type Search**

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT

between the Government of Australia
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO),

Considering that the Agreement between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) of December 16, 2008 (the Agreement), made under PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3), was concluded for a period of nine years from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2017,

Considering that the said Agreement has been amended several times in 2010 and 2012, these amendments having been published in the PCT Gazette on June 24, 2010, July 22, 2010 and June 7, 2012,

Considering that the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of WIPO have already started negotiations for a new Agreement as provided under Article 10 therein,

Recognising that the Government of Australia will not be able to complete the necessary domestic procedures to ratify a new Agreement in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, prior to the expiration of the Agreement on December 31, 2017;

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Extension of the Agreement

(1) The Agreement between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of WIPO signed on December 16, 2008, including its amendments and Annexes, is hereby extended until December 31, 2018 or until the day before the entry into force of a new Agreement on the same subject matter in accordance with PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3) and with the domestic legal and constitutional procedures of Australia, whichever is sooner.

(2) Consequently, references made to “December 31, 2017” under Articles 10 and 12 of the Agreement are amended to “December 31, 2018”, accordingly.

Article 2
Approval and entry into force

(1) In accordance with Article 11(1) of the Agreement, this amendment shall be subject to the approval of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union.

(2) Subject to paragraph 1 of this Article, this amendment shall take effect on December 31, 2017.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Government of Australia by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

AGREEMENT

between the Government of Australia
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Australian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Australian Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on *[date]*.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Government of Australia gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Government of Australia written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Government of Australia by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
Australia, Brunei Darussalam, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, and
by arrangement, the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
Australia, Brunei Darussalam, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, and
by arrangement, the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations.
- For the United States of America, the Authority will act under Article 3(1) provided that the Authority has not received more than 250 international applications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office during the relevant fiscal quarter. Where the Authority has prepared the international search report, the Authority will also act under Article 3(2) if these conditions are met. For further information, see http://www.uspto.gov/patents/law/notices/ipau-isa-ipea_20141205.pdf.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) the following language which it will accept:
English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Australian patent law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Australian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,200
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,200
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	590
– in other cases	820
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	590
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	50
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per document	50

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority determines that there is sufficient benefit from the results of an earlier search, up to 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:
English.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches as follows:

International-type searches on the claims of a provisional application or a search statement of a provisional application provided by the applicant.

AGREEMENT

between the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Brazilian National Institute
of Industrial Property
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English and Portuguese languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property by: For the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
any Contracting State;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
any Contracting State.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) for international applications filed with the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office: English, Portuguese and Spanish;
 - (b) for international applications filed with receiving Offices established in the Latin America and Caribbean region: Portuguese and Spanish;

- (c) for international applications filed with any other receiving Office: English and Portuguese.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Brazilian patent law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge ¹	Amount (Brazilian reals)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,685 (online); 2,525 (on paper)
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,360 (online); 2,040 (on paper)
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	630 (online); 945 (on paper)
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	365 (online); 545 (on paper)
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,220 (online); 1,830 (on paper)
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	180 (online); 270 (on paper)
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	1.5 (online); 2 (on paper)

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, 25% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

¹ These fees are reduced by 60% under certain conditions (see Official Resolution of INPI-BR of March 10, 2014 No.129/14).

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification system in addition to the International Patent Classification: Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC).

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English, Portuguese or Spanish, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT

between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) of December 13, 2007 (the Agreement), made under PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3), was concluded for a period of 10 years from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2017,

Considering that the said Agreement has been amended in 2010, these amendments having been published in the PCT Gazette on July 22, 2010,

Considering that the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of WIPO have already started negotiations for a new Agreement as provided under Article 10 therein,

Recognizing that the Canadian Commissioner of Patents will not be able to complete the necessary domestic procedures to ratify a new Agreement in relation to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, prior to the expiration of the Agreement on December 31, 2017;

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Extension of the Agreement

(1) The Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of WIPO signed on December 13, 2007, including its amendments and Annexes, is hereby extended until December 31, 2018 or until the day before the entry into force of a new Agreement on the same subject matter in accordance with PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3) and with the domestic legal and constitutional procedures of Canada, whichever is sooner.

(2) Consequently, references made to “December 31, 2017” under Articles 10 and 12 of the Agreement are amended to “December 31, 2018”, accordingly.

Article 2
Approval and entry into force

(1) In accordance with Article 11(1) of the Agreement, this amendment shall be subject to the approval of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union.

(2) Subject to paragraph 1 of this Article, this amendment shall take effect on December 31, 2017.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English and French languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

AGREEMENT

between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Canadian Commissioner of Patents;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on *[date]*.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Canadian Commissioner of Patents gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Canadian Commissioner of Patents written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English and French languages, each text being equally authentic.

The Canadian Commissioner of Patents: For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
Canada, and the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Canada, and the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
English, French.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Canadian patent law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Canadian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,600
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,600
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	800
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	800
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2) in electronic form	
(a) for the first 7 megabytes, plus	10 ¹
(b) for each additional 10 megabytes or part thereof exceeding the first 7 megabytes	10 ¹
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page (paper)	1 ¹

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search 25% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

¹ With respect to Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b), in its capacity as an International Searching Authority, the Authority provides applicants with a first copy of all non-patent literature documents cited in the international search report, free of charge. A first copy of each non-patent literature document cited is made available to designated or elected Offices upon request, free of charge. In its capacity as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, the Authority makes a first copy of all additional non-patent literature documents cited in the international preliminary examination report but not cited in the international search report available to applicants and elected Offices upon request, free of charge.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
English, French.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AGREEMENT

between the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the National Institute of
Industrial Property of Chile
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the National Institute of Industrial
Property of Chile by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
any Contracting State of the Latin American and Caribbean region;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, any Contracting State of the Latin American and Caribbean region.Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
English, Spanish.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Chilean patent law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (United States dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)):	
– general fee	2,000
– reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion)	400
– reduced fee for universities (where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee)	300
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)):	
– general fee	2,000
– reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (see search fee, above)	400
– reduced fee for universities (see search fee, above)	300

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– general fee	1,500
– reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (see search fee, above)	400
– reduced fee for universities (see search fee, above)	300
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):	
– general fee	1,500
– reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (see search fee, above)	400
– reduced fee for universities (see search fee, above)	300
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	350
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	10
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per document	10

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, 25% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification system in addition to the International Patent Classification: Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC).

Annex F
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
English, Spanish.

Annex G
International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AGREEMENT

between the State Intellectual Property Office of
the People's Republic of China
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the State Intellectual Property Office of
the People's Republic of China
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) "Treaty" means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) "Regulations" means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) "Administrative Instructions" means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) "Article" (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) "Rule" means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) "Contracting State" means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) "the Authority" means the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China;
 - (h) "the International Bureau" means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.
- (2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English and Chinese languages each text being equally authentic.

For the State Intellectual Property Office of
the People's Republic of China by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
China, Angola, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Liberia,
Thailand, Zimbabwe
and any State that the Authority will specify;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report,
China, Angola, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Liberia,
Thailand, Zimbabwe
and any State that the Authority will specify.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
Chinese, English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Chinese patent law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Yuan renminbi)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,100
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,100
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,500
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,500
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	200
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	200
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	2

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, 75% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Chinese and English, noting that the language of correspondence shall be the language in which the international application is filed or translated, as the case may be.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AGREEMENT

between the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Egyptian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Egyptian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Egyptian Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English and Arabic languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology by:

For the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
 - any African, Asian or Arab Contracting State;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
 - any African, Asian and Arab Contracting State.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) Arabic or English for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States;
 - (b) English for international applications filed with any other receiving Office.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Egyptian pounds)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	4,000 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)):	4,000 ¹
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	3,000
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58bis.2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	3,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,600
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13ter.1(c) and 13ter.2)	200
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)) ²	50
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1ter and 94.2):	
– for the first 30 pages	200
– for each additional page	3

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search taken into account under Rule 4.12, 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded on request of the applicant.

¹ This fee is reduced by 25% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in Egypt or a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “low income”, “lower middle income” or “upper middle income”.

² The applicant receives, together with the international search report, the opinion of the international Preliminary Examining Authority or the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Arabic or English, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AGREEMENT

between the European Patent Organisation
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the European Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the European Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the European Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the European Patent Organisation gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the European Patent Organisation written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English, French and German languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the European Patent Organisation by: For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
any Contracting State;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
any Contracting State, under the condition that the Authority or another International Searching Authority located in and operating for any State party to the European Patent Convention has prepared the international search report.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
English, French, German, and, where the receiving Office is the industrial property Office of Belgium or the Netherlands, Dutch.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, English, French or German.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover the documents held in the search collection of the Authority, including, but not limited to, the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34.

(3) Where applicable, the Authority shall start the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a) only if a copy of a sequence listing in electronic form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions is furnished under Rule 45*bis*.1(c)(ii) and thereafter transmitted to it under Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(iii).

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination.

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of the European Patent Convention.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,875 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875 ¹
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,875
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,930 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,930 ¹
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	875
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	875
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	230

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

¹ This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of October 21, 2008 (OJ EPO 11/08, 521)). See Part II, paragraph (4), for further details.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application and depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search, the search fee paid shall be refunded to the extent provided for in a communication from the Authority to the International Bureau and published in the Gazette.

(4) Where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person who is a national and resident of a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which on the date of filing of the application or the demand is classified as a low-income or lower-middle-income economy by the World Bank, the amount of the search fee, the preliminary examination fee and any additional fee to be paid shall be reduced by 75%. Where the Authority is informed of a change under Rule 92*bis* before the start of the international search or, if a demand for international preliminary examination is filed, before the start of international preliminary examination, and the change would modify the applicability of the fee reduction, the Authority may request the applicant to pay the full amount of the search fee or preliminary examination fee before the Authority starts the search or preliminary examination, respectively, and the Authority will request the full amount of any additional fees that the applicant may be invited to pay.

(5) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

(8) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification system in addition to the International Patent Classification: the Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC).

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English, French or German, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

Annex G

International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches as follows:

An international-type search report (without a written opinion) is drawn up by the Authority on behalf of certain national Offices (e.g. Switzerland, Denmark and Norway) on the basis of the national law of the State for which the Office operates. The amount of the fee to be paid for an international-type search is laid down by the President of the European Patent Office in a decision under Article 3(1) of the Rules relating to Fees published in the Official Journal of the EPO.

An international-type search report accompanied by a written opinion is drawn up by the Authority on behalf of certain national Offices (e.g. Netherlands and Belgium) on the basis of a bilateral working agreement. The amount of the fee to be paid for an international-type search accompanied by a written opinion is set by the national Offices concerned.

AGREEMENT

between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office by:

For the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
any Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of Spain within the framework of the European Patent Organisation;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
any Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of Spain within the framework of the European Patent Organisation.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
Spanish, English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Spanish patent law, No. 24/2015 of 24 July 2015.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,875 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875 ¹
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	583.65 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	583.65 ¹
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document:	4.69
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	0.23

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, 100 or 50 % of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded on request of the applicant, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

¹ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of "low income", "lower middle income" or "upper middle income".

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification system(s) in addition to the International Patent Classification: Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC).

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
Spanish, English.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AGREEMENT

between the Finnish Patent and Registration Office
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Finnish Patent and Registration Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Finnish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Finnish Patent and Registration Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Finnish Patent and Registration Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Finnish Patent and Registration Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Finnish Patent and Registration Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Finnish Patent and Registration
Office by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
any Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of Finland within the framework of the European Patent Organisation;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
any Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of Finland within the framework of the European Patent Organisation.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
Finnish, Swedish, English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, English, Finnish or Swedish.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover, in addition to the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34, at least the documents in Finnish, Swedish, Norwegian or Danish held in the search collection of the Authority.

(3) The Authority will notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been re-established.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Finnish patent law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,875
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,875
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	600
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	600
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	200
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 45 <i>bis</i> .7(c) and 71.2(b))	20 ¹
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	0.60

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

¹ The applicant receives, together with the international search report, the supplementary international search report, the written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier national search, international search, supplementary international search or international-type search already carried out by the Authority, a Nordic patent authority or the European Patent Office on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, 300 euro of the search fee paid shall be refunded.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted.

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Finnish, Swedish or English

depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches as follows:

International-type searches on national applications filed at the Authority.

AGREEMENT

between the Government of Israel
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Israel Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Israel Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Israel Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Government of Israel gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Government of Israel written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English and Hebrew languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Government of Israel by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Israel, United States of America, Georgia;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

Israel, United States of America, Georgia.

For the United States of America, the Authority will act under Article 3(1) provided that the Authority has not received more than 100 international applications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office during the relevant fiscal quarter. Where the Authority has prepared the international search report, the Authority will also act under Article 3(2) if these conditions are met. For further information, see <http://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/documents/mod-ilpo-isa-ipea.pdf>.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) the following language which it will accept:
English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Israeli patent law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,518
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,518
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,508
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,508
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	452
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per document	43

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:
English.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches for national applications.

AGREEMENT

between the Indian Patent Office
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Indian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Indian Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Indian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Indian Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Indian Patent Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Indian Patent Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Indian Patent Office by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

India, Iran (Islamic Republic of);

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

India, Iran (Islamic Republic of).

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) the following language which it will accept:
English.

Annex B Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Indian patent law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Indian rupees)	
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	10,000	(2,500) ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	10,000	(2,500) ¹
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):		
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	10,000	(2,500) ¹
– in other cases	12,000	(3,000) ¹
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58bis.2	
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):		
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	10,000	(2,500) ¹
– in other cases	12,000	(3,000) ¹
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	4,000	(1,000) ¹
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13ter.1(c) and 13ter.2)	4,000	(1,000) ¹
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) 94.1ter and 94.2), per page	10	

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, 25% to 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

¹ The amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by an individual.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be refunded, less a processing fee equivalent to the amount of the transmittal fee, as set by the Indian Patent Office, in its capacity as a receiving Office under the PCT.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:
English.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AGREEMENT

between the Japan Patent Office
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Japan Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Japan Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Japan Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Japan Patent Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Japan Patent Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English and Japanese languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Japan Patent Office by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report,
Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam.

For the United States of America, the Authority will act under Article 3(1) provided that (a) the international application is submitted in English; (b) the claims of the international application are directed to the field of green technology as defined by the International Patent Classification classes; and (c) the Authority has not received more than 5,000 international applications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office during the three year period from July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2018, and not more than 475 applications per quarter. Where the Authority has prepared the international search report, the Authority will also act under Article 3(2) if these conditions are met. For further information, see

<http://www.uspto.gov/sites/default/files/jpo-isa-ipea.pdf>.

Where a receiving Office specifies the Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and the Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Japan:
Japanese, English;
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:
English;
 - (c) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of the Republic of Korea:
Japanese.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Japanese Patent Act; and methods for treatment of the human body by surgery or therapy, as well as diagnostic methods.

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Japanese yen)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	70,000 ¹
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English)	156,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	60,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English)	126,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in Japanese)	26,000 ¹
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in English)	58,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	15,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in English)	34,000
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per document	1,400

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) The amount of either 28,000 Japanese yen (for an application in Japanese)² or 62,000 Japanese yen (for an application in English) shall be refunded upon request by the applicant where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

- (i) where the international application claims the priority of an earlier international application which has been the subject of an international search made by the Authority, the international search of the earlier international application;
- (ii) the earlier search of a Japanese national application for a patent or for a utility model registration which was filed by the same applicant as that of the international application.

(3) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

¹ This fee is reduced by two thirds where the application is filed in Japanese by (a) a small-sized sole proprietorship, (b) a sole proprietorship that has commenced business less than ten years, (c) a small-sized enterprise, or (d) a small or medium-sized enterprise that has been established less than ten years. For further details, see http://www.jpo.go.jp/tetuzuki/ryoukin/chusho_keigen.htm

² The amount of the refund of the search fee is reduced by two thirds where the fee reduction was applied.

(4) As long as the refund of the search fee (in the case where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search) and the refund of the preliminary examination fee (in the case where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination) continue not to be compatible with the national law applicable to the Authority, the Authority may abstain from refunding those fees.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
Japanese, English.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AGREEMENT

between the Korean Intellectual Property Office
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Korean Intellectual Property Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Korean Intellectual Property Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Korean Intellectual Property Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of patent law of the Republic of Korea.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Korean won)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (in English language)	1,300,000
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (in Korean language)	450,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	225,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	450,000
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	225,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	11,000
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	112,500
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	100

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application and depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search, the search fee paid shall be refunded to the extent provided for in a communication from the Authority to the International Bureau and published in the Gazette.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
Korean, English.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AGREEMENT

between the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Russian Federal Service
for Intellectual Property as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English and Russian languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Russian Federal Service for
Intellectual Property by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

any Contracting State;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

any Contracting State.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
Russian, English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, English or Russian.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least the Russian language documents held by the Authority in its search collection, including the following patent documentation:

- (i) SU – authors certificates and patents of the former USSR (from 1924 to 1991)
- (ii) RU – applications, patents, and utility models of the Russian Federation (from 1992 to present)
- (iii) EA – Eurasian applications and patents (from 1996 to present)
- (iv) AM – patent documents of Armenia (from 1995 to present)¹
- (v) BY – patent documents of Belarus (from 1995 to present)¹
- (vi) KZ – patent documents of Kazakhstan (from 1993 to present)¹
- (vii) KG – patent documents of Kyrgyzstan (from 1995 to present)¹
- (viii) TJ – patent documents of Tajikistan (from 2005 to present)¹
- (ix) TM – patent documents of Turkmenistan (from 1993 to present)¹
- (x) UZ – patent documents of Uzbekistan (from 1994 to present)¹
- (xi) AZ – patent documents of Azerbaijan (from 1996 to present)²
- (xii) UA – patent documents of Ukraine (from 1993 to present)²

(3) If the International Searching Authority competent for the main international search has issued a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv), and the appropriate fee referred to in Annex D is paid, the supplementary international search shall cover at least the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34 in addition to the documentation referred to in paragraph (2).

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of patent law of the Russian Federation.

¹ The year of beginning of publication by the corresponding Office of national patent documents in national language and in Russian as well is indicated in brackets.

² With respect to the documents published by the Office in Russian.

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Russian roubles)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English)	40,000
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Russian)	8,500
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English)	40,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Russian)	8,500
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	11,800
Supplementary search for a search in accordance with paragraph 3(3) of Annex B, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	18,880
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	4,130
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English)	16,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Russian)	4,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English)	24,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Russian)	6,750
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English)	19,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Russian)	5,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English)	23,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Russian)	6,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	3,500
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	4,000
Cost of copies (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b))	
– patent document, per page	23.60
– non-patent document, per page	59
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	94.40

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, 25 – 75% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Russian or English

depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated, or at the applicant's choice.

Annex G
International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches as follows:

International-type searches on national applications filed at the Authority.

AGREEMENT

between the Swedish Patent and Registration Office
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Swedish Patent and Registration Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Swedish Patent and Registration Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Swedish Patent and Registration Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Swedish Patent and Registration Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Swedish Patent and Registration Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Swedish Patent and Registration
Office by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and
Barbados, Brazil, India, Madagascar, Morocco, Mexico, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, Viet Nam, all Member States of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and all Member States of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI);
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and
Barbados, Brazil, India, Madagascar, Morocco, Mexico, Sri Lanka, Trinidad and Tobago, Viet Nam, all Member States of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and all Member States of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI).

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway or Sweden:
Danish, English, Finnish, Norwegian, Swedish;
for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any other State:
Danish, English, Finnish, French, Norwegian, Swedish.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

- (1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, Danish, English, Finnish, Norwegian or Swedish.
- (2) The supplementary international search shall cover, in addition to the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34, at least the documents in Swedish, Danish, Norwegian and Finnish held in the search collection of the Authority.
- (3) The Authority will notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been re-established.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Swedish patent law.

Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Swedish kronor)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	... ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	... ¹
Supplementary search fee(s) (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	... ¹
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	5,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	5,000
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)) ² , per document	50
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	4

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier international or international-type search carried out by the Authority, 50 or 100% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) Where an applicant submits a corresponding search and examination report, issued on an application originating from the Authority, a Nordic Patent Office, or the European Patent Office, the amount of 2,800 Swedish kronor shall be refunded in respect of the search fee paid according to Part I. The same refund will be applied if priority is claimed from an international application and the applicant submits a PCT international search report from the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute or the European Patent Office, or if the applicant submits a corresponding international-type search report from the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland or the Nordic Patent Institute.

(5) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the following amount of the preliminary examination fee shall be refunded:

- (a) refund of the full amount paid where Rule 54.4, 54*bis*.1(b) or 58*bis*.1(b) applies;
- (b) refund of the amount paid less the current amount of the transmittal fee, where Rule 60.1(c) applies.

¹ Swedish kronor equivalent of the euro amount of the search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) payable to the European Patent Office as International Searching Authority, as modified from time to time in accordance with the directives under Rule 16.1(d).

² The applicant will receive free of charge a copy of each document containing non-patent literature. Other documents are available electronically, free of charge on the website www.prv.se.

(6) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted.

(8) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Danish, English, Finnish, French, Norwegian or Swedish,

depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated; however English or Swedish may be used in all cases.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches as follows:

International-type searches on national applications filed at the Authority or any Nordic patent authority. The request and fee for international type search must be submitted within three months of the filing date of the national application.

AGREEMENT

between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization
in relation to the functioning of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Intellectual Property Office of
Singapore by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
Singapore, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Thailand, United States of America, Viet Nam;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report,
Singapore, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Thailand, United States of America, Viet Nam.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
English, Chinese.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations thereof furnished in, English or Chinese.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover, in addition to the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34, at least the documents in English and Chinese held in the search collection of the Authority.

(3) The Authority will notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been re-established.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Singapore patent law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Singapore dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,240
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,240
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	2,240
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	830
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	830
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	650
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	650
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 45 <i>bis</i> .7(c), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per document	30

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, 25 to 75% of the amount of the search fee shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority assesses it has benefited from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted.

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English or Chinese,

depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated; however, English may be used in all cases.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AGREEMENT

between the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Turkish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Turkish Patent and Trademark
Office by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
any Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of the Authority under the European Patent Convention;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
any Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of the Authority under the European Patent Convention.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
English, Turkish.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, the languages mentioned in Annex F.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:

- (i) in addition to the PCT minimum documentation, at least the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority;
- (ii) only the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.

(3) The Authority will notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been re-established.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Turkish patent law.

Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Turkish lira)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	... ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	... ¹
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), full search	... ¹
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), for searches only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection the Authority	500
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	1,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,000
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,000
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	200
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per document	1.50

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded. There shall be no refund of the whole of the search fee paid, or waiver or reduction of the search fee.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

¹ Turkish lira equivalent of the euro amount of the search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) payable to the European Patent Office as International Searching Authority, as modified from time to time in accordance with the directives under Rule 16.1(d).

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
English, Turkish.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches as follows:

International-type searches on national applications filed at the Authority.

AGREEMENT

between the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the State Enterprise
“Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute”
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute” as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute”;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English and Ukrainian languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Ministry of Economic Development
and Trade of Ukraine by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

any Contracting State;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

any Contracting State.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
English, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, English, French, German, Russian or Ukrainian.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:

- (i) the documents held in the search collection of the Authority including, but not limited to, the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34;
- (ii) European and North American documentation;
- (iii) Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation.

(3) If the International Searching Authority competent for the main international search has issued a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv), and the appropriate fee referred to in Annex D is paid, the supplementary international search shall cover at least the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34 in addition to the documentation referred to in paragraph (2) of this Annex.

(4) The Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine shall notify the International Bureau if a demand for supplementary international search exceeds resources available to the Authority and also when normal conditions have been reestablished.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Law of Ukraine On the Protection of Rights to Inventions and Utility Models.

Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	300
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	300
Supplementary search fee(s) (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	
– of only European and North American documentation	200
– of only Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation	150
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex B, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	100
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	160
– the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	180
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	180
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	40
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per page	0.70

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search carried out in respect of an earlier application by the Authority itself or by another International Authority 25 – 75% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which an Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, 75% of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English or Russian, for applications filed in Ukrainian;

Russian, for applications filed in, or translated into, Russian;

English, for applications filed in, or translated into English, French or German.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

AGREEMENT

between the United States Patent and Trademark Office
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization
in relation to the functioning of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the United States Patent and Trademark Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

- (2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and

- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the United States Patent and Trademark Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the United States Patent and Trademark Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the United States Patent and Trademark
Office by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
United States of America, and
where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago.

Where a receiving Office specifies the Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and the Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) the following language which it will accept:
English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of United States patent law.

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (United States dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,080 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,080 ¹
Preparation of an international type search report on a United States national application	40
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– where the international search fee has been paid on the international application to the Authority	600 ¹
– where the international search was carried out by another Authority	700 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	600 ¹
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3 and 71.2) ²	
– US patent, per copy	3
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2)	
– US patent, per copy	3
– non-US patent document, per copy	25

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(4) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be refunded, less a processing fee equivalent to the transmittal fee under Rule 14.1(b).

¹ This fee is reduced by 50% in the case of filing by a “small entity” and by 75% in the case of filing by a “micro entity”. For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of “small entity” status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#d0e30961 and 37 CFR 1.27 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf. For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of “micro entity” status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#ch500_d1ff69_210b3_1ca and 37 CFR 1.29 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf. These details shall be subject to change by the Authority at its discretion.

² The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each cited document that is not a US patent document or a published international application. The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each cited document not cited in the international search report that is not US patent document or a published international application. Electronic copies of these documents may be viewed at the USPTO’s website (www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/search-patents) and printed for free. Copies can also be purchased online or obtained from the USPTO Office of Public Records.

**Annex E
Classification**

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification system in addition to the International Patent Classification: the Cooperative Patent Classification (CPC).

**Annex F
Languages of Correspondence**

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:
English.

**Annex G
International-Type Search**

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches as follows:

The Authority performs international-type searches in regularly filed non-provisional applications filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) (37 CFR 1.104(a)(3) and 1.413(c)(3)). The Authority will additionally prepare an international-type search report in national applications upon request and payment of a fee (37 CFR 1.104(a)(4)).

AGREEMENT

between the Nordic Patent Institute
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Nordic Patent Institute
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Nordic Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Nordic Patent Institute as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Nordic Patent Institute;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and
- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Nordic Patent Institute gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Nordic Patent Institute written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Nordic Patent Institute by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and any other Contracting State, in accordance with the obligations of Denmark, Iceland and Norway within the framework of the European Patent Organisation;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden, and any other Contracting State, in accordance with the obligations of Denmark, Iceland and Norway within the framework of the European Patent Organisation.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
Danish, English, Icelandic, Norwegian, Swedish.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, the languages mentioned in Annex F.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:

- (i) in addition to the PCT minimum documentation, at least the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection of the Authority;
- (ii) only the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection of the Authority.

(3) The Authority will conduct a maximum of 500 supplementary international searches per year.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Danish, Icelandic or Norwegian patent law.

Annex D Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Danish kronor)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	... ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	... ¹
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), full search	... ¹
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), for searches only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection the Authority	4,000
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	8,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	5,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	5,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	8,000
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	50
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	3.25

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier international or international-type search, 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded.

(4) Where on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by another Office, and where the Authority benefits from that search report, 25% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded.

(5) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the following amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be refunded:

- (a) refund of the full amount paid where Rule 54.4, 54*bis*.1(b) or 58*bis*.1(b) applies;
- (b) refund of the amount paid less the current amount of the transmittal fee, where Rule 60.1(c) applies.

(6) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

¹ Danish kronor equivalent of the euro amount of the search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) payable to the European Patent Office as International Searching Authority, as modified from time to time in accordance with the directives under Rule 16.1(d).

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
Danish, English, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish,
depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated,
however English may be used in all cases.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches as follows:

International-type searches for national patent applications filed at the Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian or Swedish Patent Offices, by applicants who are nationals or residents of Denmark, Iceland, Norway or Sweden.

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Preamble

The Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Visegrad Patent Institute as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Visegrad Patent Institute;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

Article 7

Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

Article 8

International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2018.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and
- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:
 - (i) if the Visegrad Patent Institute gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Visegrad Patent Institute written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at *[city]*, this *[date]*, in two originals in the English language.

For the Visegrad Patent Institute by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland, the Slovak Republic,
and
any other Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of the
Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland, the Slovak Republic
undertaken within the framework of the European Patent Organisation;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland, the Slovak Republic,
and

any other Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland, the Slovak Republic undertaken within the framework of the European Patent Organisation.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish, Slovak.

Annex B

Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority conducts supplementary international searches as follows:

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into the languages mentioned in Annex F.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:

- (i) in addition to the PCT minimum documentation, at least the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority;
- (ii) only the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority.

(3) The Authority will notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been re-established.

Annex C

Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak patent law.

**Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,875
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), full search	1,875
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)), for searches only on the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection the Authority	550
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	900
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	900
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	875
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	875
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	230
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	0.80

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search carried out by any of the national Offices of the Contracting States or from an earlier international search report or international-type search report, 40% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded. There shall be no refund of the whole of the search fee paid, or waiver or reduction of the search fee.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish, Slovak.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority does not conduct international-type searches.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2018. The amended Annex D will read as follows:

**“Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,525
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,525
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,511
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,511
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ter .1(c) and 13 ter .2)	453
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2018, is KRW 1,803,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2018, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,525
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,525
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	ILS	453

Furthermore, PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2018, are CHF 994, EUR 849 and USD 1,009, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 March 2018, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	ILS	1,511
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	ILS	1,511
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	ILS	453

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** and **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2018, are AUD 549 and CHF 410, respectively, for searches carried out in Korean, and AUD 1,587 and CHF 1,184, respectively, for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 March 2018, is KRW 220,000.

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees Corrigendum

In the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 November 2017, new equivalent amounts of fees in various currencies, and applicable from 1 January 2018, were published. In the text, giving information pertaining to which annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* needed to be updated as a result of the publication of the new equivalent amounts, a typographical error occurred. On page 168, in the list (contained in square brackets) indicating a country code for each Annex C of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* requiring to be updated, the indication: (CH), should have read: (GH).

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2018, is ZAR 21,370.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are USD 422 for searches carried out in Korean and USD 1,218 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified changes in components of the national fee, in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 6 October 2017. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee: ¹	RUB 3,300
Examination fee: ²	
– for one independent claim:	RUB 12,500
– for each independent claim in excess of one:	RUB 9,200
Annual fee for the third year:	RUB 1,700

For utility model:

Filing fee: ¹	RUB 1,400
Annual fee for the first and the second year, per year:	RUB 800

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

² Where the request for substantive examination is filed upon entry into the national phase.

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are ZAR 25,680 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 12,840 for a small entity and ZAR 6,420 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 17,050
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 190
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR 2,560
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR 3,850

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified changes in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of national fees. The filing fee, the examination fee and the reinstatement fee shall be reduced by 30% where the application and all required documents are filed online.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTY-NINTH (21ST ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its forty-ninth (21st ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 2 to 11 October 2017 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved the following changes affecting the PCT system:

- amendments to the PCT Regulations;
- adoption of the Understanding (see paragraph 3 of PCT/A/49/4) with effect since October 11, 2017; and
- appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=43524

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the PCT Assembly. The said amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2018:

- the amendment to the Schedule of Fees is intended as a clarification of the original intent of the fee reduction rather than a substantive change;
- amendments of Rules 4.1(b)(ii) and 41.2(b) and of the Schedule of Fees shall apply to any international application the international filing date of which is on or after 1 July 2018.

Appointment of the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT

The Assembly appointed the Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the Agreement until 31 December 2027.

2017 PCT Assembly Understanding

It is the understanding of the PCT Assembly that the fee reduction in item 5 of the Schedule of Fees is intended to apply only in the case where the applicants indicated in the request are the sole and true owners of the application and under no obligation to assign, grant, convey or license the rights in the invention to another party which is not eligible for the fee reduction.

The Understanding was adopted with effect from the closing of the Assembly on October 11, 2017.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2018)

Rule 4
The Request (Contents)

4.1 *Mandatory and Optional Contents; Signature*

(a) [No change]

(b) The request shall, where applicable, contain:

(i) a priority claim, or

(ii) indications relating to an earlier search as provided in Rules 4.12(i) and 12bis.1 (b) and (d),

(iii) a reference to a parent application or parent patent,

(iv) an indication of the applicant's choice of competent International Searching Authority.

(c) and (d) [No change]

4.2 to 4.19 [No change]

Rule 41
Taking into Account Results of Earlier Search and Classification

41.1 [No change]

41.2 *Taking into Account Results of Earlier Search and Classification in Other Cases*

(a) [No change]

(b) Where the receiving Office has transmitted to the International Searching Authority a copy of the results of any earlier search or of any earlier classification under Rule 23bis.2(a) or (c), or where such a copy is available to the International Searching Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library, the International Searching Authority may take those results into account in carrying out the international search.

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Fees

Amounts

1. to 3. [No change]

[No change]

Reductions

4. [No change]

5. The international filing fee under item 1 (where applicable, as reduced under item 4), the supplementary search handling fee under item 2 and the handling fee under item 3 are reduced by 90% if the international application is filed by:

(a) [No change]

(b) [No change]

provided that, at the time of filing of the international application, there are no beneficial owners of the international application who would not satisfy the criteria in sub-item (a) or (b) and provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria set out in either sub-item (a) or (b). The lists of States referred to in sub-items (a) and (b)¹ shall be updated by the Director General at least every five years according to directives given by the Assembly. The criteria set out in sub-items (a) and (b) shall be reviewed by the Assembly at least every five years.

¹ *Editor's Note:* The first lists of States were published in the Gazette of February 12, 2015, page 32 (see www.wipo.int/pct/en/official_notices/index.html).

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified changes in one of its telephone numbers and to its e-mail address, and has notified an additional facsimile number, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(972-2) 5651 705, (972-2) 5651 685
Facsimile machine:	(972-2) 5651 616, (972-2) 6468 070
E-mail:	pctoffice@justice.gov.il

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

The **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	No. 3, Phayazbakhsh Street Khayam Street Imam Khomeini Square 11146-78111 Tehran Islamic Republic of Iran
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[Updating of Annex B1(IR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

KR Republic of Korea

On 12 January 2018, the International Bureau has been notified of changes in the addresses of the **Korean Culture Center of Microorganisms (KCCM)** and the **Korean Cell Line Research Foundation (KCLRF)**, international depositary authorities under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new addresses are as follows:

Korean Culture Center of Microorganisms (KCCM)
Yurim B/D
45 Hongjena-e-2ga-gil
Seodaemun-gu
Seoul 03641
Republic of Korea

Korean Cell Line Research Foundation (KCLRF)
Cancer Research Institute
Seoul National University College of Medicine
103 Daehak-ro, Jongno-gu
Seoul, 03080
Republic of Korea

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(ii) thereof. The amendment will take effect as of 1 April 2018. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) *[No change]*
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:

English, French, German, and, where the receiving Office is the industrial property Office of the Netherlands, Dutch.”

RECEIVING OFFICES

BE Belgium

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified the International Bureau that it will cease to act as a receiving Office and that it delegates its functions as receiving Office to the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, with effect from 1 April 2018.

[Updating of Annex B(BE) of the PCT Applicant's Guide]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF
INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(A)**

BE Belgium

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(a) (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2006, of 4 May 2006, page 12956), the **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 April 2018.

**RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES: WITHDRAWAL
BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH
NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 26BIS.3(J)**

BE Belgium

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(j) (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2006, of 4 May 2006, page 12958), the **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 April 2018.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SY Syrian Arab Republic

The **Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, as well as in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	The Ministry of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection – Directorate of Industrial and Commercial Property Protection (Syrian Arab Republic)
Telephone:	(963-11) 5161185
Facsimile machine:	(963-11) 5161144
E-mail:	patentoffice@gov.sy

[Updating of Annex B1(SY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

HR Croatia

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 December 2012, pages 180 *et seq*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-filing in addition to EPO online filing, and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media and using the PCT-SAFE software, with effect from 1 March 2018. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing
- EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (385-1) 61 06 547
- by fax at: (385-1) 61 12 017
- by e-mail at: epct_hr@dziv.hr

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.dziv.hr/hr).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.”

RS Serbia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 12 February 2018, the **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 March 2018, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (381-11) 2025 800
- by fax at: (381-11) 311 23 77
- by e-mail at: epct@zis.gov.rs, zis@zis.gov.rs

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.zis.gov.rs).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.”

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in Japanese by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2018, is KRW 666,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

MA Morocco

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect since 20 February 2018, as follows:

Collections Coordonnées Marocaines de Microorganismes, CCMM
Laboratoire de Microbiologie et Biologie Moléculaire, LMBM
Centre National pour la Recherche Scientifique et Technique, CNRST
Angle avenue Allal El Fassi, avenue des FAR, Quartier Hay Ryad
B.P. 8027 Nations Unies
10102 Rabat
Morocco

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **European Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2018. The amended Annex D will read as follows:

**“Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,775 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,775 ²
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,775 ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,830 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,830 ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ The Agreement will soon be available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

² This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO’s Administrative Council of 21 October 2008 (OJ EPO 11/08, 521)). See Part II, paragraph (4), for further details.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Rua Mayrink Veiga, 9, 6° andar, Centro, Rio de Janeiro, RJ – CEP 20.090-910 Brazil
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[Updating of Annex B1(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KH Cambodia

The **Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC)** has notified an additional type of protection available via the PCT – since 1 March 2018, European patents may be validated in Cambodia for international applications filed on or after that date.

[Updating of Annex B1(KH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VN Viet Nam

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam)** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail and internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	National Office of Intellectual Property of Viet Nam (NOIP)
Location:	384-386 Nguyen Trai Street, Thanh Xuan District, Ha Noi, Viet Nam
Telephone:	(84-24) 3557 20 91, 3558 82 17, 3858 30 69
Facsimile:	(84-24) 3557 20 90, 3858 84 49
E-mail:	congnghethongtin@noip.gov.vn vietnamipo@noip.gov.vn
Internet:	www.noip.gov.vn

[Updating of Annex B1(VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are CHF 489 and EUR 419 when filing online, and CHF 732 and EUR 628 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	EUR	1,775
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	EUR	1,775

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2018, is CHF 2,059.

[Updating of Annex SISA(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2018, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	EUR	1,830
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	EUR	1,830

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office has notified the fee for validating a European Patent in Cambodia, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee, applicable since 1 March 2018, is EUR 180.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified changes in the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 April 2018. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

For a patent:

Basic fee: ³	EUR	500
Basic fee for an electronically-filed application: ³	EUR	400
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 15: ⁴	EUR	50
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy: ⁵	EUR	125
Annual fees for the first three years: ⁶	EUR	200

For a utility model:

Registration fee: ³	EUR	250
for an application filed electronically: ³	EUR	200
Additional fee for each claim in excess of 5: ⁴	EUR	20
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy: ⁵	EUR	100

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (FI), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ This fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

⁵ Where the basic fee has been paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the translation or copy may be filed within two months from the expiration of that time limit, provided that the additional fee for late furnishing of the translation or copy has been paid within those two months.

⁶ The renewal fees for an international application in respect of fee years which have begun before the date on which the application was pursued under section 31 of the Patents Act or was taken up for processing under section 38 of the same Act, or which begin within two months of such date become in no event due until the last day of the month that falls two months after the date on which the application was pursued or otherwise prosecuted.

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

The **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Iranian rial (IRR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	IRR	50.000	(for natural persons)
	IRR	500.000	(for legal persons)

[Updating of Annex C(IR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

ME Montenegro

The **Intellectual Property Office (Montenegro)** has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), it now accepts Montenegrin, in addition to English, as a language in which international applications may be filed.

[Updating of Annex C(ME) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH)**

ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2018. The amended Annex D will read as follows:

**“Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,775 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,775 ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document:	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ The Agreement is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

² This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “low income”, “lower middle income” or “upper middle income”.

FI Finland

Agreement between the Finnish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2018. The amended Annex D will read as follows:

**“Annex D
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Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,775
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,775
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,775
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 45 <i>bis</i> .7(c) and 71.2(b))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.1 <i>ter</i> and Rule 94.2), per page	0.60

Part II. [No change]”

³ The Agreement is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_fi.pdf.

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has specified the types of electronic medium it accepts for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form as follows:

Does the Authority require that a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1)? Yes

Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require? Diskette, CD-R

[Updating of Annexes D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has specified the types of electronic medium it accepts for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form as follows:

Does the Authority require that a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1)? Yes

Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require? CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD and DVD-R

[Updating of Annexes D(RU) and SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁴ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Visegrad Patent Institute** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2018. The amended Annex D will read as follows:

⁴ The Agreement is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_xv.pdf.

**“Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,775
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,775
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45bis.3(a)), full search	1,775
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45bis.3(a)), for searches only on the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection the Authority	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45bis.6(c))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13ter.1(c) and 13ter.2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b), 94.1ter and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (IB)** has notified a change in one of its e-mail addresses, which is now as follows:

pct.eservices@wipo.int (PCT eServices Help Desk)

[Updating of Annex B2(IB) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

UZ Uzbekistan

The **State Patent Office of Uzbekistan** has notified changes in the name of the Office, as well as in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail and internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Agency on Intellectual Property of the Republic of Uzbekistan
Location and mailing address:	Mustakillik avenue, 59 100000, Tashkent Uzbekistan
Telephone:	(998-71) 232 50 50
Facsimile machine:	(998-71) 233 50 05
E-mail:	info@ima.uz
Internet:	www.ima.uz

[Updating of Annex B1(UZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Danish krone (DKK)**, **pound sterling (GBP)**, **Hungarian forint (HUF)**, **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, **Japanese yen (JPY)**, **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, **New Zealand dollar (NZD)**, **Swedish krona (SEK)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, **US dollar (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are as follows:

CHF	2,059
DKK	13,210
GBP	1,552
HUF	550,400
ISK	221,900
JPY	242,100
NOK	16,990
NZD	3,007
SEK	17,390
SGD	2,900
USD	2,207
ZAR	26,320

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are EUR 1,775 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are CHF 2,059 and USD 2,207, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are EUR 1,775 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are CHF 2,059 and USD 2,207, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2018, is CHF 2,059.

[Updating of Annex SISA(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office has notified a fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.1*ter*), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 April 2018. The amount of the fee is EUR 0.60 per page.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) and SISA(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, and new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Danish krone (DKK)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, **Norwegian krone (NOK)** and **US dollar (USD)**, applicable from 1 April 2018 and payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows:

Search fee:	SEK 17,390
	CHF 2,059
	DKK 13,210
	EUR 1,775
	ISK 221,900
	NOK 16,990
	USD 2,207
Additional search fee:	SEK 17,390

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(a)), in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2018, is CHF 2,059.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Turkey

New amounts in **Turkish lira (TRY)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) payable to the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are TRY 8,290 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **euro (EUR)**, **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are as follows:

EUR	1,775
CHF	2,059
USD	2,207

[Updating of Annex D(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a full supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2018, is CHF 2,059.

[Updating of Annex SISA(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VN Viet Nam

The **National Office of Intellectual Property of Viet Nam (NOIP)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee, in **Vietnamese dong (VND)**, applicable since 1 January 2017 and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): VND 300,000

Moreover, the office notified the deletion of the fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)).

[Updating of Annex C(VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **Vietnamese dong (VND)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

Filing fee:	VND 150,000
Fee for priority claims per priority:	VND 600,000
Fee for requesting formality and substantive examination:	VND 900,000
Additional fee for each sheet in excess of six:	VND 40,000
Search fee:	VND 600,000
Fee for publication:	VND 120,000
Additional fee for each drawing in excess of one:	VND 60,000
Additional fee for each page in excess of six:	VND 10,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (VN), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

New amounts in **Danish kroner (DKK)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) payable to the **Nordic Patent Institute** as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are DKK 13,210 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **euro (EUR)**, **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, **Swedish krona (SEK)**, **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are as follows:

ISK	221,900
NOK	16,990
SEK	17,390
USD	2,207
EUR	1,775
CHF	2,059

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a full supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2018, is CHF 2,059.

[Updating of Annex SISA(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

The **Visegrad Patent Institute** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are EUR 1,775 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Hungarian forint (HUF)**, **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2018, are HUF 550,400, CHF 2,059 and USD 2,207, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a full supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2018, is CHF 2,059.

[Updating of Annex SISA(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes concerning the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase. The consolidated list of the requirements reads as follows:

- under PCT Article 22: description, claims (if amended, as amended only, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract;
- under PCT Article 39(1): description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report);
- under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): a translation of the request is only required if the national application is filed prior to the publication of the international application. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

The Office also notified changes in its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required – the applicant is only required to send a copy of the international application if the national application is filed prior to the publication of the international application. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has informed the International Bureau that since 1 July 2016, there has been a new currency unit in Belarus. The three letter currency code for the **Belarusian rouble**, should now read: **BYN** (replacing the previous three letter currency code: BYR).

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Belarusian rouble (BYN)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 January 2017, as follows:

Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	BYN 36.50	per copy, up to 35 pages, plus
	BYN 18.50	for each additional copy, provided that the copies are prepared simultaneously, plus
	BYN 0.60	additionally, per page in excess of 35
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	BYN 92	

[Updating of Annexes C(BY) and of the National Chapter, Summary (BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office¹ (United Kingdom)** has notified changes in the components of the national fee, in **Pound sterling (GBP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable as from 6 April 2018. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

Search fee:²

Where a search has already been made by an International Searching Authority:	GBP	150 ³
In other cases:	GBP	180 ³
Substantive examination fee: ⁴	GBP	130 ³
Excess claims fee (for each claim over 25):	GBP	20 ⁵
Excess pages fee (for each page of description over 35):	GBP	10 ⁵

Moreover, the office notified a new amount in the reduction of the search fee or examination fee where a request for search or substantive examination is filed in electronic form using a method of electronic communication accepted by the Office. This new amount is GBP 30.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GB), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

² Due within 33 months from the priority date. Where the applicant expressly requests early entry into the national phase, the fee is due within 12 months from the priority date, or two months from the date on which the conditions for early entry are satisfied, whichever is the later.

³ This fee is reduced by GBP 30 when search/substantive examination is requested electronically.

⁴ Due within 33 months from the priority date.

⁵ Excess claims and excess pages fees may also be payable at grant if your claims and pages increase during the processing of your application. If this is the case, the Office will invite you to pay a grant fee by filing a Form 34.

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified new amounts of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 16 January 2018, are as follows:

For other than a small or micro entity:	USD 2,000
For a small entity:	USD 1,000
For a micro entity:	USD 500

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

The Office has also notified changes to components of the national fee,⁶ in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are also applicable from 16 January 2018. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows (the first amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a small entity,⁷ and the second amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a micro entity).⁸

Basic national fee: ⁹	USD	300	(150)	(75)
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⁶ The amounts of these fees change periodically. The United States Patent and Trademark Office or the current USPTO Fee Schedule at: www.uspto.gov/about/offices/cfo/finance/fees.jsp should be consulted for the applicable amounts.

⁷ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a “small entity” (see paragraphs US. 19-1).

⁸ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a “micro entity” (see paragraphs US. 19-21).

⁹ Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

Search fee:¹⁰

– IPRP prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):	USD	0	0	0
– International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA:	USD	140	(70)	(35)
– Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO:	USD	520	(260)	(130)
– All other situations:	USD	660	(330)	(165)

Examination fee:¹⁰

– IPRP prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):	USD	0	0	0
– All other situations:	USD	760	(380)	(190)

For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium):	USD	400	(200)	(100)
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Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three: ¹⁰	USD	460	(230)	(115)
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Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20: ¹⁰	USD	100	(50)	(25)
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In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application: ¹⁰	USD	820	(410)	(205)
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Surcharge for paying any of the search fee, the examination fee, or filing the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage: ¹⁰	USD	140	(70)	(35)
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Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): ¹⁰	USD	140	(70)	(35)
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¹⁰ If not paid with the basic national fee, the USPTO will invite the applicant to pay the fee within a time period fixed in the invitation.

Mega-Sequence Listing filing fee:

- submission of sequence listing of
300 MB to 8000 MB: USD 1,000 (500) (250)
- submission of sequence listing
of more than 800 MB: USD 10,000 (5,000) (2,500)

[Updating of National Chapter, Summary (US), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments entered into force on 16 January 2018. The amended Annex D reads as follows:

**“Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (United States dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preparation of an international type search report on a United States national application	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– where the international search fee has been paid on the international application to the Authority	[No change]
– where the international search was carried out by another Authority	760 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rules 13 ter .1(c) and 13 ter .2))	300 ²

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

² This fee is reduced by 50% in the case of filing by a “small entity” and by 75% in the case of filing by a “micro entity”. For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of “small entity” status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#d0e30961 and 37 CFR 1.27 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf. For further details on the entitlement to and the establishment of “micro entity” status, see www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/s509.html#ch500_d1ff69_210b3_1ca and 37 CFR 1.29 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf. These details shall be subject to change by the Authority at its discretion.

Cost of copies (Rules 44.3 and 71.2)³

– US patent, per copy [No change]

Cost of copies (Rules 94.1*ter* and 94.2)

– US patent, per copy [No change]

– non-US patent document, per copy [No change]

Part II. [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified a change in its telephone number, as follows:

Telephone: (31-88) 042 66 60

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes to the conditions for refund of the search fee where the international search report drawn up by the Office is based on an earlier search report prepared by the Office on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application – since 1 December 2017, earlier searches give rise to a refund as follows:

³ The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each cited document that is not a US patent document or a published international application. The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each cited document not cited in the international search report that is not US patent document or a published international application. Electronic copies of these documents may be viewed at the USPTO's website (www.uspto.gov/patents-application-process/search-patents) and printed for free. Copies can also be purchased online or obtained from the USPTO Office of Public Records.

– for a European search (EPC Article 92), an international search (PCT Article 15(1)), a supplementary international search (PCT Rule 45*bis*) or a search made on behalf of a national Office on a national application (BE,⁴ CY, FR, GR, IT, LT, LU, LV,⁵ MC,⁵ MT, NL,⁴ SM, TR):

– full benefit: refund of 100%

– partial benefit: refund of 25%

– for an international-type search (PCT Article 15(5)):

– full benefit: refund of 70%

– partial benefit: refund of 17.5%

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US Unites States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a new fee, in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as international searching and international preliminary examining authorities, with effect since 16 January 2018.

Late furnishing fee for providing
a sequence listing in response to
an invitation under PCT Rule 13*ter* USD 300

[Updating of Annexes D and E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office notified a new amount for the preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) where the international search was carried out by another Authority. This new amount, also applicable since 16 January 2018, is USD 760.

[Updating of Annex E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁴ Includes international-type searches covered by an agreement between the Authority and that Office.

⁵ Applies to search requests in respect of national applications filed as of 1 October 2016 for Latvia and as of 1 April 2017 for Monaco.

RECEIVING OFFICES

TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Trinidad and Tobago with the Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 22 February 2018.

[Updating of Annex C(TT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a change in one of its facsimile numbers, which is now as follows:

Facsimile machine: (1-571) 273 83 00
(PCT Operations - only available
for certain documents)¹

[Updating of Annex B(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Bulgarian lev (BGN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 12 December 2017, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee: ²	BGN	40
Publication fee:	BGN	70

For a utility model:

Filing fee: ²	BGN	40
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2018, is EUR 1,012.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For details of which documents may be sent by facsimile, see “Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?”.

² This fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in Japanese by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2018, is KRW 712,000.

Furthermore, new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 June 2018, are USD 657 for searches carried out in Japanese and USD 1,465 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES

TR Turkey

Under PCT Rule 26bis.3(i), the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** has informed the International Bureau that, since 10 January 2017, it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2018, is EUR 1,376.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified a new fee, in **Yuan renminbi (CNY)**, payable to it as receiving office, since 1 July 2016.

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.1 <i>bis</i>), per page:	CNY	2
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[Updating of Annex C(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified that, from 1 May 2018, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software.

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has specified the types of electronic medium it accepts for the furnishing of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in electronic form as follows:

Does the Authority require that a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13ter)?	Yes
Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?	Diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD and DVD-R

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The **State Office of Industrial Property (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)** has notified changes in its location, telephone number and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location:	Boulevard October 11, no. 25 1000 Skopje The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Telephone:	(389-2) 310 36 01
E-mail:	info@ippo.gov.mk

[Updating of Annex B1(MK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the amount for the fee for the priority document submitted in electronic form, in **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is:

Fee for priority document (Rule 17.1(b)):	SGD	28	(electronic copy)
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[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any registered patent attorney or legal representative can now act as such.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BE Belgium

The Internet address of the **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has changed and is now as follows:

<https://economie.fgov.be/fr/themes/propriete-intellectuelle/institutions-et-acteurs/office-belge-de-la-propriete>

[Updating of Annex B1(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified a change in its mailing address, which is now as follows:

Mailing address: Postboks 4863 Nydalen,
0422 Oslo
Norway

[Updating of Annex B1(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2018, are USD 484 when filing online and USD 725 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2018, is USD 335.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2018, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	137,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK	1,500
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
– Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ISK	20,600
– Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ISK	31,000

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new amount of one of the components of the national fee, in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, applicable since 14 February 2018, as follows:

Annual fee for the first three years: ¹	SEK	1,400
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This fee is due on the last day of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date; where PCT Article 22 or 39(1) applies, it is payable within two months after performing the acts for entering the national phase, unless the 24-month time limit has not yet expired.

RECEIVING OFFICES

TT Trinidad and Tobago – Corrigendum

The date from which the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) started to act as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Trinidad and Tobago with the **Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)**, or with the International Bureau, as indicated in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 29 March 2018, page 228, was erroneous. The correct date is 19 March 2018.

[Updating of Annex C(TT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on Friday 2 March 2018 and Wednesday 21 March 2018.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on either of the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on Monday 5 March 2018 and Thursday 22 March 2018, respectively.

As regards other possible excuses of delay or loss in the mail, due to the above weather conditions, of documents or letters addressed to the Office, see PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*.

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RECEIVING OFFICES

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified a change concerning whether an agent is required by it – an agent is required if the applicant has neither a residence nor a principal place of business in Poland, or in another Member State of the European Union or the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).

[Updating of Annex C(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified a change concerning one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*.1. An appointment of an agent is required if the applicant has neither a residence nor a principal place of business in Poland, or in another Member State of the European Union or the European Free Trade Association (EFTA).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

SE Sweden

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notifications (PCT Gazette) of 20 February 2014, pages 28 to 30, and in particular, that it will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using PCT-SAFE software, with effect from 1 August 2018. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing
- epoline® software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile or text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2, and Appendix III, section 2(i))
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available on the website www.prv.se.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8.00 a.m. and 4.40 p.m. (15 September – 14 May) and between 8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. (15 May – 14 September) CET (Central European Time), Monday to Friday, excluding Swedish public holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by phone at: +46 (0) 8 782 26 00
- by e-mail at: biblioteket@prv.se

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, including the demand, as supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application. Documents should preferably not be password protected.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives. Find more information on www.prv.se/en/.

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- European Patent Office CA (www.epoline.org/portal/public)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2018, is SGD 2,210.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2018, are EUR 385 when filing online, and EUR 576 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2018, is CHF 331.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2018, is SEK 18,670.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2018, are EUR 359 for searches carried out in Korean and EUR 1,038 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **Mexican peso (MXN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 27 April 2018, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	MXN	3,147 ¹
	MXN	1,500 ²
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	MXN	61

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	MXN	2,000 ¹
	MXN	1,350 ²
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	MXN	61

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MX), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This fee is payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 22.

² This fee is payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 39(1).

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2018, are EUR 114 for searches carried out in Russian and EUR 535 for searches carried out in English.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2018, are USD 136 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 638 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AE United Arab Emirates

The **Industrial Property Directorate, Ministry of Economy (United Arab Emirates)** has notified changes in its name, as well as in its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office: International Center for Patent
Registration,
Ministry of Economy
(United Arab Emirates)

E-mail: icpr@economy.ae

[Updating of Annex B1(AE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified an additional telephone number for local calls, which is as follows:

1300 65 10 10 (local)

[Updating of Annex B1(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes in the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication, which are now as follows:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

After a patent has been granted, the applicant is entitled to reasonable compensation for the period following the international publication of the international application. For that purpose, and if the international publication has not been effected in Spanish, the applicant must submit to the Office a translation of the international application into Spanish. The provisional protection applies as from the date of publication of the international application in Spanish by the Office.

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

After the international publication (if in Spanish) or, where that publication was in a language other than Spanish, after the publication by the Office of a translation into Spanish of the claims of the European patent application submitted by the applicant in view of provisional protection and accompanied by a special fee, compensation reasonable in the circumstances may be requested. The translation of the claims into Spanish cannot be filed before the international application has entered the European regional phase and the mention of the international publication has been published in the *European Patent Bulletin*. If the applicant does not reside in Spain or in a country of the European Union, the translation must be either prepared by a patent attorney entitled to practice before the Office, or certified by a sworn translator appointed by the Ministry of External Affairs of Spain. In addition, persons who declare to have linguistic and technical knowledge in accordance with the Ministerial Order ETU/320/2018, of March 26, 2018 may also prepare the translation.

[Updating of Annex B1(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED OFFICES)

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified changes concerning the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase. The consolidated list of the requirements reads as follows:

- Under PCT Article 22: description, claims (if amended, as amended only), any text matter of drawings;
- Under PCT Article 39(1): description, claims, any text matter of drawings (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

UA Ukraine

Agreement between the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine**, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, has notified the International Bureau of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 September 2018. The amended Annex D will read as follows:

**“Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English, German, French)	300
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	100
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English, German, French)	300
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	100
Supplementary search fee(s) (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	
– of only European and North American documentation	90
– of only Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation	70

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ua.pdf.

Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex B, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	60
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English, German, French)	160
– the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	50
– the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English, German, French)	180
– the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	70
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in English, German, French)	180
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	60
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	20
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per page	0.40
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and Rule 94.2), per page	0.90

Part II. [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, facsimile number and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Hipodrom Caddesi No. 115
06560 Yenimahalle
Ankara
Turkey

Facsimile machine: (90-312) 303 11 73

E-mail: contact@turkpatent.gov.tr

[Updating of Annex B1(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2018, are CHF 450 and USD 446 when filing online, and CHF 675 and USD 668 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified new amounts of components of the national fee², in **Colombian peso (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2018, are as follows:

For a patent:	online	on paper
Filing fee:	COP 73,000	COP 91,000
Annual fee:		
– for the 1 st to the 4 th year, per year:	COP 256,000 (380,000) ³	COP 307,000 (456,000) ³
For a utility model:		
– Filing fee:	COP 63,500	COP 79,500

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** and **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2018, are USD 2,095 and JPY 227,600.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2018, are CHF 133 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 625 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of late payment within a grace period of six months from the due date.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 September 2018, are CHF 184 and CHF 295 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UA Ukraine

The **Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and Authority specified for supplementary search, applicable from 1 September 2018, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian):	EUR	100
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian):	EUR	100
Supplementary search fee(s) (Rule 45bis.3(a))		
– of only European and North American documentation	EUR	90
– of only Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation	EUR	70
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex B, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	EUR	60

In addition, the Office has notified a fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.1*ter*), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and Authority specified for supplementary search, applicable from 1 September 2018. The amount of the fee is EUR 0.90 per page.

[Updating of Annexes D(UA) and SISA(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Moreover, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 September 2018, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))

- the international search report has been prepared by the Authority
(for an application in Ukrainian or Russian) EUR 50
- the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority
(for an application in Ukrainian or Russian) EUR 70

Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))
(for an application in Ukrainian or Russian) EUR 60

Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e)) EUR 20

Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)),
per page EUR 0.40

Finally, the Office has notified a fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.2), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 September 2018. The amount of the fee is EUR 0.90 per page.

[Updating of Annex E(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

SG Singapore

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 21 April 2018, consists of the addition of Brunei Darussalam to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

So far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Thailand, United States of America, Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Singapore, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Japan, Mexico, Thailand, United States of America, Viet Nam. Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BB Barbados

The **Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office (Barbados)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address, and its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Ground Floor BAOBAB Tower
Warrens
St. Michael
Barbados

Telephone: (1-246) 535-2401
(1-246) 535-2402

Facsimile: (1-246) 535-2444

[Updating of Annex B1(BB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

UA Ukraine

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property** as International Search Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2018, are CHF 116 and USD 117, respectively, for searches carried out in Ukrainian or Russian.

[Updating of Annex D(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 September 2018, are CHF 104 (of only European and North American documentation), CHF 81 (of only Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation), and CHF 69 (where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Intellectual Property Office of Brunei Darussalam** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), and the Japan Patent Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam with the Intellectual Property Office of Brunei Darussalam, with effect from 21 April 2018.

[Updating of Annex C(BN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee², in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2018, is EUR 60.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fees — the existing 50% reduction in the filing fee (where the applicant is also the inventor) also applies where the application is filed in fully electronic form.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SK), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

BE Belgium

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of one of the collections of the Belgian Co-ordinated Collections of Microorganisms (BCCMTM), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. As of January 1, 2018, the BCCM/LMBP Plasmid and DNA Library collection has changed its name to BCCM/GeneCorner.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. The amendment, which entered into force on 1 July 2018, consists of changes to the conditions under which the Office will act as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), pursuant to Article 3(1) of the Agreement. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf

For the United States of America, the Authority will act under Article 3(1) provided that (a) the international application is submitted in English; and (b) the Authority has not received more than 8,400 international applications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office during the five-year period from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2023, and not more than 300 applications per quarter during the first and second years, and not more than 500 applications per quarter during the third, fourth, and fifth years. Where the Authority has prepared the international search report, the Authority will also act under Article 3(2) if these conditions are met.

Where a receiving Office specifies the Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and the Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

(ii) [no change]”

RECEIVING OFFICES

US United States of America

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the Agreement between the Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. The amendment, which entered into force on 1 July 2018, consists of changes to the conditions under which the Office will act as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, pursuant to Article 3(1) of the Agreement.

As of 1 July 2018, the Japan Patent Office will act as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the USPTO insofar as the following conditions are met:

- the international application is submitted in English; and
- the Authority has not received more than 8,400 international applications from the USPTO during the five-year period from 1 July 2018 to 30 June 2023, and not more than 300 applications per quarter during the first and second years, and not more than 500 applications per quarter during the third, fourth, and fifth years.

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (43-1) 53424-0
(43-1) 53424-450 (PCT services)

[Updating of Annex B1(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2018, are ZAR 28,900 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 14,450 for a small entity and ZAR 7,230 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MN Mongolia

The **Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers, and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Baga toiruu-49 Ulaanbaatar-46 Mongolia
Telephone:	(976-11) 316 454
Facsimile machine:	(976-11) 327 638
E-mail:	ipinfo@ipom.mn

[Updating of Annex B1(MN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NA Namibia

The **Registration of Companies, Close Corporations and Industrial Property Rights Office (Namibia)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Office, as well as to its location and mailing address, e-mail address, and Internet address, which are now as follows:

Name of office:	Business and Intellectual Property Authority (BIPA) (Namibia)
Location:	188 Sam Nujoma Drive Windhoek Namibia
Mailing address:	P.O.Box 185 Windhoek Namibia
E-mail:	info@bipa.na
Internet:	www.bipa.na

[Updating of Annex B1(NA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China (SIPO)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 August 2018, the transmittal fee payable to it as receiving Office is no longer required.

[Updating of Annex C(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2018, is USD 309.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name and mailing address of the Russian National Collection of Industrial Microorganisms (VKPM), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new name and mailing address are as follows:

All-Russian Collection of Industrial Microorganisms (VKPM)
Research Centre "Kurchatov Institute"
State Research Institute "Genetika"
1-st Dorozhniy pr., 1
117545 Moscow
Russian Federation

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SZ Swaziland

The International Bureau has been notified that Swaziland has changed its name to “**Eswatini**”. The corresponding two-letter code (SZ) remains unchanged.

[Updating of Annexes A and B1(SZ) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2018, is USD 1,631.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

MN Mongolia

The **Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of one of the components of the national fee in **Mongolian tugrik (MNT)**, as follows:

Annual fee for the period from the 1 st to the 3 rd year: ¹	MNT	10,000
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MN) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

¹ Due to the new time limit applicable under PCT Article 22, the Office should be consulted for the time limit applicable for the payment of this fee.

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 July 2018, as follows:

	<i>Online</i>	<i>On paper</i>
For a patent: ²	EUR 53.30	EUR 106.61
For a utility model: ³	EUR 53.30	EUR 106.61

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2018, are NZD 3,066 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, NZD 1,533 for a small entity and NZD 766 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² Includes publication and examination.

³ Includes publication only.

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ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2018, is USD 2,095.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2018, is USD 2,095.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Turkey

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2018, is USD 2,095.

[Updating of Annex D(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2018, is USD 2,095.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2018, is USD 2,095.

[Updating of Annex D(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

CN China

Agreement between the State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which enters into force on 1 September 2018, consists of the addition of Cambodia to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

So far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

China, Angola, Cambodia, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Liberia, Thailand, Zimbabwe

and any State that the Authority will specify.

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

China, Angola, Cambodia, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Liberia, Thailand, Zimbabwe

and any State that the Authority will specify.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_cn.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of new equivalent amounts in **Swedish krona (SEK)** of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) carried out by the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable since 1 August 2018, are SEK 18,670 for each fee.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2018, is USD 2,095.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Nordic Patent Institute in its capacity as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable since 1 August 2018, is SEK 18,670.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

KH Cambodia

The **Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC)** has specified the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, in addition to the European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office and the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Cambodia with the DIPC, with effect from 1 September 2018.

[Updating of Annex C(KH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning exemption, reduction or refund of the national fee, applicable to applications that have entered the substantive examination stage on or after 1 August 2018 – a refund of 50% of the examination fee may be requested where the application has entered the substantive examination stage and the application is voluntarily withdrawn prior to the expiration of the time limit for responding to the first examination opinion (except when a response has already been submitted).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its requirements concerning the languages of the translation of the international application – the Office accepts a translation into English,² French or German.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² However, a translation of the claims into German or French is required when the application is submitted in English.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

CN China

Agreement between the State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 1 September 2018, consists of the addition of Lao People’s Democratic Republic to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

So far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

China, Angola, Cambodia, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Liberia, Thailand, Zimbabwe and any State that the Authority will specify.

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

China, Angola, Cambodia, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Liberia, Thailand, Zimbabwe and any State that the Authority will specify.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_cn.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified the International Bureau of changes to its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail:	contactenos@sic.gov.co (general enquiries)
	dirnuecreaciones@sic.gov.co (enquiries concerning ePCT)

[Updating of Annex B1(CO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish krona (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d). These amounts, payable to the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** and applicable from 1 November 2018, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK 11,910
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK 130
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SEK 1,790
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SEK 2,690
Handling fee:	SEK 1,790

[Updating of Annexes C(SE) and E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

IB International Bureau

The International Bureau acting for the **Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)** has specified the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, in addition to the European Patent Office and the Japan Patent Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Lao People's Democratic Republic with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect since 1 September 2018.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EFFECT OF RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES: WITHDRAWAL BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.1(g)

TR Turkey

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 26/2006 of 29 June 2006, page 18994), the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification. PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (d) therefore applies to international applications filed with the Office on or after 10 January 2017.

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY DESIGNATED OFFICES: WITHDRAWAL BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.2(h)

TR Turkey

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006 of 1 June 2006, page 15990), the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore applies to international applications in respect of which the requirements for entry into the national phase have been fulfilled on or after 10 January 2017. The Office applies the "due care" criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority, and the fee for a request, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) office, is TRY 1,890.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2018, is CHF 303.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **United States dollars (USD)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2018, is USD 141 (and USD 35 in the case of filing by an individual).

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2018, are CHF 121 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 569 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 November 2018, are CHF 168 and CHF 269 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

LT Lithuania

Under Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 January 2013, pages 8 *et seq.* In particular, from 1 October 2018, the Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software (under Section 710(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

[Updating of Annex C(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PL Poland

Under Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 05/2006, of 2 February 2006, pages 3180 *et seq.*, and changed in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 5 November 2015, pages 178 *et seq.* In particular, from 1 October 2018, the Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software (under Section 710(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

[Updating of Annex C(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

Under with Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 January 2013, pages 10 *et seq.*, and changed in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 January 2016, pages 30 *et seq.* In particular, from 1 October 2018, the Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software (under Section 710(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RO Romania

Under Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 17/2006, of 27 April 2006, pages 12218 *et seq.* In particular, from 1 October 2018, the Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software (under Section 710(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

[Updating of Annex C(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

UA Ukraine

Agreement between the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex D

The **Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine**, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, has notified the International Bureau of an amendment to Part I of Annex D thereof, which entered into force on 1 September 2018. The amended Annex D now reads as follows:

**“Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English, German, French)	[no change]
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	[no change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English, German, French)	[no change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	[no change]
Supplementary search fee(s) (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	
– of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34	90
– of only European and North American documentation	[no change]
– of only Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation	[no change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ua.pdf.

Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex B, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	[no change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English, German, French)	[no change]
– the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	[no change]
– the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English, German, French)	[no change]
– the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	[no change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in English, German, French)	[no change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in Ukrainian or Russian)	[no change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[no change]
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Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and Rule 94.2), per page	[no change]

Part II. [No change]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts, in **euros (EUR)**, of the transmittal fee, the fee for priority document, and the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, applicable since 1 July 2018 and payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee: (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 10.67 (online)	EUR 21.33 (on paper)
Fee for priority document:	EUR 42.64	
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d)):	EUR 159.91 (request filed online)	EUR 319.83 (request filed on paper)

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UA Ukraine

Further to its notification of amendments to the Agreement between the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 5 July 2018, pages 256 *et seq.*, the **Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property** has notified the International Bureau of a new fee, in **euros (EUR)**, with effect since 1 September 2018. This amount, payable to the Office for a supplementary search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority (Ukrpatent), including PCT minimum documentation under PCT Rule 34, is EUR 90.

[Updating of Annex SISA(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Organisation (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of the document is no longer required for the withdrawal of the international application.

[Updating of Annex B2(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OM Oman

The **Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location and mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Way 3505, Ruwi 112 P.O. Box 550 Muscat Oman
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[Updating of Annex B1(OM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UG Uganda

The **Patents Registry, Registrar General's Department, Ministry of Justice (Uganda)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the name of the Office, as well as in its location, mailing address, telephone numbers, and e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)
Location and mailing address:	Plot 5 George Street Georgian House P.O. Box 6848 Kampala Uganda
Telephone:	(256-417) 338 000 (256-417) 338 100
E-mail:	ursb@ursb.go.ug
Internet:	www.ursb.go.ug

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by e-mail; the Office no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile machine.

The Office also notified the International Bureau of additional details concerning:

– provisions of the law of Uganda concerning the international-type search (under PCT Article 15(5)): see Section 30 of the Industrial Property Act, 2014;

– provisions of the law of Uganda concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material: see Section 16(1) of the Industrial Property Act, 2014.

[Updating of Annex B1(UG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several fees, in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2018, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) ¹ :	RSD 7,700	
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 1,850	for the first document up to 10 pages, plus
	RSD 470	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages, plus
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	RSD 3,090	

¹ This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau that, as from 1 October 2018, it will no longer accept payment, in Swiss francs (CHF), of the international filing fee and fee per sheet in excess of 30. As from this date, these fees are payable to the Office as receiving Office, in **euros (EUR)** only, as follows:

International filing fee ² :	EUR 1,163
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 ² :	EUR 13
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	EUR 175
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	EUR 262

[Updating of Annex C(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATION BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS

UG Uganda

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Article 22(1) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 1 April 2015. The time limit applicable for entry into the national phase is now as follows:

Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (UG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

**FILING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
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NL Netherlands

Under Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Netherlands Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 11/2005, of 17 March 2005, pages 7068 *et seq.* In particular, from 1 December 2018, the Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software (under Section 710(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

[Updating of Annex C(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2018, is ZAR 32,360.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2018, are CHF 1,521 and ZAR 23,570, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and handling fee have also been established, in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d). These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2018, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD 1,924
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD 22
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	AUD 289
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	AUD 434
Handling fee:	AUD 289

[Updating of Annexes C(AU) and E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euros (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2018, are CHF 399, EUR 346 and USD 404, when filing online, and CHF 598, EUR 518 and USD 605, when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2018, is ZAR 30,630.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euros (EUR)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2018, are CHF 133 and EUR 118 (and CHF 33 and EUR 30 in the case of filing by an individual).

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)**, have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2018, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 150,700
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 1,700
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ISK 22,700
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ISK 34,000

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts, in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2018, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD 2,077
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD 23
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD 312
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD 469

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2018, are USD 125 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 587 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts, in **South African rand (ZAR)**, have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2018, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 20,380
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 230
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR 3,070
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR 4,600

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

MC Monaco

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion (Monaco)** has notified the International Bureau that it will cease to act as a receiving Office and that it delegates its functions as receiving Office to the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, with effect from 1 December 2018.

[Updating of Annex B1(MC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY: NOTIFICATION OF PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

KR Republic of Korea

On 2 December 2003, the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**, acting in its capacity as a Receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, according to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1, that with effect from 1 January 2014, it was prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form; in accordance with Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the Office also notified requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form (see PCT Gazette No. 51/2003, of 18 December 2003, pages 29020 *et seq.*). Further notifications were published in PCT Gazette No. 24/2004, of 10 June 2004, page 13496; No. 06/2005, of 10 February 2005, pages 3766 *et seq.*; and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 December 2014, page 201; and lastly, and still in force, of 28 September 2017, pages 139 *et seq.*

On 4 October 2018, the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority, notified the International Bureau, according to PCT Rule 89*bis*.2 and in accordance with Section 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT that, since 13 August 2018, it has been prepared to receive and process documents relating to international applications for which international search had been carried out by the Office as International Searching Authority, filed online, using ePCT, in addition to the existing electronic methods already supported by the Office in its capacity as receiving Office.

Consequently, since 13 August 2018, the following notification has been effective for the Office in its capacity as International Searching Authority:

"As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PDF

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported document filed in electronic form with the Office, where such acknowledgement is applicable, will contain the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available on KIPO's website (<http://www.patent.go.kr>) and Internet giro (<http://www.giro.or.kr>). Applicants can check the total of fees that are due and pay them by websites.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of international applications, the Office has put in place a help desk: the Patent Customer Consulting Center. The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of international applications and subsequent documents, and in particular to serve as a technical Hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software are encountered.

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 9 am until 6 pm(KST). The Patent Customer Consulting Center may be contacted:

- by phone at (national) 1544-8080

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- Subsequently filed documents for the International Searching Authority through ePCT Document upload.

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services."

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CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified the International Bureau of changes to the English name, and the Internet address, of the Office. The English name, and Internet address, of the Office, are now as follows:

Name of Office: National Intellectual Property
Administration, PRC (CNIPA)

Internet: www.cnipa.gov.cn

[Updating of Annex B1(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its mailing address, which is now as follows:

Mailing address: Švermova 43
974 04 Banská Bystrica 4
Slovakia

Furthermore, the Office will no longer accept the filing of documents by facsimile machine with effect from 14 January 2019.

[Updating of Annex B1(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount, in **Belarusian rubles (BYN)**, of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)), applicable since 1 January 2018. This amount, payable to it as receiving Office, is BYN 98.

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of changes to amounts of components of the national fee,^{1, 2} in **Belarusian rubles (BYN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 January 2018, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee: ³	BYN	122.50
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	BYN	49
Examination fee:	BYN	588
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	BYN	343
Claim examination fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	BYN	49
Annual fee for the third year:	BYN	122.50

For utility model:

Filing fee: ³	BYN	245
Claim fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	BYN	49

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in Belarusian rouble. Fees are reduced by 75% for filings by natural persons, and waived in respect of certain other persons (please refer to the Office for details).

² For non-residents of Belarus the payment of fees shall be effected in US dollar, euro, Swiss franc or Russian rouble in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus (see <https://www.nbrb.by/statistics/rates/ratesDaily.asp>) and applicable on the date of payment.

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of entry into the national phase.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – the translation of the international application must be furnished in two copies, instead of three.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

KR Republic of Korea

The International Bureau has been notified of changes in the postal address of the **Korean Agricultural Culture Collection (KACC)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The address is as now follows:

Korean Agricultural Culture Collection (KACC)
Agricultural Microbiology Division
National Institute of Agricultural Science
Rural Development Administration
166, Nongsaengmyeong-ro, Iseo-myeon
Wanju-gun, Jeollabuk-do 55365
Republic of Korea

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail:	cmena@rnp.go.cr
	kquesada@rnp.go.cr
	ljimenezs@rnp.go.cr

[Updating of Annex B1(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified the International Bureau that no fee is payable for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)).

[Updating of Annex C(PE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

Internet: www.sakpatenti.gov.ge

[Updating of Annex B1(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location, telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Location: 15 Stout Street
Wellington 6011
New Zealand

Telephone: (64-3) 962 26 07 (international calls)
0508 447 669 (national free calls)
1800 796 338 (free calls from Australia)

E-mail: info@iponz.govt.nz (general enquiries)
epct@iponz.govt.nz
(enquiries concerning ePCT)

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of additional changes, as follows:

- The Office accepts the filing of documents via its online case management system; the Office no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile machine (PCT Rule 92.4);
- The Office sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications;
- The Office no longer accepts evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1);

- Provisional protection after international publication – Section 81 of the New Zealand Patents Act 2013 provides that after the complete specification has become open to public inspection and before the patent is granted the nominated person (as defined in section 5) is taken to have generally the same privileges and rights as if the patent had been granted on the day that the specification became open to public inspection except the nominated person cannot bring a proceeding until after the patent has been granted.

[Updating of Annex B1(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VN Viet Nam

The **National Office of Intellectual Property of Viet Nam (NOIP)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the name of the Office, as well as its telephone numbers, facsimile number, and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office of Viet Nam (IP Viet Nam)
Telephone:	(84-24) 3558 82 17 (84-24) 3858 30 69
Facsimile:	(84-24) 3858 84 49
E-mail:	vietnamipo@noip.gov.vn

[Updating of Annex B1(VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Office

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the fee for priority document, in **Russian rubles (RUB)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is RUB 1,500.

[Updating of Annex C(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)** has notified the International Bureau that, since 24 February 2017, information about patent attorneys registered to practice before the Office is available from the Trans-Tasman IP Attorneys Board at: <https://www.ttipattorney.gov.au/>.

[Updating of Annex C(NZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NZ New Zealand

On 18 September 2018, the **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)** notified the International Bureau of changes concerning its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*.1(a)(i) and (ii) -- the Office no longer requires a declaration concerning the inventor and the right of the applicant to apply for a patent.

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau that, since 24 February 2017, information about patent attorneys registered to practice before the Office is available from the Trans-Tasman IP Attorneys Board at: <https://www.ttipattorney.gov.au/>.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)** has notified the International Bureau of its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
New Zealand Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)	None	At the time of filing (as part of the specification)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism

[Updating of Annex L of the PCT *Applicant's Guide*]

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MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (37322) 40 05 00
(37322) 40 05 06

[Updating of Annex B1(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CR Costa Rica

On 3 October 2018, the **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** notified the International Bureau that it is possible to reuse the national fee already paid for an application that was subsequently abandoned for the payment of the national fee in respect of a new application with the same subject matter.

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of a clarification concerning one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* — the translation of the international application or any document relating to it should be furnished in two copies (one paper copy and an additional copy in electronic format (CD-ROM)).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

UG Uganda

The **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)** has notified the International Bureau of its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
Uganda Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)	At the time of filing (furnishing of the date of deposit of the biological material is not necessary)	None	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material

Where a deposited micro-organism ceases to be available from the institution with which it was deposited because the micro-organism is no longer viable, or for any other reason the depository institution is unable to supply samples, and if the micro-organism has not been transferred to another depository institution from which it continues to be available, an interruption in availability shall not be taken to have occurred if a new deposit of the micro-organism originally deposited is made within three months from the date on which the person who deposited it is notified of the interruption by the depository institution and a copy of the receipt of the deposit issued by the institution is forwarded to the registry within four months from the date of the new deposit stating the number of the application or of the patent. A new deposit shall be accompanied by a statement signed by the person making the deposit indicating that the newly deposited micro-organism is the same as that originally deposited.

[Updating of Annex L of the PCT *Applicant's Guide*]

**AVAILABILITY OF PRIORITY DOCUMENTS FROM DIGITAL LIBRARIES:
NOTIFICATIONS BY PARTICIPATING OFFICES AND AUTHORITIES**

In order to facilitate access to priority documents, the International Bureau established the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (“DAS”), based on a decision taken in 2006 by the Paris Union Assembly, the PLT Assembly and the PCT Union Assembly.

Since April 2009, the International Bureau, and any Office or Authority having the adequate legal and technical requirements in place, is able to participate in DAS, either as an office of first filing (“depositing Office”) or as an office of second filing (“accessing Office”), or both, in order to facilitate access to priority documents (PCT Rule 17) in a wide variety of media and formats.

Notifications made under Section 715(a)(i) or (b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT are published by the International Bureau at: http://www.wipo.int/das/en/participating_offices.html.

The following Offices and Authorities have notified the International Bureau of their participation in DAS under Sections 715(a)(i) or (b):

Office Code and Name	Participating Office since	Accessing Office since
AU Australian Patent Office	12 December 2009	12 December 2009
BR National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)	16 February 2018	1 May 2018
CL National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)	1 October 2018	1 October 2018
CN National Intellectual Property Administration, PRC (CNIPA)	1 March 2012	1 March 2012
DK Danish Patent and Trademark Office	1 November 2011	1 June 2018
EA Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)	1 November 2017	1 November 2017
EE Estonian Patent Office	1 January 2017	1 January 2017
EP European Patent Office (EPO)	1 November 2018	1 November 2018
ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	1 October 2009	1 October 2009
FI Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)	15 April 2011	15 April 2011
GB Intellectual Property Office (United Kingdom)	4 October 2009	4 October 2009

IB	International Bureau of WIPO	1 April 2009	1 January 2010
IN	Indian Patent Office	31 January 2018	31 January 2018
JP	Japan Patent Office	1 April 2009	1 April 2009
KR	Korean Intellectual Property Office	1 July 2009	1 July 2009
MA	Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)	1 December 2016	1 December 2016
NL	Netherlands Patent Office	1 June 2018	1 June 2018
NZ	Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)	30 May 2016	30 May 2016
SE	Swedish Patent and Registration Office	1 November 2011	1 July 2014
US	United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)	20 April 2009	20 April 2009

[Updating of Annexes B1(AU, BR, CL, CN, DK, EE, ES, FI, GB, IB, IN, JP, KR, MA, NL, NZ, SE, US) and B2(EA, EP, IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2019, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
 1 January 2019,
 19 and 22 April 2019,
 30 May 2019,
 10 June 2019,
 5 September 2019,
 25 and 31 December 2019.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

Note Concerning PCT Receiving Office Guidelines

Having erroneously omitted paragraph 116E from the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines (see documents PCT/GL/RO/16 promulgated by the International Bureau on 1 July 2017, and PCT/GL/RO/17 promulgated on 1 July 2018 and in force as from that date, respectively), the International Bureau has published document **PCT/GL/RO/17 CORR.** to rectify the error.

Consequential to the reintroduction of paragraph 116E, that paragraph is numbered 116F, and current paragraphs 116F and 116G are renumbered 116G and 116H, respectively.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

CA Canada

Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ - Extension of Interim Agreement

Following the publication in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 January 2018 (pages 30 and 31) of the text of an Amendment to the Agreement concluded between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau extending the appointment of the **Canadian Commissioner of Patents** as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT until 31 December 2018, the parties have concluded a subsequent amendment. This amendment further extends the existing Agreement of 13 December 2007 (including its amendments and Annexes) until 31 December 2019, or until the day before the entry into force of a new Agreement on the same subject matter in accordance with PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3) and with the domestic legal and constitutional procedures of Canada, whichever is sooner.

This amendment, which will enter into force on **31 December 2018**, is set out below on pages 331 and 332.

RECEIVING OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

On 2 November 2018, the **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** notified the International Bureau of a correction concerning the number of paper copies of the international application required by it – four copies must be provided, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(DO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UG Uganda

On 24 October 2018, the **Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB)** notified the International Bureau that it will act as receiving Office for nationals and residents of Uganda.

[Updating of Annex B1(UG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ca.pdf.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

On 2 November 2018, the **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, payable in **Dominican pesos (DOP)**, are DOP 10,000 for a patent and DOP 7,000 for a utility model.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the fiftieth (29th extraordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 24 September to 2 October 2018, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2019, in various currencies, as indicated in table 1 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2019, as indicated in table 2 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss franc for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2019, as indicated in table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DJ), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (GT), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JO), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KH), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MD), (ME), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (OM), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (QA), (RO), (RS), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM), and (ZW),

All Annexes D,

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Annexes E(AT), (AU), (CA), (CL), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (IL), (IN), (JP), (KR), (RU), (SE), (SG), (UA), (US) (XN) and (XV)].

AMENDMENT TO THE AGREEMENT

between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) of December 13, 2007 (the Agreement), made under PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3), was concluded for a period of 10 years from January 1, 2008 to December 31, 2017,

Considering that the said Agreement has been amended in 2010, these amendments having been published in the PCT Gazette on July 22, 2010,

Considering that the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of WIPO have already started negotiations for a new Agreement as provided under Article 10 therein,

Considering that an Amendment to the said Agreement was signed on October 30, 2017 and December 13, 2017 to extend the said Agreement until December 31, 2018 or until the day before the entry into force of the said new Agreement on the same subject matter in accordance with PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3), said Amendment having been published in the PCT Gazette on January 18, 2018,

Recognizing that the Government of Canada will not be able to complete the necessary domestic procedures to ratify a new Agreement in relation to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, prior to the expiration of the extended Agreement on December 31, 2018;

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Extension of the Agreement

(1) The Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of WIPO signed on December 13, 2007, including its amendments and Annexes, is hereby further extended until December 31, 2019, or until the day before the entry into force of a new Agreement on the same subject matter in accordance with PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3) and with the domestic legal and constitutional procedures of Canada, whichever is sooner.

(2) Consequently, references made to “December 31, 2018” under Articles 10 and 12 of the Agreement are amended to “December 31, 2019”, accordingly.

Article 2
Approval and entry into force

(1) In accordance with Article 11(1) of the Agreement, this amendment shall be subject to the approval of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union.

(2) Subject to paragraph 1 of this Article, this amendment shall take effect on December 31, 2018.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this twenty-eighth day of September two thousand and eighteen, in two originals in the English and French languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Johanne BÉLISLE
Canadian Commissioner of Patents

Francis GURRY
Director General
World Intellectual Property Organization

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2019)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 01.10.2018	International filing fee Rule 15.2(e)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(e)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200 Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.7106979	1,924	22	n.a	289	434	289 Current amount *
		1,871	21	n.a	281	422	281 New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.7686620	1,708	19	n.a	257	385	257 Current amount
		1,730	20	n.a	260	390	260 New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.1526435	8,650	100	n.a	1,300	1,950	1,300 Current amount
		8,710	100	n.a	1,310	1,970	1,310 New amount
EUR - Euro	1.1381555	1,163	13	87	175	262	175 Current amount
		1,169	13	88	176	264	176 New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.2820665	1,037	12	n.a	155	232	n.a Current amount
		1,037	12	n.a	156	234	n.a New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.0035242	363,000	4,100	n.a	54,600	81,900	n.a Current amount
		377,400	4,300	n.a	56,800	85,100	n.a New amount
ILS - New Israeli sheqel	0.2704773	**	**	n.a	**	**	726 Current amount
		**	**	n.a	**	**	739 New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.0087893	150,700	1,700	n.a	22,700	34,000	n.a Current amount *
		151,300	1,700	n.a	22,800	34,100	n.a New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.0086344	153,800	1,700	n.a	n.a	34,700	23,100 Current amount
		154,000	1,700	n.a	n.a	34,700	23,200 New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.0008845	***	***	n.a	n.a	***	220,000 Current amount
		***	***	n.a	n.a	***	226,000 New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.1205664	10,930	120	n.a	1,640	2,460	n.a Current amount
		11,030	120	n.a	1,660	2,490	n.a New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.6506281	2,077	23	n.a	312	469	n.a Current amount *
		2,044	23	n.a	307	461	n.a New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.1099318	11,910	130	n.a	1,790	2,690	n.a Current amount ***
		12,100	140	n.a	1,820	2,730	1,820 New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.7172936	1,859	21	n.a	280	419	280 Current amount
		1,854	21	n.a	279	418	279 New amount
USD - US dollar	0.9838544	1,366	15	103	205	308	205 Current amount
		1,352	15	102	203	305	203 New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.0692709	20,380	230	n.a	3,070	4,600	n.a Current amount *
		19,200	220	n.a	2,890	4,330	n.a New amount

* Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2018.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in New Israeli sheqels of the amounts in US dollars indicated above.

*** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss francs indicated above.

**** Amounts applicable since November 1, 2018.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2019)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA	
	EUR	1,875	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	CAD	1,600
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate	
Exchange rates applicable on 1.10.2018								
CHF - Swiss franc	1.7387555	2,145 2,134	0.7106979	1,521 ¹ 1,564	0.2455945	598 ^{1,2} 620²	0.768662	1,246 ² 1,230²
USD - US dollar	0.8644288	2,202 2,169	1.3843497	1,631 1,589	4.0060113	605 ¹ 630	1.2799572	1,279 1,250
EUR - Euro				1,376 ² 1,374²	4.6342873	518 ^{1,2} 545²	1.4806971	1,012 ² 1,081²
AUD - Australian dollar								Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone								Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling								Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint								Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona								Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen								Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.0007771	2,423,000 2,413,000	0.0012445	1,803,000 1,768,000				Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone								Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar			0.9154777	2,391 2,403				Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona								Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.6302246	3,000 2,975	1.0092807	2,210 2,180				Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.0606624	32,360 ¹ 30,810	0.0974688	23,570 ¹ 22,570				Current amount New amount

1. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2018.

2. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2019)

International Searching Authority	ISA/CL			ISA/CN	ISA/EG		ISA/EP		
	USD	2,000	400		300	EGP		4,000	EUR
Reference currency & amount	Exch. Rate			Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate	
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 1.10.2018</i>									
CHF - Swiss franc	1,948 ³ 0.9838544	390 ³ 394 ³	292 ³ 295 ³	303 ⁴ 301	0.1432143	221 ³ 219 ³	1.1381555	2,059 2,020	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar				309	17.930644	227	0.8644288	2,095 2,053	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1,703 ³ 1.1568333	341 ³ 346 ³	255 ³ 259 ³	269 ³ 264 ³	7.9472219	193 ³ 193 ³			Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar									Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone									Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling							0.1341148	13,210 13,230	Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint							1.1264422	1,552 1,576	Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona							0.0030964	550,400 573,200	Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen							0.0077224	221,900 229,900	Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won							0.0075863	227,600 234,000	Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone									Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar							0.1059314	16,990 16,760	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona							0.5716513	3,007 3,105	Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar							0.0965877	18,670 18,380	Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand							0.6302246	2,900 2,820	Current amount New amount
							0.0608624	30,630 ⁵ 29,160	Current amount New amount

3. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

4. Amounts applicable since November 1, 2018.

5. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2018.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2019)

International Searching Authority	ISAVES		ISA/IF		ISA/IL		ISA/IN			
	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	ILS	3,525	INR	10,000		2,500
Reference currency & amount	EUR	1,775	EUR	1,775	ILS	3,525	INR	10,000	2,500	
Exchange rates applicable on 1.10.2018	Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate			
CHF - Swiss franc	1.1381555	2,059 ⁶	1.1381555	2,059 ⁶	0.2704773	994 ⁶	0.0134394	133 ⁷	33 ⁷	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	2,095	2,020 ⁶	2,095 ⁶	2,020 ⁶	3.6374752	953 ⁶	73.206973	141 ⁸	35 ⁸	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	0.8644288	2,053	0.8644288	2,053 ⁶	4.2079525	849 ⁶	84.688265	118 ^{7,6}	30 ^{7,6}	Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone										Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona										Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen										Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won										Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar										Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona										Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar										Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand										Current amount New amount

6. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

7. Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2018.

8. Amounts entered into force since November 1, 2018.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
 (applicable as from January 1, 2019)

International Searching Authority	ISA/SE ²		ISA/SG		ISA/TR ³		ISA/JA		Current amount New amount
	Reference currency & amount	SEK	SGD	TRY	EUR	300	100		
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 1.10.2018</i>			<i>Exch. Rate</i>		<i>Exch. Rate</i>				
CHF - Swiss franc		2,059 2,020	1,603 ¹⁴ 1,607 ¹⁴	2,059 2,020	1,138/555	343 ¹⁴ 341 ¹⁴	116 ¹⁴ 114 ¹⁴	Current amount New amount	
USD - US dollar		2,095 2,053	1,646 1,633	2,095 ¹⁴ 2,053 ¹⁴	0,864/288	352 ¹⁴ 347 ¹⁴	117 ¹⁴ 116 ¹⁴	Current amount New amount	
EUR - Euro		1,775 1,775	1,401 ¹⁴ 1,412 ¹⁴	1,775 ¹⁴ 1,775 ¹⁴				Current amount New amount	
AUD - Australian dollar			1,586/358					Current amount New amount	
DKK - Danish krone		13,210 13,230						Current amount New amount	
GBP - Pound sterling								Current amount New amount	
HUF - Hungarian forint								Current amount New amount	
ISK - Icelandic krona		221,900 229,900						Current amount New amount	
JPY - Japanese yen			185,300 186,100					Current amount New amount	
KRW - Korean won			0,0120374					Current amount New amount	
NOK - Norwegian krone		16,990 16,760						Current amount New amount	
NZD - New Zealand dollar								Current amount New amount	
SEK - Swedish krona								Current amount New amount	
SGD - Singapore dollar								Current amount New amount	
ZAR - South African rand								Current amount New amount	

12. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2019, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.
13. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2019, to be fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.
14. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2019)

International Searching Authority	ISA/US		ISA/XN ¹⁵		ISA/XV	
	USD	Exch. Rate	DKK	Exch. Rate	EUR	Exch. Rate
Reference currency & amount	2,080		13,210		1,775	
Exchange rates applicable on 1.10.2018	1,040		13,230			
CHF - Swiss franc	2,026 2,046	0.9838544	506 512	2,059 ¹⁶ 2,020¹⁶	1.1381555	2,059 ¹⁶ 2,020¹⁶
USD - US dollar				2,095 ¹⁶ 2,053¹⁶	0.8644288	2,095 ¹⁶ 2,053¹⁶
EUR - Euro	1,771 ¹⁶ 1,798¹⁶	1.1568333	443 ¹⁶ 450¹⁶	1,775 ¹⁶ 1,775¹⁶		Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar						Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone						Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling						Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint						Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona				221,900 229,900	0.0030964	550,400 573,200
JPY - Japanese yen						Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won						Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone						Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	3,066 3,145	0.6613052	766 786	16,990 16,760		Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona				18,670 18,380		Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar						Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	28,900 29,540	0.0704076	7,230 7,390			Current amount New amount

15. All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2019, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

16. Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2019)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU	
	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴	CHF
Reference currency & Amount	850 ¹	1,190 ²	1,700 ³	1,775	1,775	1,775	11,800	18,880 ⁵
Exchange rate applicable on 01.10.18	Exch. Rate			Exch. Rate		Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc	1.1381555	967	1.354	1.1381555	2,020	1.1381555	0.0150499	284

1. For a search of the German-language documentation.
2. For a search of the European or North American documentation.
3. For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.
4. This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
5. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2019)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/SE		ISA/SG		ISA/TR		ISA/UA					
	Reference currency & Amount	Amount	Reference currency & Amount	Amount	Reference currency & Amount	Amount	Reference currency & Amount	Amount	Reference currency & Amount	Amount		
Reference currency & Amount	SEK	18,670	SGD	2,240	TRY	500 ⁶	8,290	EUR	60 ⁷	70 ⁸	90 ⁹	90 ¹⁰
	SEK	18,380 ¹¹			TRY		12,210 ¹²					
Exchange rate applicable on 01.10.2018			Exch. Rate					Exch. Rate				
CHF - Swiss franc		2,020 ¹³	0.7172936	1,607		83 ¹⁴	2,020 ¹⁴	1.1381555	68	80	102	102

6. For a search of only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.
7. This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
8. For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.
9. For a search of only the European and North American documentation.
10. For a search of the documents in the search collection of the Authority, including the PCT minimum documentation.
11. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2019.
12. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2019.
13. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2019.
14. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2019.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2019)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISAXN		ISAXV			
Reference currency & Amount	DKK	4,000 ¹⁵	13,210	EUR	550 ¹⁶	1,775
<i>Exchange rate applicable on 01.10.2018</i> CHF - Swiss franc	DKK	13,230¹⁷	2,020¹⁸	<i>Exch. Rate</i> 1,1381555	626	2,020

15. For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

16. For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

17. This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2019.

18. New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2019.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

AU Australia

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Following the publication in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 January 2018 (pages 14 and 15) of the text of an Amendment to the Agreement concluded between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau, extending the appointment of the **Australian Patent Office** as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, the parties have concluded a new Agreement, which will enter into force on 1 January 2019.

The new Agreement will be effective until 31 December 2027, and is set out at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BH Bahrain

The **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has notified the International Bureau of a change to one of its telephone numbers and to its email address, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (973-17) 57 49 46
(973-17) 57 48 96

E-mail: ip@moic.gov.bh

[Updating of Annex B1(BH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_au.pdf.

MT Malta

The **Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department, Ministry for the Economy, Investment and Small Business (Malta)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in its location, mailing address, and telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Lascaris Bastions
Dahlet Grien is-Sultan
Valletta VLT 1933
Malta

Telephone: (356) 2569 0100
(356) 2122 6688

[Updating of Annex B1(MT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2019, are CHF 456, EUR 398, and USD 454 when filing online, and CHF 683, EUR 596 and USD 680 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee,^{2,3} in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 12 June 2018, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee: ⁴	[no change]
Fee for determination of object of protection:	USD 90
Fee for determination of state of the art:	
For one independent claim:	USD 180
For each independent claim in excess of one:	USD 120

For utility model:

Filing fee: ⁴	[no change]
Fee for determination of object of protection and novelty:	USD 90

Furthermore, the Office notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the exemption, reduction or refund of the national fee – since 12 June 2018, the fee for determination of the state of the art is reduced by 50% where an international search report or an international preliminary examination report has been established and a Georgian translation thereof is submitted.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² Fees are reduced by 70% where the applicant is the inventor, a higher educational institution or an independent scientific research unit and by 90% where the applicant is a student, pupil or retiree.

³ Fees are reduced by 20% for applications filed electronically (applicable since 19 June 2018).

⁴ Must be paid within one month from the date of request for entry into the national phase.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GE Georgia

On 17 October 2018, the **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** notified the International Bureau of a change in its requirements concerning the translation of the international application – the translation must be furnished within two months from the date of request for entry into the national phase.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CR Costa Rica

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 31 October 2018, the **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 December 2018, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (506) 2234 1537, (506) 2202 0895
- by fax: (506) 2234 1537
- by e-mail at: ljimenezs@rnp.go.cr; cmena@rnp.go.cr; or kquesada@rnp.go.cr

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (http://www.rnpdigital.com/propiedad_industrial/index.htm).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.”

**Agreement between the Government of Australia
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization**

in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Australian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1
Terms and Expressions**

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Australian Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 **Basic Obligations**

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 **Competence of Authority**

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis* to the extent decided by it, as set out in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 4 **Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined**

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex C to this Agreement.

Article 5 **Fees and Charges**

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex D to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex D to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

**Article 6
Classification**

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate the classification of the subject matter according to the International Patent Classification. The Authority may, in addition, in accordance with Rules 43.3 and 70.5, indicate the classification of the subject matter according to any other patent classification specified in Annex E to this Agreement to the extent decided by it as set out in that Annex.

**Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority**

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex F.

**Article 8
International-Type Search**

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it as set out in Annex G to this Agreement.

**Article 9
Entry into Force**

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2019.

**Article 10
Duration and Renewability**

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2027. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2026, start negotiations for its renewal.

**Article 11
Amendment**

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the indications on supplementary international searches contained in Annex B to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications on patent classification systems contained in Annex E to this Agreement;
- (v) amend the indications on languages of correspondence contained in Annex F to this Agreement;
- (vi) amend the indications on international-type searches contained in Annex G to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that:

- (i) for an amendment to Annex B to the effect that the Authority shall no longer conduct supplementary international searches, that date is at least six months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau, and
- (ii) for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex D, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex D, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2027:

- (i) if the Government of Australia gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Government of Australia written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this 29th day of October 2018 in two originals in the English language.

For the Government of Australia
by:

Frances LISSON
Ambassador and Permanent
Representative of Australia to the
World Trade Organization

For the International Bureau of the
World Intellectual Property
Organization by:

Francis GURRY
Director General
World Intellectual Property
Organization

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Australia, Brunei Darussalam, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, and

by arrangement, the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

Australia, Brunei Darussalam, New Zealand, Republic of Korea, Singapore, United Arab Emirates, United States of America, and

by arrangement, the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations.

For the United States of America, the Authority will act under Article 3(1) provided that the Authority has not received more than 250 international applications from the United States Patent and Trademark Office during the relevant fiscal quarter. Where the Authority has prepared the international search report, the Authority will also act under Article 3(2) if these conditions are met. For further information, see

<https://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/og/2014/week52/TOC.htm#ref20>.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) the following language which it will accept:
English.

Annex B
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

The Authority does not conduct supplementary international searches.

Annex C
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

any subject matter which is searched or examined under the patent grant procedure in accordance with the provisions of Australian patent law.

Annex D
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Australian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,200
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,200
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	590
– in other cases	820
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	590
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	50
Cost of copies (Rules 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per document	50

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority determines that there is sufficient benefit from the results of an earlier search, up to 50% of the amount of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex E Classification

Under Article 6 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following classification systems in addition to the International Patent Classification: none.

Annex F Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:

English.

Annex G International-Type Search

Under Article 8 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following extent of international-type searches:

The Authority conducts international-type searches as follows:

International type searches on the claims of a provisional application or a search statement of a provisional application provided by the applicant.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 January 2019, consists of the addition of Jordan to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Jordan, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America, and

where the Authority has prepared the international search report,

Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Jordan, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago.

Where a receiving Office specifies the Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and the Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

RECEIVING OFFICES

ID Indonesia

On 12 November 2018, the **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the number of copies of the international application required by it – two copies must be provided, instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JO Jordan

The **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Jordan with the Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan), with effect from 1 January 2019.

[Updating of Annex C(JO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NZ New Zealand – Corrigendum

The change concerning the special requirement under PCT Rule 51*bis*.1(a)(i) of the **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand (IPONZ)**, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 1 November 2018, page 318, was erroneous.

The name and address of each inventor must be provided, if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application; however, this requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17(i).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of several components of the national fee,² in **Indonesian rupiahs (IDR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 10 November 2016, are as follows:

Filing fee:

- Electronic filing IDR 1,250,000
- Paper filing IDR 1,500,000

Claim fee for each claim
in excess of 10: IDR 50,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2019, is ISK 249,900.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronor (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2019, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 163,600
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 1,800
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
– Electronic filing (the request being in character-coded format):	ISK 24,600
– Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character-coded format):	ISK 36,900

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Agreement between the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ - Amendment to Annex D

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex D thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2019. The amended Annex D will read as follows:

**“Annex D
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,775 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,775 ²
Supplementary search fees (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[no change]
– of only European and North American documentation	[no change]
– of only German-language documentation	[no change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[no change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[no change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[no change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 45 <i>bis</i> .7(c), 71.2(b), 94.1 <i>ter</i> and 94.2), per page	[no change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_at.pdf.

² This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority.

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ - Amendment to Annex A

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A(i) thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 6 January 2019, consists of the addition of the United Arab Emirates to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:

so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam;

so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

Republic of Korea, Australia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United Arab Emirates, United States of America and Viet Nam.

Where a receiving Office specifies the International Authority under Articles 3(1) and (2), the International Authority shall become competent for international applications filed at that receiving Office from a date to be agreed by the receiving Office and International Authority and to be notified to the International Bureau.

- (ii) [no change]”

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BZ Belize

On 5 December 2018, the **Belize Intellectual Property Office** notified the International Bureau of a change concerning its email addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: belipo@btl.net
info@belip.bz

In addition, the Office notified the International Bureau of additional changes, as follows:

- The Office accepts the filing of documents via email (PCT Rule 92.4);
- The Office only accepts evidence of mailing a document by DHL or Federal Express, in the case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used; it no longer accepts evidence of mailing a document by *Taca Rapido* or UPS (PCT Rule 82.1).

[Updating of Annex B1(BZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AE United Arab Emirates IB International Bureau

The **International Center for Patent Registration, Ministry of Economy (United Arab Emirates)** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office and the Austrian Patent Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United Arab Emirates with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 6 January 2019.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2019, are EUR 1,775 for each of the fees.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 January 2019, is KRW 2,279,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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SG Singapore

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 1 January 2017, consists of the addition of Chinese to the languages indicated in Annex A, item (ii). The amended Annex will read as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) [no change];
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
English, Chinese.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KH Cambodia

General information on **Cambodia** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(KH), which is published on page 3.

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SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), it would accept Chinese, in addition to English, as a language in which international applications may be filed, and that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(c), it would accept Chinese as a language in which a request may be filed, with effect since 1 January 2017.

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf.

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General information

Name of Office:	Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC)
Location and mailing address:	45 Preah Norodom Boulevard, Khan Daun Penh, Phnom Penh, Cambodia
Telephone:	(855) 12 841 882, 12 982 382
Facsimile machine:	(855) 23 428 263
E-mail:	adm_dip@yahoo.com
Internet:	www.mih.gov.kh
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile or e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application. No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents.
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is a recognized delivery service
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Cambodia:	Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Cambodia is designated (or elected):	Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC)
May Cambodia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Cambodia concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Cambodia is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Cambodia is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of one month from the date of receipt of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2017, is USD 1,980.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2017, are USD 492 when filing online and USD 738 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2017, are:

- EUR 1,883 (general fee);
- EUR 377 (reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion));
- EUR 282 (reduced fee for universities (where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b))).

[Updating of Annex D(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2017, are ISK 221,900 and USD 1,992, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2017, are USD 616 for searches carried out in Japanese and USD 1,372 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2017, are USD 386 for searches carried out in Korean and USD 1,114 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UA Ukraine

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2017, is USD 319.

[Updating of Annex D(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2017, are EUR 1,958 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, EUR 979 for a small entity and EUR 489 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2017. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,518
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,518
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,508
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,508
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ter .1(c) and 13 ter .2)	452
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AE United Arab Emirates

The **Industrial Property Directorate, Ministry of Economy (United Arab Emirates)** has notified the amount of the filing fee for a patent or a utility certificate, in **United Arab Emirates dirham (AED)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount is AED 2,000 (1,000)².

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

² The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a natural person.

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2017, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,518
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,518
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	ILS	452

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2017, are CHF 932, EUR 872 and USD 911, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 March 2017, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	ILS	1,508
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	ILS	1,508
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	ILS	452

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2017, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	151,800
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	1,700
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY	34,200

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2017, are CHF 613 and EUR 574, respectively, for searches carried out in Japanese, and CHF 1,367 and EUR 1,279, respectively, for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 March 2017, is JPY 22,800.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

KH Cambodia

Information on the requirements of the **Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC)** as receiving Office is given in Annex C(KH), which is published at the end of this issue.

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Receiving Offices

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**DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY OF CAMBODIA (DIPC)**

KH

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Cambodia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English or Khmer ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Japan Patent Office ²
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ³ or Japan Patent Office ³
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 100
International filing fee: ⁴	USD 1,367
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁴	USD 15
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (JP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	Please refer to the Office
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	Please refer to the Office
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	Yes
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² The Office is competent only for international applications filed in English (PCT Rule 12.3 does not apply).

³ The Office is competent only if the international search has been carried out by that Office.

⁴ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 8 December 2016, consists of the addition of Cambodia to the States indicated in items (i), (ii) and (iii)(b) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [no change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:
English;
 - (c) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BH Bahrain

The **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has notified changes in its location, telephone numbers and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location:	Bahrain Financial Harbour Manama Kingdom of Bahrain
Telephone:	(973-17) 57 49 20, 57 48 96
E-mail:	lp@moic.gov.bh

[Updating of Annex B1(BH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Government Complex-Daejeon
189 Cheongsa-ro
Seo-gu
Daejeon 35208
Republic of Korea

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes related to the special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed and the effects of these provisions, which are now as follows:

Article 56 of the Korean Patent Law provides that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of the Republic of Korea and claims the priority of an earlier national application for the grant of a patent or a utility model having effect in the Republic of Korea shall have the result that the earlier national application will be considered withdrawn 15 months after the filing date of the earlier national patent application, provided that this shall not apply where that earlier application falls under any of the following subparagraphs: (i) where the earlier application has been abandoned, invalidated or withdrawn; (ii) where a decision or a trial decision to grant or refuse a patent or a utility model registration has become final and conclusive; or (iii) where priority claims based on the earlier application concerned have been withdrawn. If the applicant of an international application which claims the priority of an earlier national application wants to avoid this effect, pursuant to PCT Rule 4.9(b), the applicant may exclude the Republic of Korea from the automatic designation or, with respect to the earlier national patent application, may consider to withdraw the designation of the Republic of Korea subsequently to the filing of the international application but before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date.

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee², in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2017, as follows:

Unitary procedural fee (for filing, search, publication and other processing):	RUB 28,000
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Claim fee for each claim:

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| – in excess of five: | RUB 3,700 |
| – in excess of 20: | RUB 4,000 |
| – in excess of 50: | RUB 5,000 |

Examination fee:

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| – for one invention: | RUB 30,000 |
| – for a group of inventions including one independent claim: | RUB 30,000 |
| – additional fee for the second independent claim: | RUB 20,000 |
| – additional fee for each independent claim in excess of two claims: | RUB 10,000 |

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2017, is USD 1,992.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² These amounts are reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of and a resident in any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention, and by 50% where each applicant is a natural person and a national of and resident in a PCT Contracting State whose per capita national income is below USD 3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997), or where an applicant, whether a natural person or not, is a national of and resident in a State that is listed as being classified by the United Nations as a least developed country.

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2017, is USD 1,992.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in English by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2017, is SGD 1,928.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2017, are CHF 115 and EUR 106 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 479 and EUR 438 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2017, are CHF 202 and CHF 323 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2017, is JPY 181,200.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2017, are ISK 221,900 and USD 1,992, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2017, is USD 1,992.

[Updating of Annex D(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

CH Switzerland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect since 16 January 2017, as follows:

Culture Collection of Switzerland AG (CCOS)
Einsiedlerstrasse 34
8820 Waedenswil
Switzerland

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

The **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** has notified the deletion of one of its e-mail addresses. Its e-mail address is now as follows:

ciposvg@vincysurf.com

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by facsimile machine (PCT Rule 92.4) – it no longer requires that the original of the document be furnished in all cases.

[Updating of Annex B1(VC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2017, is JPY 229,600.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2017, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 147,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 1,700
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ISK 22,100
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ISK 33,200

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in Japanese by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2017, is KRW 718,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Philippine peso (PHP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2017, are PHP 4,200 and PHP 2,700, respectively.

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the filing fee for a patent and of the filing fee for a utility model, in **Philippine peso (PHP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable since 1 January 2017, are PHP 4,320 (2,000)¹ and PHP 3,600 (1,720)¹, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(PH) and of the National Chapter, Summary (PH), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new equivalent amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** and **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2017, are ISK 221,900 and USD 1,992, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2017, is USD 1,552.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a "small entity".

RECEIVING OFFICES

BH Bahrain

The **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has notified a change concerning the number of copies of the international application on paper required by it – one copy must now be filed instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(BH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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RECEIVING OFFICES

AG Antigua and Barbuda

The **Intellectual Property and Commerce Office (Antigua and Barbuda)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the European Patent Office (EPO), in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Antigua and Barbuda.

KH Cambodia

The **Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the European Patent Office, and the Japan Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Cambodia with the Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 18 January 2017.

[Updating of Annex C(KH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(D) AND 90.5(C)

CY Cyprus

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has waived the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney.

[Updating of Annex C(CY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 1 July 2016, consists of the addition of Mexico to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A now reads as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

Republic of Korea;

Australia, Chile, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United States of America, Viet Nam; and

any country that the Authority will specify;

(ii) [no change]”

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 218, 315 and 413 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect since 15 December 2016.

The main purpose of these modifications is to propose further guidance on how to deal with incoming requests to:

(i) omit certain information from publication and/or public file access (Rules 48.2 and 94); and

(ii) not to transmit copies of certain documents received by a receiving office in the context of a request for restoration of the right of priority (Rule 26*bis*.3).

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 15 December 2016 (PCT/AI/17 CORR) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai.pdf

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
(as in force from 15 December 2016)

Section 218
Processing of a Request for Omission of Information Referred to in
Rules 48.2(I) and 94.1(e)

(a) Where the International Bureau decides to omit information from international publication under Rule 48.2(I) or not to provide access to information contained in its file under Rule 94.1(e), it shall:

(i) indelibly mark, in the upper right-hand corner of each replacement sheet, the international application number and the date on which that sheet was received;

(ii) indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each replacement sheet, the words “SUBSTITUTE SHEET (RULE 48.2(I))” (where the replacement sheet contains an omission under Rule 48.2(I)) or “SUBSTITUTE SHEET (RULE 94.1(e))” (where the replacement sheet contains an omission under Rule 94.1(e)) or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application;

(iii) indelibly mark on the letter containing the omission or accompanying any replacement sheet the date on which that letter was received;

(iv) keep in its files the letter containing the proposed omission or, where the proposed omission is contained in a replacement sheet, the replaced sheet, the letter accompanying the replacement sheet, and the replacement sheet;

(v) promptly transmit a copy of any replacement sheet to the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (where the replaced sheet is also contained in the file of the international application held by that Office or Authority).

(b) Where the International Bureau decides not to omit information from international publication under Rule 48.2(I) or to provide access to information contained in its file under Rule 94.1(e), it shall proceed as indicated under paragraph (a)(i), (iii) and (iv).

(c) Section 311, paragraphs (a) to (c) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any deletion, substitution or addition of a sheet of the international application received by the International Bureau.

Section 315

Processing of Documents by the Receiving Office under Rule 26bis.3(h-bis)

(a) Where the receiving Office receives a request under Rule 26bis.3(h-bis) and decides not to transmit a document or part thereof to the International Bureau, it shall

(i) indelibly mark on the request under Rule 26bis.3(h-bis) the date on which that request was received;

(ii) indelibly mark, in the upper right-hand corner of each replacement sheet received, the international application number and the date on which that sheet was received;

(iii) indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each replacement sheet received, the words “SUBSTITUTE SHEET (RULE 26bis.3(h-bis))” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application;

(iv) keep in its files a copy of the request under Rule 26bis.3(h-bis), and, where applicable, the replaced sheet, and a copy of the replacement sheet;

(v) promptly transmit any replacement sheet to the International Bureau.

(b) Where the receiving Office receives a request under Rule 26bis.3(h-bis) and finds that information in a part of a document meets the requirements in this Rule, but the receiving Office has not received a replacement sheet from the applicant in which that part has been removed, it may decide not to transmit the entire document or part thereof to the International Bureau and proceed as indicated under paragraph (a)(i) and (iv) as applicable, or invite the applicant to submit such a replacement sheet. Where the applicant submits a replacement sheet within the time limit set by the receiving Office, the receiving Office proceeds as indicated under paragraph (a). Where the applicant does not submit a replacement sheet within the time limit set by the receiving Office, the receiving Office may either transmit the document containing that part and the request under Rule 26bis.3(h-bis) to the International Bureau, or decide not to transmit the entire document or part thereof to the International Bureau under Rule 26bis.3(h-bis).

(c) Where the receiving Office finds on its own decision that information in a part of a document meets the requirements in Rule 26bis.3(h-bis), it may either invite the applicant to submit a replacement sheet in which that part has been removed and proceed as indicated under paragraph (b), or decide not to transmit the entire document or part thereof to the International Bureau.

(d) Where the receiving Office receives a request under Rule 26bis.3(h-bis), but nevertheless decides to transmit that document or part thereof to the International Bureau, it shall proceed as indicated under paragraph (a)(i), (ii) and (iv), and promptly transmit the request under Rule 26bis.3(h-bis) and any proposed replacement sheet to the International Bureau.

Section 413
Incorporations by Reference under Rule 20, Corrections of Defects
under Rule 26.4 and Rectifications of Obvious Mistakes under Rule 91

(a) Where the International Bureau receives from the receiving Office a letter containing a correction of any defects under Rule 26.4, or a replacement sheet and the letter accompanying it, the International Bureau shall transfer the correction to the record copy, together with the indication of the date on which the receiving Office received the letter, or shall insert the replacement sheet in the record copy. Any letter and any replaced sheet shall be kept in the file of the international application.

(b) Paragraph (a) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to rectifications of obvious mistakes under Rule 91 authorized by the receiving Office, by the International Searching Authority or, where a demand has been made, by the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

(b-bis) Where the International Bureau receives from the receiving Office, under Sections 309(c)(iv), 310(b)(iv), or 310bis(b)(v), corrected sheets of the request or later submitted sheets, the International Bureau shall transfer any correction to the record copy and insert any later submitted sheets in the record copy.

(c) Where the International Bureau is notified by the International Searching Authority under Rule 43.6bis(b) that the rectification of an obvious mistake authorized under Rule 91 has not been taken into account for the purposes of the international search, the International Bureau shall notify the designated Offices and, where a demand has been made, the International Preliminary Examining Authority accordingly.

(d) Where the International Bureau is notified by the International Preliminary Examining Authority under Rule 70.2(e) that the rectification of an obvious mistake authorized under Rule 91 has not been taken into account for the purposes of the international preliminary examination, the International Bureau shall notify the elected Offices accordingly.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2016, is EUR 19.16.

[Updating of Annex C(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTY-EIGHTH (28TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its forty-eighth (28th extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 3 to 11 October 2016 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved the following changes affecting the PCT system:

- amendments to the PCT Regulations; and
- appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at:

http://www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=39951

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the PCT Assembly. The said amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2017:

- amendments of Rules 4.10, 23*bis*.2 and 51*bis*.1 which shall apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after 1 July 2017;
- amendment of Rule 45*bis*.1(a) shall apply to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which the time limit for filing a request for supplementary international search under Rule 45*bis*.1(a) as in force until 30 June 2017, has not yet expired on 1 July 2017.

Appointment of the Turkish Patent Institute as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT

The Assembly appointed the Turkish Patent Institute as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the Agreement until 31 December 2017.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2017)

Rule 4
The Request (Contents)

4.1 to 4.9 *[No change]*

4.10 *Priority Claim*

(a) to (c) *[No change]*

(d) *[Deleted]*

4.11 to 4.19 *[No change]*

Rule 23bis
Transmittal of Documents Relating to Earlier Search or Classification

23bis.1 *[No change]*

23bis.2 *Transmittal of Documents Relating to Earlier Search or Classification for the Purposes of Rule 41.2*

(a) For the purposes of Rule 41.2, where the international application claims the priority of one or more earlier applications filed with the same Office as that which is acting as the receiving Office and that Office has carried out an earlier search in respect of such an earlier application or has classified such earlier application, the receiving Office shall, subject to Article 30(2)(a) as applicable by virtue of Article 30(3) and paragraphs (b), (d) and (e), transmit to the International Searching Authority, together with the search copy, a copy of the results of any such earlier search, in whatever form (for example, in the form of a search report, a listing of cited prior art or an examination report) they are available to the Office, and a copy of the results of any such earlier classification effected by the Office, if already available. The receiving Office may, subject to Article 30(2)(a) as applicable by virtue of Article 30(3), also transmit to the International Searching Authority any further documents relating to such an earlier search which it considers useful to that Authority for the purposes of carrying out the international search.

(b) to (e) *[No change]*

Rule 45bis
Supplementary International Searches

45bis.1 Supplementary Search Request

(a) The applicant may, at any time prior to the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, request that a supplementary international search be carried out in respect of the international application by an International Searching Authority that is competent to do so under Rule 45bis.9. Such requests may be made in respect of more than one such Authority.

(b) to (e) *[No change]*

45bis.2 to 9 [No change]

Rule 51bis
Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27

51bis.1 Certain National Requirements Allowed

(a) to (e) *[No change]*

(f) *[Deleted]*

51bis.2 and 51bis.3 [No change]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

TR Turkey

Pursuant to the decision of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its forty-eighth (28th extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from 3 to 11 October 2016, to appoint the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, the Office has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect from 8 March 2017.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified a change in the name of the Office, which is now the following:

Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)

[Updating of Annex B1(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change concerning its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is required – the applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DK), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

TR Turkey

Agreement between the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Following the notification by the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**, (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 February 2017, page 32), that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority on 8 March 2017, the Agreement between the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization in relation to the functioning of the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), will enter into force on 8 March 2017.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

NI Nicaragua

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: rpi@rpi.gob.ni

[Updating of Annex B1(NI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: post@patentstyret.no

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by e-mail in addition to facsimile machine.

¹ The Agreement is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_tr.pdf.

Moreover, the Office has notified changes in the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication, which are now as follows:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

After international publication, the furnishing of a translation into Norwegian or English and, if the translation or application was filed in English a translation of the claims into Norwegian, gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that, upon grant of the patent, he may be entitled to compensation. The protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent. As to further conditions for and limitations in the liability, see Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patents Act.

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

Provided that any national requirements relating to the translation into Norwegian of the claims of the application have been met, and upon grant of the patent, provisional protection is given. With provisional protection, the applicant may be entitled to compensation. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent (Norwegian Patents Act Section 66g).

[Updating of Annex B1(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:

– on line:	USD	232
– on paper:	USD	290
Designation fee, per country:	USD	85
Annual fee for the first year:	USD	50
Annual fee for the second year:	USD	70
Annual fee for the third year:	USD	90

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2017, are EUR 500 and USD 536 when filing online, and EUR 749 and USD 804 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified changes in the conditions for the payment of the national fee. The basic fee, including examination fee, is NOK 4,650 and must be paid within 30 days from the date of the invitation to pay that fee. The fee amount is NOK 850 where the applicant is a natural person or a legal entity with 20 permanent employees or less.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has notified changes, with effect from 1 April 2017, concerning its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is required – the applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified a change concerning one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – the Office no longer requires the appointment of an agent in any situation.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified changes concerning its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is required – the applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Agreement between the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Turkish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2
Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis*, covering at least the documentation referred to in Annex E to this Agreement, subject to any limitations and conditions set out in that Annex.

Article 4 Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5 Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6 Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7 Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8 International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than one month after the date on which the Agreement enters into force, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications and information concerning supplementary international searches contained in Annex E to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:
 - (i) if the Authority gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Authority written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in one original in the English language.

For the Turkish Patent and
Trademark Office by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

Prof. Dr. Habip ASAN
President
Turkish Patent and Trademark
Office

Francis Gurry
Director General
World Intellectual Property
Organization

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - (a) Turkey;
 - (b) any other Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of the Authority within the framework of the European Patent Organisation;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
English and Turkish.

Annex B Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of Turkish patent law.

**Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Turkish Lira)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	... ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	... ²
Supplementary search fee, full search (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	... ²
Supplementary search fee for searches only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	500
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	1,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,000
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,000
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	200
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2)	1.50

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, the Authority shall refund 50% of the search fee paid. There shall be no refund of the whole of the search fee paid, or waiver or reduction of the search fee.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

² Turkish Lira equivalent of the euro amount of the search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) payable to the European Patent Office as International Searching Authority, as modified from time to time in accordance with the directives under Rule 16.1(d).

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
English and Turkish.

Annex E Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search in the languages mentioned in Annex D.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:

- (i) in addition to the PCT minimum documentation, at least the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority;
- (ii) only the documents in Turkish held in the search collection in the Authority.

(3) The Authority will notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been reestablished.

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2017, is ZAR 27,020.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2017, is ZAR 27,180.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

JO Jordan

On 9 March 2017, **Jordan** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 9 June 2017, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 9 June 2017 will automatically include the designation of Jordan (country code: JO).

Jordan will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 9 June 2017. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Jordan will be entitled, as from 9 June 2017, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** and the **European Patent Office**, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, have agreed to amendments of Part II of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2017. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. [No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) and (2) [no change]

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application and depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from the earlier search in carrying out the international search and any other task entrusted to it, the search fee paid shall be refunded, to the extent provided for in a communication from the Authority to the International Bureau and published in the Gazette.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/access/isa_ipea_agreements.html

(4) [no change]

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) to (8) [no change]”

TR Turkey

Further to the notification by the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, as well as an Authority specified for supplementary search, with effect from 8 March 2017 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 February 2017, page 32), information on the requirements of the Office in this regard is given in Annexes D(TR), SISA(TR) and E(TR), as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified changes in its facsimile number, e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Facsimile machine:	(65) 63 39 02 52 (general)
E-mail:	pct@ipos.gov.sg (for enquiries on specific PCT applications)
Internet:	www.ipos.gov.sg (home page) https://crm.ipos.gov.sg/IPOSCRMS_Online/UI/Enquiry/IPOSCRMS_Enquiry.aspx (for general enquiries)

[Updating of Annex B1(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** has notified a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

www.turkpatent.gov.tr

[Updating of Annex B1(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office** has notified a change to one of the conditions for refund of the search fee payable to the Office as International Searching Authority, applicable from 1 April 2017, as follows:

Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application and depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from the earlier search in carrying out the international search and any other task entrusted to it, the search fee paid shall be refunded, to the extent provided for in a communication from the Authority to the International Bureau and published in the Gazette.²

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Moreover, the Office notified a change to one of the conditions of refund of the preliminary examination fee payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority, also applicable from April 1, 2017, as follows:

Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Indian rupee (INR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 16 May 2016, as follows:

	<i>Natural person and/or startup</i>	<i>Small entity, alone or with natural person(s) and/or startup</i>	<i>Others, alone or with natural person(s) and/or startup and/or small entity</i>
– Up to 30 sheets and 10 claims:			
– Electronic filing:		<i>[no change]</i>	
– Paper filing:	INR 1,750	<i>[no change]</i>	<i>[no change]</i>

² See Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of March 26, 2009, page 62.

- For each additional priority, multiple of:
 - Electronic filing: [no change]
 - Paper filing: INR 1,750 [no change] [no change]
- For each additional sheet in addition to 30:
 - Electronic filing: [no change]
 - Paper filing: INR 180 [no change] [no change]
- For each claim in addition to 10:
 - Electronic filing: [no change]
 - Paper filing: INR 350 [no change] INR 1,750

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IN), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2017, are USD 116 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 482 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required by it as designated (or elected) Office – the applicant should now only send a copy of the international application if he/she has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20; this may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (FI), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the removal of one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – it no longer requires the furnishing of the translation of the priority document into English.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

D **D**
International Searching Authorities
TR **TR**
TURKISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK
OFFICE (TURKPATENT)

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 60%;">Turkish lira (TRY)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">7,290</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Euro (EUR)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,875</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Swiss franc (CHF)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">2,046</td> </tr> <tr> <td>US dollar (USD)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,992</td> </tr> </table>	Turkish lira (TRY)	7,290	Euro (EUR)	1,875	Swiss franc (CHF)	2,046	US dollar (USD)	1,992
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Euro (EUR)	1,875								
Swiss franc (CHF)	2,046								
US dollar (USD)	1,992								
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ²	TRY 7,290								
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	TRY 1.50								
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search: refund of 50%</p>								
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	TRY 1,000								
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	TRY 200								
Languages accepted for international search:	English and Turkish								
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes								
Types of electronic carrier required:	The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD or DVD-R.								
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is searched under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of Turkish patent law								

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

D **International Searching Authorities** **D**
TR **TURKISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK** **TR**
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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

³ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

SISA International Searching Authorities SISA
(Supplementary Search)
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OFFICE (TURKPATENT)

Fees payable to the International Bureau: ¹ Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2): Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF) – for a full search: CHF 2,046 – for a search only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority: CHF 140 CHF 200 CHF 100
Fees payable to the Authority: Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	Currency: Turkish lira (TRY) TRY 1.50
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. The Authority shall refund this fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with PCT Rule 45bis.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under PCT Rule 45bis.5(g): refund of 100%
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	English and Turkish
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is searched under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of Turkish patent law
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	In addition to PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include at least the documents in Turkish held in its search collection
Limitations on supplementary international search:	The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been reestablished
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rules 13ter.1 and 45bis.5(c))? Types of electronic carrier required:	Yes The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD or DVD-R.

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¹ For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html

SISA **International Searching Authorities** **SISA**
(Supplementary Search)

TR **TURKISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK** **TR**
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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes²

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes²

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

² Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

E **E**
International Preliminary
Examining Authorities
TR **TR**
TURKISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK
OFFICE (TURKPATENT)

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Turkish lira (TRY)	1,000
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ²	TRY	1,000
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ³	CHF	200
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	TRY	1.50
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	TRY	1.50
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100%</p> <p>If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%</p>	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)): ²	TRY	1,000
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English and Turkish	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is examined under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of Turkish patent law	

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¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)).

E **International Preliminary** **E**
Examining Authorities
TR **TURKISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK** **TR**
OFFICE (TURKPATENT)

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

⁴ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified national legislation restricting the filing of international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO), or the International Bureau of WIPO. The national legislation indicates that: “an invention for which a Polish legal person or a Polish national, having his domicile on the territory of the Republic of Poland, wishes to seek patent protection in another country, may only be applied for protection in that country, when first has been applied for protection with the Patent Office”.

[Updating of Annex B1(PL) of the PCT Applicant’s Guide]

RECEIVING OFFICES

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China and the United States Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Thailand with the Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 May 2017.

[Updating of Annex C(TH) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified an additional facsimile number, which is as follows:

(7-495) 531 63 18

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2017, are CHF 546 when filing online, and CHF 818 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2017, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 17,350
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 200
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR 2,610
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR 3,910

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

MA Morocco

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 28 March 2017, the **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)** in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 May 2017, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: epct-ma@ompic.ma

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.ompic.ma).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (see www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: WITHDRAWAL BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF INCOMPATIBILITY UNDER SECTION 703(F) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

On 7 April 2002, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under Section 703(f) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, of the incompatibility of its national law and the technical systems of the Office with items (ii) to (iv) of Section 703(b) of the Administrative Instructions (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2002, of 2 May 2002, page 8974).

On 24 March 2017, the Office withdrew the above-mentioned notification of incompatibility.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SV El Salvador

The **National Center of Registries (El Salvador)** has notified a change in the name of the Office, which is now the following:

National Center of Registries (CNR) (El Salvador)

Moreover, the office has notified the deletion of its facsimile number and changes in its telephone numbers as well as in its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (503) 25 93 51 51
(503) 25 93 54 44

E-mail: patentes@cnr.gob.sv

[Updating of Annex B1(SV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** has notified the deletion of the facsimile number and changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (27-12) 394 50 01
(27-12) 394 12 98
(27-12) 394 50 84

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed only by e-mail.

[Updating of Annex B1(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** has notified a change concerning one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*.1. In the event of the appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in South Africa: should this requirement not already have been complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of 6 months.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ZA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified that it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

E-mail: uibm.pct@mise.gov.it

[Updating of Annex B1(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MA Morocco

The **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers and Internet address and has notified its e-mail address, as follows:

Telephone: (212) 5 22 58 64 00/10

Facsimile machine: (212) 5 22 33 54 80

Internet: www.ompic.ma

E-mail: pct@ompic.ma
(for enquiries concerning
PCT applications)

Moreover, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Morocco is designated (or elected) – the data may be in the request or must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

[Updating of Annex B1(MA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has notified new amounts of the fee for the priority document, in **Dominican peso (DOP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts are as follows:

Fee for the priority document:

- fee for the first 10 pages: DOP 1,500
- fee for each page in excess of 10: DOP 10

[Updating of Annex C(DO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MA Morocco

The **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)** notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Moroccan dirham (MAD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is MAD 180.

[Updating of Annex C(MA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

MA Morocco

The **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
Morocco Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)	At the time of filing (must be in the description)	At the time of filing	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism

Deposits of microorganisms for the purposes of patent procedure before the Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC) must be made before the filing date of the international application with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (Art. 34 of Law No. 17-97 on the Protection of Industrial Property as amended by Law Nos. 23-13 and 31-05).

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2017, is USD 963.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2017, are EUR 37 when filing online and EUR 147 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 April 2017. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euros)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	583.63
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	583.63
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IN India – Corrigendum

The information concerning the circumstances in which the new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** of the search fee will be payable to the **Indian Patent Office**, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 May 2017, page 72, was erroneous. The new equivalent amount, applicable from 1 June 2017, of the search fee is EUR 147, and is EUR 37 in case of filing by an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. The new equivalent amount, applicable from 1 July 2017, of the search fee is CHF 154, and is CHF 39 in case of filing by an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified that the fee for copies of documents cited¹ in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3), or in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2), is, since 10 October 2016, capped at AUD 200.

[Updating of Annexes D(AU) and E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Canadian dollar (CAD)**, for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3), or in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2) payable to it as International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority, respectively, as follows:

The Authority provides applicants and designated Offices (upon request)², with one copy of each non-patent literature (NPL) document cited free of charge.

Additional copies of NPL documents, and published patent documents, are available upon request and subject to payment of fees:

- Each electronic copy
(in addition to the first, and up to 10 megabytes): CAD 10
- Each additional 10 megabytes
(providing that the minimum number
of megabytes exceeds 7): CAD 10
- Paper copies
(per page): CAD 1

[Updating of Annexes D(CA) and E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2017, are EUR 111 for an application in Russian, and EUR 462 for an application in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Documents can be requested through eServices at :
<https://services.ipaustralia.gov.au/ICMWebUI/views/private/icm-home.xhtml>

² Requests for copies of documents should be sent to the following e-mail address:
ic.cipobpctpractice-opicpratiquepctdb.ic@canada.ca

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MA Morocco

The **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)** has notified provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication. The applicant enjoys the rights defined in Law No. 17-97 on the Protection of Industrial Property (as modified and completed by Law No. 31-05 in 2006, and Law No. 23-13 in 2014) (see Articles 16, 44, and 51) as from the date of publication of the international application under PCT Article 21.

[Updating of Annex B1(MA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)** has specified itself, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Turkey with the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 8 March 2017, the date on which the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent) started functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

[Updating of Annex C(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the deletion of its e-mail address. Consequently, the office will no longer send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

Furthermore, the office also notified an Internet contact address, as follows:

<http://faleconosco.inpi.gov.br>

[Updating of Annex B1(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change concerning the types of national protection available via the PCT – patents of addition are no longer included in these types of protection.

[Updating of Annex B1(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OM Oman

The **Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

oman-ip-dep@moci.gov.om

[Updating of Annex B1(OM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has specified the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Lithuania with the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 June 2017.

[Updating of Annex C(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*.

If the applicant is not the applicant originally indicated in the international application, evidence that the applicant is the legal representative of the originally identified applicant may be made by submitting a form PCT/IB/306, a deed of assignment or a change of name document. This requirement is applicable since 1 May 2017.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KH Cambodia

Information on the requirements of the **Department of Industrial Property of Cambodia (DIPC)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (KH), as set out at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

GE Georgia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 May 2017, the **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)** in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 June 2017, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: +995 32 225 25 33
- by fax at: +995 32 298 84 26
- by e-mail at: epct@sakpatenti.org.ge

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.sakpatenti.org.ge).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

**KH DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY KH
OF CAMBODIA (DIPC)**

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Khmer
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: Cambodian riel (KHR) For patent: Filing fee: ¹ KHR 320,000 Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: KHR 20,000 For utility model: Filing fee: ¹ KHR 160,000 Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: KHR 20,000
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

**KH DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY KH
OF CAMBODIA (DIPC)**

[Continued]

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application ^{2, 3} Statement justifying the applicant’s right to the patent ^{2, 3} Evidence of entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application ^{2, 3} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date ³ Appointment of an agent ⁴ Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) ⁴ Verification of translation of international application
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49 <i>ter.2</i>)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time fixed in the invitation.

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AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified changes in its name, as well as in its telephone numbers and an additional e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Patent and Trademark Office of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Telephone:	(99-412) 594 37 70 (99-412) 594 37 71
E-mail:	office@patent.gov.az azpatent@azstand.gov.az

[Updating of Annex B1(AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has notified an additional telephone number, as follows:

Telephone:	(506) 2202 0885
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[Updating of Annex B1(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CH Switzerland

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 26 May 2017, the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from June 19, 2017, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: epct-notifications@ipi.ch (for all PCT matters)

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.ige.ch).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO Customer Certification Authority
(www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office
(www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

JO Jordan

The **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, which are now as follows:

Designated (or elected) Office	Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
	the indications prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
Jordan Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)	At the time of filing either in the description or separately	None	To the extent available to the applicant, a description of the characteristics and an indication of the usefulness of the microorganism and/or other biological material

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan) with any depository institution.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

JO Jordan

General information on **Jordan** as a Contracting State is given in Annexes B1(JO) which is published at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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Information on Contracting States

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JORDAN

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General information

Name of Office:	Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)
Location:	Queen Noor Street, Amman 11181, Jordan
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 2019, Amman 11181, Jordan
Telephone:	(962) 65 629 030 ext. 325 or 326
Facsimile machine:	(962) 65 682 331
E-mail:	Zuhair.b@mit.gov.jo Maysa.Al-Saby@mit.gov.jo
Internet:	www.mit.gov.jo
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Jordan:	Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Jordan is designated (or elected):	Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan) (see National Phase)
May Jordan be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, patents of addition
Provisions of the law of Jordan concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Jordan is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Jordan is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

Further to the publication on 11 May 2017 of the amendments to Annex C of the Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau, the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified that, instead of EUR 583.63, the correct amount of the preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1.b)) and the additional fee (Rule 68.3.a)), applicable since 1 April 2017, is EUR 583.65.

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified changes in the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 May 2017. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

Basic fee:	EUR	500
Basic fee for an electronically-filed application:	EUR	400
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 15:	EUR	50
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:	EUR	125
Annual fees for the first three years:	EUR	200

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (FI), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of fees. The search fee is reduced by EUR 1,110 for international applications for which the international search report or a supplementary international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, or in accordance with the Protocol on Centralization by the Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH), the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office or the Visegrad Patent Institute.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), the deletion of Section 337 and modifications to Section 407 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2017.

The deletion of Section 337 is consequential to the amendment of Rule 12*bis*, and the adoption of new Rule 23*bis*. As a result of the amendments of the given Rules, the content of Section 337 is now included in modified Rule 12*bis*.2 and new Rule 23*bis*.1.

The modifications to Section 407 are consequential to the amendments to Rules 86 and 95.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 July 2017 (PCT/AI/18) is available on the WIPO website at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.html>

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS *(as in force from 1 July 2017)*

Section 337

[Deleted]

Section 407

The Gazette

(a) The Gazette referred to in Rule 86.1 shall be published in electronic form on the Internet. It may be made available by any other electronic means as determined by the Director General after consultation with the Offices and Authorities which have a direct interest in the means by which the Gazette is published.

(b) In respect of each published international application, the Gazette shall contain the contents specified in Rule 86.1(i), the contents specified in Rule 86.1(iv), and the data indicated in Annex D.

(c) The information referred to in Rule 86.1(v) shall be that which is indicated in Annex E.

(d) Details concerning the form and further particular content of the Gazette shall be decided by the Director General after consultation with Offices and Authorities which have a direct interest in those details.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2017, is ZAR 21,060.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2017, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	134,700
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK	1,500
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ISK	20,300
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ISK	30,400

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2017, are CHF 495 and EUR 456 when filing online, and CHF 742 and EUR 684 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CH Switzerland

Following the notification by the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 19 June 2017 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 June 2017, pages 88 *et seq.*), the amounts for the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, are as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CHF	200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CHF	300

[Updating of Annex C(CH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2017, are:

- EUR 1,785 (general fee);
- EUR 357 (reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion));

– EUR 268 (reduced fee for universities (where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b))).

[Updating of Annex D(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2017, are CHF 214 and EUR 197, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2017, is ISK 207,400.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2017, are EUR 139 for a person other than an individual and EUR 35 for an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2017, is ISK 207,400.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2017, are EUR 1,856 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, EUR 928 for a small entity and EUR 464 for a micro entity.

Furthermore, new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office and also applicable from 1 September 2017, are ZAR 26,940 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 13,470 for a small entity and ZAR 6,740 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AL Albania

The **General Directorate of Patents and Trademarks (Albania)** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location and in its Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office:	General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)
Location:	Bulevardi “Zhan D’Ark” Prona Nr. 33 Shtëpia e Ushtarakëve Tirana Albania
Internet:	www.dppm.gov.al

[Updating of Annex B1(AL) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified national legislation restricting the filing of international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO), or the International Bureau of WIPO. Filing restrictions apply to inventions made in Spain (Law No. 24/2015 of July 24, 2015, on Patents, Art. 163) in addition to applications by residents – unless priority of an earlier application filed at the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office is claimed.

[Updating of Annex B1(ES) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2017, is USD 2,087.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2017, are NOK 17,780 and USD 2,099, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office**¹ has notified that the fee for transmitting copies of earlier search and other documents under PCT Rule 12*bis*.1(c), in **Pound sterling (GBP)**, payable to it as receiving Office, is no longer required since 1 July 2017.

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2017, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK 11,610
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK 130
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	NOK 1,750
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	NOK 2,620

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2017, are EUR 102 for searches carried out in Russian and EUR 424 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

JO Jordan

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 4 July 2017, the **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)** in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 25 July 2017, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (962) 6 562 9030 Ext. 325 & 326
- by fax at: (962) 6 568 2331
- by e-mail at: patents.section@mit.gov.jo

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.mit.gov.jo).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (see www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

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Information on the requirements of the **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)** as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office are given in Annex C(JO) and in the Summary of the National Chapter (JO), which are published at the end of the present issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

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INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY PROTECTION
DIRECTORATE, MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY,
TRADE AND SUPPLY (JORDAN)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Jordan
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic ¹ or English
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic or English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ As from 25 July 2017. For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 13 July 2017, pages 106 *et seq.*

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Jordanian dinar (JOD) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 100 or equivalent in JOD
International filing fee: ⁵	USD 1,367
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	USD 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 206 ⁶
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 308 ⁶
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document:	JOD 100 ⁷ 50 ⁸
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	JOD 150 ⁷ 100 ⁸
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Jordan Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

⁵ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁶ As from 25 July 2017.

⁷ This amount is applicable in case of filing by a company or an organization.

⁸ This amount is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19) ² , any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report) ²
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: Jordanian dinar (JOD) Filing fee: ¹ JOD 200 ³ 100 ⁴
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² Where the applicant furnishes a translation of the international application only as amended or only as originally filed, the Office will invite the applicant to furnish the missing translation.

³ This amount is applicable in case of filing by a company or an organization.

⁴ This amount is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application^{5, 6, 7}
Evidence of entitlement to apply for or be granted a patent^{5, 6, 7}
Evidence of entitlement to claim priority of earlier application^{5, 6, 7}
Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date^{6, 7}
Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Jordan⁶
Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney)⁶
Verification of the translation of the international application
Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

Who can act as agent?

Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49*ter.2*)?

Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care”
criteria to such requests

⁵ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁶ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

⁷ The Office will charge a fee for compliance with that requirement in response to the invitation (see Annex JO.I).

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IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified that it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

[Updating of Annex B1(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified changes in the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee ¹ :	EUR	100
Fee for claiming priority:	EUR	100
Examination fee, including search:	EUR	400
Annual fee for the 1 st to the 5 th year, per year:	EUR	100

For a short-term patent:

Filing fee ¹ :	EUR	100
Examination fee:	EUR	200

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MD), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any natural or legal person residing in the European Economic Area (EEA), in a Member State of the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) or in the Faroe Islands, can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(IS) and of the National Chapter, Summary (IS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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EC Ecuador

The **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified changes in the components of the national fee, in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee¹: USD 495.33

Claim fee for each claim
in excess of 10: USD 55.07

For a utility model:

Filing fee²: USD 136

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EC), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new equivalent amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** and **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2017, are NOK 17,780 and USD 2,099, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Turkey

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2017, is USD 2,099.

[Updating of Annex D(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This fee may be reduced by up to 90% for micro, small and medium enterprises, recognized national universities, independent researchers, public institutions, small and medium farmers and enterprises of popular and solidarity economy.

² This fee may be reduced by up to 50% for micro, small and medium enterprises, recognized national universities, independent researchers, public institutions, small and medium farmers and enterprises of popular and solidarity economy.

UA Ukraine

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2017, is USD 336.

[Updating of Annex D(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EC Ecuador

The **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property** notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application³

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)

Instrument of assignment of the priority right where the applicants are not identical³

Instrument of assignment of the international application if the applicant has changed after the international filing date

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Ecuador

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EC), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

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UA Ukraine

The **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property
Location:	M. Hrushevskoho str., 12/2 Kyiv, 01008 Ukraine

[Updating of Annex B1(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2017, is ISK 230,200.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2017, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	143,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK	1,600
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ISK	21,500
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ISK	32,300

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2017, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) ¹ :	RSD 7,620	
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 1,830	for the first document up to 10 pages, plus
	RSD 460	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages, plus
	RSD 30	per page in excess of 10
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	RSD 3,060	

[Updating of Annex C(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are also applicable since 1 July 2017. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows²:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,620
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 750
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee
Reduced examination fee for international applications:	RSD 7,620
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 10,680

¹ This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

² The fees are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

For a petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,620
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the languages in which international applications may be filed.

In accordance with Article 152(2) of Decree-Law No. 30 of 10 February 2005, an international application filed in English, French or German by a resident of Italy must be accompanied by a summary in Italian which defines in a comprehensive manner the characteristics of the invention and a copy of any drawings (only for the purposes of Article 198(1) of the above-mentioned Decree-Law) if no priority of an earlier national (Italian) application is claimed or, where such priority is claimed, if the international application is filed prior to the expiration of 90 days from the filing date of that earlier national application.

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JO Jordan

The **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the Australian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Jordan with the Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 27 July 2017.

[Updating of Annex C(JO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified a change in its location and an additional facsimile number, as follows:

Location: Ministère de l'économie
19-21, Boulevard Royal
Luxembourg-Ville
Luxembourg

Facsimile machine: (352) 247 94113

[Updating of Annex B1(LU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TN Tunisia

The **National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (INNORPI) (Tunisia)** has notified changes in its location, mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers as well as in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Location: Rue de l'assistance n° 8
par la rue Alain Savary
Cité El Khadra
1003 Tunis
Tunisia

Mailing address: B. P. 57
Cité El Khadra
1003 Tunis
Tunisia

Telephone: (216-71) 80 67 58

Facsimile machine: (216-71) 80 70 71

E-mail: innorpi@planet.tn

Internet: www.innorpi.tn

[Updating of Annex B1(TN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2017, is ZAR 23,230.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2017, is JPY 244,500.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2017, are EUR 537 for searches carried out in Japanese and EUR 1,196 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

JO Jordan

The **Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Jordan with the Industrial Property Protection Directorate, Ministry of Industry, Trade and Supply (Jordan), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 11 August 2017.

[Updating of Annex C(JO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2017, are KRW 2,506,000 and ZAR 28,980, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2017, is KRW 1,987,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2017, is EUR 267.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2017, is ZAR 29,150.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2017, are EUR 336 for searches carried out in Korean and EUR 969 for searches carried out in English.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2017, are AUD 498 for searches carried out in Korean and AUD 1,439 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2017, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK 10,920
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK 120
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	NOK 1,640
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	NOK 2,460

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2017, are EUR 97 for searches carried out in Russian, and EUR 401 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2017, is USD 1,645.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2017, is ISK 230,200.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. These amounts, applicable since 1 September 2017, are ISK 207,400 and USD 2,099, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable since 1 September 2017, is USD 2,099.

[Updating of Annex D(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application¹

Deed of assignment of the priority right where the applicants are not identical¹

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not a resident in the European Economic Area (EEA)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

EG Egypt

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 12 September 2017, the **Egyptian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect since 15 September 2017, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: epct-egpo@egypo.gov.eg

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- any subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide, concerning the availability of online filing system on its website (www.egypo.gov.eg).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO Customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT private services.”

SI Slovenia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 7 September 2017, the **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from October 1, 2017, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (386-1) 620 31 00
- by fax at: (386-1) 620 31 11
- by e-mail at: sipo@uil-sipo.si

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.uil-sipo.si/).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO Customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.”

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AL Albania

The **General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)** has notified a change in the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication. The Office no longer requires that a translation be published within three months from the date of its submission to the Office.

The consolidated text now reads:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

Any international application designating Albania which has been published under PCT Article 21 shall give rise to the same rights as those which the Albanian law provides for the compulsory national publication of unexamined national applications as such. Provisional protection shall be effective as from the date on which an Albanian translation of the claims of the international application is published by the Office. (Art. 27, Albanian Industrial Property Law).

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent and

(1) the international application is published in one of the EPO official languages: the applicant has the right to seek compensation reasonable in the circumstances for any infringement, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation of the claims in the application have been met (see Articles 67 and 153(4) EPC)¹; or

(2) the international application is published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the protection referred to in (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages (see Article 153(4) EPC and Article 82(1), Albanian Industrial Property Law).

[Updating of Annex B1(AL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AL Albania

The **General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)** notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Albanian lek (ALL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is ALL 3,000.

[Updating of Annex C(AL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For further details on the national law relating to the EPC see www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/national-law-epc.html in particular, "Rights conferred by a European patent application after publication pursuant to Article 93 EPC (Article 67 EPC)" and "Translations for obtaining provisional protection".

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2017, is EUR 821.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable since 1 September 2017, is NOK 17,780.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

KR Republic of Korea

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-filing in addition to the existing electronic methods already supported by the Office, with effect from 1 October 2017. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the previous notifications published in the PCT Gazette No. 51/2003, of 18 December 2003, pages 29020 *et seq.*; No. 24/2004, of 10 June 2004, page 13496; No. 06/2005, of 10 February 2005, pages 3766 *et seq.* and Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 December 2014, page 201:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing by means of CD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing or PCT-SAFE software
- NK-Editor software
- NKEAPS, PKEAPS software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form.

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available on KIPO's website (<http://www.patent.go.kr>) and Internet giro (<http://www.giro.or.kr>). Applicants can check the total of fees that are due and pay them by websites.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of international applications, the Office has put in place a help desk: the Patent Customer Consulting Center. The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of international applications and subsequent documents, and in particular to serve as a technical Hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software are encountered.

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 9 am until 6 pm. The Patent Customer Consulting Center may be contacted:

- by phone at (national) 1544-8080

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

– any subsequent document, such as amendments, corrections or rectifications of the description or claims, that may be prepared with the NKEAPS, PKEAPS software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or fax, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide, on its website (see <http://www.kipo.go.kr> and <http://www.patent.go.kr>), information concerning the availability of online filing systems and backup filing procedures.

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

– WIPO customer CA (see <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm>)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

PE Peru

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 September 2017, the **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 October 2017, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: +51 1 224 78 00 (extension 3803)
- by e-mail at: epct@indecopi.gob.pe

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<http://www.indecopi.gob.pe>).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO Customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT.”

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any patent agent registered to practice in Luxembourg or any member of the Luxembourg Bar, as well as any patent agent registered in a member State of the European Economic Area.

[Updating of Annex C(LU) and of the National Chapter, Summary (LU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2017, is USD 2,225.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2017, is USD 1,296.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2017, are:

- EUR 1,675 (general fee);
- EUR 335 (reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion));
- EUR 251 (reduced fee for universities (where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b))).

[Updating of Annex D(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2017, are EUR 131 for a person other than an individual and EUR 33 for an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UA Ukraine

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Ministry of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine, Department for Intellectual Property**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2017, is USD 358.

[Updating of Annex D(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2017, are EUR 1,742 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, EUR 871 for a small entity and EUR 436 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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NI Nicaragua

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)** has notified the deletion of one of its Internet addresses, as well as changes in its telephone number and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(505) 2248 9300
E-mail:	ezuniga@rpi.gob.ni alarguello@rpi.gob.ni
Internet:	www.mific.gob.ni

Furthermore, the office notified that it has discontinued the use of its facsimile machine. Consequently, the office no longer accepts the filing of documents by facsimile machine. It accepts the submission of documents by e-mail.

[Updating of Annex B1(NI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2017, are NZD 3,083 and USD 2,238, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2017, is USD 2,238.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic** has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Kyrgyz som (KGS)** and **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 3 October 2016, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	None
International filing fee: ¹	[no change]
Fee per sheet in excess of 30 ¹	[no change]
Search fee:	See annex D(EP) or (RU)
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	None
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	KGS 3,500 ²

[Updating of Annex C(KG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **Kyrgyz som (KGS)** or equivalent in **euro (EUR)** or in **US dollar (USD)**², payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 3 October 2016. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

Filing and provisional examination fee: ³	KGS 8,000
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one: ³	KGS 1,500

¹ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

² For non-residents of Kyrgyzstan, the equivalent amount of the fee can be paid in euro or US dollar in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Kyrgyzstan and applicable on the date of payment.

³ This fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The requirement may still be complied with within two months from the expiration of that time limit, provided that a surcharge is paid.

Examination fee: ⁴	KGS 15,000
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one: ⁴	KGS 7,500
Renewal fee for the third year:	KGS 8,500

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MZ Mozambique

The **Industrial Property Institute (IPI) (Mozambique)** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Mozambican metical (MZM)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 15 July 2017, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	MZM 8,100
Annual fee for the first year: ⁵	MZM 1,275
Annual fee for the second year: ⁵	MZM 1,725

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	MZM 2,775
Annual fee for the first and second year, per year ⁵ :	MZM 1,275

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 September 2017, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 10.52	(online)
	EUR 21.04	(on paper)
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 42.06	

⁴ A written request for examination must be made and the examination fee paid simultaneously.

⁵ This fee must be paid when entering the national phase.

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):

- where the request is filed online: EUR 157.73
- where the request is filed on paper: EUR 315.48

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 September 2017, as follows:

For a patent: ⁶	EUR	52.57	(online)
	EUR	105.16	(on paper)
For a utility model: ⁶	EUR	52.57	(online)
	EUR	105.16	(on paper)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Turkey

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Turkish Patent and Trademark Office (Turkpatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2017, is USD 2,238.

[Updating of Annex D(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2017, is USD 2,238.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁶ Includes publication and examination.

XV Visegrad Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Visegrad Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2017, is USD 2,238.

[Updating of Annex D(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic** has notified changes in the conditions for exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee. The fees are reduced by 90% where the applicant is a natural person or a non-commercial organization. Participants in the Great Patriotic War or persons equated to them, as well as persons with “Group 1” disabilities are exempted from the payment of fees.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MZ Mozambique

Furthermore, the office has specified some information relating to the conditions for reduction of the national fee – Applicants may, if the Director of the Office so orders, be entitled to a reduction or exemption of certain fees. Such requests must be made prior to entering the national phase (IPC, Articles 233 and 234).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 2 October 2017, consists of the addition of Colombia to the States indicated in Annex A, item (i). The amended Annex will read as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

Republic of Korea;

Australia, Chile, Colombia, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mexico, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United States of America, Viet Nam; and

any country that the Authority will specify;

(ii) the following languages which it will accept:

Korean, English.”

RU Russian Federation

Agreement between the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex C

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 6 December 2017. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ru.pdf.

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Russian roubles)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English)	40,000
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Russian)	8,500
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English)	40,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Russian)	8,500
Protest fee (Rule 40.2(e))	3,500
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex E, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English)	16,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Russian)	4,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English)	24,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Russian)	6,750
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English)	19,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Russian)	5,000
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English)	23,500

– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Russian)	6,000
Protest fee (Rule 68.3(e))	3,500
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 ter .1(c))	4,000
Cost of copies of cited documents (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– patent document, per page	[No change]
– non-patent document, per page	[No change]
Cost of copies of document contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]"

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified a change in its mailing address, which is now:

Mailing address: FI-00091 PRH, Finland.

Furthermore, the office notified a change in the location of the Client Service, the deletion of one of its telephone numbers and of one of its facsimile numbers, as from 8 December 2017, as follows:

Address: Sörnäisten rantatie 13C
Helsinki
Finland

Telephone: 358 0 29 509 50 00

Facsimile: 358 0 29 509 53 28

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified national legislation restricting the filing of international applications with the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO. Filing restrictions apply to inventions made in Kazakhstan (see the Law on Patents of the Republic of Kazakhstan No. 427-I of 16 July 1999 (as amended up to Law of the Republic of Kazakhstan No. 378-V of 31 October 2015), Article 37).

[Updating of Annex B1(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PT Portugal – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices of 12 October 2017, page 152 concerning the new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 September 2017, contained an error. The fee for a utility model includes only the publication. The components of the national fee should now read as follows:

For a patent: ³	EUR	52.57	(online)
	EUR	105.16	(on paper)
For a utility model: ⁴	EUR	52.57	(online)
	EUR	105.16	(on paper)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ Includes publication and examination.

⁴ Includes only the publication.

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 6 October 2017, as follows:

Transmittal fee ⁵ :	RUB 1,700
Fee for the priority document ⁶ (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RUB 1,700
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority ⁶ (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	RUB 1,000

[Updating of Annex C(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2017, is USD 2,238.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Colombia with the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 2 October 2017.

[Updating of Annex C(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁵ This fee is payable to the receiving Office. For further details, see the Rospatent website at: www.rupto.ru/rupto/portal/72fb382c-bc0d-11e3-b7c0-9c8e9921fb2c?lang=en.

⁶ This fee is payable to the receiving Office. For further details, see the Rospatent website at www.rupto.ru/poshl/sod/pat_p/pat_poshl.html.

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AL Albania

The **General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Albanian lek (ALL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is ALL 3,000.

[Updating of Annex C(AL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2017, is USD 2,238.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 6 December 2017, are RUB 8,500 for an international application in Russian and RUB 40,000 for an international application in English.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 6 December 2017, are CHF 144, EUR 126 and USD 148 for an application filed in Russian, and CHF 680, EUR 591 and USD 698 for an application filed in English, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)), in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 6 December 2017. These amounts are RUB 4,500 (for an application filed in Russian), and RUB 16,000 (for an application filed in English) when the international search report was prepared by the Office; when it was prepared by another Office, the amounts are RUB 6,750 (for an application filed in Russian), and RUB 24,000 (for an application filed in English).

Finally, the Office has notified new amounts of the additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 6 December 2017. These amounts are RUB 5,000 (for an application filed in Russian), and RUB 19,500 (for an application filed in English) when the international search report was prepared by the Office; when it was prepared by another Office, the amounts are RUB 6,000 (for an application filed in Russian), and RUB 23,500 (for an application filed in English).

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3 AND 49ter.2

AL Albania

Under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **General Directorate of Industrial Property (GDIP) (Albania)**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d) and a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2(d), in **Albanian lek (ALL)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The amount of each of the fees is ALL 7,000.

[Updating of Annex C(AL) and of the National Chapter, Summary (AL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** has notified changes in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: bandjir-omar@odpic.net

Internet: www.odpic.net

[Updating of Annex B1(DJ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

General information on **Lao People's Democratic Republic** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(LA), which is published at the end of this issue.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of a component of the national fee for a patent, in **Egyptian pound (EGP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Examination fee:¹ EGP 17,530

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

B1 **Information on Contracting States** **B1**
LA **LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC** **LA**

General information

Name of Office:	Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)
Location and mailing address:	Sidamduan Road, P.O. Box 2279, Vientiane Capital, Lao People's Democratic Republic
Telephone:	(856-21) 253 111
Facsimile machine:	(856-21) 213 472
E-mail:	dip.laopdr@gmail.com
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL, EMS, Federal Express or TNT
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Lao People's Democratic Republic:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C(IB))
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Lao People's Democratic Republic is designated (or elected):	Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Science and Technology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)
May the Lao People's Democratic Republic be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of the Lao People's Democratic Republic concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if the Lao People's Democratic Republic is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the Lao People's Democratic Republic is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of receipt of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

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ZM Zambia

The **Patents and Companies Registration Office (Zambia)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, as well as in its mailing address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia)
Mailing address:	Registrar, Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA), P.O. Box 32020, Lusaka Zambia

[Updating of Annex B1(ZM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

ZM Zambia

The **Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia)** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any attorney or lawyer practicing in Zambia can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(ZM) and of the National Chapter, Summary (ZM), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CH Swiss

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified changes in the components of the national fee, in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office – the filing fee must be paid within three months from the date of filing. The claim fee is due for each claim in excess of 10 and must be paid before the start of substantive examination, on invitation and within a prescribed time limit fixed by the Office.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CH), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-ninth (21st ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 2 to 11 October 2017, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2018, in various currencies, as indicated in the table 1 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2018, as indicated in the table 2 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss franc for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2018, as indicated in the table 3 published at the end of this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BE), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DJ), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (CH), (GR), (GT), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JO), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KH), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MC), (MD), (ME), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (OM), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (QA), (RO), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM), and (ZW),

all Annexes D,

all Annexes SISA,

Annexes E(AT), (AU), (CA), (CL), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (IL), (IN), (JP), (KR), (RU), (SE), (SG), (UA), (US) (XN) and (XV)].

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2018)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 02.10.17	International filing fee	Fee per sheet in excess of 30	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a)
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200
Rule 15.2(a)			Rule 15.2(a)				Schedule of fees Item 3
AUD - Australian dollar	0.7620770059	1,781	20	n.a	268	402	268 Current amount
		1,745	20	n.a	262	394	262 New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.7787249416	1,792	20	n.a	269	404	269 Current amount
		1,708	19	n.a	257	385	257 New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.1536708294	9,070	100	n.a	1,360	2,050	1,360 Current amount
		8,650	100	n.a	1,300	1,950	1,300 New amount
EUR - Euro	1.1437449621	1,219	14	92	183	275	183 Current amount
		1,163	13	87	175	262	175 New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.2921302303	1,063	12	n.a	160	240	n.a Current amount
		1,029	12	n.a	155	232	n.a New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.0036636983	374,700	4,200	n.a	56,300	84,500	n.a Current amount
		363,000	4,100	n.a	54,600	81,900	n.a New amount
ILS - New Israeli sheqel	0.2754628427	*	*	*	*	*	773 Current amount
		*	*	*	*	*	726 New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.0091590935	143,000	1,600	n.a	21,500	32,300	n.a Current amount
		145,200	1,600	n.a	21,800	32,800	n.a New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.0086475856	151,800	1,700	n.a	n.a	34,200	22,800 Current amount
		153,800	1,700	n.a	n.a	34,700	23,100 New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.0008495234	**	**	**	**	**	227,000 Current amount
		**	**	**	**	**	235,000 New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.1217059894	10,920	120	n.a	1,640	2,460	n.a Current amount
		10,930	120	n.a	1,640	2,460	n.a New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.7011719072	1,880	21	n.a	283	424	n.a Current amount
		1,897	21	n.a	285	428	n.a New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.1193066019	11,710	130	n.a	1,760	2,640	1,760 Current amount
		11,150	130	n.a	1,680	2,510	1,680 New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.7154862945	1,866	21	n.a	281	421	281 Current amount
		1,859	21	n.a	280	419	280 New amount
USD - US dollar	0.9738885421	1,367	15	103	206	308	206 Current amount
		1,366	15	103	205	308	205 New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.0716526037	17,350	200	n.a	2,610	3,910	n.a Current amount
		18,560	210	n.a	2,790	4,190	n.a New amount

* Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in New Israeli sheqels of the amounts in US dollars indicated above.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss francs indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2018)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		ISA/CL		Current amount New amount
	EUR	Exchange Rate	AUD	Exchange Rate	BRL	Exchange Rate	CAD	Exchange Rate	USD	Exchange Rate	
Reference currency & amount	1,864		2,200		2,525		1,600		2,000		300
Exchange rates applicable on 02.10.2017											
CHF - Swiss franc	2,034		1,643		742		1,187 ¹		1,946 ¹		389 ¹
	1.14374496	0.76207701	1.677	0.30828266	778 ¹	495 ¹	0.77872494	1.246 ¹	0.97388854	1.948 ¹	390 ¹
USD - US dollar	2,225 ²		1,688		804		1,296 ²				
	0.85149100	1.27793981	1.722	3.15907659	799	533	1.25061943	1.279			
EUR - Euro			1,505 ¹		684		1,088 ¹		1,675 ^{1,2}		251 ^{1,2}
		1.50082597	1.466 ¹	3.7005282	681 ¹	454 ¹	1.46874063	1.089 ¹	1.17441053	1.703 ¹	255 ¹
AUD - Australian dollar											
DKK - Danish krone											
GBP - Pound sterling											
HUF - Hungarian forint											
ISK - Icelandic krona											
JPY - Japanese yen											
KRW - Korean won	2,506,000		1,987,000								
	0.00074276	0.00111475	1,974,000								
NOK - Norwegian krone											
NZD - New Zealand dollar											
		0.92008013	2,322								
SEK - Swedish krona											
	2,854		2,304								
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.62556454	0.93886351	2,343								
	28,980	0.09402279	23,230								
ZAR - South African rand	0.06264736		23,400								

¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

² Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2017.

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International Searching Authority & amount	ISA/CN		ISA/EG		ISA/EP		ISA/ES		ISA/FI		ISA/IL		
	Exchange Rate	CNY	Exchange Rate	EGP	Exchange Rate	EUR	Exchange Rate	EUR	Exchange Rate	EUR	Exchange Rate	ILS	
Reference currency on 02.10.2017		2,100		4,000		1,875		1,875		1,875		3,518	
CHF - Swiss franc	0.14643834	306	0.05524021	214 ³	2,046	2,046 ³	1.14374496	2,046 ³	2,046 ³	0.27546284	932 ³	Current amount New amount	
USD - US dollar	6.65050249	315	17.63006551	225	2,238 ⁴	2,238 ⁴	0.85149100	2,238 ⁴	2,238 ⁴	3.53546247	963	Current amount New amount	
EUR - Euro	7.81042018	267 ³	20.70493463	197 ³	2,202	2,202		2,202	2,202 ³	4.15208436	821 ³	Current amount New amount	
AUD - Australian dollar		269 ³		193 ³								847 ³	Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone					13,960	13,960							Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling					0.13435760	13,960							Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint					1.12973633	1,636							Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona					0.00320325	576,500							Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen					0.00800799	230,200							Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won					0.00756076	244,500							Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone					0.10641008	17,780							Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar					0.61304918	3,058 ⁴							Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona					0.10431224	18,010							Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar					0.62556454	2,870							Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand					0.06264736	29,150							Current amount New amount

³ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

⁴ Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2017.

Table 2
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International Searching Authority	ISA/IN		ISA/JJP		ISA/KR		ISA/RU		ISA/SE ⁵	
	10,000	2,500	156,000	70,000	KRW	450,000	RUB	40,000	8,500	18,010
Reference currency & amount	INR		JPY		Exchange Rate		Exchange Rate		SEK	
Exchange rates applicable on 02.10.2017	Exchange Rate		Exchange Rate							
CHF - Swiss franc	154 149	39 37	1,367 1,349	613 605	0.01485900	1,145 1,104	0.01681342	680 ^b 673	144 ^b 143	2,046 2,145
USD - US dollar	150 ⁷ 153 ⁷	38 ⁷ 38 ⁷	1,372 1,385	616 622	65.54201214	1,114 1,134	57.92327504	698 ^b 691	148 ^b 147	2,238 ^b 2,202
EUR - Euro	131 ^{7,8} 130 ⁷	33 ^{7,8} 32 ⁷	1,196 ⁷ 1,179 ⁷	537 ⁷ 529 ⁷	76.97322943	969 ⁷ 966 ⁷	68.02570433	591 ^b 588	126 ^b 125	1,875 1,875
AUD - Australian dollar						1,439 1,449				
DKK - Danish krone										13,960 13,960
GBP - Pound sterling										
HUF - Hungarian forint										
ISK - Icelandic krona										230,200 234,100
JPY - Japanese yen			n.a n.a	718,000 713,000						
KRW - Korean won			0.09823822							
NOK - Norwegian krone										17,780 17,620
NZD - New Zealand dollar					825.37091645	1,619 1,575		560 545		
SEK - Swedish krona										
SGD - Singapore dollar			1,928 1,885	n.a n.a	82.73827258	1,607 1,544		556 534		
ZAR - South African rand										

⁵ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2018, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁶ Amounts applicable as from December 6, 2017.

⁷ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

⁸ Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2017.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2018)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU		
	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	
Reference currency & Amount	850 ¹	1,190 ²	1,700 ³	1,875	1,875	1,875	11,800	18,880 ⁵	
Exchange rate applicable on 02.10.17	Exchange Rate		Exchange Rate	Exchange Rate	Exchange Rate	Exchange Rate	Exchange Rate	Exchange Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc	1.14374496	972	1,361	1,944	2,145	2,145	0.01681342	198	317

1 For a search of the German-language documentation.
 2 For a search of the European or North American documentation.
 3 For a full search of PCT minimum documentation.
 4 This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
 5 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

Table 3
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International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/SE		ISA/SG		ISA/TR		ISA/JA	
	Currency	Amount	Currency	Amount	Currency	Amount	Currency	Amount
Reference currency & Amount	SEK	18,010 17,970 ¹⁰	SGD	2,240	TRY	500 ⁶ 7,290 7,860 ¹¹	EUR	100 ⁷ 150 ⁸ 200 ⁹
Exchange rate applicable on 02.10.17	Exchange Rate		Exchange Rate		Exchange Rate		Exchange Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc		2,145 ¹²	<i>0.71548629</i>	1,603		136 ¹³	<i>1.1437496</i>	114 172 229

⁶ For a search of only on the documents in Turkish held in the search collection of the Authority.

⁷ For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.

⁸ For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.

⁹ For a search of only the European and North American documentation.

¹⁰ This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2018.

¹¹ This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2018.

¹² New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2018.

¹³ New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Turkish Patent and Trademark Office with effect from January 1, 2018.

Table 3
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International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/XN		ISA/XV	
Reference currency & Amount	DKK	4,000 ¹⁴ 13,960 13,960 ¹⁶	EUR	550 ¹⁵ 1,875
Exchange rate applicable on 02.10.17	Exchange Rate		Exchange Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc		615 ¹⁷ 2,145 ¹⁷	1.14374496	629 2,145

¹⁴ For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

¹⁵ For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

¹⁶ This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2018.

¹⁷ New equivalent amount in Swiss francs of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2018.

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ZM Zambia

The **Patents and Companies Registration Agency (PACRA) (Zambia)** has notified changes in the telephone and facsimile numbers, as well as in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(260-211) 25 51 35 (260-211) 25 54 25 (260-211) 25 51 51
Facsimile machine:	(260-211) 25 54 26
E-mail:	pro@pacra.org.zm
Internet:	www.pacra.org.zm

[Updating of Annex B1(ZM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IT Italy

Following the notification by the **Italian Patent and Trademarks Office** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 4 December 2017 (see below), equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for two of the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, are as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	EUR	183
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	EUR	275

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

MA Morocco

The **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPI)** has notified a change in its requirements concerning the languages of the translation of the international application¹ – the translation is now required into Arabic or French, and no longer into French only.

Furthermore, the office notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Morocco

Instrument of assignment of the international application if the applicant has changed after the international filing date

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IT Italy

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 3 November 2017, the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 4 December 2017, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (39-06) 4705-5847 or (39-06) 4705-5800
- by facsimile at: (39-06) 4705-5632
- by e-mail at: uibm.pct@mise.gov.it

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<http://www.uibm.gov.it/>).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office
(see www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using ePCT.”

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2018, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
1 January 2018,
30 March and 2 April 2018,
10 and 21 May 2018,
6 September 2018,
25 and 31 December 2018.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SD Sudan

The **Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Justice (Sudan)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, as well as in its location, telephone number and e-mail address; and notified a new facsimile number, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department
Location:	Elgomhouria Street Elmogran Area Khartoum Sudan
Telephone:	(249-155) 12 68 62 (249-183) 74 23 58
Facsimile machine:	(249-183) 74 23 56
E-mail:	ipsudan.office@gmail.com

[Updating of Annex B1(SD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MA Morocco

The **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)** has notified changes in the components of the national fee^{1, 2}, in **Moroccan dirham (MAD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 October 2017. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

Filing fee: ³	MAD	1,000	(750) ⁴	500 ⁵	(250) ^{4, 5}
Publication fee: ³	MAD	1,000	(750) ⁴	500 ⁵	(250) ^{4, 5}
Additional fee for publication of claims in excess of 10, per claim:	MAD	400		160 ⁵	
Fee for establishment of the search report with opinion on patentability:	MAD	8,000	(6,000) ⁴	4,000	(2,000) ^{4, 5}

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The complete list of the Office's national fees is available at:
<http://www.ompic.ma/en/content/patent/tariffs>.

² Fees are subject to value added tax (VAT) of 20%.

³ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable to applications filed online. For further information on the online filing of patent applications with the Office, please contact the Office at: pct@ompic.ma.

⁵ This amount is applicable to very small enterprises, small or medium enterprises (in accordance with the criteria of the SME charter), natural persons, self-entrepreneurs, craftsmen and universities and educational establishments, whether national or foreign.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BZ Belize

The **Belize Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its location, as follows:

Location: 1902 Constitution Drive, 3rd Floor
P.O. Box 592
Belmopan, Cayo District
Belize

[Updating of Annex B1(BZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, as follows:

E-mail: octrooicentrum@rvo.nl

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PA Panama

The **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (507) 560 07 05,
(507) 560 59 36

[Updating of Annex B1(PA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the search fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable with effect from 1 January 2018, is EUR 1,875.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, **US dollar (USD)**, **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2018, are KRW 2,423,000, USD 2,202, CHF 2,145, SGD 3,000 and ZAR 29,930, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BH Bahrain

The **National Patent Office (Bahrain)** has notified new amounts of the national fee for utility model, in **Bahraini dinar (BHD)**, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BHD	40	(20) ¹
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BH), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable with effect from 1 January 2018, is ILS 550.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable with effect from 1 January 2018, is ILS 2,014.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The amount in parentheses is payable in case of filing by an individual.

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2018, are NZD 602 for searches carried out in Korean and NZD 1,740 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MA Morocco – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices of 30 November 2017, page 185 concerning the changes in the components of the national fee, in **Moroccan dirham (MAD)**, payable to the **Moroccan Office of Industrial and Commercial Property (OMPIC)** as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 October 2017, contained an error. The fee for the establishment of the search report with opinion on patentability of MAD 4000 is applicable to very small enterprises, small or medium enterprises (in accordance with the criteria of the SME charter), natural persons, self-entrepreneurs, craftsmen, universities and educational establishments, whether national or foreign.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

PH Philippines

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 30/2006, of 27 July 2006, pages 19028 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media and using the PCT-SAFE software, with effect since 4 January 2016. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: pct@ipophil.gov.ph

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.ipophil.gov.ph).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

RU Russian Federation

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 19 November 2015, the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect since 1 January 2016, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users concerning applications filed via the ePCT service and subsequently filed documents. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: ro-ru@rupto.ru

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.rupto.ru or www1.fips.ru).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

Following the notification by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 1 January 2016 (see above), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	205
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	307

[Updating of Annex C(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any natural or legal person resident in Brazil can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(BR) and of the National Chapter, Summary (BR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau was not, or will not be, open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2016, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
1 January 2016,
25 and 28 March 2016,
5 and 16 May 2016,
8 September 2016,
26 and 30 December 2016.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.



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DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BB Barbados

The **Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office (Barbados)** has notified a change in one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – the Office now requires the appointment of a patent agent in all cases.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BB), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

BN Brunei Darussalam

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 15 December 2015, the **Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BruiIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 January 2016, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: epct@bruipo.com.bn

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.bruipo.com.bn).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

ID Indonesia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 10 December 2015, the **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 January 2016, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: epct@dgip.go.id

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.dgip.go.id).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BN Brunei Darussalam

Following the notification by the **Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BruiPO)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 15 January 2016 (see above), the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable from the same date. The amounts of these reductions are the equivalent amounts in **Brunei dollar (BND)** of 200 and 300 Swiss francs (CHF), respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(BN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ID Indonesia

Following the notification by the **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 15 January 2016 (see above), the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable from the same date. The amounts of these reductions are the equivalent amounts in **Indonesian rupiah (IDR)** of 200 and 300 Swiss francs (CHF), respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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UA Ukraine

The **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)** has notified changes in its location and its mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location:	SIPSU, 45, V. Lypkivskoho Street Kyiv-35, 03680 Ukraine
Mailing address:	Ukrainsky Instytut Promyslovoi Vlasnosti Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute 1, Hlazunova Street Kyiv 42, 01601 Ukraine

[Updating of Annex B1(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Because of a major power outage which resulted in the shutdown of certain of its electronic systems, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 22 to 24 December 2015.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on any of the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on the next succeeding business day which was not a Saturday, Sunday or a Federal holiday, that is, 28 December 2015.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2016, are EUR 412 when filing online and EUR 617 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2016, are EUR 70 and EUR 10.68, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 June 2015, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) ³ :	RSD 7,300	
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 1,750	for the first document up to 10 pages, plus
	RSD 440	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages, plus
	[No change]	per page in excess of 10
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	RSD 2,930	

[Updating of Annex C(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 June 2015, as follows⁴:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,300
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 720
Reduced examination fee for international applications:	RSD 7,300
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 10,230

For a petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,300
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

⁴ The fees are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

RECEIVING OFFICES

UA Ukraine

The **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)** has specified itself, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Ukraine with the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 5 February 2016, the date on which the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU) will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

[Updating of Annex C(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)

LV Latvia

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the **Latvian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney, with effect since 1 January 2016.

[Updating of Annex C(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**Agreement
between the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization**

in relation to the functioning of the State Enterprise
“Ukrainian Institute of Intellectual Property”
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Considering that the State Enterprise “Ukrainian Institute of Intellectual Property” is responsible for patent processing activities on behalf of the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine,

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the State Enterprise “Ukrainian Institute of Intellectual Property”;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2
Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis*, covering at least the documentation referred to in Annex E to this Agreement, subject to any limitations and conditions set out in that Annex.

Article 4 Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

**Article 5
Fees and Charges**

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

**Article 6
Classification**

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

**Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority**

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

**Article 8
International-Type Search**

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force one month after the date on which the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine notifies the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization through diplomatic channels that the Authority is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications and information concerning supplementary international searches contained in Annex E to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

**Article 12
Termination**

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:
- (i) if the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice, through diplomatic channels, to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine written notice, through diplomatic channels, to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt, through diplomatic channels, of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this twenty-seventh day of November two thousand and fifteen, in two originals in the English and Ukrainian languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the State Intellectual Property
Service of Ukraine by:

[signature]

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

[signature]

**Annex A
Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages which it will accept:

English, Russian, German, Ukrainian, French.

**Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination**

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined under the Ukrainian national law.

**Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	300
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	300
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a)):	200
– of only European and North American documentation	200
– of only Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation	150
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex E, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	100
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	180
– the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	160
– the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	180
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	180
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	40
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per page	0.7

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I of this Annex shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, carried out in respect of an earlier application by the Authority itself or by another International Searching Authority, 25%-75% of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, 75% of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English, French, German, Russian and Ukrainian, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated; however, English or Russian may be used in all cases.

Annex E
**Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions**

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, English, French, German, Russian or Ukrainian.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover one of the following levels of search:

- (i) the documents held in the search collection of the Authority including but not limited to the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34;
- (ii) European and North American documentation;
- (iii) Russian language documentation of the former USSR and Ukrainian language documentation.

(3) If the International Searching Authority competent for the main international search has issued a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv), and the appropriate fee referred to in Annex C is paid, the supplementary international search shall cover at least the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34 in addition to the documentation referred to in paragraph (2) of this Annex.

(4) The State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine shall notify the International Bureau if a demand for supplementary international search exceeds resources available to the Authority and also when normal conditions have been reestablished.

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CU Cuba

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 7 January 2016, the **Cuban Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 February 2016, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: epct@ocpi.cu

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.ocpi.cu).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

PT Portugal

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 January 2013, pages 10 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect from 1 February 2016. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- EPO online filing software
- PCT-SAFE software
- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signature (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 9.00 a.m. and 5.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: +351 21 881 81 00
- by fax at: +351 21 886 98 59
- by e-mail at: serviço.publico@inpi.pt

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.inpi.pt).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- EPO customer CA (see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security/smart-cards.html)
- Portuguese Electronic ID (see www.scee.gov.pt/ecee/en/)
- WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CU Cuba

Following the notification by the **Cuban Industrial Property Office** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 February 2016 (see above), equivalent amounts in **Cuban convertible peso (CUC)** have been established for the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CUC	205
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CUC	307

[Updating of Annex C(CU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2016, are ILS 551 and ILS 86, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 1 January 2016, is ILS 2,017.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Japan Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Indonesia with the Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 6 October 2015.

[Updating of Annex C(ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a change in its requirements concerning the languages of the translation of the international application – the translation is now required into English, and no longer into English or Hebrew.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the removal of two of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – it no longer requires the furnishing of two copies of the international application (if in English) or of its translation, nor the translation of the international application into English or Hebrew.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

UA Ukraine

Further to the notification by the **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)** that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, as well as an Authority specified for supplementary search, with effect from 5 February 2016 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 21 January 2016, page 16), information on the requirements of the Office in this regard is given in Annexes D(UA), SISA(UA) and E(UA), which are published on the following pages.

D **D**
International Searching Authorities
UA **UA**
STATE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
SERVICE OF UKRAINE (SIPSU)¹

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ²	Euro (EUR)	300
	Swiss franc (CHF)	325
	US dollar (USD)	328
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ³	EUR	300
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	EUR	0.7 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, carried out in respect of an earlier application by the Authority itself or by another International Searching Authority, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search: refund of 25% to 75%</p>	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	40
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	None	
Languages accepted for international search:	English, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian	
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes	
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R	
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in Ukrainian national applications	
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No	

¹ As from 5 February 2016.

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

SISA International Searching Authorities SISA
(Supplementary Search)
UA STATE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY UA
SERVICE OF UKRAINE (SIPSU)¹

Fees payable to the International Bureau: ²	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ³	– for a search of only the PCT minimum documentation: CHF 108 – for a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation: CHF 163 – for a search of only the European and North American documentation: CHF 217
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):	CHF 200
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	CHF 100
Fees payable to the Authority:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	EUR 0.7 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100% The Authority shall refund this fee where work has not yet started and the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	English, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in Ukrainian national applications
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	Three scopes of documentation are offered, at the choice of the applicant (see “Fees payable to the International Bureau”)
Limitations on supplementary international search:	The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search exceeds available resources

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¹ As from 5 February 2016.

² For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html

³ This fee is fixed by the Authority in euro and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the euro and the Swiss franc.

E **E**
International Preliminary
Examining Authorities
UA **UA**
STATE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
SERVICE OF UKRAINE (SIPSU)¹

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority:	EUR	160
	– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority:	EUR	180
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ³		EUR	180
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁴		EUR	183
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):		EUR	0.7 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):		None	
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 75%		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)): ³		EUR	40
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English, French, German, Russian, Ukrainian		
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is examined in Ukrainian national applications		
Waiver of power of attorney:			
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No		

¹ As from 5 February 2016.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)).

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2016. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,529
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,529
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,512
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,512
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ter .1(c) and 13 ter .2)	454
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	43

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2016, are EUR 382 when filing online and EUR 573 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2016, is USD 1,147.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2016, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,529
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,529
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	ILS	43 per document
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	ILS	454

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2016, are CHF 905, EUR 837 and USD 912, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 March 2016, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	ILS	1,512
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	ILS	1,512
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	ILS	43 per document

Fee for copies of documents
contained in the file of the
international application
(PCT Rule 94.2): ILS 43 per document

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13^{ter}.2): ILS 454

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)** has notified a new component to the fee for the priority document, in **Philippine peso (PHP)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for the priority document: [No change]
plus PHP 1,750 for transmittal of the
priority document

[Updating of Annex C(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2016, are CHF 92 and EUR 85 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 383 and EUR 353 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45^{bis}.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2016, are CHF 162 and CHF 259 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified that it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Australia is designated (or elected) – these data may be in the request or must now be furnished within two months from the date of the invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)** has notified a change in the name of the Office, which is now the following:

Intellectual Property Office, Ministry of the Attorney General and Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)

[Updating of Annex B1(TT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is ZAR 31,450.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is ZAR 23,900.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is ZAR 31,640.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are NZD 559 for searches carried out in Korean and NZD 1,616 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are HUF 26,800 and USD 93 for searches carried out in Russian, and HUF 111,100 and USD 388 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are ZAR 31,430 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 15,710 for a small entity and ZAR 7,860 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 20,680
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 230
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR 3,110
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR 4,670

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, which are now as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
<p>An applicant may give notice that the furnishing of a sample of a microorganism shall only be effected prior to the grant of a patent, or to the lapsing, refusal or withdrawal of an application, to a person who is a skilled addressee without an interest in the invention (Regulation 3.25A(2) of the Australian Patents Regulations). The applicant must give notice directly to the Australian Patent Office before the application is made available to the public (normally the international publication date).</p>		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name of the inventor if it has not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application¹

Statement or notice as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent¹

Statement or notice as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application¹

Address for service in Australia (but no representation by an agent is required)

Verification of translation

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AU), of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

¹ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 25 and 26 January 2016.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on either of those days, that period was extended so as to expire on the next succeeding business day, which was 27 January 2016.

RECEIVING OFFICES

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Japan Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Japan with the Japan Patent Office, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 April 2016.

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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RECEIVING OFFICES

JP Japan

The specification by the **Japan Patent Office** of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Japan with the Japan Patent Office, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 April 2016 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 February 2016, page 49), only applies to international applications filed in English.

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified that it is prepared to operate as an International Searching Authority for international applications filed in English with the Japan Patent Office as receiving Office, with effect from 1 April 2016 (see also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 February 2016, page 49, as well as above).

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), an equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore. This amount, applicable from the above date, is JPY 186,300.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

LV Latvia

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **Microbial Strain Collection of Latvia (MSCL)**, an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new address is as follows:

Jelgavas str. 1
Riga, LV-1004
Latvia

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

ic.contact-contact.ic@canada.ca

[Updating of Annex B1(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers and has notified its e-mail address, as follows:

Telephone: (86-10) 62 35 66 55 (customer service)
(86-10) 62 08 84 76 (PCT international phase matters)
(86-10) 62 08 83 00 (PCT national phase matters)

Facsimile machine: (86-10) 62 01 94 51 (PCT international phase matters)

E-mail: pct_affairs@sipo.gov.cn

[Updating of Annex B1(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified changes in its location and its mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location: II. János Pál pápa tér 7.
1081 Budapest
Hungary

Mailing address: P.O. Box 415
1438 Budapest
Hungary

[Updating of Annex B1(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application¹

Declaration of assignment where the applicant is not the inventor¹

Appointment of an agent if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business within the territory of the European Union or in a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area²

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HU), of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of the deletion, with effect from 31 March 2016, of the **National Research Center of Antibiotics (NRCA)** from the list of institutions with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made for the purposes of patent procedure.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

¹ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2016. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,930
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,930
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	875
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	875
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	230

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex C

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2016. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Japanese yen)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	[No change]
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English)	156,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English)	126,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in Japanese)	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) (for an application in English)	58,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in Japanese)	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)) (for an application in English)	34,000
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	[No change]

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) [No change]

(2) The amount of either 28,000 Japanese yen (for an application in Japanese) or 62,000 Japanese yen (for an application in English) shall be refunded upon request by the applicant where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

(i) and (ii) [no change]

(3) and (4) [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is ZAR 31,450.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is ZAR 23,900.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is EUR 640.

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	EUR	1,930
Additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	EUR	1,930
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e) and 68.3(e)):	EUR	875
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	EUR	875
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .1(c)):	EUR	230

In addition, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is ZAR 31,640.

[Updating of Annexes D and E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office has notified changes to some of the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, applicable from 1 April 2016. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:

- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online: [No change]
- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online: [No change]

Additional fee for pages in excess of 35: for the 36th and each subsequent page: [No change]

Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated: EUR 585

Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Bosnia and Herzegovina or Montenegro): [No change]

Fee for validation of the European patent in:
Morocco: [No change]
Republic of Moldova: [No change]

Claims fee:

- for the 16th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50: [No change]
- for the 51st and each subsequent claim: EUR 585

Search fee:

- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 885
- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,300

Fee for further processing:

- in the event of late payment of a fee: [No change]
- other cases: EUR 255

Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing: [No change]

Examination fee:

- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 1,825
- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up: EUR 1,825
- for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,635

Renewal fee for the third year: EUR 470

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)), the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), the preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)) and the additional preliminary examination fee (Rule 68.3(a)), when an application has been filed in English, in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are JPY 156,000, JPY 126,000, JPY 58,000 and JPY 34,000, respectively.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change to the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable from 1 April 2016. The consolidated list of these conditions and amounts will read as follows:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

The amount of either 28,000 Japanese yen (for an application in Japanese) or 62,000 Japanese yen (for an application in English) shall be refunded upon request by the applicant where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

- (i) where the international application claims the priority of an earlier international application which has been the subject of an international search made by the Authority, the international search of the earlier international application;
- (ii) the earlier search of a Japanese national application for a patent or for a utility model registration which was filed by the same applicant as that of the international application.

In addition, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office** when an application has been filed in English. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are CHF 1,264, SGD 1,839 and USD 1,295, respectively.

[Updating of Annexes D and E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are NZD 559 for searches carried out in Korean and NZD 1,616 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are HUF 26,800 for searches carried out in Russian, and HUF 111,100 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2016, are ZAR 31,430 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 15,710 for a small entity and ZAR 7,860 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in English by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is EUR 1,158.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are CHF 615 for searches carried out in Japanese and CHF 1,371 for searches carried out in English.

In addition, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in Japanese by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2016, is KRW 769,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any authorized representative, such as a Hungarian patent attorney or attorney-at-law or registered European patent attorney¹, can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Israel Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the USPTO, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 April 2016.

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The list of registered patent attorneys is available on the website of the Hungarian Chamber of Patent Attorneys (HCPA) at: www.szabadalmikamara.hu/Index.aspx?MN=Tagok_MindenTag&LN=English

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any authorized representative, such as a Hungarian patent attorney or attorney-at-law or registered European patent attorney², can now act as such.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² See footnote 1.

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EP European Patent Organisation – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices of 17 March 2016, page 59, concerning the new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to the **European Patent Office (EPO)** as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 April 2016, was inaccurate. The only new amount applicable from the said date is the protest fee (PCT Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e)). The review fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.6(c)) applicable from the same date is payable to the Office as International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search).

[Updating of Annexes D, SISA and E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a fee for transmitting copies of earlier search and other documents under PCT Rule 12*bis*.1(c), in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amount of this fee, applicable to international applications filed on or after 1 April 2016, is JPY 1,700.

Also, new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	151,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	1,700
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY	34,100

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are USD 618 for searches carried out in Japanese and USD 1,378 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 June 2016, is JPY 22,800.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office has notified a new amount of the national filing fee for a patent, in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2016, is JPY 14,000.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (JP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are SGD 520 for searches carried out in Korean and SGD 1,490 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ME Montenegro

The **Intellectual Property Office (Montenegro)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Rimski trg br. 46 81 000 Podgorica Montenegro
Telephone:	(382) 20 234 591
Facsimile machine:	(382) 20 234 592
E-mail:	ziscg@t-com.me
Internet:	www.ziscg.me

[Updating of Annex B1(ME) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are CHF 1,616, EUR 1,481 and KRW 1,963,000, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2016, is JPY 233,900.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are AUD 504 for searches carried out in Korean and AUD 1,457 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

ME Montenegro

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** ceased to be the only receiving Office for Montenegro on 8 August 2015. The **Intellectual Property Office (Montenegro)** has notified that, since that date, it is acting as receiving Office, in addition to the International Bureau, for nationals and residents of Montenegro.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Information on the requirements of the Office as receiving Office is given in Annex C(ME), which is published on the following page.

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
ME **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **ME**
(MONTENEGRO)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Montenegro
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	2
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	Information not yet available
International filing fee:	EUR 1,219
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 14
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 5
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	Please refer to the Office
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Montenegro Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any legal or natural person listed in the Register of Representatives maintained by the Office ¹ or any attorney listed in the Directory of the Bar Association of Montenegro
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ Please refer to the Office.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	Headquarters in Munich: (49-89) 2399-4500 Branch in The Hague: (31-70) 340-4500 Filing Office in Berlin: (49-30) 25901-4500 Customer Services: 00 800 80 20 20 20
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E-mail: support@epo.org

[Updating of Annex B1(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MZ Mozambique

The **Industrial Property Institute (IPI) (Mozambique)** has notified new telephone numbers. Its telephone numbers are now as follows:

(258-21) 354 900, (258-82) 301 43 74, (258-84) 300 62 15

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by e-mail in addition to facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(MZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SV El Salvador

The **National Center of Registries (El Salvador)** has notified the deletion of one of its e-mail addresses. Its e-mail address is now as follows:

propiedadintelectual@cnr.gob.sv

[Updating of Annex B1(SV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified the deletion of one of its telephone numbers. Its telephone number is now as follows:

(66-2) 547 4304

[Updating of Annex B1(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are CHF 449 and EUR 411 when filing online, and CHF 673 and EUR 617 when filing on paper.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2016, are USD 468 when filing online and USD 701 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MZ Mozambique

The **Industrial Property Institute (IPI) (Mozambique)** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Mozambican metical (MZM)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Annual fee for the first year:	MZM 850
Annual fee for the second year:	MZM 1,150

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	MZM 1,850
Annual fee for the first and second year, per year:	MZM 850

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

The **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** has notified the amounts of two components of the national fee, in **Eastern Caribbean dollar (XCD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National processing fee:	XCD 1,000
Annual fee for the fourth year:	XCD 200

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (VC), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – the following persons can now act as such:

In case an agent is required (because the applicant is a non-resident), any patent attorney or attorney-at-law resident in Germany or a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Act on the Qualifying Examination for Admission to Practise as a Patent Attorney and Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany); any legal person entitled to practise before the Office (where an applicant wishes to appoint a law firm of representatives, the name of that law firm is to be indicated in Box IV of the Request form); otherwise, the above-mentioned persons and any natural person resident in Germany

[Updating of Annex C(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has clarified that it is competent to act as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been performed by the Office.

[Updating of Annexes C(ID), C(JP), C(MX), C(SG), C(US) and C(VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – the following persons can now act as such:

In case an agent is required (because the applicant is a non-resident), any patent attorney or attorney-at-law resident in Germany or a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Act on the Qualifying Examination for Admission to Practise as a Patent Attorney and Act on the Activities of European Lawyers in Germany); any legal person entitled to practise before the Office; otherwise, the above-mentioned persons and any natural person resident in Germany

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MZ Mozambique

The **Industrial Property Institute (IPI) (Mozambique)** has notified changes concerning its requirements:

– as to whether a copy of the international application is required – a copy is now required only if the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) at a time when the applicant has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20;

– as to who can act as agent before it – any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office and resident in Mozambique can now act as such.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

The **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** has notified changes concerning:

– the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b), which is now 31 months from the priority date;

– its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – an agent must now be appointed if the applicant is not resident in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines;

– its requirement as to who can act as agent before it – any attorney-at-law registered to practice in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines can now act as such.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (VC), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 14 April 2016, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 May 2016, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing
- EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (359-2) 970 13 14
- by e-mail at: wipo_pct@bpo.bg

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.bpo.bg).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (see www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 April 2016, the **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 26 April 2016, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: irpct@ssaa.ir

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<http://iripo.ssaa.ir/>).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

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AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	1,811
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	20
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	AUD	272
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	AUD	408

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollar (AUD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 July 2016, is AUD 272.

[Updating of Annex E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BG Bulgaria

Following the notification by the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 May 2016 (see above), the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable from the same date. The amounts of these reductions are the equivalent amounts in **Bulgarian lev (BGN)** of 200 and 300 Swiss francs (CHF), respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

Following the notification by the **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 26 April 2016 (see above), the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable from the same date. The amounts of these reductions are the equivalent amounts in **Iranian rial (IRR)** of 200 and 300 Swiss francs (CHF), respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(IR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2016, are EUR 561 for searches carried out in Japanese and EUR 1,251 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **new leu (RON)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2015, is RON 441.

[Updating of Annex C(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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TR Turkey

The Turkish Patent Institute (Turkey) has notified new amounts of fee components of the national fee, in **Turkish lira (TRY)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 January 2016, as follows:

For patent and utility model		Online	On paper
Filing fee :	TRY	660	990
Fee for grant of letters :			
For patent :	TRY	290	435
For utility model certificate :	TRY	290	435
First annual fee :			
For patent :	TRY	200	300
For utility model :	TRY	200	300
Fee for reinstatement of rights :	TRY	1,100	1,650

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (TR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its forty-seventh (20th ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 5 to 14 October 2015 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved the following changes affecting the PCT system:

- amendments to the PCT Regulations; and
- appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=36343

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the PCT Assembly. The said amendments will enter into force at two different times: the first set of amendments (set out on pages 90 to 95) will enter into force on 1 July 2016 and the second set of amendments (set out on pages 96 and 100) will enter into force on 1 July 2017.

The amendments due to enter into force on 1 July 2016 include:

- amendments of Rules 9, 26*bis*, 48, 82*quater*, 92 and 94 which shall apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after July 1, 2016;
- the amendments of Rule 82*quater* shall also apply to international applications whose international filing date is before July 1, 2016, where the event referred to in Rule 82*quater*.1(a), as amended, occurs on or after July 1, 2016;
- the amendments of Rule 92.2(d) shall also apply to correspondence received by the International Bureau on or after July 1, 2016, in respect of international applications whose international filing date is before July 1, 2016, to the extent provided at the time of promulgation of any Administrative Instructions made under that Rule;

The amendments due to enter into force on 1 July 2017 include:

- amendments of Rules 12*bis*, 23*bis*, 41, 86 and 95 which shall apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after July 1, 2017;

- the amendments of Rules 86 and 95 shall also apply to any international application whose international filing date is before July 1, 2017, in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 or Article 39 are performed on or after July 1, 2017.

Appointment of the Visegrad Patent Institute as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT

The Assembly appointed the Visegrad Patent Institute as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the Agreement until December 31, 2017.

**AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2016)**

**Rule 9
Expressions, Etc., Not to Be Used**

9.1 *[No change]*

9.2 *Noting of Lack of Compliance*

The receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search and the International Bureau may note lack of compliance with the prescriptions of Rule 9.1 and may suggest to the applicant that he voluntarily correct his international application accordingly, in which case the receiving Office, the competent International Searching Authority, the competent Authority specified for supplementary search and the International Bureau, as applicable, shall be informed of the suggestion.

9.3 *[No change]*

**Rule 26bis
Correction or Addition of Priority Claim**

26bis.1 and 26bis.2 *[No change]*

26bis.3 *Restoration of Right of Priority by Receiving Office*

(a) to (e) *[No change]*

(f) The receiving Office may require that a declaration or other evidence in support of the statement of reasons referred to in paragraph (b)(ii) be filed with it within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances.

(g) *[No change]*

(h) The receiving Office shall promptly:

(i) *[No change]*

(ii) *[No change]*

(iii) notify the applicant and the International Bureau of its decision and the criterion for restoration upon which the decision was based;

(iv) subject to paragraph (h-bis), transmit to the International Bureau all documents received from the applicant relating to the request under paragraph (a) (including a copy of the request itself, any statement of reasons referred to in paragraph (b)(ii) and any declaration or other evidence referred to in paragraph (f)).

(h-bis) The receiving Office shall, upon a reasoned request by the applicant or on its own decision, not transmit documents or parts thereof received in relation to the request under paragraph (a), if it finds that:

(i) this document or part thereof does not obviously serve the purpose of informing the public about the international application;

(ii) publication or public access to any such document or part thereof would clearly prejudice the personal or economic interests of any person; and

(iii) there is no prevailing public interest to have access to that document or part thereof.

Where the receiving Office decides not to transmit documents or parts thereof to the International Bureau, it shall notify the International Bureau accordingly.

(i) and (j) *[No change]*.

Rule 48 International Publication

48.1 *[No change]*

48.2 *Contents*

(a) *[No change]*

(b) Subject to paragraph (c), the front page shall include:

(i) to (vi) *[No change]*

(vii) where applicable, an indication that the published international application contains information concerning a request under Rule 26bis.3 for restoration of the right of priority and the decision of the receiving Office upon such request.

(viii) *[Deleted]*

(c) to (k) [No change]

(l) The International Bureau shall, upon a reasoned request by the applicant received by the International Bureau prior to the completion of the technical preparations for international publication, omit from publication any information, if it finds that:

- (i) this information does not obviously serve the purpose of informing the public about the international application;
- (ii) publication of such information would clearly prejudice the personal or economic interests of any person; and
- (iii) there is no prevailing public interest to have access to that information.

Rule 26.4 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* as to the manner in which the applicant shall present the information which is the subject of a request made under this paragraph.

(m) Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search or the International Bureau notes any information meeting the criteria set out under paragraph (l), that Office, Authority or Bureau may suggest to the applicant to request the omission from international publication in accordance with paragraph (l).

(n) Where the International Bureau has omitted information from international publication in accordance with paragraph (l) and that information is also contained in the file of the international application held by the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the International Bureau shall promptly notify that Office and Authority accordingly.

48.3 to 48.6 [No change]

Rule 82^{quater} **Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits**

82^{quater}.1 Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits

(a) Any interested party may offer evidence that a time limit fixed in the Regulations for performing an action before the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau was not met due to war, revolution, civil disorder, strike, natural calamity, a general unavailability of electronic communications services or other like reason in the locality where the interested party resides, has his place of business or is staying, and that the relevant action was taken as soon as reasonably possible.

(b) [No change]

(c) [No change]

Rule 92
Correspondence

92.1 [No change]

92.2 *Languages*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) Any letter from the applicant to the International Bureau shall be in English, French or any other language of publication as may be permitted by the Administrative Instructions.

(e) [No change]

92.3 and 92.4 [No change]

Rule 94
Access to Files

94.1 *Access to the File Held by the International Bureau*

(a) [No change]

(b) The International Bureau shall, at the request of any person but not before the international publication of the international application and subject to Article 38 and paragraphs (d) to (g), furnish copies of any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(c) [No change]

(d) The International Bureau shall not provide access to any information contained in its file which has been omitted from publication under Rule 48.2(l) and to any document contained in its file relating to a request under that Rule.

(e) Upon a reasoned request by the applicant, the International Bureau shall not provide access to any information contained in its file and to any document contained in its file relating to such a request, if it finds that:

- (i) this information does not obviously serve the purpose of informing the public about the international application;
- (ii) public access to such information would clearly prejudice the personal or economic interests of any person; and
- (iii) there is no prevailing public interest to have access to that information.

Rule 26.4 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* as to the manner in which the applicant shall present the information which is the subject of a request made under this paragraph.

(f) Where the International Bureau has omitted information from public access in accordance with paragraphs (d) or (e), and that information is also contained in the file of the international application held by the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the International Bureau shall promptly notify that Office and Authority accordingly.

(g) The International Bureau shall not provide access to any document contained in its file which was prepared solely for internal use by the International Bureau.

94.1bis Access to the File Held by the Receiving Office

(a) At the request of the applicant or any person authorized by the applicant, the receiving Office may provide access to any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(b) The receiving Office may, at the request of any person, but not before the international publication of the international application and subject to paragraph (c), provide access to any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(c) The receiving Office shall not provide access under paragraph (b) to any information in respect of which it has been notified by the International Bureau that the information has been omitted from publication in accordance with Rule 48.2(l) or from public access in accordance with Rule 94.1(d) or (e).

94.1ter Access to the File Held by the International Searching Authority

(a) At the request of the applicant or any person authorized by the applicant, the International Searching Authority may provide access to any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(b) The International Searching Authority may, at the request of any person, but not before the international publication of the international application and subject to paragraph (c), provide access to any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(c) The International Searching Authority shall not provide access under paragraph (b) to any information in respect of which it has been notified by the International Bureau that the information has been omitted from publication in accordance with Rule 48.2(l) or from public access in accordance with Rule 94.1(d) or (e).

(d) Paragraphs (a) to (c) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the Authority specified for supplementary search.

94.2 *Access to the File Held by the International Preliminary Examining Authority*

(a) At the request of the applicant or any person authorized by the applicant, the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall provide access to any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(b) At the request of any elected Office, but not before the establishment of the international preliminary examination report and subject to paragraph (c), the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall provide access to any document contained in its file. The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

(c) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall not provide access under paragraph (b) to any information in respect of which it has been notified by the International Bureau that the information has been omitted from publication in accordance with Rule 48.2(l) or from public access in accordance with Rule 94.1(d) or (e).

94.2bis *Access to the File Held by the Designated Office*

If the national law applicable by any designated Office allows access by third parties to the file of a national application, that Office may allow access to any documents relating to the international application, contained in its file, to the same extent as provided by the national law for access to the file of a national application, but not before the earliest of the dates specified in Article 30(2)(a). The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

94.3 *Access to the File Held by the Elected Office*

If the national law applicable by any elected Office allows access by third parties to the file of a national application, that Office may allow access to any documents relating to the international application, including any document relating to the international preliminary examination, contained in its file, to the same extent as provided by the national law for access to the file of a national application, but not before the earliest of the dates specified in Article 30(2)(a). The furnishing of copies of documents may be subject to reimbursement of the cost of the service.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2017)

Rule 12bis

Submission by the Applicant of Documents Relating to Earlier Search

12bis.1 *Furnishing by the Applicant of Documents Related to Earlier Search in Case of Request under Rule 4.12*

(a) Where the applicant has, under Rule 4.12, requested the International Searching Authority to take into account the results of an earlier search carried out by the same or another International Searching Authority or by a national Office, the applicant shall, subject to paragraphs (b) to (d), submit to the receiving Office, together

with the international application, a copy of the results of the earlier search, in whatever form (for example, in the form of a search report, a listing of cited prior art or an examination report) they are presented by the Authority or Office concerned.

(b) Where the earlier search was carried out by the same Office as that which is acting as the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the copy referred to in paragraph (a), indicate the wish that the receiving Office prepare and transmit it to the International Searching Authority. Such request shall be made in the request and may be subjected by the receiving Office to the payment to it, for its own benefit, of a fee.

(c) Where the earlier search was carried out by the same International Searching Authority, or by the same Office as that which is acting as the International Searching Authority, no copy referred to in paragraph (a) shall be required to be submitted under that paragraph.

(d) Where a copy referred to in paragraph (a) is available to the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library, and the applicant so indicates in the request, no copy shall be required to be submitted under that paragraph.

12bis.2 Invitation by the International Searching Authority to Furnish Documents Related to Earlier Search in Case of Request under Rule 4.12

(a) The International Searching Authority may, subject to paragraphs (b) and (c), invite the applicant to furnish to it, within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances:

- (i) a copy of the earlier application concerned;
- (ii) where the earlier application is in a language which is not accepted by the International Searching Authority, a translation of the earlier application into a language which is accepted by that Authority;
- (iii) where the results of the earlier search are in a language which is not accepted by the International Searching Authority, a translation of those results into a language which is accepted by that Authority;
- (iv) a copy of any document cited in the results of the earlier search.

(b) Where the earlier search was carried out by the same International Searching Authority, or by the same Office as that which is acting as the International Searching Authority, or where a copy or translation referred to in paragraph (a) is available to the International Searching Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library, or in the form of the priority document, no copy or translation referred to in paragraph (a) shall be required to be submitted under that paragraph.

(c) Where the request contains a statement under Rule 4.12(ii) to the effect that the international application is the same, or substantially the same, as the application in respect of which the earlier search was carried out, or that the international application is

the same, or substantially the same, as that earlier application except that it is filed in a different language, no copy or translation referred to in paragraphs (a)(i) and (ii) shall be required to be submitted under those paragraphs.

Rule 23bis

Transmittal of Documents Relating to Earlier Search or Classification

23bis.1 Transmittal of Documents Relating to Earlier Search in Case of Request under Rule 4.12

(a) The receiving Office shall transmit to the International Searching Authority, together with the search copy, any copy referred to in Rule 12bis.1(a) related to an earlier search in respect of which the applicant has made a request under Rule 4.12, provided that any such copy:

- (i) has been submitted by the applicant to the receiving Office together with the international application;
- (ii) has been requested by the applicant to be prepared and transmitted by the receiving Office to that Authority; or
- (iii) is available to the receiving Office in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library, in accordance with Rule 12bis.1(d).

(b) If it is not included in the copy of the results of the earlier search referred to in Rule 12bis.1(a), the receiving Office shall also transmit to the International Searching Authority, together with the search copy, a copy of the results of any earlier classification effected by that Office, if already available.

23bis.2 Transmittal of Documents Relating to Earlier Search or Classification for the Purposes of Rule 41.2

(a) For the purposes of Rule 41.2, where the international application claims the priority of one or more earlier applications filed with the same Office as that which is acting as the receiving Office and that Office has carried out an earlier search in respect of such an earlier application or has classified such earlier application, the receiving Office shall, subject to paragraphs (b), (d) and (e), transmit to the International Searching Authority, together with the search copy, a copy of the results of any such earlier search, in whatever form (for example, in the form of a search report, a listing of cited prior art or an examination report) they are available to the Office, and a copy of the results of any such earlier classification effected by the Office, if already available. The receiving Office may also transmit to the International Searching Authority any further documents relating to such an earlier search which it considers useful to that Authority for the purposes of carrying out the international search.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a receiving Office may notify the International Bureau by April 14, 2016 that it may, on request of the applicant submitted together with the international application, decide not to transmit the results of an earlier search to the International Searching Authority. The International Bureau shall publish any notification under this provision in the Gazette.

(c) At the option of the receiving Office, paragraph (a) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* where the international application claims the priority of one or more earlier applications filed with an Office different from the one which is acting as the receiving Office and that Office has carried out an earlier search in respect of such an earlier application or has classified such earlier application, and the results of any such earlier search or classification are available to the receiving Office in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library.

(d) Paragraphs (a) and (c) shall not apply where the earlier search was carried out by the same International Searching Authority or by the same Office as that which is acting as the International Searching Authority, or where the receiving Office is aware that a copy of the earlier search or classification results is available to the International Searching Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library.

(e) To the extent that, on October 14, 2015, the transmission of the copies referred to in paragraph (a), or the transmission of such copies in a particular form, such as those referred to in paragraph (a), without the authorization by the applicant is not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, that paragraph shall not apply to the transmission of such copies, or to the transmission of such copies in the particular form concerned, in respect of any international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as such transmission without the authorization by the applicant continues not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 14, 2016. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

Rule 41

Taking into Account Results of Earlier Search and Classification

41.1 *Taking into Account Results of Earlier Search in Case of a Request under Rule 4.12*

Where the applicant has, under Rule 4.12, requested the International Searching Authority to take into account the results of an earlier search and has complied with Rule 12*bis*.1 and:

(i) *[No change]*

(ii) *[No change]*

41.2 *Taking into Account Results of Earlier Search and Classification in Other Cases*

(a) Where the international application claims the priority of one or more earlier applications in respect of which an earlier search has been carried out by the same International Searching Authority, or by the same Office as that which is acting as the International Searching Authority, the International Searching Authority shall, to the extent possible, take the results of any such earlier search into account in carrying out the international search.

(b) Where the receiving Office has transmitted to the International Searching Authority a copy of the results of any earlier search or of any earlier classification under Rule 23bis.2(a) or (b), or where such a copy is available to the International Searching Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library, the International Searching Authority may take those results into account in carrying out the international search.

Rule 86
The Gazette

86.1 *Contents*

The Gazette referred to in Article 55(4) shall contain:

(i) to (iii) *[No change]*

(iv) information concerning events at the designated and elected Offices notified to the International Bureau under Rule 95.1 in relation to published international applications;

(v) *[No change]*

86.2 to 86.6 *[No change]*

Rule 95
Information and Translations from Designated and Elected Offices

95.1 *Information Concerning Events at the Designated and Elected Offices*

Any designated or elected Office shall notify the International Bureau of the following information concerning an international application within two months, or as soon as reasonably possible thereafter, of the occurrence of any of the following events:

(i) following the performance by the applicant of the acts referred to in Article 22 or Article 39, the date of performance of those acts and any national application number which has been assigned to the international application;

(ii) where the designated or elected Office explicitly publishes the international application under its national law or practice, the number and date of that national publication;

(iii) where a patent is granted, the date of grant of the patent and, where the designated or elected Office explicitly publishes the international application in the form in which it is granted under its national law, the number and date of that national publication.

95.2 *Furnishing of Copies of Translations*

(a) At the request of the International Bureau, any designated or elected Office shall provide it with a copy of the translation of the international application furnished by the applicant to that Office.

(b) The International Bureau may, upon request and subject to reimbursement of the cost, furnish to any person copies of the translations received under paragraph (a).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified a change in its e-mail address. The new e-mail address is as follows:

mcastro@indecopi.gob.pe

[Updating of Annex B1(PE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2016, is USD 1,674.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2016, is USD 1,261.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Pound sterling (GBP)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2016, is GBP 1,503.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **Pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	980
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	11
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP	147
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP	221

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2016, are USD 101 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 420 for searches carried out in English.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2016, are CHF 99 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 409 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2016, are CHF 172 and CHF 276 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified changes in the mailing address as well as the e-mail address of its chamber of patent attorneys (Österreichische Patentanwaltskammer), which is now as follows:

Mailing address: Linke Wienzeile 4/1/9
A-1060 Wien

Internet: www.patentanwalt.at

[Updating of Annexes C(AT) and Summary (AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

opridie-tech@economie.fgov.be

[Updating of Annex B1(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified a change in the number of its facsimile machine, which is now as follows:

(55-21) 3037 33 98

Furthermore, the Office has notified that it no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication under PCT Rule 92.4.

[Updating of Annex B1(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Following the notification by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form in XML format in addition to PDF format, from 1 May 2016, an equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the reduction under item 4(c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	Equivalent in BRL of CHF 300
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[Updating of Annex C(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 17 May 2014, is USD 500.

[Updating of Annex C(GT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2016, is KRW 725,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

OM Oman

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** ceased to be the only receiving Office for Oman on 1 June 2016. The **Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)** has notified that, since that date, it is acting as receiving Office, in addition to the International Bureau, for nationals and residents of Oman.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Information on the requirements of the Office as receiving Office is given in Annex C(OM), which is published on page 115.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

PA Panama

Information on the requirements of the **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (PA), which is published on page 117.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

BR Brazil

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette of 23 October 2014, pages 157 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing in XML format, in addition to other formats, with effect since 1 May 2016. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: faleconosco@inpi.gov.br

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.inpi.gov.br).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

OM Oman

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 May 2016, the **Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect since 1 June 2016, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string and click wrap up types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: oman-ip-dep@moci.gov.om

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

SK Slovakia

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 46/2005 of 17 November 2005, pages 30684 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it will accept international applications in electronic form filed using ePCT-Filing with effect from 1 July 2016, and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the PCT-SAFE software and the EPO online filing software with effect from 1 October 2016. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. The following means of deferred payment are accepted: payment by check or by bank transfer.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: helpdesk@indprop.gov.sk

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.upv.sk).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

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OM **OM**
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT,
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
(OMAN)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Oman
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic ¹ or English
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic or English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ^{2, 3}	Yes, the Office accepts electronic filing via ePCT-Filing ⁴
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office ⁵ or United States Patent and Trademark Office ⁶

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ Where the international application contains a sequence listing as a separate part of the description, this must be furnished in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, that is, in compliance with WIPO Standard ST.25 text format; no additional fees are due for sequence listings filed in this format (see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 14 May 2009, page 79).

⁴ For the relevant notification by the Office, refer to the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 2 June 2016, pages 107 *et seq.*

⁵ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or the Austrian Patent Office.

⁶ The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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(OMAN)

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Omani rial (OMR)	
Transmittal fee:	OMR	40
International filing fee: ⁷	Equivalent in OMR of US dollars	1,363
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁷	Equivalent in OMR of US dollars	15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	Equivalent in OMR of US dollars	205
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	Equivalent in OMR of US dollars	307
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (AU), (EP) or (US)	
Fee for priority document:	OMR	70
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	OMR	200
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Oman Yes, if he is a non-resident	
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered to practice in Oman	
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No	

⁷ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

PA

**DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF THE
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REGISTRY
(DIGERPI) (PANAMA)**

PA

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Spanish
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	Yes
National fee:	Currency: US dollar (USD) For patent: Filing fee: USD 128.50 For utility model: Filing fee: USD 78.50
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	Where the applicant is also the inventor and his economic situation prevents him from paying the full amount of the fees, he may be entitled to only pay 10% of the filing fee ²

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¹ Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² Please refer to the Office for further details.

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(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

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**DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF THE
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REGISTRY
(DIGERPI) (PANAMA)**

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application^{3, 4}

Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent^{3,4}

Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application^{3,4}

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date⁴

Translation to be furnished in three copies⁴

Representation by an attorney or a lawyer registered in Panama

Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney)

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer registered in Panama

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter.2*)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of six months from the date of the invitation.

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ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified changes in the name of the Office in Indonesian, as well as in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office (in Indonesian):	Direktorat Jenderal Kekayaan Intelektual
Location and mailing address:	Jl. H.R. Rasuna Said Kav. 8-9 Jakarta Selatan 12940 Indonesia
Telephone:	(62-21) 5790 5606 (DG) (62-21) 5790 5611 (Patents) (62-21) 5790 5619 (Sec)
Facsimile machine:	(62-21) 5790 5606 (DG) (62-21) 5790 5611 (Patents) (62-21) 5790 5619 (Sec)
E-mail:	dirgen@dgip.go.id patent.administration@gmail.com

[Updating of Annex B1(ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified a new component of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For patent:

Fee for claiming priority:	EUR 100
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MD), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

SY Syrian Arab Republic

The **Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic)** has specified the Egyptian Patent Office, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Syrian Arab Republic with the Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 30 May 2016.

[Updating of Annex C(SY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified a change concerning the copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3) which the applicant receives free of charge together with the international search report – the applicant now receives a copy of each document containing non-patent literature cited in the report. The fees charged in other cases remain unchanged.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified a change in one of its e-mail addresses. These addresses are now as follows:

azs@azstand.gov.az
azpatent@azstand.gov.az

[Updating of Annex B1(AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified changes in the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication, which are now as follows:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

After international publication, the furnishing of a translation into Finnish or Swedish or, if the international application was filed in Finnish or Swedish, a copy of the international application as filed or, if the application or translation was filed in English, a translation of the claims into Finnish or Swedish, gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages. These are limited to what is judged reasonable under the circumstances and the protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent. See Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patent Law.

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

Compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation into Finnish (or into Swedish if the applicant's own language is Swedish) of the claims of the application have been met, and upon grant of the patent. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent.

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

ROSPATENT
Berezhkovskaya nab., 30/1
Moscow 125993
Russian Federation (general)

Federalny Institut Promyshlennoi Sobstvennosti
Berezhkovskaya nab., 30/1
Moscow 125993
Russian Federation (application processing)

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified a new amount of a component of the national fee for a patent or a utility model, in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	AZN	20 ¹
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This fee is subject to a value-added tax (VAT) of 18%.

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified changes in the conditions for entitlement to reductions in several components of the national fee, i.e., the unitary procedural fee (for filing, search, publication and other processing), the claim fee for each claim in excess of five and the examination fee - these fees are now reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national of and a resident in any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention, and by 80% where each applicant is a natural person and a national of and resident in a PCT Contracting State whose per capita national income is below USD 3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997), or where an applicant, whether a natural person or not, is a national of and resident in a State that is listed as being classified by the United Nations as a least-developed country.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2016, is SGD 1,968.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2016, are EUR 92 for searches carried out in Russian and EUR 381 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name and address of each inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application

Declaration concerning the inventor and the right of the applicant to apply for a patent

Address for service in New Zealand (no representation by an agent is required). An electronic communication address must be provided by all persons communicating with the Office

Verification of translation of international application

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES

NZ New Zealand

Under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has informed the International Bureau that it now applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

KW Kuwait

On 9 June 2016, **Kuwait** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 9 September 2016, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 9 September 2016 will automatically include the designation of Kuwait (country code: KW).

Kuwait will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 9 September 2016. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Kuwait will be entitled, as from 9 September 2016, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

XV Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)

Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the above-mentioned Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, as well as an Authority specified for supplementary search, with effect from 1 July 2016.

The Agreement, which is set out on pages 136 to 143, will enter into force on that date.

Pursuant to the decision of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its forty-seventh (20th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 5 to 14 October 2015, to appoint the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI) as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority,² that appointment will also have effect from 1 July 2016.

¹ The Agreement will soon be available on the WIPO website at:
www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_xv.pdf

² See the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of May 12, 2016, pages 89 and 90.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

VN Viet Nam

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam)** has notified changes in its name, as well as in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers, and e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	National Office of Intellectual Property of Viet Nam (NOIP)
Location and mailing address:	384-386 Nguyen Trai Street Thanh Xuan District Ha Noi Viet Nam
Telephone:	(84-4) 3557 20 91 (84-4) 3558 82 17 (84-4) 3858 30 69
Facsimile machine:	(84-4) 3557 20 90 (84-4) 3858 84 49
E-mail:	congngghethongtin@noip.gov.vn vietnamipo@noip.gov.vn
Internet	www.noip.gov.vn

[Updating of Annex B1(VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), **Colombian peso (COP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2016, is COP 952,000.

[Updating of Annex C(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of components of the national fee, in **Colombian peso (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 January 2016. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

		Online	On paper
For a patent:			
Filing fee:	COP	64,000	80,000
Annual fees:			
— for the first to the fourth year, per year:	COP	226,000	271,000
	COP	336,000 ³	403,000 ³
For a utility model:			
Filing fee:	COP	56,000	70,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CZ Czech Republic

The **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)** has specified the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Czech Republic with the Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 July 2016.

Furthermore, the Office has indicated that, also with effect from 1 July 2016, if the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into English (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

[Updating of Annex C(CZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has specified the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Hungary with the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 July 2016.

³ These amounts are applicable in case of late payment within a grace period of six months from the due date.

Furthermore, the Office has indicated that, also with effect from 1 July 2016, if the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into English (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

In addition, the Office has notified that it withdraws its specification of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Hungary with the Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO), or with the International Bureau, also with effect from 1 July 2016.

Finally, the Office has notified that, also with effect from 1 July 2016, it will no longer accept Russian as a language in which international applications or the request may be filed.

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Mexico with the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 July 2016.

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has specified the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Poland with the Patent Office of the Republic of Poland, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 July 2016.

[Updating of Annex C(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has specified the Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Slovakia with the Industrial Property Office (Slovakia), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 July 2016.

Furthermore, the Office has indicated that, also with effect from 1 July 2016, if the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required for the purposes of international search (PCT Rule 12.3(a)), the applicant will have to furnish a translation of the application into English (PCT Rule 12.4(a)).

[Updating of Annex C(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CN China

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 April 2007, pages 67 et seq., and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using the CEPCT software, in addition to the PCT-SAFE software, with effect since 1 April 2016. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software
- CEPCT Software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signature (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

CEPCT supports online payment.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 9.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: +(86-10) 62 08 84 76
- by fax at: +(86-10) 62 08 82 89
- by e-mail at: PCT_affairs@sipo.gov.cn

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.sipo.gov.cn). Applicants may file applications on paper by delivering in person, fax or mail.

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

At this stage no digital certificates are accepted by the Office.

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

KR Republic of Korea

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **Korean Collection for Type Cultures (KCTC)**, an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new address is as follows:

181, Ipsin-gil, Jeongeup-si
Jeollabuk-do, 56212
Republic of Korea

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute
and the International Bureau
of the World Intellectual Property Organization**

in relation to the functioning of the Visegrad Patent Institute
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Visegrad Patent Institute as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1
Terms and Expressions**

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Visegrad Patent Institute;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis*, covering at least the documentation referred to in Annex E to this Agreement, subject to any limitations and conditions set out in that Annex.

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

(i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);

(ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6 Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7 Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8 International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

(i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;

(ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;

(iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement;

(iv) amend the indications and information concerning supplementary international searches contained in Annex E to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

(i) if the Authority gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or

(ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Authority written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this fourteenth day of December two thousand and fifteen, in five originals in the English language.

For the Visegrad Patent Institute
by:

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

[signatures]

[signature]

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - (a) the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland, the Slovak Republic;
 - (b) any other Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of the Czech Republic, Hungary, the Republic of Poland and the Slovak Republic within the framework of the European Patent Organisation;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

**Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination**

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak patent laws.

**Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,875
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875
Supplementary search fee, full search (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,875
Supplementary search fee for searches only on the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	500
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,930
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,930
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	875

Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c))	230
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2)	0.95

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search carried out by any of the national Offices of the Contracting States or from an earlier international search report or international-type search report, the Authority shall refund 40% of the search fee paid. There shall be no refund of the whole of the search fee paid, or waiver or reduction of the search fee.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45^{bis}.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45^{bis}.5(g).

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45^{bis}.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45^{bis}.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

Annex E Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search in the languages mentioned in Annex D.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:

(i) in addition to the PCT minimum documentation, at least the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish or Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority;

(ii) only the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish or Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority.

(3) The Authority will notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been reestablished.

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

DJ Djibouti

On 23 June 2016, **Djibouti** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 23 September 2016, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 23 September 2016 will automatically include the designation of Djibouti (country code: DJ).

Djibouti will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 23 September 2016. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Djibouti will be entitled, as from 23 September 2016, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:

Kazakhstan Respublikasy
Adilet ministrligi
Sol zhagalau Orynbor 8
Kireberis 13
Astana 010000
Kazakhstan
(general matters)

Ultyk ziyatkerlik menshik instituty
Sol zhagalau Orynbor 8
Kireberis 1
Astana 010000
Kazakhstan
(application processing)

Telephone: (7-7172) 74 95 80
(7-7172) 74 91 33
(7-7172) 74 96 60

Facsimile machine: (7-7172) 74 96 21

Internet: www.kazpatent.kz
www.adilet.gov.kz

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change with relation to the national types of protection available via the PCT, which now consist of patents and utility models (innovative patents are no longer available).

[Updating of Annex B1(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has notified new amounts of the fee for the priority document, in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts are as follows:

Fee for priority document:

- | | | |
|---|-----|-------|
| – for the first five pages (in fee stamps): | USD | 12.25 |
| – for each additional page (in fee stamps): | USD | 1.10 |

[Updating of Annex C(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Indonesian rupiah (IDR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is IDR 250,000.

[Updating of Annex C(ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is KZT 2,730.56 plus value added tax (VAT) in case of filing by a legal entity, and KZT 818.72 in case of filing by a natural person.

[Updating of Annex C(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of components of the national fee, in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:

– electronic filing:	KZT	17,271.52
– paper filing:	KZT	20,320.16
Examination fee:	KZT	66,959.20
Annual fee for the first three years, per year:	KZT	20,320.16

For a utility model:

Filing fee:

– electronic filing:	KZT	13,982.08
– paper filing:	KZT	16,450.56
Annual fee for the first three years, per year:	KZT	16,450.56

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**INFORMATION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

XV Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)

General information on the **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)**, as well as information on the requirements of the Institute as International Searching Authority, International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search) and International Preliminary Examining Authority,¹ is given in Annexes B2(XV), D(XV), SISA(XV) and E(XV), which are published on pages 149 to 155.

Corrigendum: Annex C, Part I, of the Agreement between the VPI and the International Bureau, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 June 2016, pages 141 and 142, was inaccurate. The correct text is as follows:

¹ See also the notification by the VPI published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 June 2016, page 129.

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

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Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875
Supplementary search fee, full search (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,875
Supplementary search fee for searches only on the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	550
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,930
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,930
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	875
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	875
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	230
Cost of copies (Rule 44.3(b)), per page	0.80
Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	0.95”

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**Information on Intergovernmental
Organizations**

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WISEGRAD PATENT INSTITUTE (VPI)

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General information

Name of Office:	Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)
Location:	II. János Pál Pápa tér 7, 1081 Budapest, Hungary
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 415, 1438 Budapest, Hungary
Telephone:	(361) 474 55 03
Facsimile machine:	—
E-mail:	secretariat@vpi.int
Internet:	www.vpi.int

Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No

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Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	Euro (EUR) 1,875 Hungarian forint (HUF) 585,800 Swiss franc (CHF) 2,046 US dollar (USD) 2,097
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ²	EUR 1,875
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	EUR 0.80 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search carried out by any of the national Offices of the Contracting States or from an earlier international search report or international-type search report: refund of 40%
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR 875
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	EUR 230
Languages accepted for international search:	Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes
Which types of electronic carrier does the Authority require?	CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD-ROM or DVD-R
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak patent laws

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

³ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

SISA **International Searching Authorities** **SISA**
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Fees payable to the International Bureau: ¹	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ²	– for a full search: CHF 2,046 – for a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak: CHF 600
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):	CHF 200
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	CHF 100
Fees payable to the Authority:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	EUR 875
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	EUR 0.80 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100% The Authority shall refund this fee where work has not yet started and the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak patent laws
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	In addition to the PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include at least the documents held in its search collection in: Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak
Limitations on supplementary international search:	None

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¹ For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

² This fee is fixed by the Authority in euro and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the euro and the Swiss franc.

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Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Euro (EUR)	1,930
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ²	EUR	1,930
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ^{3, 4}	EUR	183
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	EUR	0.95 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	EUR	0.95 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	875
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	EUR	230
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	Czech, English, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is examined in the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak patent laws	

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¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁴ The late payment fee, as set out in PCT Rule 58^{bis}, is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

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Examining Authorities**

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted?

Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a separate
power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a
common representative who was not indicated on the request form
or on the demand form at the time of their filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of attorney
be submitted?

Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a copy of a
general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a
common representative who was not indicated on the request form
or on the demand form at the time of their filing

⁵ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

DK Denmark

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a change to its notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 35/2005, of 1 September 2005, pages 22816 *et seq.*, and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 June 2008, page 90, and of 27 August 2015, pages 153 *et seq.*, namely, that it no longer accepts international applications in electronic form filed using the PCT-SAFE software, with effect since 1 December 2015. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notifications:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing
- EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

– by e-mail at: PVS@dkpto.dk

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.dkpto.dk).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

RECEIVING OFFICES

BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified changes concerning whether an agent is required by it – an agent is not required if the applicant resides in or has an effective industrial or commercial establishment in a member State of the European Union; an agent is required if the applicant is a non-resident¹.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any person registered to practice as a representative in Belgium (the list of registered representatives is furnished free of charge on request) can now act as such; also, any attorney-at-law registered on the list of Belgian attorneys-at-law or on the list of probationary attorneys, any attorney-at-law and any patent agent who is a national of a member State of the European Union and authorized to practice in Belgium by law or an international convention, may now act in the same way as a registered representative before the Office.

[Updating of Annex C(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified that, since 1 December 2015, it no longer accepts the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software.

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Any natural or legal person may file an international application, pay the filing fee and receive a receipt of deposit (see article XI.62, paragraph 3, subparagraph 2 of the Code of Economic Law).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(49-89) 2195-0
	(49-89) 2195-1000
	(Customer Care and Services)

[Updating of Annex B1(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2016, are CHF 502 and EUR 464 when filing online, and CHF 752 and EUR 695 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 July 2016, as follows:

For a patent:	EUR	52.28	(online)
	EUR	104.57	(on paper)
For a utility model:	EUR	52.28	(online)
	EUR	104.57	(on paper)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are USD 518 when filing online and USD 776 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are CHF 648 and EUR 616, respectively, for searches carried out in Japanese, and CHF 1,444 and EUR 1,373, respectively, for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** and **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are EUR 1,501 and JPY 167,500, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

Under PCT Rule 89bis.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it no longer accepts international applications in electronic form filed using the PCT-SAFE software, with effect from 1 September 2016. Consequently, as from that date, the notification last published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 10 April 2014, pages 48 *et seq.*, will be replaced by the following notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- Using ePCT-Filing where international applications are transmitted using the protocol specified in Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d) of the Administrative Instructions.
- Where a component file within the application exceeds 20 MB, online transmittal is not supported using ePCT-Filing.
- When online filing is not available the application shall then be filed on paper.

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string or click-wrap signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The confirmation of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office contains, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)). The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. A confirmation of receipt will be created for any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office. Errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)), files exceeding 20 MB in size, or missing files, are notified to the applicant in the confirmation of receipt.

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available through the Office's website (www.ipaustralia.gov.au).

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Within the framework of its services, the Office has put in place a help desk for applicants filing international applications in electronic form. The Customer Services Network helpdesk can be contacted for all general enquiries.

The help desk is open from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Australian Eastern Standard/Summer Time (AEST) and can be contacted by the following means:

- by telephone at: +61 2 6283 2999
- by e-mail at: pct@ipaustralia.gov.au

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- International applications where individual components do not exceed 20 MB may be submitted via ePCT-Filing.
- Subsequently filed documents for international applications as supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper. Furthermore, the Office will not prepare a backup copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail, to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures. The Office will provide information concerning the availability of online filing systems on its website (www.ipaustralia.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media/latest-news-listing/).

The Office also offers a subscription service for notifications of any scheduled system downtimes (www.ipaustralia.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media/stay-informed/downtime-subscription/).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

For applications filed using ePCT-Filing:

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified that, as from 1 September 2016, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(D) AND 90.5(C)

BE Belgium

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has waived the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney.

[Updating of Annex C(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

servico.publico@inpi.pt

[Updating of Annex B1(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2016, is SGD 2,780.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are JPY 213,000 and SGD 2,800, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 143,700
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,600
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY 32,400

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2016, is JPY 21,600.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2016, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 10.46	(online)
	EUR 20.92	(on paper)
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 41.83	
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):		
- where the request is filed online:	EUR 156.85	
- where the request is filed on paper:	EUR 313.72	

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 July 2016, as follows:

For a patent: ¹	EUR 52.28	(online)
	EUR 104.57	(on paper)
For a utility model: ¹	EUR 52.28	(online)
	EUR 104.57	(on paper)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Includes publication and examination.

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

HU Hungary

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new address is as follows:

National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM)
Faculty of Food Science
Szent István University
Somlói út 14-16
1118 Budapest
Hungary

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BW Botswana

The **Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP) (Botswana)** has notified changes in the name of the Office and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Companies and Intellectual Property Authority (CIPA) (Botswana)
E-mail:	feedback@cipa.co.bw
Internet:	www.cipa.co.bw

[Updating of Annex B1(BW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SG Singapore

New equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SGD 1,837
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SGD 21
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	SGD 276
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	SGD 414

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**. This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2016, is CHF 1,621.

[Updating of Annex D(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2016, is CHF 1,621.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)(i). This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2016, is SGD 276.

[Updating of Annex E(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2016, is ZAR 28,940.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2016, is ZAR 29,110.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	19,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	220
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR	2,870
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR	4,310

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IL Israel

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and pursuant to Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 June 2012, pages 90 *et seq.*, updated on August 1, 2013, page 93 and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept and process international applications filed using ePCT-Filing (in addition to PCT-SAFE software) with effect since 20 July 2016. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d)) through the ILPO website:
<http://www.justice.gov.il/Units/RashamHaptentim/Units/pct/Pages/default.aspx>
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software
- ePCT-filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available through the Office's website:
<http://index.justice.gov.il/Units/RashamHaptentim/Units/pct/Pages/default.aspx>

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users relating, in particular, to the uploading and submission of the international application through the ILPO website. The help desk will be available between 8:00 am and 16:00 pm Sunday to Thursday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by phone at 972-2-5651707
- by fax at 972-2-5651616; 972-2-6468070
- via e-mail at PCT.Customer-serv@justice.gov.il

For questions concerning the preparation of the international application in electronic format, applicants may also contact the PCT e-Services Help Desk at WIPO directly:

- by telephone at (+41-22) 338 95 23
- through the WIPO website
www.wipo.int/tools/en/contacts/index.jsp?area=pct-safe

The Help Desk is available from 09:00 to 18:00 (Central European Time), Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- other documents, if any

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<http://www.patents.gov.il>).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

The Office provides online file inspection by applicants"

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

SG Singapore

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annexes A and D

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annexes A and D thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 October 2016, consist of the addition of Chinese to the languages indicated in Annex A, item (ii), and Annex D. The amended Annexes will read as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

[no change];

(ii) the following languages which it will accept:

(a) for international applications filed with the International Bureau: English, Chinese;

(b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any State referred to in subparagraph (i) above other than the International Bureau: English.

**Annex D
Languages of Correspondence**

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English or Chinese, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated; however, English may be used in all cases.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2016, is ISK 250,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2016, is KRW 810,000.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are USD 686 for searches carried out in Japanese and USD 1,530 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2016, are ZAR 28,280 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 14,140 for a small entity and ZAR 7,070 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CZ Czech Republic

The **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)** has notified a change concerning the number of copies of the international application on paper required by it – two copies must now be filed instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(CZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified a change concerning the languages accepted by it for international search and international preliminary examination – as from 1 October 2016, it will accept Chinese, in addition to English, only for international applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office (see also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 1 September 2016, page 180).

[Updating of Annexes D and E(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2016, is NZD 2,953.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **pound sterling (GBP)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2016, is GBP 1,617.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	1,053
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	12
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	GBP	158
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	GBP	238

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	161,500
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK	1,800
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ISK	24,300
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ISK	36,400

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2016, is KRW 756,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	1,945
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	22
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD	292
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD	439

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2016, is ISK 250,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2016, are NZD 2,980 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, NZD 1,490 for a small entity and NZD 740 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2016, is ISK 250,000.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required by it as designated (or elected) Office – the applicant should now only send a copy of the international application if he/she has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20; this may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

KH Cambodia

On 8 September 2016, **Cambodia** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 8 December 2016, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 8 December 2016 will automatically include the designation of Cambodia (country code: KH).

Cambodia will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 8 December 2016. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Cambodia will be entitled, as from 8 December 2016, to file international applications under the PCT.

The instrument of accession to the PCT deposited by Cambodia contains a declaration under PCT Article 64(5).

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KW Kuwait

General information on **Kuwait** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(KW), which is published on pages 190 and 191.

QA Qatar

The **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, as well as an additional e-mail address. These addresses are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Ministry of Economy and Commerce Lussail City P.O. Box 1968 Doha Qatar
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E-mail:	aalsada@mec.gov.qa kjalhitmi@mec.gov.qa
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[Updating of Annex B1(QA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UA Ukraine

The **State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)** has notified a change in its mailing address, which is now as follows:

Derzhavne Pidpryemstvo “Ukrainsky Instytut Intelectualnoi Vlasnosti”
The State Enterprise “Ukrainian Intellectual Property Institute”
1, Hlazunova Street
Kyiv 42, 01601
Ukraine

[Updating of Annex B1(UA) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Australian dollar (AUD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 10 October 2016, is AUD 50.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

KW Kuwait

IB International Bureau

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait)** has notified the International Bureau that it delegates its functions as receiving Office to the **International Bureau**, with effect since 9 September 2016.

The International Bureau acting for the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait) has specified the Egyptian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities¹ for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Kuwait with the International Bureau as receiving Office, also with effect since 9 September 2016.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

¹ The EPO is competent as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been carried out by it.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KW Kuwait

Information on the requirements of the **Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (KW), which is published on page 192.

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KUWAIT

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General information

Name of Office:	Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait)
Location:	KIPCO Tower, Kuwait City, Kuwait
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 2944, Safat 13030, Kuwait
Telephone:	(965) 22 94 33 55
Facsimile machine:	(965) 22 94 33 53
E-mail:	musalamq8@hotmail.com eng_rashid7755@hotmail.com
Internet:	www.moci.gov.kw
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile and e-mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the invitation
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Kuwait:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Kuwait is designated (or elected):	Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Trademarks and Patent Department (Kuwait) (see National Phase)
May Kuwait be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Kuwait concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Kuwait is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Kuwait is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If the indications concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of 90 days from the date of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

**KW MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY, KW
TRADEMARKS AND PATENT DEPARTMENT
(KUWAIT)**

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	Yes
National fee:	Currency: Kuwaiti dinar (KWD) Filing fee: ¹ KWD 150
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if not indicated in the “Request” part of the international application ^{2, 3} Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{2,3} Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application ^{2,3} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) ² Representation by an agent if the applicant is not resident in Kuwait ² Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) ²
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office, or any person legally qualified to practice before the Office
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of 90 days from the date of receipt of the invitation.

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

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**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
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DJ Djibouti

General information on **Djibouti** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, are given in Annexes B1(DJ) and C(DJ) and in the Summary of the National Chapter (DJ), which are published on pages 196 to 199.

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified an additional Internet address. Its Internet addresses are now as follows:

www.indprop.gov.sk
www.upv.sk

[Updating of Annex B1(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau

As from 1 January 2017, the **International Bureau** will no longer accept payment by check for all the fees payable to it, i.e., the fees payable to it in its capacity as receiving Office¹, the fees payable for supplementary international search², and a number of other fees payable in particular circumstances³.

¹ See Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

² See Annexes SISA(AT), (EP), (FI), (RU), (SE), (SG), (UA), (XN) and (XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

³ See Annex B2(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

<p>Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:</p>		<p>Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned</p>
<p>the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)</p>	<p>any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column</p>	
None	None	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
<p>For the purposes of patent procedure before the Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC), a deposit is required not later than at the date of filing the international application. A receipt attesting the deposit and its acceptance issued by the depositary institution with which the microorganism was deposited must be submitted to ODPIC within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).</p> <p>Where the biological material has been deposited by a person other than the applicant, the reference to such a deposit must include the name and address of the depositor and a statement that the latter has authorized the applicant to refer to the deposited biological material in the application and has given his unreserved and irrevocable consent to the deposited material being made available to the public.</p>		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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General information

Name of Office:	Office djiboutien de la propriété industrielle et commerciale (ODPIC) Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)
Location:	Plateau du Serpent, Avenue Mohamed Dileita, Immeuble Lyautey, Ville de Djibouti, Djibouti
Mailing address:	BP 2017, Ville de Djibouti, Djibouti
Telephone:	(253) 21 35 60 11
Facsimile machine:	(253) 21 35 60 92
E-mail:	odpic@intnet.dj
Internet:	www.odpic.dj
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by e-mail
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Djibouti:	Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Djibouti is designated (or elected):	Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC) (see National Phase)
May Djibouti be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, certificates of addition
Provisions of the law of Djibouti concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Djibouti is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Djibouti is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already
complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22
or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

C **Receiving Offices** **C**

DJ **OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AND** **DJ**

COMMERCE OF DJIBOUTI (ODPIC)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Djibouti
Language in which international applications may be filed: ¹	Arabic, English or French
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic, English or French
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Egyptian Patent Office or European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Egyptian Patent Office or European Patent Office ²
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Djibouti franc (DJF) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 100 or equivalent in DJF
International filing fee: ³	USD 1,363
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	USD 15
Search fee:	See Annex D(EG) or (EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 180 or equivalent in DJF
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD 500 or equivalent in DJF
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Djibouti Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Djibouti
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

³ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(1B)).

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

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**OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY AND
COMMERCE OF DJIBOUTI (ODPIC)**

DJ

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic, English or French
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee: ¹	Currency: Djibouti franc (DJF) or equivalent in US dollar (USD) For patent: Filing fee: DJF 217,500 For certificate of addition: Filing fee: DJF 217,500
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>): ²	Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Djibouti Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application ³ Statement or notice as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ³ Statement or notice as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application ³ Instrument of assignment of the international application if the applicant has changed after the international filing date
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Djibouti
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49 <i>ter.2</i>)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2016, is KRW 1,858,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2016, are AUD 533 and SGD 550, respectively, for searches carried out in Korean, and AUD 1,539 and SGD 1,580, respectively, for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – the following persons may now act as such:

1. any natural person who is a citizen of Croatia or of a Contracting State of the Agreement on the European Economic Area (hereinafter: the EEA), having permanent residence in Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, holding a university degree in technical or natural sciences and having passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office,¹
2. any natural person who is a citizen of Croatia or of a Contracting State of the EEA, having permanent residence in Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, holding a university degree in an area other than technical or natural sciences, having at least five years of working experience in jobs relating to the acquisition and maintenance of industrial property rights, obtained after completing the studies and having passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office,¹
3. an attorney entered in the Register of Attorneys maintained by the Croatian Bar Association who passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office, or a law firm employing such an attorney or cooperating with him pursuant to some other contractual relationship,

¹ A list of patent representatives is available on the website of the Office at: www.dziv.hr/en/representation-before-sipo/patent-representatives/

4. any legal person with a registered office in Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, employing at least one person meeting the conditions referred to in point 1 or 2 of this paragraph or cooperating with such person pursuant to some other contractual relationship and performing the activities of representation before the Office as its registered activity.²

[Updating of Annex C(HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee – the 50% reduction of the filing fee applicable when the application is furnished in paper form as well as in electronic form is now also applicable when the application is filed by electronic means.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – the following persons may now act as such:

1. any natural person who is a citizen of Croatia or of a Contracting State of the Agreement on the European Economic Area (hereinafter: the EEA), having permanent residence in Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, holding a university degree in technical or natural sciences and having passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office,²
2. any natural person who is a citizen of Croatia or of a Contracting State of the EEA, having permanent residence in Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, holding a university degree in an area other than technical or natural sciences, having at least five years of working experience in jobs relating to the acquisition and maintenance of industrial property rights, obtained after completing the studies and having passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office,²
3. an attorney entered in the Register of Attorneys maintained by the Croatian Bar Association who passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office, or a law firm employing such an attorney or cooperating with him pursuant to some other contractual relationship,
4. any legal person with a registered office in Croatia or in a Contracting State of the EEA, employing at least one person meeting the conditions referred to in point 1 or 2 of this paragraph or cooperating with such person pursuant to some other contractual relationship and performing the activities of representation before the Office as its registered activity.²

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² See footnote 1.

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

GB United Kingdom

The International Bureau has been notified of changes in the address of the **Culture Collection of Algae and Protozoa (CCAP)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new address is as follows:

Culture Collection of Algae and Protozoa (CCAP)
SAMS Ltd.
Scottish Marine Institute
Oban, Argyll PA37 1QA
Scotland
United Kingdom

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 4 October 2016, the **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 November 2016, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

– by e-mail at: epct@onapi.gob.do

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

PA Panama

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“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

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- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
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As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

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As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO EARLIER SEARCH OR CLASSIFICATION: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY UNDER PCT RULE 23bis.2(b)

During its forty-seventh (20th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 5 to 14 October 2015, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 23bis of the PCT Regulations concerning the transmittal of documents relating to earlier search or classification. New Rule 23bis will enter into force on 1 July 2017.

New Rule 23bis.2(b) states: “Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a receiving Office may notify the International Bureau by April 14, 2016 that it may, on request of the applicant submitted together with the international application, decide not to transmit the results of an earlier search to the International Searching Authority. The International Bureau shall publish any notification under this provision in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as receiving Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

- DE** **Germany**
- FI** **Finland**
- SE** **Sweden**

TRANSMITTAL OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO EARLIER SEARCH OR CLASSIFICATION: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY UNDER PCT RULE 23bis.2(e)

During its forty-seventh (20th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 5 to 14 October 2015, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 23bis of the PCT Regulations concerning the transmittal of documents relating to earlier search or classification. New Rule 23bis will enter into force on 1 July 2017.

New Rule 23bis.2(e) states: “To the extent that, on October 14, 2015, the transmission of the copies referred to in paragraph (a), or the transmission of such copies in a particular form, such as those referred to in paragraph (a), without the authorization by the applicant is not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, that paragraph shall not apply to the transmission of such copies, or to the transmission of such copies in the particular form concerned, in respect of any international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as such transmission without the authorization by the applicant continues not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 14, 2016. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as receiving Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility and of the extent to which it applies:

AU Australia

To the extent that the patent application, document or information is not open for public inspection (as defined in Section 55 of the Australian Patents Act 1990). The Commissioner must not disclose the patent application, document or information without the consent of the applicant.

CH Switzerland

To the extent that before publication of the patent application or before the grant of the patent, if the latter occurs first, the following persons are entitled to consult the file, the applicant and his agent, persons who are able to prove that the applicant is accusing them of violating the rights arising from his patent application, or is warning them against such violation, third parties who are able to prove that the applicant or his agent agrees to such consultation.

CZ Czechia

To the extent that the patent application has not yet been published.

FI Finland

To the extent that the national law of Finland does not permit the transmission of information relating to unpublished applications.

HU Hungary

To the extent that prior to publication of the patent application, only the applicant, his representative, the expert, or the body called upon to give an expert opinion, furthermore – if it is necessary for performing their tasks prescribed in Act XXXIII of 1995 on the Protection of Inventions by Patents – the court, the prosecutor or the investigation authority may inspect the files. The inventor may inspect the files even if he is not the applicant. After publication – and subject to the following text – anyone may inspect the files of the patent application. Apart from the cases laid down in the Public Administration Procedures Act, the following shall be excluded from inspection even after publication. Documents used for the preparation of decisions and expert opinions that were not communicated to the parties. Documents indicating the identity of the inventor if the inventor has requested that publication of his name be disregarded. Personal data not indicated in the Patent Register and not communicated in giving official information, unless the persons concerned explicitly approved the inspection thereof or a third person is allowed access to documents containing personal data pursuant to the provisions of the Public Administration Procedures Act.

IL Israel

To the extent that under the national law of Israel all documents relating to a patent application are confidential until it is published.

JP Japan

To the extent that under the national law of Japan, the Japan Patent Office is not allowed to provide to third parties the documents pertaining to examination, among others, of any patent application without authorization by the applicant, until the application is either registered or published (Article 186(1)(i) of Japanese Patent Act).

NO Norway

To the extent that, unless requested by the applicant, the Office may not publish (or transmit) documents (e.g.: the patent application as filed) before the date on which the patent was granted, or 18 months have passed from the national filing date or, if priority is claimed, the priority date. With regard to any documents other than the patent application as filed (e.g.: search copy, search report, prior art listing, examination report, etc.), such documents are considered as internal case documents, and, subject to Section 14 of the Norwegian Publicity Act (Law 19.05.2006 No.16) are exempted from public access. These documents are therefore, in accordance with Section 22 of the Norwegian Patents Act, not made available to the public.

SE Sweden

To the extent that such copies are not yet open to the public, or, the sending of such copies is not expressly allowed through an agreement concerning exchange of search results with a patent Office abroad and in which the patent Office abroad binds itself not to make the search results open to the public.

SG Singapore

To the extent that under Section 108(2) of the Singapore Patents Act, documents or information relating to an unpublished application cannot be published or communicated to any person by the Registrar of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore without authorization from the applicant.

US United States of America

To the extent that the national law of the United States of America (35 USC 122 and 37 CFR 1.14), require that patent applications that have not been published must be kept in confidence unless specifically authorized by the applicant. As such, absent such specific authorization, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (acting in its capacity as receiving Office under the PCT), is unable to transmit the documents and information provided for in PCT Rule 23*bis*.2(a).

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2017, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
2 January 2017,
14 and 17 April 2017,
25 May 2017,
5 June 2017,
7 September 2017,
25 and 29 December 2017.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

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DO Dominican Republic

Following the notification by the **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 November 2016 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 October 2016, pages 205 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	205
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	307

[Updating of Annex C(DO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PA Panama

Following the notification by the **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 November 2016 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 October 2016, pages 207 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	205
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	307

[Updating of Annex C(PA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office¹ (United Kingdom)** has notified a change concerning the number of copies of the international application on paper required by it – one copy must now be filed instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has clarified some of the conditions for reduction of the national fee² – the filing fee is reduced by 50% if the application is filed by electronic means; the same reduction applies where the text of the application filed on paper has been furnished additionally on an electronic carrier (e.g. CD-ROM, DVD).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

JP Japan

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and pursuant to Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, on 24 October 2016, of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 March 2010, pages 67 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the PCT-SAFE software, with effect from 1 January 2017. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
 - (a) JISX 0208
 - (b) Shift-JIS
 - (c) IBM943-Unicode3.0/UTF-8 table in IBM AIX
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2 and Annex C)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JFIF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

² As published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 6 October 2016, page 202.

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- JPO PAS (Internet version)

As to types of electronic signatures (Section 710(a)(i)):

Enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4) is needed as a signature under PCT Article 14(1)(a)(i).

Text string signature can be used for other purposes, such as the signature for a declaration of inventorship under Section 214.

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the above-mentioned means of transmittal or document packaging that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates, applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by issuing an error message.

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The following means of online payment are accepted: (i) payment by JPO's deposit account, or (ii) payment to the Japanese government account by online banking.

In addition, the following means of payment are accepted: (i) payment by patent revenue stamps, or (ii) payment to the Japanese government account by bank transfer.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a support center for online filing.

The task of this support center is to answer questions from users of the service for the online filing of patents, and to serve as a technical hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

This support center is open from Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m., and it may be contacted:

- by phone, at: +81 (0)3 5744 8534
- by fax, at: +81 (0)3 3582 0510

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software³

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept no filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information on its website (www.jpo.go.jp) concerning the availability of online filing systems.

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Registrar of Legal Affairs Bureau (www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/CERTIFICATION/index.html)
- Secom Trust Systems Co., Ltd. (www.secomtrust.net/service/ninsyo/forgid.html)
- Nippon Denshi Ninsho Co., Ltd. (www.ninsho.co.jp/aosign/index.html)
- Teikoku Databank, Ltd. (www.tdb.co.jp/typeA/index.html)
- e-Probatio CA (www.e-probatio.com)
- Japannet Corporation (www.japannet.jp/ca/index.html)
- Tohoku Information Systems Co., Inc. (<https://www.toinx.net/ebs/info.html>)
- JPKI (www.jpki.go.jp)
- J-LIS (www.kojinbango-card.go.jp/kojinbango/)
- GPKI (www.gpki.go.jp)
- LGPKI (www.lgpki.jp)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

³ Applicable since 1 April 2016.

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DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** has notified additional details concerning:

– the filing of documents by e-mail (PCT Rule 92.4) – all kinds of documents may be so transmitted, and the original of the document must be furnished within one month from the date of the transmission if the document is an international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of an international application;

– its requirements as to evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1) – it accepts such evidence provided that the delivery service is DHL or Federal Express.

[Updating of Annex B1(DJ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	Kolkata:	(91-33)	23 67 19 87, 23 67 50 91
	New Delhi:	(91-11)	25 30 02 00, 28 03 43 10, 25 30 03 35 (PCT Section)
	Chennai:	(91-44)	22 50 20 80, 22 50 20 60
	Mumbai:	(91-22)	24 15 36 51, 24 14 81 61

E-mail:	Kolkata:	kolkata-patent@nic.in
	New Delhi:	delhi-patent@nic.in patentin-pct@nic.in (PCT Section)
	Chennai:	chennai-patent@nic.in
	Mumbai:	mumbai-patent@nic.in

[Updating of Annex B1(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified that, as from 1 January 2017, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software.¹

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Mexico with the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, or with the International Bureau, with effect since 25 October 2016.

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES, AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

On 28 October 2014, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau that it was prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect from 1 November 2014.

Also on that date, the Office notified an updated version of its set of notifications made under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and pursuant to Sections 710 and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. This updated version was published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 November 2014, pages 164 *et seq.* It follows that notices published in PCT Gazette No. 18/2006, of 4 May 2006, page 12954, and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 May 2014, page 70, are still in force.

¹ See the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 27 October 2016, pages 216 *et seq.*

Under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to Sections 710(a)(i) and (iii) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau that, in addition to receiving and processing international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, it is prepared to receive and process subsequently filed documents for international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect since 1 November 2016. Hence, the current means for filing international applications and/or subsequently filed documents with the Office are EPO Online Filing, PCT-SAFE, the EPO web-form filing service, the EPO case management system and ePCT-Filing.

Consequently, since 1 November 2016, the following notification replaces the updated version referred to in the second paragraph, above.

“FILING VIA EPO ONLINE FILING AND PCT-SAFE:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- ASCII (7- and 8-bit) (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- CD-R filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d) and (e))
- DVD-R or DVD+R filing (see Annex F, section 5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1)
- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- EPO Online Filing software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format under Section 706(a) and (f) of the Administrative Instructions. In particular, the files should be archived in ZIP format and contain either plain ASCII text or be created with one of the following word processing programs:

- Microsoft Word 97 and later releases
- Corel WordPerfect 6.1, 8 & 10 and later releases
- Writer of OpenOffice 2.0 and later releases (including the corresponding StarOffice products)

Any objects originating from other programs may be embedded into documents being generated by the word processing programs mentioned above as long as they can be viewed without loss of the information being contained in these objects.

Documents in a format other than those mentioned above may be attached in that format only if the applicant informs the European Patent Office at the time of filing where it can within reason acquire the relevant software.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Väestökisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestokisterikeskus.fi) (FINEID smartcards)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (CERES certificates)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA THE EPO WEB-FORM FILING SERVICE:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA THE EPO CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA ePCT-FILING:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application
- subsequently filed documents through ePCT Document upload (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Väestörekisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi) (FINEID smartcards)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (CERES certificates)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register”

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

FI Finland

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and pursuant to Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau, on 2 November 2016, of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 1 May 2014, pages 58 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed using the PCT-SAFE software, with effect from 1 January 2017. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- on-line filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing
- EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed with the Office as receiving Office contains, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1), or if outdated certificates have been used, that a notification of receipt will not be generated. Other errors, such as applications being infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic, are notified to the applicant in the acknowledgement of receipt. Where it transpires that an acknowledgement of receipt transmitted to the applicant by electronic means was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

No online payment is available. The following means of deferred payment are accepted: payment by debit card or by bank transfer.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of patents, the Office has put in place a help desk for applicants.

The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of patents, and in particular to serve as a technical hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 9.00 a.m. until 4.15 p.m.

The PRH patent help desk may be contacted as follows:

- by telephone: (358-0) 29509 5858
- by web form (in Finnish) at the following address:
https://www.prh.fi/fi/patentit/palvelut_ja_tietokannat/sahkoinenpatenttihakemus-elf/helpdesk.html
- further information:
<https://www.prh.fi/en/patentit/servicesanddatabases/patentadvisoryservice.html>

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications as supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application. The files should be in ZIP format and contain texts either in ASCII plain text or in any other commonly known format.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

The Office will provide on its website (www.prh.fi) information concerning possible interruptions in electronic filing services.

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

EPO online filing software:

- citizen certificates on identity cards issued by the Finnish Police (for the certificate policy, see www.fineid.fi/)
- organization certificates on organization cards issued by the Finnish Population Register Center (for the certificate policy, see www.fineid.fi/)
- European Patent Office certificate on EPO smart cards issued by the European Patent Office CA (for the certificate policy, see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security.html)

ePCT-Filing:

- WIPO customer certificate issued by the WIPO Customer CA (for the certificate policy, see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- European Patent Office certificate on EPO smart cards issued by the European Patent Office CA (for the certificate policy, see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

ePCT private services provide access to files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.”

RECEIVING OFFICES

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified that, as from 1 January 2017, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software (see above).

[Updating of Annex C(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OM Oman

The **Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman)** has specified the Egyptian Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Oman with the Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (Oman), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 31 October 2016.

[Updating of Annex C(OM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Brunei Darussalam Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO)** has notified a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

www.energy.gov.bn/bruipo/Home.aspx

[Updating of Annex B1(BN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, telephone numbers and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Arenal 550
Col. Pueblo Santa Maria Tepepan
C.P. 16020
Ciudad de México
Mexico

Telephone: (52-5) 334 07 24,
334 07 00 (ext. 10606, 10024, 10010)

E-mail: dp@impi.gob.mx

[Updating of Annex B1(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **Mexican peso (MXN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2016, as follows:

For a patent:	MXN 6,147.40 ¹	or
	MXN 3,803.12 ²	
For a utility model:	MXN 2,162.13 ¹	or
	MXN 1,380.70 ²	

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MX), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 22.

² Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 39(1).

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HN Honduras

Information on the requirements of the **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Honduras)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (HN), which is published on pages 237 and 238.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

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**DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (HONDURAS)**

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Spanish
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Honduran lempira (HNL) For patent or utility model: Filing fee: ¹ HNL 1,500 Annual fees, per year: HNL 200
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{2,3} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant ³ Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{2,3} Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application ^{2,3} Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies ³ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Honduras Power of attorney if an agent is appointed Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

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**DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY (HONDURAS)**

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Who can act as agent?

Any attorney registered in Honduras

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49^{ter}.2)?

Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care”
criteria to such requests

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XV Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified a change in its telephone number, as well as its facsimile number, as follows:

Telephone: (361) 613 51 30

Facsimile machine: (361) 799 01 88

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by facsimile machine; all kinds of documents may be so transmitted, and the original of the document must be furnished in all cases, within 14 days from the date of the transmission.

In addition, the Office has notified that it now accepts evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1).

[Updating of Annex B1(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-eighth (28th extraordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 3 to 11 October 2016, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2017, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on page 242.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2017, as indicated in the table published on pages 243 to 246.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss franc for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2017, as indicated in the table published on pages 247 and 248.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

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all Annexes D,

Annexes SISA(RU), (SG) and (UA),

Annexes E(AU), (CA), (CL), (EG), (IL), (IN), (JP), (KR), (RU), (SE), (SG), (US) and (XN).]

AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts are AZN 35.40 and AZN 23.60, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **US dollar (USD)**, has been established. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2017, is USD 103.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Official Notices (PCT Gazette) – 24 November 2016

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)

(applicable from January 1, 2017)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 03.10.16	International filing fee	Fee per sheet in excess of 30	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a)	
		Rule 15.2(a)	Rule 15.2(a)	Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)	Schedule of fees Item 3	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.74662262	1,811 1,781	20 20	n.a. n.a.	272 268	408 402	272 268	Current amount New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.74211854	1,782 1,792	20 20	n.a. n.a.	268 269	402 404	268 269	Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.14661862	9,090 9,070	100 100	n.a. n.a.	1,370 1,360	2,050 2,050	1,370 1,360	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1.09141470	1,219 1,219	14 14	92 92	183 183	275 275	183 183	Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.25105285	1,053 1,063	12 12	n.a. n.a.	158 160	238 240	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00354968	380,800 374,700	4,300 4,200	n.a. n.a.	57,300 56,300	85,900 84,500	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
ILS - New Israeli sheqel	0.25861050	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	794 773	Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00854808	161,500 155,600	1,800 1,800	n.a. n.a.	24,300 23,400	36,400 35,100	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.00958147	143,700 138,800	1,600 1,600	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	32,400 31,300	21,600 20,900	Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00088113	** **	** **	** **	** **	** **	238,000 227,000	Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.12191993	11,460 10,910	130 120	n.a. n.a.	1,720 1,640	2,590 2,460	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.70749031	1,945 1,880	22 21	n.a. n.a.	292 283	439 424	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.11360065	11,380 11,710	130 130	n.a. n.a.	1,710 1,760	2,570 2,640	1,710 1,760	Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.71293580	1,837 1,866	21 21	n.a. n.a.	276 281	414 421	276 281	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	0.97302773	1,363 1,367	15 15	102 103	205 206	307 308	205 206	Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.07146247	19,100 18,610	220 210	n.a. n.a.	2,870 2,800	4,310 4,200	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount

* Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in New Israeli sheqels of the amounts in US dollars indicated above.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean wons of the amounts in Swiss francs indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2017)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		ISA/CL				
	EUR	1,864	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	1,685	CAD	1,600	USD		2,000	400
Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		
Exchange rates applicable on 03.10.2016													
CHF - Swiss franc	1.09141470	2,034	0.74662262	1,616	0.30328716	752 ¹	502 ¹	0.74211854	1,194 ¹	0.97302773	1,952 ¹	390 ¹	293 ¹
		2,034		1,643		766	511		1,187		1,946	389	292
USD - US dollar	0.89152888	2,084	1.30323901	1,674	3.20827211	776	518	1.31114665	1,261				
		2,091		1,688		787	525		1,220				
EUR - Euro			1.46160235	1,481 ¹	3.59661626	695 ¹	464 ¹	1.47067434	1,094 ¹	1.72166865	1,789 ¹	358 ¹	268 ¹
				1,505		702	468		1,088		1,783	357	267
AUD - Australian dollar													
DKK - Danish krone													
GBP - Pound sterling													
HUF - Hungarian forint													
ISK - Icelandic krona													
JPY - Japanese yen													
KRW - Korean won	0.00080733	2,419,000		1,858,000 ²									
		2,309,000		1,864,000									
NOK - Norwegian krone													
NZD - New Zealand dollar													
				2,397									
SEK - Swedish krona				0.94758756									
				2,322									
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.65322173	2,780		2,210									
		2,854		2,304									
ZAR - South African rand	0.06547691	28,940		23,900									
		28,470		22,990									

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¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.
² Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2016.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/CN		ISA/EG		ISA/EP		ISA/ES		ISA/FI		ISA/IL	
	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount
Reference currency & Amount												
Exchange rates applicable on 03.10.2016												
CHF - Swiss franc	0.14586672	323	0.10984982	430 ³	1.09141470	2,046	1.09141470	2,046 ³	1.09141470	2,046 ³	0.25861050	905 ³
USD - US dollar	6.67066315	330	8.85779895	451	0.89152888	2,097	0.89152888	2,103	0.89152888	2,103 ³	3.76252206	912
EUR - Euro	7.48227376	296 ³	9.93551656	403 ³							4.22030305	837 ³
AUD - Australian dollar		281 ³										836 ³
DKK - Danish krone					0.13433814	13,990						Current amount
GBP - Pound sterling					1.14626718	1,617						Current amount
HUF - Hungarian forint						585,800						Current amount
ISK - Icelandic krona					0.00325236	576,500						Current amount
JPY - Japanese yen					0.00783271	250,000						Current amount
KRW - Korean won					0.00877895	239,400						Current amount
NOK - Norwegian krone						213,000						Current amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar					0.111770816	17,640						Current amount
SEK - Swedish krona					0.64823234	2,953						Current amount
SGD - Singapore dollar					0.10408569	17,500						Current amount
ZAR - South African rand					0.65322173	2,870						Current amount
					0.06547691	29,110						Current amount
						28,640						Current amount

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³ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/IN		ISA/JUP		ISA/KR		ISA/RU		ISA/SE ⁴				
	Reference currency & Amount	INR	JPY	156,000	70,000	KRW	1,300,000	450,000	RUB	28,000	6,750	SEK	17,500
Exchange rates applicable on 03.10.2016	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate
CHF - Swiss franc	0.01464250	37	0.00958147	1,444	648	0.00088113	1,093	379	0.01559429	409	99	2.046	Current amount
		150		1,495	671		1,145	397		437	105	2.046	New amount
USD - US dollar	66.45227932	154 ⁵	101.55303203	1,530	686	1104.29267745	1,120	388	62.39639726	420	101	2.097	Current amount
		150 ⁵		1,536	689		1,177	408		449	108	2.103	New amount
EUR - Euro	74.53743876	137 ⁵	113.90685283	1,370 ⁵	616 ⁵	1238.65046203	1,002 ⁵	347 ⁵	69.98606297	381	92	1.875	Current amount
		134 ⁵		1,370 ⁵	615 ⁵		1,050 ⁵	363 ⁵		400	96	1.875	New amount
AUD - Australian dollar							1,539 ⁶	533 ⁶					Current amount
							1,534	531					New amount
DKK - Danish krone													Current amount
													New amount
GBP - Pound sterling													Current amount
													New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint													Current amount
													New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona													Current amount
													New amount
JPY - Japanese yen													Current amount
													New amount
KRW - Korean won				n.a.	756,000								Current amount
				n.a.	761,000								New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone													Current amount
													New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar													Current amount
													New amount
SEK - Swedish krona													Current amount
													New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar				1,968	n.a.								Current amount
				2,097	n.a.								New amount
ZAR - South African rand													Current amount
													New amount

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⁴ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2017, fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁵ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

⁶ Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2016.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/SG		ISA/UA		ISA/US		ISA/XN ⁷		ISA/XV	
	SGD	EUR	USD	EUR	USD	DKK	EUR	DKK	EUR	
Reference currency & Amount		2,240	300		2,080	1,040	520	13,990	1,875	
Exchange rates applicable on 03.10.2016	Exch. rate		Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate		Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. Rate	
CHF - Swiss franc	0.71293580	1,621 ⁸ 1,597⁸	325 ⁸ 327⁸	1,09141470	0.97302773	2,030 2,024	508 506	2,046 ⁸ 2,046 ⁸	1,09141470	2,046 ⁸ 2,046 ⁸
USD - US dollar	1.36481815	1,578 1,641	328 ⁸ 337⁸	0.89152888				2,097 ⁸ 2,103⁸	0.89152888	2,097 ⁸ 2,103⁸
EUR - Euro	1.53087374	1,501 ⁸ 1,463⁸			1.12166965	1,860 ⁸ 1,854⁸	465 ⁸ 464⁸	1,875 ⁸ 1,875 ⁸		Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone										Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint										Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona										Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.01343946	167,500 166,700						250,000 239,400	0.00325236	585,800 576,500
KRW - Korean won										Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar						2,980 2,861	740 715	17,640 16,780		Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona					0.72710190			17,500 18,010		Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar										Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand					0.07344340	28,280 28,320	7,070 7,080			Current amount New amount

⁷ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2017, fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁸ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

[End of Table 2]

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2017)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISAE/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU		ISA/SE	
	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF
Reference currency & Amount	850 ¹	1,190 ²	1,700 ³	1,875	1,875	1,875	11,800	18,880 ⁵	17,500	
Exchange rate applicable on 03.10.2016	Exch. Rate			Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate
CHF - Swiss franc	1.09141470	928	1,855	1.09141470	2,046	1.09141470	0.01559429	184	2,046	2,046

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1 For a search of only the German-language documentation.
 2 For a search of only the European or North American documentation.
 3 For a full search of the PCT minimum documentation.
 4 This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
 5 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
 6 This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2017.

Table 3
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International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/SG	ISA/JA	ISA/XN	ISA/XV
Reference currency & Amount	SGD 2,240	EUR 100 ⁷ 150 ⁸ 200 ⁹	DKK 4,000 ¹⁰ 13,990	EUR 550 ¹¹ 1,875
Exchange rate applicable on 03.10.2016	Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	13,960 ¹²	Exch. Rate
CHF – Swiss franc	0.71293560	1.09141470	590	1.09141470
	1,597	164	2,046	600
		218		2,046

[End of Table 3]

⁷ For a search of only the PCT minimum documentation.

⁸ For a search of only the Russian language documentation of the former USSR and the Ukrainian language documentation.

⁹ For a search of only the European and North American documentation.

¹⁰ For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

¹¹ For a search of only the documentation in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak.

¹² This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2017.

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RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified changes in relation to its entry concerning the provisional protection available after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent – the relevant provisions are now Articles 22, 33 and 56(3) and (4) of the Patent Law (Law No. 64/1991).

[Updating of Annex B1(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable from 1 January 2017, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	ISK 17,300
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ISK 4,600
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	ISK 41,400 ¹

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2(d), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 January 2017, is ISK 41,400¹.

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable from 1 January 2017, as follows:

Application fee:	ISK 64,400
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	ISK 4,100
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation:	ISK 17,300
Annual fees for the first three years:	ISK 33,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The current amount of this fee, applicable since 1 December 2014, is ISK 36,000.

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **new leu (RON)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2017, are RON 445 and RON 89, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified a change in the location and mailing address of its branch office in Banja Luka, which is now as follows:

Akademika Jovana Surutke 13/III
78000 Banja Luka
Bosnia and Herzegovina

[Updating of Annex B1(BA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2017, are CHF 229, EUR 213 and USD 225, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

DJ Djibouti

The **Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the Egyptian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Djibouti with the Office of Industrial Property and Commerce of Djibouti (ODPIC), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 1 December 2016.

[Updating of Annex C(DJ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

(537) 862 43 79, 862 43 95, 866 05 57, 866 05 59

Furthermore, the Office has notified that it no longer accepts evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1).

In addition, the Office has notified a change with relation to the types of protection available via the PCT, which now consist of patents and utility models.

[Updating of Annex B1(CU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified a change concerning the number of copies of the international application on paper required by it – one copy must now be filed instead of three.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning whether an agent is required by it – an agent is not required if the applicant resides in Cuba, but is required if the applicant does not have a domicile or a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in the country.

[Updating of Annex C(CU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), it now accepts Polish, in addition to English, French and German, as a language in which international applications may be filed.

[Updating of Annex C(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

<p>Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:</p>		<p>Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned</p>
<p>the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)</p>	<p>any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column</p>	
<p>The name of the depositary institution, the date of the deposit and the accession number at the time of filing (as part of the application)</p>	<p>At the time of filing (as part of the application)</p>	<p>To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material</p>
<p>The certificate of deposit must be submitted within 16 months from the date of filing of the application or, if applicable, the date of the priority claim.</p>		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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XV Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)

Agreement between the Visegrad Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 February 2017. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee, full search (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee for searches only on the documents in Czech, Hungarian, Polish and Slovak held in the search collection of the Authority (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	900
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i> .2]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	900
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee for sequence listings (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 44.3(b)), per page	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_xv.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

icd@belgopatent.by

[Updating of Annex B1(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2017, is ILS 549.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 January 2017, is ILS 2,010.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2016, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) ² :	RSD 7,330	
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 1,760	for the first document up to 10 pages
	plus [No change]	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
	plus [No change]	per page in excess of 10

² This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

Fee for requesting restoration
of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)): RSD 2,940

[Updating of Annex C(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are also applicable since 1 July 2016. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows³:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,330
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 720
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee
Reduced examination fee for international applications:	RSD 7,330
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 10,270

For a petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,330
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XV Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)

The **Visegrad Patent Institute (VPI)** has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2017, are EUR 900 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex E(XV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ The fees are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2015, is JPY 278,500.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Colombia with the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 16 December 2014.

[Updating of Annex C(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 January 2015. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	589.49
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	589.49
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

SG Singapore

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 15 December 2014, the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 January 2015, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: epct@ipos.gov.sg

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.ipos.gov.sg).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

RECEIVING OFFICES

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) and the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Peru with the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 8 January 2015.

[Updating of Annex C(PE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified a change concerning the number of copies on paper required by it – since 13 November 2014, one copy must be filed instead of three.

Furthermore, the Office has notified that, as from 1 June 2015, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 January 2015, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	74.99
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	29.99
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):		
– where the request is filed online:	EUR	90.44
– where the request is filed on paper:	EUR	106.40

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable since 1 January 2015, are EUR 589.49 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of the national fee for a patent or a utility model, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The fee when filing on paper is EUR 74.92 and when filing electronically is EUR 63.68. These amounts are also applicable since 1 January 2015.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ES), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2015, is ILS 554.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the national filing fee, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 1 January 2015, is ILS 2,031.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified new amounts of the components of the national fee, in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable to international applications filed on or after 1 March 2014, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:

- when a translation of the application has been furnished in electronic form: KRW 46,000
- when a translation of the application has been furnished on paper: KRW 66,000 plus
KRW 1,000 per sheet in excess of 20²
- Fee for request for examination: KRW 143,000 plus
KRW 44,000 for each claim
- Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year: KRW 15,000 plus
KRW 13,000 for each claim

For a utility model:

Filing fee:

- when a translation of the application has been furnished in electronic form: KRW 20,000
- when a translation of the application has been furnished on paper: KRW 30,000 plus
KRW 1,000 per sheet in excess of 20²
- Fee for request for examination: KRW 71,000 plus
KRW 19,000 for each claim
- Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year: KRW 12,000 plus
KRW 4,000 for each claim

² This fee applies to the total number of sheets of the description, drawings (if any) and abstract.

The amounts previously notified (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 2 September 2010, pages 152 and 153, and of 10 July 2014, page 106) remain applicable to international applications filed before 1 March 2014. However, the words “when a copy of the application has been furnished in electronic form” and “when a copy of the application has been furnished on paper” should be modified to read as follows: “when a translation of the application has been furnished in electronic form” and “when a translation of the application has been furnished on paper”.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KR), of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

SG Singapore

Following the notification by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 1 January 2015 (see above), equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	SGD	266
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	SGD	399

Furthermore, following the notification by the Office as receiving Office that it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format as from 1 June 2015 (see above), the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply as from that date.

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are USD 632 when filing online and USD 948 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority has notified that, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)(ii), and with effect since 1 January 2015, the handling fee is payable to it as the equivalent amount in **Brazilian real (BRL)** of CHF 200.

[Updating of Annex E(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	164,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	1,900
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	JPY	12,400
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY	37,100

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2015, is USD 577.

In addition, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are CHF 567, EUR 471 and SGD 766, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)(i). This amount, applicable from 1 March 2015, is JPY 24,700.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Hungarian forint (HUF)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are CHF 138, EUR 115, HUF 35,200 and USD 144 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 573, EUR 477, HUF 146,100 and USD 598 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 January 2015, the **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 February 2015, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: spo-pct@kacst.edu.sa

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (<http://patents.kacst.edu.sa>).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2015, are EUR 120 and EUR 16, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Following the notification by the **European Patent Office (EPO)** that it is prepared, since 2 October 2014, to receive and process international applications in electronic form, as filed in PDF format, using the EPO web-form filing service (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 October 2014, page 148), an equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the reduction under item 4(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, for international applications filed by this means. This amount was EUR 81 until 31 December 2014 and is EUR 82 since 1 January 2015.

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2015, is NOK 17,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	10,020
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	110
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	NOK	1,510
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	NOK	2,260

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2015, are CHF 242 and CHF 386 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SA Saudi Arabia

Following the notification by the **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 February 2015 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 January 2015, pages 13 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	208
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	312

[Updating of Annex C(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2015, is NOK 17,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2015, is NOK 17,000.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CA Canada

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 September 2008, pages 115 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect from 2 February 2015. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software
- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available through the ePCT or PCT-SAFE software. Online payment by credit card is possible through the Office's website (www.cipo.gc.ca).

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

For questions concerning the preparation of the international application in electronic format using the PCT-SAFE software, contact WIPO directly:

- by telephone at: (+41-22) 338 95 23
- by facsimile at: (+41-22) 338 80 40
- through the WIPO website (www.wipo.int/tools/en/contacts/index.jsp?area=pct-safe)

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions relating to the uploading and submission of the international application through its website. The help desk will be available between 8.30 a.m. and 4.30 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (+866) 997 19 36 (toll-free within Canada and the United States of America) or (+819) 934 05 44 (international)
- by facsimile at: (+819) 953 24 76
- via e-mail at: cipo.contact@ic.gc.ca
- through the Office's website (www.cipo.ic.gc.ca)

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.cipo.ic.gc.ca).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2015. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,554
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,554
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,523
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,523
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ter .1(c) and 13 ter .2)	457
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified a change in relation to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent – the provision which confers protection to a published national patent application is now Article 19 of the Patent Law (the same protection is provisionally conferred to a published European patent application).

[Updating of Annex B1(RS) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified changes in its location and mailing address as well as in its Internet and e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	IP 101 51 Bras Basah Road, #01-01 Manulife Centre Singapore 189554
E-mail:	ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg epct@ipos.gov.sg (for enquiries concerning ePCT)
Internet:	www.ipos.gov.sg

[Updating of Annex B1(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2015, are NZD 2,311 and USD 1,789, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2015, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,554
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,554
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .1(c)):	ILS	457

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2015, are CHF 875, EUR 728 and USD 909, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 March 2015, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	ILS	1,523
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	ILS	1,523
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .2):	ILS	457

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2015, is KRW 638,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 June 2014, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) ² :	RSD	7,140	
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD	1,720	for the first document up to 10 pages
	plus [No change]		for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
	plus [No change]		per page in excess of 10
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26 bis .3(d)):	RSD	2,880	

[Updating of Annex C(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² This fee is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are also applicable since 1 June 2014. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows³:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,140
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 710
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee
Reduced examination fee for international applications:	RSD 7,170
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 10,050

For a petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,140
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 14 February 2014, is SGD 35.

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days – Corrigendum

Further to the information published in the Official Notices of 11 December 2014, page 195, the date of 24 September 2015 appearing on the list of non-working days for the International Bureau in 2015 should be replaced by the date of 23 September 2015, which is no longer subject to change.

³ The fees are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTY-SIXTH (27TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

At its forty-sixth (27th extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 22 to 30 September 2014 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved the following changes affecting the PCT system:

- appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority;
- amendments to the PCT Regulations;
- establishment by the Director General of the first lists of States meeting the criteria referred to in item 5(a) and item 5(b) of the amended PCT Schedule of Fees;
- adoption of Directives for updating the above lists of States.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=33287

The aforementioned changes are outlined below.

Appointment of a New International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

The Assembly appointed the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the required Agreement until December 31, 2017, bringing the number of Offices which have been appointed as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities to 20, and approved the text of the draft Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau. The text of the Agreement will be published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) in due course.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force on 1 July 2015 and consist in:

- (i) revising the eligibility criteria for fee reductions for certain applicants from certain countries (amendment of item 5 of the PCT Schedule of Fees¹);

¹ In the case of reductions to the international filing fee, the Schedule of Fees as amended with effect from July 1, 2015, shall apply to any international application received by the receiving Office on or after July 1, 2015, but the Schedule of Fees as in force until June 30, 2015, shall continue to apply to any international application received before July 1, 2015, irrespective of what international filing date might later be given to such application (Rule 15.3); in the case of reductions to the handling fee and

- (ii) removing the fee reduction available for PCT-EASY filings (deletion of item 4(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees);
- (iii) introducing a requirement for applicants making an express request for early national phase entry to file any request for the restoration of the right of priority at the designated or elected Office within one month from the date of receipt of the express request for early national phase entry (amendments of Rules 49ter.2(b)(i) and 76.5²);
- (iv) deleting a reference to paragraph (a) of Rule 90bis.5, consequential on the amendment of Rule 90bis.5 adopted by the PCT Assembly at its forty-third (25th extraordinary) session held from October 1 to 9, 2012 (amendment of Rule 90.3(c));
- (v) enabling the International Bureau, in cases where it receives a notice of withdrawal together with a copy of the general power of attorney, to process the notice of withdrawal without requiring the agent to submit a separate original power of attorney (amendments of Rule 90.5(d)³).

The text of the amendments is reproduced hereafter.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2015)

Rule 49ter
Effect of Restoration of Right of Priority by Receiving Office;
Restoration of Right of Priority by Designated Office

49ter.1 [No change]

49ter.2 *Restoration of Right of Priority by Designated Office*

(a) [No change]

(b) A request under paragraph (a) shall:

(i) be filed with the designated Office within a time limit of one month from the applicable time limit under Article 22 or, where the applicant makes an express request to the designated Office under Article 23(2), within a time limit of one month from the date of receipt of that request by the designated Office;

the supplementary search handling fee, the Schedule of Fees as amended with effect from July 1, 2015, shall apply to any international application in respect of which the fee was paid on or after July 1, 2015, irrespective of when the request for supplementary international search or the demand for international preliminary examination, respectively, was submitted (Rules 45bis.2(c) and 57.3(d))

² These amendments shall apply to any express request under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2) received on or after July 1, 2015.

³ These amendments shall apply to any notice of withdrawal referred to in PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4 received on or after July 1, 2015.

(ii) and (iii) [no change]

(c) to (h) [No change]

Rule 76
Translation of Priority Document;
Application of Certain Rules to Procedures before Elected Offices

76.1 to 76.4 [No change]

76.5 *Application of Certain Rules to Procedures before Elected Offices*

Rules 13^{ter}.3, 20.8(c), 22.1(g), 47.1, 49, 49^{bis}, 49^{ter} and 51^{bis} shall apply, provided that:

(i) [No change]

(ii) any reference in the said Rules to Article 22, Article 23(2) or Article 24(2) shall be construed as a reference to Article 39(1), Article 40(2) or Article 39(3), respectively;

(iii) to (v) [No change]

Rule 90
Agents and Common Representatives

90.1 and 90.2 [No change]

90.3 *Effects of Acts by or in Relation to Agents and Common Representatives*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) Subject to Rule 90^{bis}.5, second sentence, any act by or in relation to a common representative or his agent shall have the effect of an act by or in relation to all the applicants.

90.4 [No change]

90.5 *General Power of Attorney*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), where the agent submits any notice of withdrawal referred to in Rules 90^{bis}.1 to 90^{bis}.4 to the receiving Office, the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau, as the case may be, a copy of the general power of attorney shall be submitted to that Office, Authority or Bureau.

90.6 [No change]

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Fees	Amounts
1. International filing fee: (Rule 15.2)	1,330 Swiss francs plus 15 Swiss francs for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets
2. Supplementary search handling fee: (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .2)	200 Swiss francs
3. Handling fee: (Rule 57.2)	200 Swiss francs

Reductions

4. The international filing fee is reduced by the following amount if the international application is, as provided for in the Administrative Instructions, filed:

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| (a) in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format: | 100 Swiss francs |
| (b) in electronic form, the request being in character coded format: | 200 Swiss francs |
| (c) in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format: | 300 Swiss francs |

5. The international filing fee under item 1 (where applicable, as reduced under item 4), the supplementary search handling fee under item 2 and the handling fee under item 3 are reduced by 90% if the international application is filed by:

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| (a) an applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being a State whose per capita gross domestic product is below US\$ 25,000 (according to the most recent 10-year average per capita gross domestic product figures at constant 2005 US\$ values published by the United Nations), and whose nationals and residents who are natural persons have filed less than 10 international applications per year (per million population) or less than 50 international applications per year (in absolute numbers) according to the most recent five-year average yearly filing figures published by the International Bureau; or |
| (b) an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is listed as being classified by the United Nations as a least developed country; |

provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria set out in either sub-item (a) or (b). The lists of States referred to in sub-items (a) and (b) shall be updated by the Director General at least every five years according to directives given by the Assembly. The criteria set out in sub-items (a) and (b) shall be reviewed by the Assembly at least every five years.

First Lists of States Meeting the Criteria referred to in Item 5(a) and Item 5(b) of the Amended PCT Schedule of Fees

These lists will be applicable on 1 July 2015 and are as follows:

(i) For the purpose of item 5(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees:

Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Angola, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia (Plurinational State of), Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cabo Verde, Cambodia, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Comoros, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Estonia, Ethiopia, Fiji, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kiribati, Kyrgyzstan, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liberia, Libya, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Maldives, Mali, Malta, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Mexico, Micronesia (Federated States of), Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nauru, Nepal, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Serbia, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Africa, South Sudan, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, TFYR of Macedonia, Thailand, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tonga, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Tuvalu, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela (Bolivarian Republic of), Viet Nam, Yemen, Zambia, Zimbabwe.

(ii) For the purpose of item 5(b) of the PCT Schedule of Fees:

Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Benin, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Central African Republic, Chad, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Haiti, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Niger, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Solomon Islands, Somalia, South Sudan, Sudan, Timor-Leste, Togo, Tuvalu, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania, Vanuatu, Yemen, Zambia.

Directives for Updating the Above Lists of States

These Directives will enter into force on 1 July 2015. The text is reproduced hereafter.

DIRECTIVES FOR UPDATING THE LISTS OF STATES
MEETING THE CRITERIA FOR REDUCTION OF CERTAIN PCT FEES

The Assembly establishes in the following terms the directives referred to in the Schedule of Fees, it being understood that, in the light of experience, the Assembly may at any time modify these directives:

1. Five years after the establishment of the first list of States which meet the criteria referred to in items 5(a) and (b) of the Schedule of Fees, and every five years thereafter, the Director General shall prepare draft lists of States which appear to meet the criteria referred to in:

(i) item 5(a) of the Schedule of Fees according to the most recent 10-year average per capita gross domestic product figures from the United Nations and according to the most recent five-year average yearly PCT filing figures by the International Bureau, respectively, published at least two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly in September/October of that year;

(ii) item 5(b) of the Schedule of Fees according to the most recent list of countries classified as least developed countries by the United Nations published at least two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly in September/October of that year;

and shall make those lists available to the PCT Contracting States and States entitled to observer status in the Assembly for comment before the end of that session of the Assembly.

2. Following the end of that session of the Assembly, the Director General shall establish new lists, taking into account any comments received. The revised lists shall become applicable on the first day of the calendar year subsequent to that session and shall be used to determine, in accordance with Rules 15.3, 45bis.2(c) and 57.3(d), the eligibility for the fee reduction under items 5(a) and (b), respectively, of the Schedule of Fees of any relevant fee payable. Any revised list shall be published in the Gazette.

3. Where any State is not included in a particular list but subsequently becomes eligible for inclusion in that list due to the publication, after the expiration of the period of two weeks prior to the first day of the session of the Assembly referred to in paragraph 1, above, of revised per capita gross domestic product figures by the United Nations or revised PCT filing figures by the International Bureau, or of a revised list of States that are being classified as least developed countries by the United Nations, that State may request the Director General to revise the relevant list of States so as to include that State in the relevant list. Any such revised list shall become applicable on a date to be specified by the Director General, that date being no more than three months from the date of receipt of the request. Any revised list shall be published in the Gazette.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH)

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a change concerning the languages accepted for supplementary international search – it now accepts Finnish in addition to Danish, English, Norwegian and Swedish.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BE Belgium

The Internet address of the **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has changed and is now as follows:

<http://economie.fgov.be/opri-die.jsp?>

[Updating of Annex B1(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

LV Latvia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 28 January 2015, the **Latvian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 March 2015, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: epct@lrpv.gov.lv

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.lrpv.gov.lv).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”



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PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

In accordance with the Directives adopted by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its fortieth (17th ordinary) session held in Geneva from 22 September to 1 October 2009, new equivalent amounts of certain PCT fees have been set.

Pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 April 2015, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on page 39.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 April 2015, as indicated in the table published on pages 40 to 42.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss franc for Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 April 2015, as indicated in the table published on page 43.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

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Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from April 1, 2015)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 09.02.15	International filing fee	Fee per sheet in excess of 30	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees	
		Rule 15.2(a)	Rule 15.2(a)	Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)	Item 3	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.71976566	1,582 1,848	18 21	n.a. n.a.	238 278	357 417	238 278	Current amount New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.73941483	1,544 1,799	17 20	116 135	232 270	348 406	232 270	Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.14033339	8,160 9,480	90 110	610 710	1,230 1,430	1,840 2,140	1,230 1,430	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1.04447762	1,097 1,273	12 14	82 96	165 191	247 287	165 191	Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.40358515	862 948	10 11	n.a. n.a.	130 142	194 214	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00339250	337,500 392,000	3,800 4,400	25,400 29,500	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00697064	167,800 190,800	1,900 2,200	12,600 14,300	25,200 28,700	37,800 43,000	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
KR - Korean won	0.00084074	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	222,000 238,000	Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.12107113	10,020 10,990	110 120	n.a. n.a.	1,510 1,650	2,260 2,480	n.a. n.a.	Current amount** New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.68372005	1,770 1,945	20 22	133 146	266 293	399 439	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.11018809	9,970 12,070	110 140	750 910	1,500 1,820	2,250 2,720	1,500 1,820	Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.68094897	1,767 1,953	20 22	133 147	266 294	399 441	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.07955507	15,580 16,720	180 190	1,170 1,260	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount

* Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss franc indicated above.

** Amounts applicable as from March 1, 2015.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from April 1, 2015)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		ISA/CL			ISA/CN	
	EUR	Exch. rate	AUD	Exch. rate	BRL	Exch. rate	CAD	Exch. rate	USD	Exch. rate	CNY	Exch. rate	
Reference currency & Amount	1,864		2,200		1,685		1,600		300		2,100		
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 09.02.15</i>													
CHF - Swiss franc	1,947	1.04447762	1,583	0.71976566	840	0.32256405	1,183	0.73941483			310	0.14749782	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	2,112	0.88238098					1,284	1.24642779					Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro									1,585	1.13329732	271	7.08130907	Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar											238		Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone													Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling													Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint													Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona													Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen													Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	2,316,000	0.00080464											Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone													Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar													Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona													Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar													Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	24,470	0.07616733											Current amount New amount

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¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

Table 2
[continued]

International Searching Authority	ISA/EG		ISA/EP		ISA/ES		ISAFI		ISA/IL		ISA/IN		ISA/JP		
	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	
Reference currency & Amount	EGP	4,000	EUR	1,875	EUR	1,875	EUR	1,875	ILS	3,564 ²	INR	10,000	2,500	JPY	70,000
Exchange rates applicable on 09.02.15															
CHF - Swiss franc	0.12085202	538 ³	1.04447762	2,274	1.04447762	2,274 ³	1.04447762	2,274 ³							
USD - US dollar			0.88238098	2,366	0.88238098	2,366	0.88238098	2,366 ³							
EUR - Euro				2,125	0.88238098	2,125	0.88238098	2,125 ³	728 ^{2,3}	809 ³	70.36091782	129 ³	32 ³	134.18650995	471 ^{2,3}
AUD - Australian dollar												142 ³	36 ³		522 ³
DKK - Danish krone															
GBP - Pound sterling															
HUF - Hungarian forint															
ISK - Icelandic krona															
JPY - Japanese yen			0.00745331	278,500 ²											
KRW - Korean won				251,600											
NOK - Norwegian krone															
NZD - New Zealand dollar															
SEK - Swedish krona															
SGD - Singapore dollar															
ZAR - South African rand			0.07616733	26,630											
				24,620											

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² Amounts applicable as from March 1, 2015.

³ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/KR		ISA/RU		ISA/SE ⁴		ISA/US		ISA/XN ⁵	
	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate	Amount	Exch. rate
Reference currency & Amount	KRW 1,300,000		RUB 28,000		SEK 17,040		USD 2,080		DKK 13,960	
Exchange rates applicable on 09.02.15										
CHF - Swiss franc	1,171 1,093	0.00084074	405 378	573 ⁶ 393 0.01402698	2,274 1,958				2,274 ⁷ 1,958⁷	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar				598 ⁶ 103 65.70388490	2,366 2,125				2,366 ⁷ 2,125⁷	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	965 ⁷ 1,046⁷	1242.33588308	334 ⁷ 362⁷	477 ⁶ 376 74.46203673	1,648 ⁷ 1,835⁷	824 ⁷ 918⁷	412 ⁷ 459⁷			Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar										Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone										Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint				146,100 ⁶ 27,900 0.24165523						Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona										Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen										Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won										Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar										Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona										Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar										Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand										Current amount New amount

⁴ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from April 1, 2015, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁵ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from April 1, 2015, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁶ Amounts applicable as from March 1, 2015.

⁷ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

[End of Table 2]

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from April 1, 2015)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU		ISA/SE		ISA/XN						
	Reference currency & Amount	EUR	850 ¹	1,190 ²	1,700 ³	EUR	1,875	EUR	1,875	RUB	11,800	18,880 ⁴	SEK	17,040	DKK	13,960	4,000 ⁵
Exchange rate applicable on 09.02.15 CHF - Swiss franc			888	1,243	1,776	Exch. Rate 1.04447762	1,958	1,04447762	1,958	0.01402698	166	265	1,958 ⁶			1,958 ⁷	560 ⁷

¹ For a search of the German-language documentation.

² For a search of the European or North American documentation.

³ For a full search of PCT minimum documentation.

⁴ This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

⁵ For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

⁶ New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from April 1, 2015.

⁷ New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from April 1, 2015.

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AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified changes concerning:

– the provisions of the law of Australia concerning international-type search – these provisions now consist in Regulation 3.14A of the Patents Regulations;

– the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication – the applicant now enjoys the rights defined in Section 57 of the Patents Act 1990 from the date on which the international application is published under PCT Article 21 or otherwise becomes open to public inspection under Section 56A of the Patents Act 1990 and Regulation 4.4 of the Patents Regulations (the rights are generally the same as he would have had if the patent had been granted on the day that the specification is published except that he cannot institute proceedings for infringement until the patent has been granted).

[Updating of Annex B1(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 17 February 2015.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period was extended so as to expire on 18 February 2015.

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

IT Italy

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect since 9 February 2015, as follows:

Istituto Zooprofilattico Sperimentale della Lombardia e dell'Emilia Romagna "Bruno Ubertini" (IZSLER)
IZSLER Biobank of Veterinary Resource (IZSLER BVR)
Via Bianchi, 9
25124 Brescia
Italy

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by e-mail in addition to facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2015, is USD 525.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2015, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 96
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR 48
	Supplement for airmail: EUR 10

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

563 Nonthaburi Road
Bangkasor, Muang
Nonthaburi 11000
Thailand

[Updating of Annex B1(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 5 March 2015.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period was extended so as to expire on 6 March 2015.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2015, are KRW 1,882,000 and ZAR 19,930, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2015, are AUD 1,519 for searches carried out in English and AUD 526 for searches carried out in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: WITHDRAWAL BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF INCOMPATIBILITY UNDER SECTION 703(F) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

On 7 April 2002, the **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under Section 703(f) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, of the incompatibility of its national law and the technical systems of the Office with items (ii) to (iv) of Section 703(b) of the Administrative Instructions, insofar as these items related to sections 5.1 and 5.2.1 of Annex F, as well as to section 2(d), (f) and (g) of Appendix III of Annex F, of the Administrative Instructions (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2002, of 2 May 2002, page 8974).

On 14 July 2005, the Office notified the International Bureau that it withdrew the above-mentioned notification of incompatibility as far as section 5.2.1 of Annex F and section 2(f) and (g) of Appendix III of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions were concerned, with effect from 18 July 2005 (see PCT Gazette No. 31/2005, of 4 August 2005, page 20184).

On 13 February 2015, the Office notified the International Bureau that it withdrew the above-mentioned notification of incompatibility as far as section 5.1 of Annex F and section 2(d) of Appendix III of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions were concerned, with effect from the same date, thus removing the remaining reservation relating to such incompatibility.

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES: WITHDRAWAL BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 26BIS.3(J)

JP Japan

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(j) (see PCT Gazette No. 14/2006, of 6 April 2006, page 10048), the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 April 2015. PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(a) to (i) will therefore apply to international applications filed on or after that date.

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**EFFECT OF RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES:
WITHDRAWAL BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF
INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49TER.1(G)**

JP Japan

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 14/2006, of 6 April 2006, page 10050), the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 April 2015. PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (d) will therefore apply to international applications filed on or after that date.

**RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY DESIGNATED OFFICES:
WITHDRAWAL BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF NOTIFICATION OF
INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49TER.2(H)**

JP Japan

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 14/2006, of 6 April 2006, page 10050), the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 April 2015. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) will therefore apply to international applications filed on or after that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (JP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BW Botswana

The **Registrar of Companies, Trademarks, Patents and Industrial Designs (Botswana)** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location, telephone numbers and e-mail address, and has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office:	Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP) (Botswana)
Location:	Kgale Mews Plot No. 181 Gaborone Botswana
Telephone:	(267) 318 87 54, 367 37 00
E-mail:	roc@gov.bw
Internet:	www.mti.gov.bw/content/registrar-companies-ip

[Updating of Annex B1(BW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SC Seychelles

The **Registration Division, Department of Legal Affairs (Seychelles)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

regdiv@registry.gov.sc

[Updating of Annex B1(SC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified that, as from 1 April 2015, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BW Botswana

The **Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP) (Botswana)** has notified the amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is USD 32.

[Updating of Annex C(BW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes in the components of the national fee, in **Botswana pula (BWP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For a patent:

Application fee:	BWP 150 ¹	300 ²
Annual fee for the first year:	BWP 30 ¹	60 ²

For a utility model certificate:

Application fee:	BWP 90 ¹	180 ²
Annual fee for the first year:	BWP 50 ¹	100 ²

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BW), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

Further to the notification by the **Icelandic Patent Office** as receiving Office that it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format as from 1 April 2015, the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply as from that date.

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Applicable in case of filing by individuals and small entities whose number of employees does not exceed 100 persons.

² Applicable in case of filing by companies other than small entities.

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	At the time of filing	To the extent feasible, a description of the deposited biological material sufficient to specifically identify it and to permit examination

When the original deposit is made after the effective filing date of an application for patent, the applicant must promptly submit a statement from a person in a position to corroborate the fact, stating that the biological material which is deposited is a biological material specifically identified in the application as filed (see 37 CFR 1.804(b)).

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the USPTO with any other depository recognized to be suitable by the Office (see 37 CFR 1.803).

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(82-42) 481 51 94 (RO) (82-42) 481 35 79 (ISA, IPEA)
Facsimile machine:	(82-42) 472 34 73 (RO) (82-42) 472 71 40 (ISA, IPEA)
E-mail:	kipopct@korea.kr (RO) isa.kipo@korea.kr (ISA, IPEA)

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2015, are USD 540 when filing online and USD 809 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** and **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2015, are GBP 1,365 and NZD 2,761, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES AND BY DESIGNATED OFFICES

JP Japan

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacities both as receiving Office and designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 April 2015, it will apply the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(JP) and of the National Chapter, Summary (JP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MA Morocco

The **Industrial and Commercial Property Office of Morocco** has notified an additional type of protection available via the PCT – since 1 March 2015, European patents may be validated in Morocco for international applications filed on or after that date.

[Updating of Annex B1(MA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified changes concerning the language requirements relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent – since 1 January 2015, the Office accepts the furnishing of a translation into English¹ or Norwegian, or, if the international application was filed in English¹ or Norwegian, of a copy of the application as filed.

[Updating of Annex B1(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) for international applications filed on paper, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 15 October 2014, is BRL 260.

[Updating of Annex C(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EG Egypt

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Egyptian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2015, is EUR 480.

[Updating of Annex D(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The claims must nevertheless be translated into Norwegian.

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2015, are CHF 109 and EUR 102 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 453 and EUR 425 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 June 2015, are CHF 191 and CHF 305 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified changes, with effect since 1 January 2015, concerning:

- the languages of the translation of the international application – the translation can be furnished in English² or Norwegian;
- its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required – a copy will not be required where the application was filed in a language other than English or Norwegian, whereas it will be required where the application was filed in English² or Norwegian.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² The claims must nevertheless be translated into Norwegian.



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2015, is SGD 2,790.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2015, is SGD 2,800.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	1,797
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	20
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD	270
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD	405

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2015, are USD 108 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 450 for searches carried out in English.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2015, are HUF 31,800 for searches carried out in Russian and HUF 132,100 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

Information on the requirements of the **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (SA), which is published on the following page.

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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SAUDI PATENT OFFICE (SPO)

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	Yes
National fee:	Currency: Saudi riyal (SRI) Filing fee: ¹ SRI 800 (400) ²
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	Reductions of the national fee are indicated under “National fee” above.
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Name and address of the inventor if not indicated in the “Request” part of the international application ^{3, 4} Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{3, 4} Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application ^{3, 4} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) ³ Representation by an agent if the applicant is not resident in Saudi Arabia ³ Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) ³ Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Saudi Arabia
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49 <i>ter.2</i>)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by individuals.

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

⁴ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

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IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

postur@els.is

[Updating of Annex B1(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified new time limits related to special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed – in the case of international applications filed on or after 1 April 2015:

– the filing of an international application which contains the designation of Japan and claims the priority of an earlier national application having effect in Japan shall have the result that the earlier national application will now be considered withdrawn after the expiration of 16 months¹ from the filing date of that earlier application;

– if the applicant of an international application which claims the priority of an earlier national application wants to avoid the above-mentioned effect, the designation of Japan will now have to be withdrawn before the expiration of 16 months¹ from the filing date of that earlier application, in order to avoid automatic withdrawal of the earlier-filed national application.

[Updating of Annex B1(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2015, are EUR 484 when filing online and EUR 726 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The time limit remains 15 months for international applications filed before 1 April 2015.

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2015, are ZAR 25,250 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 12,620 for a small entity and ZAR 6,310 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BN Brunei Darussalam – Corrigendum

The list of competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed with the **Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam)** as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 June 2013, page 75, was erroneous. On that date, the European Patent Office (EPO) was the only competent Authority; requirements relating to the other three Offices indicated (the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office) had not yet been met.

Requirements relating to the Australian Patent Office were met on 23 March 2015. As a result, the Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam) has specified the said Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam with the Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam), or with the International Bureau, with effect from that date.

[Updating of Annex C(BN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY DESIGNATED OFFICES

BW Botswana

Under PCT Rule 49~~ter~~.2(g), the **Registrar of Companies and Intellectual Property (ROCIP) (Botswana)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BW), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

EE Estonia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 16 April 2015, the **Estonian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 May 2015, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: vastuvoett@epa.ee

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.epa.ee).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

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EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified that, as from 1 May 2015, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

[Updating of Annex C(EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2015, are CHF 519 when filing online and CHF 778 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EE Estonia

Following the notification by the **Estonian Patent Office** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 May 2015 (see above), equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	EUR	191
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	EUR	287

Furthermore, following the notification by the Office as receiving Office that it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format as from 1 May 2015 (see above), the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply as from that date.

[Updating of Annex C(EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect from 1 May 2015, as follows:

Korean Agricultural Culture Collection (KACC)
Agricultural Microbiology Division
National Academy of Agricultural Science
Rural Development Administration
166, Nongsaengmyeong-ro, Iseo-myeon
Wanju-gun, Jeollabuk-do 565-851
Republic of Korea

Furthermore, the International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **Korean Collection for Type Cultures (KCTC)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty. The new address is as follows:

125 Gwahak-ro
Yuseong-gu
Daejeon, 305-806
Republic of Korea

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

epct@iponz.govt.nz

[Updating of Annex B1(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers and its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (966-11) 481 43 47, 481 46 53

Facsimile machine: (966-11) 481 33 76

E-mail: spo-pct@kacst.edu.sa

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by facsimile machine (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of the document must now be furnished within 14 days from the date of the invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** has notified a change concerning the number of copies on paper required by it – three copies must now be filed instead of one.

Furthermore, the Office has notified that, since 1 February 2015, it no longer accepts the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

[Updating of Annex C(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SD Sudan

The **Attorney General's Chambers, Commercial Registrar General's Office (Sudan)** has specified the Egyptian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Sudan with the Attorney General's Chambers, Commercial Registrar General's Office (Sudan), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 29 April 2015.

[Updating of Annex C(SD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is EUR 229.

[Updating of Annex C(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified the deletion of the fee for the priority document payable to it as receiving Office (PCT Rule 17.1(b)).

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SA Saudi Arabia

Following the notification by the **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** as receiving Office that it no longer accepts the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format since 1 February 2015 (see above), the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees no longer applies since that date.

[Updating of Annex C(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

www.belgopatent.by

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by facsimile machine (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of the document must now be furnished within 14 days from the date of the transmission.

[Updating of Annex B1(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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SG Singapore – Corrigendum

The information published in the Official Notices of 15 January 2015, page 7, concerning the decommissioning of PCT-EASY by the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**, was incomplete. The Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format as from 1 June 2015, 17:00.

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Belarusian rouble (BYR)** and **US dollar (USD)**¹, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD	50
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	BYR	365,000 per copy, up to 35 pages

¹ For residents of Belarus, payment shall be effected in BYR, where appropriate in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment. Fees are reduced by 75% for filings by natural persons, and waived in respect of certain other persons (please refer to the Office for details).

For non-residents of Belarus, payment shall be effected in USD, where appropriate in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment.

BYR 185,000 for each additional copy,
provided that the copies
are prepared
simultaneously, plus

BYR 6,000 additionally, per page
in excess of 35

Fee for requesting restoration
of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):

USD 40

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified the following national fee for utility models, in **US dollar (USD)**², payable to it as designated (or elected) Office:

Claim fee for each dependent
claim in excess of 10:

USD 25

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BY), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified that national fees are reduced by 70% where the applicant is the inventor, a higher educational institution or an independent scientific research unit, and by 90% where the applicant is a student, pupil or retiree, with effect since 19 December 2014.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² For residents of Belarus, payment shall be effected in BYR in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment. The fee is reduced by 75% for filings by natural persons, and waived in respect of certain other persons (please refer to the Office for details).

For non-residents of Belarus, payment shall be effected in USD, or the equivalent amount in Swiss franc (CHF), euro (EUR) or Russian rouble (RUB) in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment. Furthermore, it shall be made by a resident of Belarus acting on their behalf or by a patent attorney registered to practice before the Office.



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IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes in its telephone number and e-mail address, as follows:

Telephone: (39-06) 47 05 58 00
E-mail: contactcenteruibm@mise.gov.it

Furthermore, the Office has notified that it now accepts evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1).

[Updating of Annex B1(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1) – in addition to Aramex, DHL, Federal Express, TNT and UPS, it will now also accept such evidence where any other registered delivery service is used.

[Updating of Annex B1(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SD Sudan

The **Attorney General's Chambers, Commercial Registrar General's Office (Sudan)** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location and telephone numbers, and has notified its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office: Registrar General of Intellectual
Property Department, Ministry of Justice
(Sudan)
Location: El Mogran Area
El Gumhoria Street
Khartoum
Sudan
Telephone: (249-91) 223 0760, (249-18) 374 2358
E-mail: adilhilal2001@yahoo.com
Internet: www.ipsudan.gov.sd

Furthermore, the Office has notified that it now accepts evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1).

[Updating of Annex B1(SD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2015, is SGD 2,290.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2015, are USD 127 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 525 for searches carried out in English.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2015, are CHF 121 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 502 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2015, are CHF 212 and CHF 339 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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HU Hungary

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 14 May 2015, the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 June 2015, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: sztnh@hipo.gov.hu

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.hipo.gov.hu).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

TR Turkey

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 15 May 2015, the **Turkish Patent Institute**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 June 2015, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: epct-info@tpe.gov.tr

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.tpe.gov.tr).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the fee for validating in Morocco a European patent granted on the basis of an international application filed on or after 1 March 2015, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee, applicable since 1 March 2015, is EUR 240.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2015, are HUF 35,300 for searches carried out in Russian and HUF 146,400 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SD Sudan

The **Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Justice (Sudan)** has notified the deletion of the fee for the priority document payable to it as receiving Office (PCT Rule 17.1(b)).

[Updating of Annex C(SD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Turkey

Following the notification by the **Turkish Patent Institute** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 June 2015 (see above), equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CHF	200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CHF	300

[Updating of Annex C(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

SD Sudan

The **Registrar General of Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Justice (Sudan)** has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), it now accepts Arabic, in addition to English, as a language in which international applications may be filed.

[Updating of Annex C(SD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, consisting in the deletion of Sections 102*bis* and 335, are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2015.

These modifications are consequential to the decommissioning of PCT-EASY from the above date.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 July 2015 (PCT/AI/16) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_16.pdf

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

ZA South Africa

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 19 May 2015, the **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 July 2015, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: epct@cipc.co.za

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.cipc.co.za).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2015, is NOK 15,850.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HU Hungary

Following the notification by the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 1 June 2015 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 28 May 2015, pages 85 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request
being in character coded format): HUF 59,000

Electronic filing (the request,
description, claims and abstract
being in character coded format): HUF 88,400

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Kazakhstan)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 16 January 2015, is KZT 10,264.80.

[Updating of Annex C(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2015, is NOK 15,850.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2015, is NOK 15,850.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MW Malawi

The **Ministry of Justice, Department of the Registrar General (Malawi)** has notified the discontinuance of the use of its teleprinter.

[Updating of Annex B1(MW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers and its Internet address, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (1-571) 272 43 00 (PCT Help Desk)
(1-866) 217 91 97 (toll free technical support for electronic filing)
(1-571) 272 41 00 (local technical support for electronic filing)

Facsimile machine: (1-571) 273 32 01 (PCT Operations – only available for certain documents)
(1-571) 273 83 00 (USPTO Central Fax – only available for certain documents)
(1-571) 273 04 19 (PCT Help Desk)

Internet: www.uspto.gov/patents-getting-started/international-protection/international-patent-legal-administration-formerly

[Updating of Annex B1(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	1,926
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	22
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD	290
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD	434

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** as International Searching Authority has clarified the types of documents received free of charge by the applicant together with the international search report – these documents consist in a copy of each cited document that is not a US patent document or an international application publication.

The Office as International Preliminary Examining Authority has also clarified the types of documents received free of charge by the applicant together with the international preliminary examination report – these documents consist in a copy of each additional document not cited in the international search report which is not a US patent document or an international application publication.

[Updating of Annexes D and E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

Following the notification by the **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 July 2015 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 June 2015, pages 92 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR	2,510
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR	3,770

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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DECOMMISSIONING OF THE PCT-EASY SERVICE

As of 1 July 2015, it will no longer be possible to file international applications using the PCT-EASY service. From that date, any international application filed by means of the said service will be treated as a paper filing, and the fee reduction under item 4(a) of the current PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply (see also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 February 2015, pages 29 and 31, and of 4 June 2015, page 92).

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), (AP), (BA), (BE), (BG), (BN), (BR), (BW), (BZ), (CA), (CH), (CL), (CN), (CO), (CR), (CU), (CZ), (DE), (DK), (DO), (DZ), (EA), (EC), (ES), (FR), (GE), (GR), (GT), (HN), (HR), (HU), (IB), (ID), (IL), (IN), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KP), (KR), (KZ), (LT), (LV), (LY), (MD), (MK), (MN), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NZ), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (RO), (RS), (RU), (SE), (SI), (SK), (SV), (SY), (TH), (TM), (TR), (TT), (UA), (UZ), (ZA) and (ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 July 2015, consists of the addition of the United States of America to the States indicated in items (i), (ii) and (iii)(b) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and United States of America;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and United States of America;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [no change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

- (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore, Malaysia, Indonesia and United States of America:
English;
- (c) [no change]"

ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT: MODIFICATIONS TO APPENDIX I OF ANNEX F

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), and as a result of the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 (Expedited consideration of change proposals) of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, modifications to section 3.6 (Fee sheet) of Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2015.

These modifications are intended to address the requirements for an additional means of payment of fees. Due to their highly technical content, they are not reproduced here.

The consolidated text of Appendix I as in force from 1 July 2015 (PCT/AI/DTD/11) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/july_2015/ai_dtd.pdf²

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CZ Czech Republic

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 June 2015, the **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 July 2015, as follows:

² The consolidated text also includes, as a result of the same procedure as described above, modifications (equally of a highly technical content) to section 5.1 (Demand form) of Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, effective since 1 January 2015. These modifications were intended to address the requirements for rendering the current version of the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) by the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: helpdesk@upv.cz

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.upv.cz/).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

DZ Algeria

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 June 2015, the **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 July 2015, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

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The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

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As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

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The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: e-pct@inapi.dz

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

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As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.inapi.dz).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CZ Czech Republic

Following the notification by the **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 July 2015 (see above), equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	EUR	191
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	EUR	287

[Updating of Annex C(CZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DZ Algeria

Following the notification by the **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 July 2015 (see above), the amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** of the reductions applicable under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will, with effect from the same date, be as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	CHF	200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	CHF	300

[Updating of Annex C(DZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Israel Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the

USPTO, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for certain international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 July 2015.

The Japan Patent Office will act as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the USPTO insofar as the following conditions are met:

- the international application is submitted in English;
- the claims of the international application are directed to the field of green technology as defined by the International Patent Classification classes reproduced hereafter, on pages 108 to 114; and
- the Japan Patent Office has not received more than 5,000 international applications from the USPTO during the three-year period from 1 July 2015 to 30 June 2018, not more than 300 applications per quarter during the first year, and not more than 475 applications per quarter during the second and third years.

Furthermore, the Japan Patent Office will act as an International Preliminary Examining Authority only where it has acted as an International Searching Authority.

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

The Green Technology Classifications

A. ALTERNATIVE ENERGY PRODUCTION

DESCRIPTION	IPC
Agricultural waste	C10L5/40
Biofuel	C10L5/00 C10L5/40
Chemical waste	B09B3/00 F23D3/00 F23D5/00 F23D7/00 F23D9/00 F23D11/00 F23D14/00 F23G5/00 F23G7/00 F23G7/04
For domestic hot water systems	F24J2/02 F24J2/04 F24J2/10 F24J2/22 F24J2/24 F24J2/26 F24J2/30 F24J2/32 F24J2/44 F24J2/46 F24J2/48 F24J2/50
For passive space heating	E04D13/18 E04H14/00
For swimming pools	F24J2/42
Fuel cell	H01M8/00
Fuel from animal waste and crop residues	C10L5/00
Gasification	B09B1/00 C01B3/36 C02F3/28 C10J3/46 C10J3/54 C12M1/107
Genetically engineered organism	C12N1/00 C12N1/12 C12N1/20 C12N5/00 C12N5/02 C12N5/04 C12N5/07 C12N5/071 C12N5/10 C12N5/16
Geothermal	F01K27/00 F03G7/00
Harnessing energy from man-made waste	F23D14/00 F23G7/08 F23J15/00
Hospital waste	B09B3/00 F23D3/00 F23D5/00 F23D7/00 F23D9/00 F23D11/00 F23D14/00 F23G5/00 F23G7/00 F23G7/04
Hydroelectric	E02B9/00 E02B9/08 F01B25/00 F01D17/00 F03B13/18 F03B13/20 F03B13/26 F03B15/00 F03B17/02 F04D27/00
Industrial waste	B09B3/00 F23D3/00 F23D5/00 F23D7/00 F23D9/00 F23D11/00 F23D14/00 F23G5/00 F23G7/00 F23G7/04
Industrial waste anaerobic digestion	C02F3/30
Industrial wood waste	C10L5/00 C10L5/40
Inertial (e.g., turbine)	F02N11/04 F03B13/00 F03B13/18 F03B13/20 F03B13/26 F03B17/02 H02P9/04
Landfill gas	F23D14/00 F23G7/08 F23J15/00
Municipal waste	C10L5/46

Official Notices (PCT Gazette) – 25 June 2015

Nuclear power—induced nuclear reactions: processes, systems, and elements	A61N5/10 C01B3/06 E21B43/24 E21B43/263 F01K3/18 F24J3/08 G01T3/00 G01V5/10 G21B1/00 G21B1/03 G21B1/13 G21B1/25 G21C1/01 G21C1/02 G21C1/04 G21C1/22 G21C1/24 G21C3/00 G21C3/06 G21C3/10 G21C3/22 G21C3/30 G21C3/32 G21C3/34 G21C3/36 G21C3/40 G21C3/56 G21C5/00 G21C7/00 G21C7/02 G21C7/06 G21C7/30 G21C7/32 G21C7/36 G21C9/00 G21C13/00 G21C15/00 G21C17/00 G21C19/00 G21C19/28 G21C19/42 G21C23/00 G21D5/02 G21D7/00 G21G1/00 G21G1/02 G21G1/06 G21G1/10 G21G1/12 H05H1/02 H05H1/12 H05H1/14 H05H1/16 H05H1/18 H05H1/22 H05H1/24 H05H3/06 H05H6/00
Nuclear power—reaction motor with electric, nuclear, or radiated energy fluid heating means	F03H1/00
Nuclear power—heating motive fluid by nuclear energy, Photovoltaic	G21D5/00 H01L25/00 H01L31/00 H01L31/042 H02N6/00
Refuse-derived fuel	C10L5/46
Solar cells	H01L21/00
Solar energy	B60K16/00 B60L8/00 E04D13/18 F01K27/00 F03G6/00 F03G7/00 F03G7/04 F03G7/06 F24J2/00 F24J2/02 F24J2/04 F24J2/08 F24J2/10 F24J2/12 F24J2/16 F24J2/18 F24J2/22 F24J2/24 F24J2/26 F24J2/30 F24J2/32 F24J2/34 F24J2/36 F24J2/38 F24J2/40 F24J2/42 F24J2/44 F24J2/46 F24J2/48 F24J2/50
Solar thermal energy	B60K16/00 B60L8/00 E04D13/18 F01K27/00 F03G6/00 F03G7/00 F03G7/04 F03G7/06 F24J2/00 F24J2/02 F24J2/04 F24J2/08 F24J2/10 F24J2/12 F24J2/16 F24J2/18 F24J2/22 F24J2/24 F24J2/26 F24J2/30 F24J2/32 F24J2/34 F24J2/36 F24J2/38 F24J2/40 F24J2/42 F24J2/44 F24J2/46 F24J2/48 F24J2/50
Water level (e.g., wave or tide)	E02B9/00 E02B9/08 F03B13/18 F03B13/20 F03B13/26 F03B17/02
Wind	F03B15/06 F03D7/00 F03D9/00 H02J7/00 H02J9/00 H02P9/04 H04B3/00 H04B15/00

B. ENERGY CONSERVATION

DESCRIPTION	IPC
Alternative-power vehicle (e.g., hydrogen)	A63G25/00 B60K8/00 B60K16/00 B60L8/00 B60L9/00
Cathode ray tube circuits	G05F1/00 H05B37/02 H05B39/04 H05B41/36
Commuting, e.g., HOV, teleworking	G07B15/00 G07B15/02
Drag reduction	B60J1/00 B60J7/00 B60J9/00 B60K37/00 B60N2/00 B60N3/00 B61D17/00 B62D35/00 B62D37/02
Electric lamp and discharge devices	H01J1/62 H01J11/00 H01J17/00 H01J17/02 H01J17/04 H01J17/06 H01J17/16 H01J17/18 H01J17/20 H01J17/30 H01J17/42 H01J17/44 H01J17/46 H01J17/48 H01J17/49 H01J17/50 H01J17/54 H01J61/00 H01J61/02 H01J61/04 H01J61/06 H01J61/09 H01J61/12 H01J61/16 H01J61/18 H01J61/20 H01J61/28 H01J61/30 H01J61/35 H01J61/36 H01J61/54 H01J61/64 H01J63/04 H01J65/00 H01K1/00 H01K1/50
Electric vehicle	B60K1/00 B60K6/20 B60L9/00 B60L11/00 B62J6/08 B62J6/12 B65D5/50 G04C13/11 G05D1/00 G05D3/00 G06F7/00 G06F17/00 G09B23/18 G09B25/02 G21D7/02 G21H1/00 H01L41/00 H01R39/00 H01R39/04 H01R39/06 H01R39/08 H01R39/18 H01R39/20 H01R39/24 H01R39/26 H01R39/32 H01R39/36 H01R39/38 H01R39/40 H01R39/42 H01R39/44 H01R39/46 H01R39/52 H01R39/56 H02K1/00 H02K1/02 H02K1/04 H02K1/06 H02K1/10 H02K1/12 H02K1/14 H02K1/16 H02K1/18 H02K1/20 H02K1/22 H02K1/24 H02K1/26 H02K1/28 H02K1/30 H02K1/32 H02K3/00 H02K3/04 H02K3/14 H02K3/16 H02K3/20 H02K3/24 H02K3/34 H02K3/38 H02K3/40 H02K3/46 H02K3/48 H02K5/00 H02K5/10 H02K5/12 H02K5/14 H02K5/16 H02K5/18 H02K5/20 H02K5/24 H02K7/00 H02K7/02 H02K7/06 H02K7/08 H02K7/09 H02K7/10 H02K7/14 H02K7/16 H02K7/18 H02K7/20 H02K9/00 H02K9/02 H02K9/06 H02K9/08 H02K9/20 H02K9/26 H02K9/28 H02K11/00 H02K11/04 H02K13/00 H02K13/02 H02K13/04 H02K13/12 H02K13/14 H02K15/12 H02K16/00 H02K16/02 H02K17/00 H02K17/10 H02K17/16 H02K17/22 H02K17/28 H02K17/30 H02K17/42 H02K17/44 H02K19/00 H02K19/12 H02K19/14 H02K19/20 H02K19/24 H02K19/26 H02K19/36 H02K19/38 H02K21/00 H02K21/04 H02K21/10 H02K21/12 H02K21/22 H02K21/26 H02K21/38 H02K23/00 H02K23/02 H02K23/04 H02K23/18 H02K23/20 H02K23/22 H02K23/24 H02K23/26 H02K23/28 H02K23/30 H02K23/32 H02K23/36 H02K23/40 H02K23/42 H02K23/44 H02K23/46 H02K23/50 H02K23/60 H02K23/64 H02K23/66 H02K27/00 H02K27/02 H02K27/04 H02K27/06 H02K27/10 H02K27/16 H02K27/22 H02K27/24 H02K29/00 H02K31/00 H02K33/00 H02K33/04 H02K33/10 H02K33/14 H02K35/00 H02K37/00 H02K37/02 H02K37/10 H02K37/24 H02K39/00 H02K41/00 H02K41/02 H02K41/03 H02K44/00 H02K47/00 H02K47/08 H02K47/18 H02K47/22 H02K47/28 H02K47/30 H02K49/00 H02K49/02 H02K51/00 H02N1/00 H02N1/04 H02N2/00 H02N3/00 H02N10/00 H02N11/00 H02P15/00
Emission trading, e.g., pollution credits	G06Q40/00

Energy storage or distribution	G05D3/12 G05D5/00 G05D9/00 G05D11/00 G05D17/00 G06F1/00 G06F1/26 G06F1/32 G06F11/30 H02J3/14
Fuel cell-powered vehicles	B60K1/00 B60K6/20 B60K16/00 B60L8/00
Human-powered vehicle	A61G5/10 A61H3/04 A63G25/00 A63G27/00 A63G29/00 A63H33/28 B62B5/06 B62H1/02 B62H1/04 B62H1/06 B62H1/08 B62H5/00 B62H7/00 B62J1/28 B62J7/00 B62J9/00 B62J11/00 B62J11/02 B62J25/00 B62J27/00 B62K1/00 B62K3/00 B62K5/00 B62K7/00 B62K9/00 B62K11/00 B62K13/00 B62K13/06 B62K15/00 B62K17/00 B62K21/00 B62K27/00 B62K27/12 B62L1/00 B62M1/00 B62M1/02 B62M1/04 B62M1/08 B62M1/10 B62M1/14 B62M3/00 B62M5/00 B62M6/00 B62M6/10 B62M6/15 B62M6/20 B62M6/25 B62M6/30 B62M6/35 B62M7/00 B62M9/00 B62M9/04 B62M11/00 B62M13/00 B62M15/00 B62M25/00 B62M27/00 B62M29/00
Hybrid-powered vehicle	B60K6/20 B60K6/42 B60K6/44 B60K6/442 B60K6/445 B60K6/448 B60K6/46 B60K6/48 B60K6/485 B60W10/00 B60W10/04 B60W10/06 B60W10/24 B60W10/30 B60W20/00 F02B37/12 F02M25/08 F02P7/00 F02P17/00 G01F1/32 G01F1/68 G01F9/00 G01F9/02 G01J5/34 G01L1/24 G01L3/00 G01L3/02 G01L3/26 G01L5/13 G01L5/14 G01L5/26 G01L5/28 G01L23/22 G01M9/00 G01M13/02 G01M15/00 G01M17/00 G01M17/04 G01M17/06 G01N15/00 G01N33/22
Incoherent light emitter structure	H01L27/15 H01L29/16 H01L29/18 H01L29/20 H01L29/201 H01L29/207 H01L29/26 H01L31/12 H01L33/00
Land vehicle	B60K1/00 B60K6/20 B60K6/42 B60K6/44 B60K6/442 B60K6/445 B60K6/448 B60K6/46 B60K6/48 B60K6/485 B60K16/00 B60L8/00 B60W10/00 B60W10/04 B60W10/06 B60W10/24 B60W10/30 B60W20/00 B61C3/00
Optical systems and elements	G02B17/00 G02B27/00
Roadway, e.g., recycled surface, all-weather bikeways	E01C3/00 E01C5/00 E01C5/08 E01C5/10 E01C5/14 E01C5/16 E01C5/18 E01C5/22 E01C9/08 E01C9/10
Static structures	A47G1/00 E04B1/74 E04B2/00 E04C1/00 E04C2/32 E04C2/34 E04C2/36 E04C2/54
Thermal	G01K1/00 G01K1/08 G01K3/00 G01K5/00 G01K7/00 G01K7/16 G01K9/00 G01K11/00 G01K11/30 G01K13/00 G01K17/00
Transportation	H01H47/00 H02H7/00 H02H7/06 H02H9/00 H05F3/00
Watercraft drive (electric powered)	B60L11/00 B60L15/20 B63H21/17
Watercraft drive (human powered)	B63H16/00 B63H16/02 B63H16/08 B63H16/16 B63H16/18 B63H16/20
Wave-powered boat motors	B63H19/02
Wind-powered boat motors	B63H9/00 B63H13/00
Wind-powered ships	B63H9/04

C. ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY FARMING

DESCRIPTION	IPC
Alternative irrigation technique	E02B11/00 E02B13/00 E02B13/02
Animal waste disposal or recycling	C02F3/00 C05B15/00 C05B17/00 C05C9/00 C05D9/02 C05F1/00 C05F3/00 C05F5/00 C05F7/00 C05F9/00 C05F11/00 C05F11/02
Fertilizer alternative, e.g., composting	C05B15/00 C05B17/00 C05C9/00 C05D9/02 C05F1/00 C05F3/00 C05F5/00 C05F7/00 C05F9/00 C05F11/00 C05F11/02 C05F11/08
Pollution abatement, soil conservation	E02B3/04
Water conservation	F16K17/36 F16K31/00 G05B11/00 G05D11/00
Yield enhancement	A01H3/04 A01H5/02 A01N3/02 A01N25/00 A01N25/02 A01N25/04 A01N25/10 A01N25/12 A01N25/16 A01N25/26 A01N25/28 A01N25/32 A01N27/00 A01N29/00 A01N31/00 A01N31/02 A01N31/14 A01N33/00 A01N33/02 A01N33/16 A01N33/18 A01N33/26 A01N35/00 A01N35/10 A01N37/00 A01N37/10 A01N37/18 A01N37/22 A01N37/34 A01N37/36 A01N37/38 A01N37/44 A01N39/02 A01N41/00 A01N41/02 A01N41/06 A01N41/10 A01N41/12 A01N43/00 A01N43/02 A01N43/08 A01N43/10 A01N43/16 A01N43/26 A01N43/32 A01N43/34 A01N43/36 A01N43/40 A01N43/42 A01N43/46 A01N43/48 A01N43/50 A01N43/52 A01N43/54 A01N43/56 A01N43/58 A01N43/60 A01N43/64 A01N43/647 A01N43/653 A01N43/66 A01N43/68 A01N43/707 A01N43/72 A01N43/76 A01N43/78 A01N43/80 A01N43/82 A01N43/84 A01N43/90 A01N47/06 A01N47/10 A01N47/20 A01N47/24 A01N47/28 A01N47/34 A01N47/36 A01N47/40 A01N47/46 A01N47/48 A01N51/00 A01N55/02 A01N55/04 A01N55/08 A01N57/00 A01N57/18 A01N57/26 A01N59/00 A01N59/02 A01N59/04 A01N59/06 A01N59/14 A01N59/16 A01N59/24 A01N59/26 A01N63/00 A01N65/00 A61L9/01 C05F7/00

D. ENVIRONMENTAL PURIFICATION, PROTECTION, OR REMEDIATION

DESCRIPTION	IPC
Biodegradable	B65D30/02 C08K5/00 C08K5/56 C08K11/00 D06P1/52
Bio-hazard, Disease (permanent containment of malicious virus, bacteria, prion)	B09B1/00 B09B3/00 B09B5/00
Bio-hazard, Disease (destruction of malicious virus, bacteria, prion)	A62D3/00
Carbon capture or sequestration	B01D11/04 B01D53/02 B01D53/04 B01D53/14 B01D53/48 B01D53/52 B01D53/56 B09B1/00 B09B3/00 B09B5/00 B09C1/00 B65D90/24 B65F5/00 B65G5/00 C01B17/16 C01B31/20 E02D31/00 G21F5/00 G21F9/00
Disaster (e.g., spill, explosion, containment, or cleanup)	B09B1/00 B09B3/00 B09B5/00 B09C1/00 B65D90/24 B65F5/00 B65G5/00 E02D31/00 G21F5/00 G21F9/00
Environmentally friendly coolants, refrigerants, etc.	C09K5/00
Genetic contamination	A01M1/20 A01N25/00 A61L2/00 A61L2/04 A61L2/08 A61L2/18 A61L2/20 A61L2/24 A61L9/00 A61L11/00 B01J19/00 B08B17/00 C23F11/00 C23F11/02 C23F11/04 C23F11/06 C23F11/10 C23F11/16 C23F11/18
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Landfill	B09B5/00
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Plants and plant breeding	A01H1/00 A01H1/02 A01H1/06 A01H5/00 A01H7/00 A01H9/00 A01H11/00 A01H13/00 A01H15/00 C12N15/01 C12N15/05 C12N15/82 C12N15/87

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Recovery of excess process materials or regeneration from waste stream	B22C5/18 B29B17/00 C07C51/00 C07C51/42 C08J11/04 D21C11/00 D21F1/66
Recycling	B01D24/00 B07B13/00 B23P17/04 B23P19/04 B28C5/00 B29B17/00 B29C45/00 B29C47/00 B29C49/00 B29C73/00 B30B9/32 B32B43/00 C22B1/00 D01F13/00 H01B15/00 H02G1/12
Smokestack	F23J11/00 F23J15/00
Soil	A62D3/00 B08B5/00 B09B1/00 B09B3/00 B09B5/00 B09C1/00 B09C1/02 B09C1/04 B09C1/06 B09C1/08 B09C1/10 B65D90/24 B65F5/00 B65G5/00 E02D31/00 F23G7/14 G21F5/00 G21F9/00
Toxic material cleanup	A01N1/00 A01N1/02 C10G32/00 C12C1/15 C12C7/06 C12M1/00 C12M1/02 C12M1/09 C12M1/10 C12M1/107 C12M1/12 C12M1/14 C12M1/21 C12M1/22 C12M1/24 C12M1/26 C12M1/33 C12M1/34 C12M1/36 C12M1/38 C12M1/42 C12M3/00 C12M3/04 C12M3/06 C12M3/08 C12N1/00 C12N5/00 C12N5/02 C12N5/04 C12N5/07 C12N5/071 C12N5/10 C12N5/16 C12N15/00 C12N15/01 C12N15/02 C12N15/05 C12N15/06 C12N15/07 C12N15/08 C12N15/74 C12N15/75 C12N15/76 C12N15/77 C12N15/82 C12N15/86 C12N15/87 C12N15/88
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IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2015, are CHF 145 for a person other than an individual and CHF 36 for an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2015, is CHF 523.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2015, are NZD 2,970 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, NZD 1,490 for a small entity and NZD 740 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

QA Qatar

The **Intellectual Property Center (Qatar)** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)
Location and mailing address:	Ministry of Economy and Commerce P.O. Box 1968 Doha Qatar
Telephone:	(974) 4012 2796
Facsimile machine:	(974) 4429 4338
E-mail:	kjalhitmi@mec.gov.qa

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Qatar is designated (or elected) – these data must now be in the request; if they are missing at the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of six months from the date of the invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(QA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SV El Salvador

The **National Center of Registries (El Salvador)** has notified changes in its e-mail address. The new e-mail addresses are as follows:

propiedadintelectual@cnr.gob.sv
omc_es@minec.gob.sv

[Updating of Annex B1(SV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

MX Mexico

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 12 June 2015, the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect since 1 July 2015, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: epct-info@impi.gob.mx

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.impi.gob.mx).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

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MX Mexico

Following the notification by the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 1 July 2015 (see above), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	208
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	312

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

QA Qatar

Information on the requirements of the **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)** as receiving Office is given in Annex C(QA), which is published on the following page.

C **C**
Receiving Offices
QA INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT QA
(QATAR)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Qatar
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic or English ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic or English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Egyptian Patent Office, European Patent Office ² or United States Patent and Trademark Office ²
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Qatari riyal (QAR)
Transmittal fee:	QAR 400
International filing fee:	Equivalent in QAR of US dollars 1,384
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	Equivalent in QAR of US dollars 16
Search fee:	See Annex D(EG), (EP) or (US)
Fee for priority document:	QAR 600
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	QAR 2,000
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Qatar Yes, if the applicant is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Qatar, any patent attorney holding a license to practice and registered before the Office or any natural or legal person resident in Qatar
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² The Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.



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IR Islamic Republic of Iran

General information on the **Islamic Republic of Iran** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(IR), which is published on pages 126 and 127.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2015, is NZD 3,068.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	178,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	2,000
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	JPY	40,200

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 September 2015, is JPY 26,800.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2015, are NZD 596 for searches carried out in Korean and NZD 1,722 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2015, are EUR 108 for searches carried out in Russian and EUR 448 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

IR

General information

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)
Location and mailing address:	Fayazbakhsh Str., Imam Khomeini Sq., Tehran 1114678511, Islamic Republic of Iran
Telephone:	(98-21) 6674 1035
Facsimile machine:	(98-21) 6670 0867
E-mail:	irpct@ssaa.ir
Internet:	http://iripo.ssaa.ir/
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran:	Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Islamic Republic of Iran is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)
May the Islamic Republic of Iran be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of the Islamic Republic of Iran concerning international-type search:	None

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Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if the Islamic Republic of Iran is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if the Islamic Republic of Iran is
designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished within the time limit
applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2015, is NZD 2,468.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	2,111
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	24
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	NZD	317
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	NZD	476

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2015, are CHF 109 for searches carried out in Russian and CHF 453 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 October 2015, are CHF 191 and CHF 306 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Dominican Republic with the National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 14 July 2015.

[Updating of Annex C(DO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

Information on the requirements of the **Intellectual Property Center (Islamic Republic of Iran)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (IR), which is published on pages 131 and 132.

SUMMARY

**Designated
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SUMMARY

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**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CENTER
(ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN)**

IR

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Farsi
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	The applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he/she has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).
National fee: ¹	Currency: Iranian rial (IRR) or equivalent in euro (EUR) or US dollar (USD) ² Filing fee: IRR 100,000 (10,000) ³
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	Reductions of the national fee are indicated above and in Annex IR.I.
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{4, 5} Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{4, 5} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) ⁴ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not a resident of the Islamic Republic of Iran ⁴ Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) ⁴ Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² For non-residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran, payment should be effected in euro or US dollar.

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a natural person.

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of 60 days from the date of receipt of the invitation.

⁵ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CENTER
(ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN)**

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Who can act as agent?

Any agent authorized to practice before the Office

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49^{ter}.2)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2015, is USD 1,622.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified changes in the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2015. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

For a patent:

Basic fee:	EUR	225	56 ¹
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	EUR	12.78	
Additional fee for late furnishing of the translation or copy:	EUR	32	
Annual fees for the first three years:	EUR	116	

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	EUR	105	26 ¹
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2015, are USD 389 for searches carried out in Korean and USD 1,125 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This amount is applicable where all applicants are natural persons.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

SG Singapore

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the above-mentioned Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, as well as an Authority specified for supplementary search, with effect from 1 September 2015.

The Agreement, which is set out on pages 139 to 145, will enter into force on that date.

Pursuant to the decision of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its forty-sixth (27th extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from 22 to 30 September 2014, to appoint the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority², that appointment will also have effect from 1 September 2015.

Further information on the requirements of the Office as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority is given in Annexes D(SG), SISA(SG) and E(SG), which are published on pages 146 to 151.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

QA Qatar

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 27 July 2015, the **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 September 2015, as follows:

¹ The Agreement will soon be available on the WIPO website at:
www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_sg.pdf.

² See the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 12 February 2015, page 28.

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: amalsaadi@mec.gov.qa

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.mec.gov.qa).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

QA Qatar

Following the notification by the **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 September 2015 (see above), the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable from the same date. The amounts of these reductions will be the equivalent amounts in **Qatari riyal (QAR)** of 208 and 312 US dollars (USD), respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(QA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Agreement between the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Intellectual Property Office of Singapore and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) "Treaty" means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) "Regulations" means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) "Administrative Instructions" means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;

- (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
- (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
- (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
- (g) “the Authority” means the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore;
- (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis*, covering at least the documentation referred to in Annex E to this Agreement, subject to any limitations and conditions set out in that Annex.

Article 4 **Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined**

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5 **Fees and Charges**

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6 Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7 Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8 International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement in writing between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement in writing between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications and information concerning supplementary international searches contained in Annex E to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the Authority gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Authority written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this 30th day of July two thousand and fifteen, in two originals in the English language.

For the Intellectual Property Office of
Singapore by:

[signature]

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

[signature]

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
Singapore; and
any State that the Authority will specify;
- (ii) the following language which it will accept:
English.

**Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination**

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined in Singaporean national applications.

**Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Singapore dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,240
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,240
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	2,240
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	830
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	830
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	650
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	650
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 45 <i>bis</i> .7(c), 71.2(b) and 94.2)	30

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from the results of an earlier search, 25% to 75% of the search fee shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which the Authority assesses it has benefitted from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) Where the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted before the start of the supplementary international search, the amount of the supplementary search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:
English.

Annex E Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translated into, English or Chinese.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover, in addition to the PCT minimum documentation, at least the documents in English and Chinese held in the search collection of the Authority.

(3) The Authority will notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been reestablished.

D **International Searching Authorities** **D**
SG **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **SG**
OF SINGAPORE¹

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ²	Singapore dollar (SGD)	2,240
	Euro (EUR)	1,487
	Swiss franc (CHF)	1,571
	US dollar (USD)	1,632
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Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ³	SGD	2,240
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Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	SGD	30 per document
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Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 25% to 75%, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from earlier search</p>	
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Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	SGD	650
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Language accepted for international search:	English	
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Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes	
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-R, DVD-R	
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Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of subject matter which is searched in Singaporean national applications	

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¹ As from 1 September 2015.

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

D **International Searching Authorities** **D**
SG **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **SG**
OF SINGAPORE⁴

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted? Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted? Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

⁴ See footnote 1.

⁵ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

SISA International Searching Authorities SISA
(Supplementary Search)
SG INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE SG
OF SINGAPORE¹

Fees payable to the International Bureau: ²	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ³	CHF 1,571
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):	CHF 200
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	CHF 100
Fees payable to the Authority:	Currency: Singapore dollar (SGD)
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	SGD 650
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	SGD 30 per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100%</p> <p>The Authority shall refund this fee where work has not yet started and the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%</p>
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	English, Chinese
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of subject matter which is searched in Singaporean national applications
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	In addition to PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include at least the documents in English and Chinese held in its search collection
Limitations on supplementary international search:	The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search exceeds available resources

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¹ As from 1 September 2015.

² For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO website at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

³ This fee is fixed by the Authority in Singapore dollar and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the Singapore dollar and the Swiss franc.

SISA **International Searching Authorities** **SISA**
(Supplementary Search)

SG **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **SG**
OF SINGAPORE⁴

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Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rules 13*ter*.1 and 45*bis*.5(c))?

Yes

Types of electronic carrier required:

CD-R, DVD-R

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁵

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

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⁴ See footnote 1.

⁵ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

E **International Preliminary** **E**
Examining Authorities
SG **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **SG**
OF SINGAPORE¹

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	Singapore dollar (SGD)	830
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ³	SGD	830
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁴	SGD	285
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	SGD	30 per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	SGD	30 per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	SGD	650
Language accepted for international preliminary examination:	English	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of subject matter which is examined in Singaporean national applications	

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¹ As from 1 September 2015.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)).

E **International Preliminary** **E**
Examining Authorities
SG **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **SG**
OF SINGAPORE⁵

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted? Yes⁶

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required: Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

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⁵ See footnote 1.

⁶ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified changes in its e-mail addresses. As from 31 August 2015, these addresses will be as follows:

pct@ipos.gov.sg (for enquiries relating to specific international applications)
ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg (for general enquiries)

[Updating of Annex B1(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

DK Denmark

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 35/2005, of 1 September 2005, pages 22816 *et seq.*, and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 June 2008, page 90, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect from 1 September 2015. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notifications:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing
- EPO online filing software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: pvs@dkpto.dk

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.dkpto.org).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2015, are CHF 473, EUR 437 and USD 484 when filing online, and CHF 708, EUR 654 and USD 725 when filing on paper.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2015, are USD 106 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 440 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has specified itself, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Singapore with the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 September 2015, the date on which the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 51BIS.3(C)

KR Republic of Korea

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 51*bis*.3(c) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, of 1 February 2001, page 2026), the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 1 January 2015. PCT Rule 51*bis*.3(a) therefore applies since that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

MX Mexico

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect since 25 August 2015, as follows:

Colección de Microorganismos del CNRG (CM-CNRG)
Boulevard de la Biodiversidad No. 400
Col. Rancho las Cruces
Tepatitlán de Morelos, Jalisco, C.P. 47600
Mexico

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

QA Qatar

Information on the requirements of the **Intellectual Property Department (Qatar)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (QA), which is published on the following page.

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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QA

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CENTER
(QATAR)**

QA

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) at a time when the applicant has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20.
National fee: ¹	Currency: Qatar riyal (QAR) Filing fee: 2,000 ² 1,000 ³ 0 ⁴
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	Reductions of the national fee are indicated above
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis): ⁵	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ⁶ Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not a resident of Qatar Instrument of assignment of the international application if the applicant has changed after the international filing date Translation of the international application to be furnished in two copies, one on paper and one in electronic form ⁷

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The applicant may still furnish the translation within six months after the expiration of the applicable time limit.

² This amount is applicable in case of filing by a company, or an educational or research institution.

³ This amount is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

⁴ No fee is due in case of filing by a student.

⁵ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of six months from the date of the invitation.

⁶ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁷ Must be furnished within six months from the date of the invitation by the Office.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

QA

**INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CENTER
(QATAR)**

QA

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Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer registered in Qatar

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49^{ter}.2)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests



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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2015, is ZAR 26,610.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2015, are NOK 17,070 and ZAR 26,770, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	867
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	10
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP	130
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP	196

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2015, are CHF 102, EUR 82 and HUF 28,800 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 422, EUR 341 and HUF 119,600 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2015, are NZD 3,140 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, NZD 1,570 for a small entity and NZD 790 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1) – in addition to Chronopost, DHL, Federal Express, Flexpress, SkyNet, TNT or UPS, it will now also accept such evidence where Transworld is used.

[Updating of Annex B2(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (82-42) 481 52 54 (ISA, IPEA)

Facsimile machine: (82-42) 481 85 78 (ISA, IPEA)

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2015, are CHF 178 and CHF 285 (the latter amount applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment)).

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2015, is KRW 2,504,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Indian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2015, are USD 150 for a person other than an individual and USD 37 for an individual.

[Updating of Annex D(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 176,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 2,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ISK 26,500
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ISK 39,700

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2015, are EUR 335 for searches carried out in Korean and EUR 968 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2015, are USD 106 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 440 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2015, are ZAR 29,060 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 14,530 for a small entity and ZAR 7,260 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2015, is SGD 2,980.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2015, are KRW 690,000 and SGD 820, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2015, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	18,550
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	210
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	ZAR	2,790
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	ZAR	4,190

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Mexico with the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, or with the International Bureau, with effect since 1 September 2015.

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VN Viet Nam

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam)** has specified the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Viet Nam with the National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 1 September 2015.

[Updating of Annex C(VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 1 October 2015, consists of the addition of Brunei Darussalam to the States indicated in items (i), (ii) and (iii)(b) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [no change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:
English;
 - (c) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MT Malta

The Internet address of the **Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Department, Ministry for the Economy, Investment and Small Business (Malta)** has changed and is now as follows:

www.commerce.gov.mt

[Updating of Annex B1(MT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CY Cyprus

The **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 April 2015, is EUR 191.

[Updating of Annex C(CY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BrulPO)** has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam with the Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BrulPO), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 1 October 2015.

[Updating of Annex C(BN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified an additional type of protection available via the PCT – from 1 November 2015, it will be possible to validate European patents in the Republic of Moldova for international applications filed on or after that date.¹

[Updating of Annex B1(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NA Namibia

The **Registration of Companies, Close Corporations and Industrial Property Rights Office (Namibia)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(264-61) 299 4400 (264-61) 283 7285 (264-61) 283 7260
Facsimile machine:	(264-61) 401 061
E-mail:	andima@bipa.na kaundu@mti.gov.na naphtali@mti.gov.na

[Updating of Annex B1(NA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the fee for validating in the Republic of Moldova a European patent granted on the basis of an international application filed on or after 1 November 2015, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee, applicable from 1 November 2015, is EUR 200.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For further information, see:
<http://www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/information-epo/archive/20151009.html>



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified a change in its telephone number, which is now as follows:

(511) 224 78 00 (ext. 3801)

The Office has also notified the discontinuance of the use of its facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(PE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

PL Poland

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 05/2006, of 2 February 2006, pages 3180 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect since 1 November 2015. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5, and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing
- *epoline*® software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2, and Appendix III, section 2(i))
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. It may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: eolfsupport@uprp.pl

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of online filing systems on its website (www.uprp.pl).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified changes in the telephone number of the Office as well as its e-mail address, as follows:

Telephone: (421-48) 484 300 131

E-mail: podatelna@indprop.gov.sk

[Updating of Annex B1(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified a change concerning the number of copies on paper required by it - one copy must be filed instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS: NOTIFICATION BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES AND BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH) OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

AT Austria

Under Section 513(f) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Austrian Patent Office** as International Searching Authority and as Authority specified for supplementary search has notified a change in the types of electronic medium which it requires for the furnishing in electronic form of sequence listings, which are now as follows: CD-ROM and DVD.

[Updating of Annexes D(AT) and SISA (AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CO Colombia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 03 November 2015, the **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1 (d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 10 November 2015, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

– by e-mail at: epct-info@sic.gov.co

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.sic.gov.co).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

– WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services. ”

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AZ Azerbaijan

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On 17 November 2015, the **State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 December 2015, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

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As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

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As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

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As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: azpatent@azstand.gov.az

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

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As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

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The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.azstand.gov.az).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-seventh (20th ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 5 to 14 October 2015, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2016, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on page 192.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2016, as indicated in the table published on pages 193 to 195.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss franc for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2016, as indicated in the table published on page 196.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BE), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (GT), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MC), (MD), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (QA), (RO), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM) and (ZW),

all Annexes D,

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Annexes E(AT), (AU), (CA), (CL), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (IL), (IN), (JP), (KR), (RU), (SE), (SG), (US) and (XN).]

AZ Azerbaijan

Following the notification by the **State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 December 2015 (see above), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request being in character coded format):	USD	208
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format):	USD	312

[Updating of Annex C(AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CO Colombia

Following the notification by the **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** as receiving Office that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 10 November 2015 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 November 2015, pages 184 *et seq.*), the reductions under sub-items 4(b) and (c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable since the same date. The amounts of these reductions are the equivalent amounts in **Colombian peso (COP)** of 200 and 300 Swiss francs (CHF), respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)

(applicable from January 1, 2016)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 05.10.15	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3	
				Item 4(a)	Item 4(b)	Item 4(c)		
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.69195546	1,848 1,922	21 22	n.a. n.a.	278 289	417 434	278 289	Current amount New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.74616290	1,799 1,782	20 20	n.a. n.a.	270 268	406 402	270 268	Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.14626278	9,480 9,090	110 100	n.a. n.a.	1,430 1,370	2,140 2,050	1,430 1,370	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1.09136192	1,273 1,219	14 14	96 92	191 183	287 275	191 183	Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.47863138	867 899	10 10	n.a. n.a.	130 135	196 203	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00349296	392,000 380,800	4,400 4,300	n.a. n.a.	59,000 57,300	88,400 85,900	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
ILS - New Israeli sheqel	0.25176704	** **	** **	** **	** **	** **	766 794	Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00769727	176,100 172,800	2,000 1,900	n.a. n.a.	26,500 26,000	39,700 39,000	n.a. n.a.	Current amount* New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.00810100	178,100 164,200	2,000 1,900	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	40,200 37,000	26,800 24,700	Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00084114	*** ***	*** ***	*** ***	*** ***	*** ***	238,000 238,000	Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.11602446	10,990 11,460	120 130	n.a. n.a.	1,650 1,720	2,480 2,590	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.63509563	2,111 2,094	24 24	n.a. n.a.	317 315	476 472	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.11691029	12,070 11,380	140 130	n.a. n.a.	1,820 1,710	2,720 2,570	1,820 1,710	Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.68762780	1,953 1,934	22 22	n.a. n.a.	294 291	441 436	285 291	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	0.97601415	1,384 1,363	16 15	104 102	208 205	312 307	208 205	Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.07173340	18,550 18,540	210 210	n.a. n.a.	2,790 2,790	4,190 4,180	n.a. n.a.	Current amount* New amount

* Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2015.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in New Israeli sheqel of the amounts in US dollar indicated above.

*** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss franc indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2016)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		ISA/CL		ISA/CN				
	EUR	1,864	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	1,685	CAD	1,600	USD	2,000	400	300	CNY	2,100
Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 05.10.15</i>															
CHF - Swiss franc	1,091,361/82	1,947	0.691955/46	1,583	0.250206/21	708 ¹	473 ¹	0.746162/90	1,183 ¹	1,922 ¹	384 ¹	288 ¹	0.153598/47	310	Current amount New amount
		2,034		1,522		632	422		1,194	1,952	390	293		323	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	0.894308/42	2,112	1.41051587	1,622	3.90063900	725	484	1.308044/34	1,284				6.354322/18	342	Current amount New amount
		2,084		1,560		647	432		1,223					330	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro			1.577214/12	1,525 ¹	4.36184978	654 ¹	437 ¹	1.462632/25	1,137 ¹	1,765 ¹	353 ¹	265 ¹	7.105291/66	297 ¹	Current amount New amount
				1,395		579	386		1,094	1,789	358	268		296	Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar															Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone															Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling															Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint															Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona															Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen															Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.000770/2	2,504,000 ²	0.0012155/9	1,882,000											Current amount New amount
		2,419,000		1,810,000											Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone															Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar			0.917827/33	2,468											Current amount New amount
				2,397											Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona															Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.630063/95	2,790	0.9937457/5	2,290											Current amount New amount
		2,960		2,210											Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.065728/33	26,610	0.103667/66	19,930											Current amount New amount
		28,360		21,220											Current amount New amount

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¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.
² Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2015.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/EG		ISA/EP		ISA/ES		ISA/FI		ISA/IL		ISA/IN		ISA/JP	
	Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate	ILS	Exch. rate	INR	Exch. rate	JPY	Exch. rate
CHF - Swiss franc	0.12465060	483 ³	1,958	1,958 ³	1,958 ³	1,958 ³	1,958 ³	0.25176704	875 ³	0.01490050	145 ³	36 ³	0.00810100	523
USD - US dollar	7.8299984	525	2,046	2,046 ³	2,046 ³	2,046 ³	2,125 ³	3.8766574	909	65.10886765	150 ^{3,4}	37 ^{3,4}	120.48063508	567
EUR - Euro	8.75536856	511	2,097	2,097	2,097	2,097 ³	2,097 ³	4.33480849	809 ³	72.80339438	142 ³	36 ³	134.71933401	577
AUD - Australian dollar		480 ³									137 ³	34 ³		522 ³
DKK - Danish krone		457 ³												520 ³
GBP - Pound sterling			13,960											Current amount
HUF - Hungarian forint			0.13401859	13,990										New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona			1.35484971	1,365										Current amount
JPY - Japanese yen			0.00320056	577,000										New amount
KRW - Korean won			0.00705290	287,000										Current amount
NOK - Norwegian krone			0.00742284	251,600										New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar				252,600									0.10383122	690,000 ⁴
SEK - Swedish krona				17,070										674,000
SGD - Singapore dollar			0.10631163	17,640										Current amount
ZAR - South African rand			0.58192944	3,068										New amount
			0.10712330	17,040										Current amount
			0.63006395	2,980										New amount
			0.06572833	26,770										820 ⁴
				28,550										825

³ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

⁴ Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2015.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/KR		ISA/RU		ISA/SE ⁵		ISA/SG		ISA/US		ISA/XN ⁶							
	Reference currency & Amount	KRW	1,300,000	450,000	RUB	28,000	6,750	SEK	17,040	SGD	2,240	USD	2,080	1,040	520	DKK	13,960	13,990
Exchange rates applicable on 05.10.15	Exch. rate				Exch. rate					Exch. rate								
CHF - Swiss franc	0.00084114	1,093	378	379	0.01508356	422	102	1,958	1,958	0.97601415	1,540	1,998	999	500	1,958	2,046	2,046	Current amount
USD - US dollar	1160.35071912	1,125	389	388	64.70713464	440	106	2,125	2,125		1,632				2,125	2,097	2,097	Current amount
EUR - Euro	1297.48383213	968.78	335.78	347	72.35438358	341	82	1,875	1,875	1.11818247	1,487	1,835	918	459	1,875	1,875	1,875	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	822.64279597	1,519	526	547		387	93	1,875	1,875		1,411	1,860	930	465				Current amount
DKK - Danish krone		1,580	547					13,960	13,960									Current amount
GBP - Pound sterling								13,990	13,990									Current amount
HUF - Hungarian forint																		Current amount
ISK - Icelandic krona					0.23157425	119,600	28,800											Current amount
JPY - Japanese yen						120,900	29,100											Current amount
KRW - Korean won								287,000	287,000									Current amount
NOK - Norwegian krone								266,000	266,000									Current amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	755.04404835	1,722	596	596				17,070	17,640	0.65070330	3,140	3,140	1,570	790	17,070	17,640	17,640	Current amount
SEK - Swedish krona	817.49778205	1,560	540	550														Current amount
SGD - Singapore dollar		1,590	550															Current amount
ZAR - South African rand										0.07349627	29,060	28,300	14,530	7,260				Current amount
																		New amount

⁵ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2016, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁶ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2016, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁷ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

⁸ Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2015.

[End of Table 2]

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2016)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU		ISA/SE		ISA/SG		ISA/XN	
	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	EUR	CHF	SEK	DKK	SGD	CHF	EUR	CHF
Reference currency & Amount	850 ¹	1,190 ²	1,700 ³	1,875	1,875	1,875	11,800	18,880 ⁵	17,040	2,240	4,000 ⁶	13,990 ⁸		
Exchange rate applicable on 05.10.15				Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate	Exch. Rate		Exch. rate				
CHF - Swiss franc	1,09136192	928	1,855	1,09136192	2,046	1,09136192	2,046	0,01508356	178	285	2,046 ⁹	0,68762780	1,540	590 ¹⁰

1 For a search of the German-language documentation.
 2 For a search of the European or North American documentation.
 3 For a full search of PCT minimum documentation.
 4 This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
 5 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
 6 For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.
 7 This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2016.
 8 This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2016.
 9 New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2016.
 10 New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2016.



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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

NO Norway

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 December 2011, pages 182 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect since 1 December 2015. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JFIF (see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing
- PCT-SAFE software
- EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 9.00 a.m. and 3.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. It may be contacted:

- by telephone at: +47 22 38 73 33
- by e-mail at: post@patentstyret.no

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.patentstyret.no).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (see www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

ePCT private services provide access to files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2016, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 92	USD 102
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR 46	USD 51
	Supplement for airmail:	
	EUR 9	USD [No change]

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 January 2016, consists of the addition of the Lao People's Democratic Republic to the States indicated in items (i), (ii) and (iii)(b) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [no change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Brunei Darussalam, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, United States of America and Viet Nam:
English;
 - (c) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IS Iceland

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Icelandic Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 February 2010, pages 46 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect from 1 January 2016. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing
- EPO online filing software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: postur@els.is

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.els.is).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

RECEIVING OFFICES

GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Guatemala with the Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala), or with the International Bureau, with effect since 18 November 2015.

[Updating of Annex C(GT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (Lao PDR)** has specified the Japan Patent Office², in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Lao People's Democratic Republic with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 1 January 2016.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that **the International Bureau will not be open for business** on 1 January 2016. This date concerns **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

² The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications filed in English (PCT Rule 12.3 does not apply).



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

DZ Algeria

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

e-pct@inapi.dz

[Updating of Annex B1(DZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FR France

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (France)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

0820 210 211 (national calls)

(33) 1 71 08 71 63 (international calls)

[Updating of Annex B1(FR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document on paper (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 10 March 2014, is BRL 200.

[Updating of Annex C(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 10 March 2014, as follows:

For a patent:	[no change]	(online)
	BRL 260	(on paper)

For a utility model:	[no change]	(online)
	BRL 260	(on paper)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FR France

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (France)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2015, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	62
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Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	156
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[Updating of Annex C(FR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2015, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	20.82
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Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	41.63
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Fee for requesting restoration of the
right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):

- where the request is filed online: EUR 156.12
- where the request is filed on paper: EUR 312.25

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 July 2015, as follows:

For a patent:	EUR 52.04	(online)
	EUR 104.08	(on paper)

For a utility model:	EUR 52.04	(online)
	EUR 104.08	(on paper)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified changes in the examination fee components of the national fee, in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 15 September 2011, as follows:

- for one invention: [no change]
- for each invention in excess of one (but not more than 10): [no change]
- for each invention in excess of 10: RUB 3,400

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 January 2014. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	583.65
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	583.65
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2014, are EUR 74.25 and EUR 29.69, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2014, are EUR 583.65 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2014, are ILS 556 and ILS 88, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 1 January 2014, is ILS 2,037.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2014, is KRW 716,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified new amounts of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 18 December 2013, are as follows:

For other than a small or micro entity:	USD 1,700
For a small entity:	USD 850
For a micro entity:	USD 850

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

GB United Kingdom

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **National Collection of Type Cultures (NCTC)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new address details are as follows:

National Collection of Type Cultures (NCTC)
Culture Collections
Public Health England
Porton Down
Salisbury, Wiltshire SP4 0JG
United Kingdom

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2014. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,564
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,564
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,527
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,527
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ter .1(c) and 13 ter .2)	458
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	44

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2014, are CHF 853, EUR 697 and USD 954, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 March 2014, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,564
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,564
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	ILS	44 per document
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .1(c)):	ILS	458

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2014, are CHF 913, EUR 745 and USD 1,021, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 March 2014, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	ILS	1,527
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	ILS	1,527
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	ILS	44 per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	ILS	44 per document
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .2):	ILS	458

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2014, are CHF 601, EUR 491 and USD 673, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 28 February 2013, consists of the addition of Panama to the States indicated in items (i) and (ii) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America and,
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (iii) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

pct@ipaaustralia.gov.au

The old e-mail address remains valid until 15 February 2014.

[Updating of Annex B1(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified a change in the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Patentti- ja rekisterihallitus

Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

kipopct@korea.kr

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

PA Panama

Information on the requirements of the **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** as receiving Office is given in Annex C(PA), which is published on the following pages.

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PA **PA**
DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF THE
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REGISTRY
(DIGERPI) (PANAMA)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Panama
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Spanish
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	Yes
Types of physical media accepted by the receiving Office:	CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ³ , National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office ⁴

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¹ Depending on the applicant’s choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with the electronic file on a physical medium and the receiving Office accepts such filings, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ The European Patent Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office or by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.

⁴ The United States Patent and Trademark Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.

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**DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF THE
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REGISTRY
(DIGERPI) (PANAMA)**

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Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 200
International filing fee: ⁵	USD 1,471
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	USD 17
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY: ⁶	USD 111
Search fee:	See Annex D(BR), (EP), (ES) or (US)
Fee for priority document:	USD 50
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD 400

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	Yes
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Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Panama
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Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

⁵ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁶ See footnote 2.



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **Kyrgyz Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office, as well as in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Kyrgyz Respublikasynyn Okmotunun aldyndagy Intellektualdyk Menchik bojuncha Mamlekettik Agentstvosu State Service of Intellectual Property and Innovation under the Government of the Kyrgyz Republic
E-mail:	info@patent.kg inter@patent.kg
Internet:	www.patent.kg

[Updating of Annex B1(KG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2014, is KRW 2,070,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2014, is JPY 267,300.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	154,800
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	1,700
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	JPY	11,600
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY	34,900

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2014, is SGD 850.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2014, is JPY 23,300.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTY-FOURTH (19TH ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations, as well as the appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its forty-fourth (19th ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 23 September to 2 October 2013 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=29898

The said amendments and appointment are outlined below.

Appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

The Assembly appointed the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the required Agreement until December 31, 2017, bringing the number of Offices which have been appointed as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities to 19, and approved the text of the draft Agreement between the State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine and the International Bureau. The text of the Agreement will be published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) in due course.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force on 1 July 2014 and consist of:

(i) requiring International Preliminary Examining Authorities to conduct a “top-up” search during international preliminary examination, subject to various exceptions (addition of PCT Rules 66.1~~ter~~ and 70.2(f));¹

(ii) allowing written opinions of the International Searching Authority (in their original language) and informal comments submitted by the applicant in response to such opinions (in their original language) to be publicly available from the date of international publication (deletion of PCT Rule 44~~ter~~ and amendment of Rule 94.1(b)).²

The text of the amendments is reproduced thereafter.

¹ These amendments shall apply to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which a demand for international preliminary examination is made on or after July 1, 2014.

² These amendments shall apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after July 1, 2014.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2014)

Rule 44ter
[Deleted]

Rule 66
Procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority

66.1 and 66.1bis [No change]

66.1ter *Top-up Searches*

The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall conduct a search (“top-up search”) to discover documents referred to in Rule 64 which have been published or have become available to the said Authority for search subsequent to the date on which the international search report was established, unless it considers that such a search would serve no useful purpose. If the Authority finds that any of the situations referred to in Article 34(3) or (4) or Rule 66.1(e) exists, the top-up search shall cover only those parts of the international application that are the subject of international preliminary examination.

66.2 to 66.8 [No change]

Rule 70
International Preliminary Report on Patentability
by the International Preliminary Examining Authority
(International Preliminary Examination Report)

70.1 [No change]

70.2 *Basis of the Report*

(a) to (e) [No change]

(f) The report shall indicate the date on which a top-up search under Rule 66.1ter was made, or else state that no top-up search was made.

70.3 to 70.17 [No change]

Rule 94
Access to Files

94.1 *Access to the File Held by the International Bureau*

(a) [No change]

(b) The International Bureau shall, at the request of any person but not before the international publication of the international application and subject to Article 38, furnish, subject to the reimbursement of the cost of the service, copies of any document contained in its file.

(c) [No change]

94.2 and 94.3 [No change]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2014, is EUR 1,449.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

If the applicant does not reside or carry out business in Canada, an appointment as a representative for service of a person or firm residing or carrying on business at a specified address in Canada.

If the applicant is not the inventor, either a declaration that the applicant is the legal representative of the inventor or a declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

If the applicant is not the applicant originally indicated in the international application, evidence that the applicant is the legal representative of the originally identified applicant.

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not the inventor. If the appointed agent does not reside in Canada, the appointment by the agent of an agent who resides in Canada to be the associate agent.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning its requirement as to who can act as agent before it – any person or firm whose name is entered on the Canadian register of patent agents can now act as such.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 10 December 2013 and 21 January 2014.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on either of the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on 11 December 2013 and 22 January 2014, respectively.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2014, is ZAR 26,260.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2014, is USD 1,972.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2014, are CHF 1,299, EUR 1,066 and USD 1,442, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2014, is ZAR 27,580.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2014, are AUD 1,376 for searches carried out in English and AUD 476 for searches carried out in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2014, are ZAR 22,550 for an entity other than a small or micro entity, ZAR 11,280 for a small entity and ZAR 5,640 for a micro entity.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	15,860
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	180
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	ZAR	1,190

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AT Austria

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Austrian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect from 1 March 2014. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the previous notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 May 2011, pages 71 *et seq.*:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing
- EPO online filing software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 9.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m., Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at +43 1 53 424 76
- by fax at +43 1 53 424 535
- by e-mail at info@patentamt.at

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications as supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.patentamt.at).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- European Patent Office CA (www.epoline.org/portal/public)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

SE Sweden

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 47/2005, of 24 November 2005, pages 31398 *et seq.*, and in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-filing and will no longer accept international applications in electronic form filed on physical media, with effect from 1 March 2014. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-filing
- epoline® software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile or text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2, and Appendix III, section 2(i))
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available on the website www.prv.se.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8.00 a.m. and 4.40 p.m. (15 September - 14 May) and between 8.00 a.m. and 4.00 p.m. (15 May - 14 September) CET (Central European Time), Monday to Friday, excluding Swedish public holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by phone at +46 (0) 8 782 26 00
- by e-mail at biblioteket@prv.se

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, including the demand, as supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application. Documents should preferably not be password protected.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- European Patent Office CA (www.epoline.org/portal/public)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** as receiving Office has notified that, as from 1 March 2014, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format. Consequently, the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply as from that date.

[Updating of Annex C(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2014, is CHF 1,765.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified that, as from 1 March 2014, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

Furthermore, as from 1 March 2014, the Office will accept international applications in electronic form filed in XML and PDF formats using ePCT-filing, in addition to PCT-SAFE and EPO online filing, and will no longer accept offline electronic filings.

[Updating of Annex C(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has notified changes concerning whether an agent is required by it – while an agent is not required if the applicant resides in Georgia, it is preferable, if the applicant is a non-resident, that he appoint an agent or provide an address for service.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning its requirement as to who can act as agent before it – any person who is a resident of Georgia or registered to practice before the Office as patent attorney can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified that, as from 1 March 2014, it will accept international applications in electronic form filed in XML and PDF formats using ePCT-filing, in addition to PCT-SAFE and EPO online filing, and will no longer accept offline electronic filings.

[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application

Deed of transfer where the applicant is not the inventor

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Georgia

Power of attorney if an agent or representative is appointed

Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning its requirement as to who can act as agent before it – any person who is a resident of Georgia or registered to practice before the Office as patent attorney can now act as such.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES AND BY DESIGNATED OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d) or under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office or as designated Office, respectively. The amount of this fee is USD 60.

[Updating of Annex C(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a change, applicable since 17 October 2013, in the location of its headquarters at Munich, which is now as follows:

Bob-van-Benthem-Platz 1
80469 Munich
Germany

[Updating of Annex B1(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD	1,638
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD	18
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	CAD	123
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CAD	246
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CAD	369

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 May 2014, is CAD 246.

[Updating of Annex E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2014, are as follows:

Transmittal fee: EUR 130

Fee for requesting restoration of the right
of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)): EUR 635

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)): EUR 865

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c)): EUR 230

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Review fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.6(c)): EUR 865

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rules 13*ter*.1(c)
and 45*bis*.5(c)): EUR 230

[Updating of Annex SISA(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Preliminary examination fee
(PCT Rule 58.1(b)): EUR 1,930

Additional preliminary examination fee
(PCT Rule 68.3(a)): EUR 1,930

Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)): EUR 865

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13*ter*.2): EUR 230

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2014, are CHF 171, EUR 140 and USD 192 for searches carried out in Russian, and CHF 709, EUR 580 and USD 795 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified changes in its location and mailing addresses, which are now as follows:

Location: Arkadiankatu 6A
FI-00101 Helsinki
Finland

Mailing address: P.O. Box 1140
FI-00101 Helsinki
Finland

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified an additional Internet address. The list of Internet addresses is now as follows:

<http://index.justice.gov.il/units/rashamhaptentim/pages/default.aspx>
<http://index.justice.gov.il/En/Units/ILPO/Pages/default.aspx> (in English)

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	1,657
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	19
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	AUD	125
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD	249
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD	374

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollar (AUD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 May 2014, is AUD 249.

[Updating of Annex E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, applicable from 1 April 2014. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:

- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online: EUR 120
- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online: EUR 210

Additional fee for pages in excess of 35:
for the 36th and each subsequent page: EUR 15

Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated: EUR 580

Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Bosnia and Herzegovina or Montenegro): [No change]

Claims fee:

- for the 16th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50: EUR 235
- for the 51st and each subsequent claim: EUR 580

Search fee:

- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 875
- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,285

Fee for further processing:

- in the event of late payment of a fee: [No change]
- other cases: EUR 250

Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing: EUR 230

Examination fee:

- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 1,805

- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up: EUR 1,805
- for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,620
- Renewal fee for the third year: EUR 465

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the reduction of the search fee component of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, for international applications for which the international search report or a supplementary international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, or, in accordance with the Protocol on Centralisation, by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2014, is EUR 1,100.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 13 February 2014 and 3 March 2014.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on either of the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on 14 February 2014 and 4 March 2014, respectively.

RECEIVING OFFICES

IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)

Information on the requirements of the **Industrial Property Office (Islamic Republic of Iran)** as receiving Office is given in Annex C(IR), which is published on the following pages.

C	Receiving Offices	C
IR	INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE (ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN)	IR

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Islamic Republic of Iran
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format?	No
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ¹ or Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Iranian Rial (IRR)
Transmittal fee:	Please refer to the Office
International filing fee: ²	Equivalent in IRR of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ²	Equivalent in IRR of Swiss francs 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	None
Search fee:	Equivalent in IRR of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant: see Annex D(EP) or (RU)
Fee for priority document:	Please refer to the Office
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	Please refer to the Office

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¹ The European Patent Office is competent only if the international search is or has been carried out by that Office.
² This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
IR **INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **IR**
(ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN)

[Continued]

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in the Islamic Republic of Iran Yes, if he is a non-resident
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Who can act as agent?	Any agent authorized to practice before the Office ³
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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
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Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No
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³ A list of registered agents may be obtained from the Office.

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PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

ssolis@indecopi.gob.pe

[Updating of Annex B1(PE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 17 March 2014.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on the aforementioned day, that period was extended so as to expire on 18 March 2014.

RECEIVING OFFICES

KN Saint Kitts and Nevis

The **Intellectual Property Office of Saint Kitts and Nevis** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saint Kitts and Nevis with the Intellectual Property Office of Saint Kitts and Nevis, with effect since 19 March 2014.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49^{TER}.1(G)

US United States of America

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49^{ter}.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 19/2006, of 11 May 2006, page 13712), the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 18 December 2013. PCT Rule 49^{ter}.1(a) to (d) therefore apply from that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49TER.2(H)

US United States of America

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 19/2006, of 11 May 2006, page 13712), the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 18 December 2013. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore apply from that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (US), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification last published in PCT Gazette No. 50/2005, of 15 December 2005, pages 33496 *et seq.*, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect from 14 April 2014. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- Using ePCT-Filing where international applications are transmitted using the protocol specified in Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d) of the Administrative Instructions; or
- International applications can be prepared with the PCT-SAFE software, saved on the user’s hard drive and then transmitted to the Office via its Online Lodgement System (see www.ipaustralia.gov.au). Access to the Online Lodgement System requires user id and password authentication via a customer registration process through the Office’s Online Services.
- Note:
- Where the complete application exceeds 20 MB, online transmittal is not supported using the Online Lodgement System;
- Where a component file within the application exceeds 20 MB, online transmittal is not supported using ePCT-Filing;
- When online filing is not available the application shall then be filed on paper.

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- Facsimile, text string or click-wrap signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The confirmation of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office contains, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)). The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. A confirmation of receipt will be created for any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office. Errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)), files exceeding 20MB in size, or missing files, are notified to the applicant in the confirmation of receipt.

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available through the Office's website (www.ipaustralia.gov.au). Applicants wishing to use this facility should refer to the Office's website for further details prior to entering payment information into the PCT-SAFE software.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Within the framework of its services, the Office has put in place a help desk for applicants filing international applications in electronic form. The Customer Services Network helpdesk can be contacted for all general enquiries.

The help desk is open from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Australian Eastern Standard/Summer Time (AEST) and can be contacted by the following means:

- by phone at +61 2 6283 2999
- by e-mail at pct@ipaustralia.gov.au

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- International Applications prepared with PCT-SAFE software that do not exceed 20 MB may be sent through the Online Lodgement System.
- International Applications where individual components do not exceed 20 MB may be submitted via ePCT-Filing.
- Subsequently filed documents for International Applications as supported by the relevant software.

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper. Furthermore, the Office will not prepare a backup copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail, to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures. The Office will provide information concerning the availability of online filing systems on its website (www.ipaustralia.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media/latest-news-listing/).

The Office also offers a subscription service for notifications of any scheduled system downtimes: (www.ipaustralia.gov.au/about-us/news-and-media/stay-informed/downtime-subscription/).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

For applications prepared with PCT-SAFE and transmitted to the Office via its Online Lodgement System:

- Gatekeeper ABN-DSC
(www.verisign.com.au/gatekeeper/abndsc-info/index.html)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

For applications filed using ePCT-Filing:

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present for applications prepared using the PCT-SAFE software and filed via the Online Lodgement System.
- Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

HU Hungary

New equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from 1 June 2014. These amounts, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF	341,400
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF	3,900
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	HUF	25,700

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2014, are HUF 41,700 for international applications filed in Russian and HUF 172,900 for international applications filed in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its telephone number, which is now as follows: (82-42) 481 51 94.

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2014, is NZD 2,345.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

CZ Czech Republic

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **Czech Collection of Microorganisms (CCM)**, an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new address is as follows:

Czech Collection of Microorganisms (CCM)
Kamenice 5/building A25
625 00 Brno
Czech Republic

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY DESIGNATED OFFICES

US United States of America

Under PCT Rule 49~~ter~~.2(g), the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “unintentional” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49~~ter~~.2(d), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as designated Office. The amount of the fee, applicable since 18 December 2013, is USD 850 for a small or micro entity and USD 1,700 in all other cases.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (US), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its telephone number and e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Octrooicentrum Nederland Netherlands Patent Office
Telephone:	(31-88) 602 66 60
E-mail:	octrooien@rvo.nl
Internet:	www.rvo.nl/octrooien

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 April 2014, is NOK 800.

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the components of the national fee, in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable since 1 April 2014, are as follows:

Basic fee, including examination fee:	NOK 4,650 (850) ¹
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	NOK 250
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:	NOK 950
Annual fees for the first three years, per year:	NOK 700

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The amount in parentheses is applicable where the applicant is a physical person or a legal entity with less than 20 permanent employees.

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

FI Finland

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 51/2003, of 18 December 2003, pages 29014 *et seq.*, and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 July 2009, pages 118 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect since 14 April 2014. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notifications:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- on-line filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing
- PCT-SAFE software
- EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)
- the international application is embedded in a compact package which is signed by means of a PKCS #7-type enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4). Such an enhanced electronic signature is implemented by means of a smart card and recognised by the Office

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed with the Office as receiving Office contains, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1), or if outdated certificates have been used, that a notification of receipt will not be generated. Other errors, such as applications being infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic, are notified to the applicant in the acknowledgment of receipt. Where it transpires that an acknowledgment of receipt transmitted to the applicant by electronic means was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

No online payment is available. The following means of deferred payment are accepted: payment by debit card or by bank transfer.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of patents, the Office has put in place a help desk for applicants.

The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of patents, and in particular to serve as a technical hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 8.00 a.m. until 4.00 p.m.

The PRH patent help desk may be contacted as follows:

- by telephone: (358-9) 6939 5948
- by web form at the following address:
www.prh.fi/en/patentit/electronic_services/helpdesk.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications as supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application. The files should be in ZIP format and contain texts either in ASCII plain text or in any other commonly known format.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

The Office will provide on its website (www.prh.fi/en/patentit/electronic_services.html) information concerning the availability of electronic filing systems.

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

EPO online filing software:

- citizen certificates on identity cards issued by the Finnish Police (for the certificate policy, see www.fineid.fi/)
- organization certificates on organization cards issued by the Finnish Population Register Center (for the certificate policy, see www.fineid.fi/)
- European Patent Office certificate on EPO smart cards issued by the European Patent Office CA (for the certificate policy, see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security.html)

PCT-SAFE software and ePCT-Filing:

- WIPO customer certificate issued by the WIPO Customer CA (for the certificate policy, see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

ePCT private services provide access to files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified changes to the components of the national fee payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are applicable since 1 January 2014. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:¹

For patent:

Filing fee:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	50
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	20
Examination fee:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	250
Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of 1:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	150
Claim examination fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	20
Annual fee for the third year:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	50

For utility model:

Filing fee:	Equivalent in BYR of USD	100
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BY), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified that, since 14 April 2014, it accepts international applications in electronic form filed in XML and PDF formats using ePCT-Filing, in addition to PCT-SAFE and EPO online filing.

[Updating of Annex C(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ For residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in **Belarusian rouble (BYR)** in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment. Furthermore, fees are reduced by 75% in case of filing by a natural person, and waived in respect of certain other persons (details may be obtained with the Office).

For non-residents of Belarus, the payment of fees shall be effected in **US dollar (USD)**, **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** or **Russian rouble (RUB)** in accordance with the exchange rate established by the National Bank of Belarus and applicable on the date of payment. Furthermore, the payment shall be made by a resident of Belarus acting on their behalf or a patent attorney registered to practice before the Office.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH)

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings should no longer be furnished on physical media, but should be attached to the international application filed in electronic form.

[Updating of Annexes D(FI) and SISA(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified changes in its location, telephone numbers and e-mail address and has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Location:	LOT VH 69 Volosarika Ambanidia Antananarivo 101 Madagascar
Telephone:	(261-20) 22 335 02 (261-34) 46 692 56
E-mail:	omapi@moov.mg
Internet:	www.omapi.mg

[Updating of Annex B1(MG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IB International Bureau

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **International Bureau**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified a number of changes to its notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 07/2004, of 12 February 2004, pages 3796 *et seq.*, and No. 43/2005, of 27 October 2005, page 28466, and, in particular, that it accepts international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect since 11 October 2013, following the successful conclusion of a limited pilot that started on 2 May 2013. Consequently, since that date, the following notification replaces the aforementioned notifications:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

- filing by means of one of the following physical media: CD-R and DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e), and Appendix IV, sections 4.3 and 4.5, respectively)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Document; see Annex F, section 4.1.1), but only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing
- PCT-SAFE software
- EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string or click-wrap signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the International Bureau as receiving Office will contain the information required under Section 704(a)(i).

The International Bureau as receiving Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) will a notification, or confirmation, of receipt not be generated. Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the International Bureau will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available through WIPO's online PCT E-Payment service (see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/pct_e-payment_user_guide.pdf).

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The PCT Electronic Services Help Desk is available from 8.30 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. Central European time and can be contacted as follows:

- via e-mail: ePCT@wipo.int
- by telephone: (+41-22) 338 9523
- by facsimile: (+41-22) 338 8040

Every attempt will be made to respond to e-mail questions within one business day.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the International Bureau as receiving Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or facsimile, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The International Bureau as receiving Office will provide, on the PCT Electronic Services website (www.wipo.int/pct-safe), information concerning the availability of online filing systems and backup filing procedures.

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- the International Bureau as receiving Office will also accept certificates issued by certification authorities which are accepted by other PCT receiving Offices and which have been notified accordingly to the International Bureau under Section 710, provided that such certificates are permitted, under the relevant certificate policy, to be used for filing with the International Bureau as receiving Office

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- ePCT private services provide access to the files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.”

RECEIVING OFFICES

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** as receiving Office has notified that, since 13 October 2013, it accepts international applications in electronic form filed in XML and PDF formats using ePCT-filing, in addition to PCT-SAFE and EPO online filing (offline electronic filings may still be furnished on CD-R or DVD-R).

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** has notified the deletion of one of its e-mail addresses. Its e-mail address is now as follows:

mail@aripo.org

[Updating of Annex B2(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2014, is ISK 290,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 47/2002, of 21 November 2002, pages 23832 *et seq.* The Office now receives and processes international applications in electronic form under the conditions laid down in the Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 26 February 2009 concerning the electronic filing of documents (see OJ EPO 2009, page 182) and the Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 12 July 2007 concerning the electronic signatures, data carriers and software to be used for the electronic filing of patent applications and other documents (see Special edition No. 3, OJ EPO 2007, A.5).

IB International Bureau – Corrigendum

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 8 May 2014, pages 64 to 66, the part relating to details concerning help desks should be corrected to read as follows:

“As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The PCT eServices Help Desk is available from Monday to Friday, from 9.00 a.m. until 6.00 p.m. Central European time, and can be contacted as follows:

- via e-mail: ePCT@wipo.int
- by telephone: (+41-22) 338 9523
- by facsimile: (+41-22) 338 8040

Every attempt will be made to respond to e-mail questions within one business day.”

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES, AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to Sections 710(a)(i) and (iii) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has notified the International Bureau that:

– the transmittal under PCT Rule 44 of copies in electronic form of international search reports and written opinions established under PCT Rule 43*bis*.1 to applicants started on 15 December 2011 under the conditions laid down in the Notice from the European Patent Office dated 13 December 2011 concerning EPO online services (OJ EPO 2012, page 22); the transmittal under PCT Rule 44 of copies in electronic form of international search reports or declarations referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a), and written opinions established under PCT Rule 43*bis*.1, to the International Bureau is effected under conditions agreed upon between the EPO and the International Bureau;

– the Office may receive and process any search copy, translation or sequence listing in electronic form transmitted under PCT Rule 23 under conditions agreed upon between the EPO and the receiving Office or between the EPO and the International Bureau, as the case may be.

Furthermore, also under PCT Rules 89bis.1(d) and 89bis.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a)(i) and (iii) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau that, with effect since 22 April 2014, it is prepared to receive and process subsequently filed documents referred to in PCT Rule 89bis.2 filed in electronic form via the EPO Online Filing software, with the exception of the demand under PCT Chapter II.¹

RECEIVING OFFICES

IB International Bureau – Corrigendum

The notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 8 May 2014, page 67, should be corrected to read as follows:

The **International Bureau** as receiving Office has notified that, since 13 October 2013, in addition to accepting international applications in electronic form filed in XML and PDF formats using PCT-SAFE and EPO Online Filing, it also accepts international applications in electronic form filed in PDF format using ePCT-filing (offline electronic filings may still be furnished on CD-R or DVD-R).

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ More information on this new service is available on the EPO's website at: www.epo.org/applying/online-services/online-filing/documentation.html.



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AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – as from 5 June 2014, it will no longer accept the filing of documents by facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified that the 30-month time limits under PCT Article 22(1) and PCT Article 39(1)(a) may be extended by up to 18 months, provided that the applicant pays the prescribed fee. Certain other time limits may also be extended for periods of six or 18 months or longer, but only at the discretion of the Registrar (see Rules 108 and 109 of the Patent Rules of Singapore).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

pct@inapi.cl

[Updating of Annex B1(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified a change concerning the types of national protection available via the PCT – since 1 April 2014, patents of addition are no longer included in these types of protection.

[Updating of Annex B1(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified the deletion of one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – the Office no longer requires the furnishing of the translation of the international application in two copies.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CN), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified a change in one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – if the international application is for a patent and a utility model, only the translation, and no longer the translation and the power of attorney, must be furnished in duplicate.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

AT Austria

Agreement between the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2014. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,864
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,864
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
– of only European and North American documentation	[No change]
– of only German-language documentation	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,749
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,749
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	229
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_at.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to the Office as receiving Office and applicable from 1 July 2014, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): EUR 52

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): EUR 269²

[Updating of Annex C(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and also applicable from 1 July 2014, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): EUR 1,864

Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): EUR 1,864

Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)): EUR 229

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 July 2014, are CHF 2,272 and USD 2,592, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and also applicable from 1 July 2014, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): EUR 1,749

Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): EUR 1,749

Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)): EUR 229

[Updating of Annex E(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office has notified new amounts of the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable from 1 July 2014. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

² Includes the document fee [*Schriftengebühr*] in the amount of EUR 40.

For a patent:

Fee for entry into the national phase:	EUR	52
Document fee [<i>Schriftengebühr</i>]:		[No change]
Search and examination fee, including 10 claims:	EUR	292
Claims fee, from the 11 th claim, for each group of up to 10 claims:	EUR	104

For a utility model:

Fee for entry into the national phase:	EUR	52
Document fee [<i>Schriftengebühr</i>]:		[No change]
Search fee, including 10 claims:	EUR	156
Claims fee, from the 11 th claim, for each group of up to 10 claims:	EUR	104

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2014, is USD 1,011.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified changes concerning the language requirements relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent – as from 1 July 2014, the Office will accept the furnishing of a translation into English¹ or Swedish, or, if the international application was filed in English² or Swedish, of a copy of the application as filed.

[Updating of Annex B1(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes to the conditions for refund of the search fee where the international search report drawn up by the Office is based on an earlier search report prepared by the Office on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application – as from 1 July 2014, earlier searches which will give rise to a refund for a search with written opinion will include a European search (EPC Article 92), an international search (PCT Article 15(1)), a supplementary international search (PCT Rule 45*bis*) or a search made on behalf of a national Office on a national application (BE³, CY, FR, GR, IT, LT⁴, LU, MT, NL³, SM⁴, TR).

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Only the claims must be in Swedish.

² Only the claims in English must be translated into Swedish. The claims in English are considered to be the original claims.

³ Includes international-type searches covered by an agreement between the EPO and that Office.

⁴ Applicable, as from 1 July 2014, to search requests in respect of national applications filed as of 1 January 2014.

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁵ – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 July 2014, consists of the addition of Georgia to the States indicated in items (i) and (ii) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America and,
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Georgia, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (iii) [no change]”

RECEIVING OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Georgia with the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti), with effect from 1 July 2014.

[Updating of Annex C(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁵ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

IR Islamic Republic of Iran

The **Industrial Property Office (Islamic Republic of Iran)** has specified the Indian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran with the Industrial Property Office (Islamic Republic of Iran), with effect since 13 May 2014.

[Updating of Annex C(IR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified changes, with effect from 1 July 2014, concerning:

– the languages of the translation of the international application – the translation can be furnished in English⁶ or Swedish;

– its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required – a copy will not be required where the application was filed in a language other than English or Swedish, whereas it will be required where the application was filed in English⁷ or Swedish.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁶ Only the claims must be in Swedish.

⁷ Only the claims in English must be translated into Swedish. The claims in English are considered to be the original claims.

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CL Chile

Agreement between the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the above-mentioned Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 22 October 2014.

The Agreement, which is set out on pages 88 to 95, will enter into force on that date.

Pursuant to the decision of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its forty-third (25th extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from 1 to 9 October 2012, to appoint the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority², that appointment will also have effect from 22 October 2014.

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 October 2014, consists of the addition of the United States of America to the State indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
Israel, United States of America;
- (ii) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_cl.pdf.

² See the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 December 2012, page 177.

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

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US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has specified the Israel Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for certain international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), with effect from 1 October 2014.

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

ST Sao Tome and Principe

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

Sao Tome and Principe deposited, on 19 May 2014, its instrument of accession to the **Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the Framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (Harare Protocol)** and will become bound by that Protocol on 19 August 2014. Thus, any international application filed on or after 19 August 2014 will include the designation of Sao Tome and Principe for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent.

Moreover, from 19 August 2014, nationals and residents of Sao Tome and Principe will be able to file international applications with ARIPO as receiving Office, in addition to the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B2(AP) and C(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Further to the announcement published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 5 June 2014, page 78, notifying a new amount of the search fee for a search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Korean won (KRW)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2014, are KRW 2,651,000, SGD 3,240 and ZAR 27,130, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 168,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 1,900
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 12,600
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK 25,300
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK 37,900

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in Korean by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2014, is SGD 551.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**Agreement
between the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization**

in relation to the functioning of the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1
Terms and Expressions**

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4

Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5

Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6

Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on October 22, 2014.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;

- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:
 - (i) if the Authority gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Authority written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this fourth day of June two thousand and fourteen, in two originals in the English and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the National Institute of Industrial
Property of Chile by:

[signature]

For the International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization by:

[signature]

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
 - any Contracting State of the Latin American and Caribbean region;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
 - where the Authority has prepared the international search report, any Contracting State of the Latin American and Caribbean region;

- (iii) the following language which it will accept:
Spanish.

Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined in Chilean national applications.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (US dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)):	
– general fee	2,000
– reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (where the international application is filed by an applicant, whether a natural person or a legal entity, who is a national of and a resident in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion)	400
– reduced fee for universities (where the international application is filed by an applicant who is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b))	300

Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)):	
– general fee	2,000
– reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (see search fee, above)	400
– reduced fee for universities (see search fee, above)	300
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– general fee	1,500
– reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (see search fee, above)	400
– reduced fee for universities (see search fee, above)	300
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):	
– general fee	1,500
– reduced fee for natural persons and legal entities (see search fee, above)	400
– reduced fee for universities (see search fee, above)	300
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i>]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	350
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	10
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per document	10

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed in the international application, 25% of the search fee paid shall be refunded.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English and Spanish.

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PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now as follows:

jwaz@uprp.pl

[Updating of Annex B1(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes to the components of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Request to prepare the priority document (payable in fee stamps):	EUR 16
– plus, for every four pages or fraction of four pages (description, claims, abstract, drawings, filing certificate and certificate of authenticity) (payable in fee stamps):	EUR 16
– plus, for a patent application:	[No change]
– or, for a utility model application:	[No change]

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes concerning:

– the number of copies on paper required by it – one copy must now be filed instead of three;

– its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any Italian agent whose name appears on a list maintained by the Office, or any lawyer or attorney-at-law whose name appears in the respective professional roll, can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to Sections 710(a)(i) and (iii) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 30 June 2014, it is prepared to receive and process the demand under PCT Chapter II filed in electronic form via the EPO Online Filing software.¹

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

BE Belgium

The International Bureau has been notified of changes in the addresses of the **Belgian Coordinated Collections of Microorganisms (BCCM™)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The new addresses are as follows:

Headquarters:

BCCM Coordination Cell
Federal Public Planning Service Science Policy
231, avenue Louise
1050 Brussels
Belgium

Collections:

BCCM/IHEM Biomedical fungi and yeasts collection
Scientific Institute of Public Health
Service Mycology and Aerobiology
Rue J. Wytsmanstraat, 14
1050 Brussels
Belgium

¹ More information on this new service is available on the EPO's website at: www.epo.org/applying/online-services/online-filing/download.html.

BCCM/LMBP Plasmid and DNA Library collection
Universiteit Gent
Vakgroep Biomedische Moleculaire Biologie
Technologiepark, 927
9052 Zwijnaarde
Belgium

BCCM/LMG Bacteria collection
Universiteit Gent
Laboratorium voor Microbiologie
K.L. Ledeganckstraat, 35
9000 Gent
Belgium

BCCM/MUCL Agro-industrial fungi, yeasts and arbuscular mycorrhizal fungi
collection
Université catholique de Louvain
Mycothèque de l'Université catholique de Louvain
Croix du Sud, 3 – box L7.05.06
1348 Louvain-la-Neuve
Belgium

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

5 Gianni Stavroulaki St.
Paradissos Amaroussiou
15125 Athens
Greece

[Updating of Annex B1(GR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SM San Marino

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Via 28 Luglio 212
47893 Republic of San Marino

[Updating of Annex B1(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Indian rupee (INR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 28 February 2014, as follows:

		<i>Natural person</i>	<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Others</i>
– Up to 30 sheets and 10 claims:				
– electronic filing:	INR 1,600	4,000	8,000	
– physical (paper) filing:	INR 1,760	4,400	8,800	
– For each additional priority, multiple of:				
– electronic filing:	INR 1,600	4,000	8,000	
– physical (paper) filing:	INR 1,760	4,400	8,800	
– For each additional sheet in addition to 30:				
– electronic filing:	INR 160	400	800	
– physical (paper) filing:	INR 176	440	880	

- For each claim in addition to 10:
 - electronic filing: INR 320 800 1,600
 - physical (paper) filing: INR 352 880 1,760

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IN), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified that, since 2 July 2014, an agent is no longer required.

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(D) AND 90.5(C)

FR France

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the **National Institute of Industrial Property (France)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney, with effect since 2 June 2014.

However, the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has also indicated the particular instances in which a power of attorney is still required, i.e.:

- if the agent is:
 - a person indicated in Article L.422-5 of the Code of Intellectual Property,
 - an enterprise or a public institution contractually bound to the applicant, or
 - a specialized professional organization;
- in case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent's entitlement to act;
- in case of a common representative.

[Updating of Annex C(FR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam)** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location and mailing address, telephone number and e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO)
Location and mailing address:	4 th Floor, Block 2D Jalan Kumbang Pasang Bandar Seri Begawan, BA 1311 Negara Brunei Darussalam
Telephone:	(673) 223 01 11
E-mail:	enquiries@bruipo.com.bn
Internet:	www.bruipo.com.bn

[Updating of Annex B1(BN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EC Ecuador

The **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, telephone numbers and e-mail address, and has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Unidad de Patentes Edificio FORUM 300 Avenida República # 396 y Diego de Almagro Quito Ecuador
Telephone:	(593-2) 394 00 00, 394 00 01 to 394 00 10
E-mail:	info@iepi.gob.ec info@propiedadintelectual.gob.ec
Internet:	www.propiedadintelectual.gob.ec

The Office has also notified the discontinuance of the use of its facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(EC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IE Ireland

The **Patents Office (Ireland)** has notified that it will now send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications.

[Updating of Annex B1(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Georgia with the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti), with effect since 12 May 2014.

[Updating of Annex C(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IE Ireland

The **Patents Office (Ireland)** has notified that it no longer accepts the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

[Updating of Annex C(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2014, is EUR 742.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IE Ireland

Further to the notification by the **Patents Office (Ireland)** as receiving Office that it no longer accepts the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format, the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees no longer applies.

[Updating of Annex C(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:

- when a copy of the application has been furnished in electronic form: KRW 38,000
- when a copy of the application has been furnished on paper: KRW 58,000 plus
KRW 1,000 per sheet in excess of 20¹

For a utility model:

Filing fee:

- when a copy of the application has been furnished in electronic form: KRW 17,000
- when a copy of the application has been furnished on paper: KRW 27,000 plus
KRW 1,000 per sheet in excess of 20¹

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This fee applies to the total number of sheets of the description, drawings (if any) and abstract.

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NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), and as a result of the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 (Expedited consideration of change proposals) of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, modifications to section 5.1 (Demand form) of Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2014.

These modifications are intended to address the requirements for rendering the current version of the demand form (PCT/IPEA/401) by the International Preliminary Examining Authority. Due to their highly technical content, they are not reproduced here.

The consolidated text of Appendix I as in force from 1 July 2014 (PCT/AI/DTD/9) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_dtd.pdf

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2014, is CHF 905.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out in English by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2014, is SGD 1,593.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified a change concerning its requirement as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office – any resident of Mexico can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(MX) and of the National Chapter, Summary (MX), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2014, is ZAR 22,260.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **pound sterling (GBP)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2014, is GBP 1,490.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2014, are HUF 44,700 for international applications filed in Russian and HUF 185,500 for international applications filed in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BN Brunei Darussalam

Information on the requirements of the **Brunei Intellectual Property Office (BruIPO)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (BN), which is published on the following pages.

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

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**BRUNEI INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
OFFICE (BRUIPO)**

BN

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19 ²), any text matter of drawings, abstract ³ Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract ³ (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report ²)
Is a copy of the international application required?	Yes
National fee:	Currency: Brunei dollar (BND) Filing fee: ¹ BND 160
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application ^{4, 5} Evidence of entitlement to apply for or be granted a patent ^{4, 5} Evidence of entitlement to claim priority of earlier application ^{4, 5} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date ⁵ Address for service in Brunei Darussalam if the applicant is not resident in Brunei Darussalam Instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² Where the applicant furnishes a translation of the international application only as amended or only as originally filed, the Office will invite the applicant to furnish the missing translation.

³ The translation of the abstract is only required if the international application has not yet been published.

⁴ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁵ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

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**BRUNEI INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
OFFICE (BRUIPO)**

BN

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Who can act as agent?

Any natural or legal person resident in Brunei Darussalam

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49^{ter}.2)?

Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care”
criteria to such requests



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a reduction of two-thirds of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), the search fee (PCT Rule 16) and the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58) payable to it as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, respectively, where the application is filed in Japanese by an individual, a small or medium-sized enterprise that has commenced business or been established less than 10 years, or a micro enterprise.

[Updating of Annexes C, D and E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish krona (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	10,130
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	110
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	SEK	760
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	SEK	1,520
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	SEK	2,290

[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2014, is SEK 1,520.

[Updating of Annex E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fees – in addition to the reduction of the fee for request for examination where an international search report has been established, reductions are available to individuals, small and medium-sized enterprises, micro enterprises, academic institutions and certain other entities.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (JP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2014, is SEK 17,380.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2014, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR	20.90
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	41.80
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):		
– where the request is filed online:	EUR	156.75
– where the request is filed on paper:	EUR	313.50

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified that, as from 1 November 2014, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Further to the notification by the **Australian Patent Office** as receiving Office that it will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format as from 1 November 2014, the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees will no longer apply as from that date.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable since 1 August 2014, is ISK 290,000.

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2014, are SEK 17,380 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable since 1 August 2014, is ISK 290,000.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2014, is SEK 17,380.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

EA Eurasian Patent Organisation

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 8 August 2014, the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 September 2014, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- on-line filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgment of receipt of any purported international application filed with the EAPO as receiving Office contains, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The EAPO will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1), or if outdated certificates have been used, that a notification of receipt will not be generated. Other errors, such as applications being infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic, are notified to the applicant in the acknowledgment of receipt. Where it transpires that an acknowledgment of receipt transmitted to the applicant by electronic means was not successfully transmitted, the EAPO will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

No online payment is available. The following means of deferred payment are accepted: deposit account or payment by bank transfer.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The EAPO has put in place a help desk (EAPO hot line) for applicants.

The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users filing applications at the EAPO.

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 9.00 a.m. until 5.00 p.m.

The EAPO help desk may be contacted as follows:

- by telephone: (74-95) 411 61 50
- by e-mail at the following address:
hotline@eapo.org

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications as supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application. The files should be in ZIP format and contain texts either in ASCII plain text or in any other commonly known format.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the EAPO will use all means available to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

– WIPO customer certificate issued by the WIPO Customer CA (for the certificate policy, see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

ePCT private services provide access to files of international applications to the extent that they are available at the International Bureau.”

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Rue du Progrès 50
1210 Bruxelles
Belgium

[Updating of Annex B1(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 22 September 2014, is EUR 120.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the deletion of the fiscal fee (EUR 5) which was part of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) payable to it as receiving Office.

[Updating of Annex C(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2014, are as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee (including publication and examination):	EUR 52.25	(online)
	EUR 104.50	(on paper)

For a utility model:

Filing fee (including publication and examination):	EUR 52.25	(online)
	EUR 104.50	(on paper)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Indian rupee (INR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 28 February 2014, as follows:

		<i>Natural person</i>	<i>Small entity</i>	<i>Others</i>
Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	INR	3,250	8,800	17,600
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	INR	1,100 ¹	2,750 ²	5,500 ³
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 16 <i>bis</i> .2):	INR	3,250 ⁴	8,800 ⁴	17,600 ⁴

[Updating of Annex C(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fees – in certain cases and for language reasons, the examination fee is now reduced by 30%.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Up to 30 pages and, thereafter, INR 30 for each extra page.

² Up to 30 pages and, thereafter, INR 75 for each extra page.

³ Up to 30 pages and, thereafter, INR 150 for each extra page.

⁴ Minimum amount for the late payment fee. This fee is payable in US dollar (equivalent amount of the amount in INR).



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2014, is HUF 588,100.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has specified itself, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Chile with the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 22 October 2014, the date on which the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

[Updating of Annex C(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has specified the following International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities as competent for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Cuba with the Cuban Industrial Property Office, or with the International Bureau:

- the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), as from 5 August 2014, and
- the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), as from 22 October 2014 (the date on which the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority).

These specifications are in addition to those of the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office,

[Updating of Annex C(CU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EC Ecuador

The **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Ecuador with the Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property, or with the International Bureau, with effect from 22 October 2014, the date on which the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

[Updating of Annex C(EC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PA Panama

The **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Panama with the Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 22 October 2014, the date on which the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile) will start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

[Updating of Annex C(PA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2014, is EUR 1,584.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2014, are EUR 984 for searches carried out in English and EUR 340 for searches carried out in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

CL Chile

Further to the notification by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 22 October 2014 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 June 2014, page 85), information on the requirements of the Office in this regard is given in Annexes D(CL) and E(CL), which are published on the following pages.

D International Searching Authorities D
CL NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL CL
PROPERTY (CHILE)¹

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ²	US dollar (USD) 2,000 (400) ³ (300) ⁴ Euro (EUR) 1,473 (295) ³ (221) ⁴ Swiss franc (CHF) 1,808 (362) ³ (271) ⁴
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ⁵	USD 2,000 (400) ³ (300) ⁴
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	USD 10 per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search carried out by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed: refund of 25%
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	USD 350
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	None
Languages accepted for international search:	Spanish
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes
Types of electronic carrier required:	The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single CD or DVD.
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in Chilean national applications

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¹ The Office will begin operating as an International Searching Authority as from 22 October 2014.

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity where the applicant is a national of and a resident in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion. For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction in PCT fees, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a university where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction in PCT fees, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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CL **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL** **CL**
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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the
requirement that a separate power of
attorney be submitted? No

Has the Authority waived the
requirement that a copy of a general
power of attorney be submitted? No

⁶ See footnote 1.

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Examining Authorities
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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY
(CHILE)¹

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	US dollar (USD)	1,500 (400) ³ (300) ⁴
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ⁵	USD	1,500 (400) ³ (300) ⁴
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁶	USD	221
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	USD	10 per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	USD	10 per document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	USD	350
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):	None	
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	Spanish	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is examined in Chilean national applications	

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¹ The Office will begin operating as an International Preliminary Examining Authority as from 22 October 2014.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a natural person or a legal entity where the applicant is a national of and a resident in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy this criterion. For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction in PCT fees, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a university where the applicant is (a) a Chilean university, or (b) a foreign university headquartered in any of the States which benefit, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees under the PCT Regulations, from the 90% reduction of the international filing fee, and authenticated by its legal representative, in a simple declaration signed in the presence of a notary, as constituted as a university in accordance with the law of that State, provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criterion set out in either sub-item (a) or (b). For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction in PCT fees, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁶ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply. For details of applicants entitled to the 90% reduction in PCT fees, see www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/fee_reduction.pdf.

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

⁷ See footnote 1.



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2014, is CHF 1,858.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2014, are CHF 1,171 for searches carried out in English and CHF 405 for searches carried out in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

MY Malaysia

Under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to its notification published in PCT Gazette No. 44/2006, of 2 November 2006, pages 19118 *et seq.*, and, in particular, that it is prepared to accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect from 1 October 2014. Consequently, as from that date, the following notification will replace the aforementioned notification:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing
- PCT-SAFE software¹

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8.15 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

¹ Until 31 October 2014.

- by telephone at: +603-2299 8400
- by fax at: +603-2299 8989
- by e-mail at: ipmalaysia@myipo.gov.my, pct@myipo.gov.my

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.myipo.gov.my).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

NZ New Zealand

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 24 September 2014, the **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 October 2014, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service.

The help desk will be available between:

- 8.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Monday to Thursday
- 9.00 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Friday
(excluding official holidays)

The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at:
 - freephone within New Zealand: 0508 447 669
 - freephone from Australia: 1800 796 338
 - international callers: +64 3 962 2607
- by fax at: +64 4 978 3691
- by e-mail at: epct@iponz.govt.nz

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.iponz.govt.nz).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

RECEIVING OFFICES

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified that, as from 1 November 2014, it will no longer accept the filing of international applications using the PCT-SAFE software and will only accept international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, as well as international applications filed on paper.

[Updating of Annex C(MY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2014, is USD 2,393.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

Following the notification by the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 1 September 2014 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 21 August 2014, pages 121 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	221
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	332

[Updating of Annex C(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

Following the notification by the **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 1 October 2014 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 September 2014, pages 140 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	NZD	266
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	NZD	399

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia** has notified a change in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows: (374-11) 59 75 34, 59 75 30.

[Updating of Annex B1(AM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2014, are KRW 2,505,000 and SGD 3,050, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2014, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	1,574
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	18
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD	237
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD	355

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollar (AUD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 December 2014, is AUD 237.

[Updating of Annex E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

A new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 December 2014, is KRW 222,000.

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, with effect since 2 October 2014, it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form filed by the following means:

– as filed in PDF format, using the EPO web-form filing service under the conditions set out in the Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 10 September 2014 concerning the filing of documents using the EPO web-form filing service¹;

– using the EPO case management system under the conditions set out in the Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 10 September 2014 concerning the filing of documents using the EPO case management system².

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES, AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau that, with effect since 2 October 2014, it is prepared to receive and process subsequently filed documents (including the demand under PCT Chapter II) in electronic form filed by the following means:

¹ See under:
www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/president-notice/archive/webformfiling.html

² See under:
www.epo.org/law-practice/legal-texts/official-journal/president-notice/archive/cms.html

– as filed in PDF format, using the EPO web-form filing service under the conditions set out in the Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 10 September 2014 concerning the filing of documents using the EPO web-form filing service³;

– using the EPO case management system under the conditions set out in the Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 10 September 2014 concerning the filing of documents using the EPO case management system⁴.

³ See footnote 1.

⁴ See footnote 2.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AL Albania

The **Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office as well as in its location and mailing address and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Drejtoria e Përgjithshme e Patentave dhe Markave General Directorate of Patents and Trademarks (Albania)
Location and mailing address:	Bulevardi “Gjergj Fishta” Godina Nr. 10 Kati V Tirana Albania
E-mail:	mailinf@dppm.gov.al

[Updating of Annex B1(AL) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified a change in the provisions of the law of Belgium concerning international-type search. These provisions now consist in Article XI.23, paragraph 10, of the Code of Economic Law.

[Updating of Annex B1(BE) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2014, are USD 174 for searches carried out in Russian and USD 724 for searches carried out in English.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES AND BY DESIGNATED OFFICES

EE Estonia

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Estonian Patent Office**, in its capacities both as receiving Office and designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that it now applies the “due care” criterion instead of the “unintentionality” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(EE) and of the National Chapter, Summary (EE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

BR Brazil

Agreement between the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 March 2014.² The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge³	Amount (Brazilian reals)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,685 (online); 2,525 (on paper)
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,360 (online); 2,040 (on paper)
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	630 (online); 945 (on paper)
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	365 (online); 545 (on paper)
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,220 (online); 1,830 (on paper)
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	180 (online); 270 (on paper)
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2)	1.5 (online); 2 (on paper) per page

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_br.pdf.

² The notification was made on 10 October 2014.

³ These fees are reduced by 60% under certain conditions (see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority⁴ and applicable since 1 March 2014, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	BRL 1,685 (online)
	BRL 2,525 (on paper)
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	BRL 1,360 (online)
	BRL 2,040 (on paper)
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	BRL 1.5 (online)
	BRL 2 (on paper) per page
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	BRL 1,220 (online)
	BRL 1,830 (on paper)
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	BRL 180 (online)
	BRL 270 (on paper)

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority⁴ and also applicable from 1 March 2014, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	BRL 630 (online)
	BRL 945 (on paper)
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	BRL 365 (online)
	BRL 545 (on paper)
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	BRL 1.5 (online)
	BRL 2 (on paper) per page

⁴ These fees are reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 129/14 of 10 March 2014.

Fee for copies of documents
contained in the file of the
international application
(PCT Rule 94.2):

BRL 1.5 (online)
BRL 2 (on paper) per page

Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):

BRL 1,220 (online)
BRL 1,830 (on paper)

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13~~ter~~.2):

BRL 180 (online)
BRL 270 (on paper)

[Updating of Annex E(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is EUR 20.

[Updating of Annex C(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any Italian agent whose name appears on a list maintained by the Office, any lawyer or attorney-at-law whose name appears in the respective professional roll, or any law firm employing such a lawyer or attorney-at-law, can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified that it no longer accepts, for an international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102~~bis~~(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

[Updating of Annex C(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

BR Brazil

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 15 October 2014, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect since 20 October 2014, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application ; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: faleconosco@inpi.gov.br

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will not accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.inpi.gov.br).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) (South Africa)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers and its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(27-12) 394 50 01, 394 50 72, 394 50 84
Facsimile machine:	(27-12) 394 60 84
E-mail:	epct@cipc.co.za

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by e-mail in addition to facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Costa Rica with the Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 15 November 2014.

[Updating of Annex C(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SV El Salvador

The **National Center of Registries (El Salvador)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of El Salvador with the National Center of Registries (El Salvador), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 15 November 2014.

[Updating of Annex C(SV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BR Brazil

Following the notification by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 20 October 2014 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 October 2014, pages 157 *et seq.*), the reduction under item 4(c) of the PCT Schedule of Fees is applicable since the same date. The amount of this reduction is the equivalent amount in **Brazilian real (BRL)** of CHF 200.

[Updating of Annex C(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, following the announcement published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 October 2014, page 155, notifying new amounts of the search fee for a search carried out by the Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable since 1 March 2014, are as follows:¹

CHF	667 (online)	1,000 (on paper)
EUR	550 (online)	824 (on paper)
USD	694 (online)	1,040 (on paper)

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SM San Marino

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 18 December 2013, is EUR 40.

[Updating of Annex C(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ These amounts supersede the amounts published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 January 2014, page 6, of 5 June 2014, page 79, of 10 July 2014, page 105, and of 17 July 2014, page 108.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS AND DOCUMENTS RELATING TO INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES, INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES, AUTHORITIES SPECIFIED FOR SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH AND INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2, and pursuant to Sections 710(b) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of a number of changes to previous notifications published in the PCT Gazette and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), and, in particular, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications filed using ePCT-Filing, with effect since 1 November 2014. Hence, the current means for filing international applications with the Office are EPO Online Filing, PCT-SAFE, EPO web-form filing service, EPO case management system and ePCT-Filing. With the exception of ePCT-Filing, all of the aforementioned means are also available for transmitting subsequently filed documents to the Office.

Consequently, since 1 November 2014, the following notification replaces the notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 47/2002, of 21 November 2002, pages 23832 *et seq.*, and No. 47/2005, of 24 November 2005, page 31396, and in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 June 2008, page 91, of 15 May 2014, pages 69 and 71, of 26 June 2014, page 98, and of 9 October 2014, pages 148 *et seq.*

“FILING VIA EPO ONLINE FILING AND PCT-SAFE:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- ASCII (7- and 8-bit) (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- CD-R filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d) and (e))
- DVD-R or DVD+R filing (see Annex F, section 5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1)
- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- EPO Online Filing software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format under Section 706(a) and (f) of the Administrative Instructions. In particular, the files should be archived in ZIP format and contain either plain ASCII text or be created with one of the following word processing programs:

- Microsoft Word 97 and later releases
- Corel WordPerfect 6.1, 8 & 10 and later releases
- Writer of OpenOffice 2.0 and later releases (including the corresponding StarOffice products)

Any objects originating from other programs may be embedded into documents being generated by the word processing programs mentioned above as long as they can be viewed without loss of the information being contained in these objects.

Documents in a format other than those mentioned above may be attached in that format only if the applicant informs the European Patent Office at the time of filing where it can within reason acquire the relevant software.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when electronic systems of the Office are not available (see Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Västöräkisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi) (FINEID smartcards)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (CERES certificates)

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA EPO WEB-FORM FILING SERVICE:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8.00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when electronic systems of the Office are not available (see Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA EPO CASE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The European Patent Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 a.m. and 6.00 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: 00 800 80 20 20 20
- by e-mail at: www.epo.org/service-support/contact-us.html

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application
- subsequently filed documents (including the PCT Chapter II demand)

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when electronic systems of the Office are not available (see Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register

FILING VIA ePCT-FILING:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The European Patent Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The European Patent Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when electronic systems of the Office are not available (see Section 710(a)(v)):

The European Patent Office will provide information concerning the availability of its online filing systems on its website (www.epo.org).

As to the certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Väestörekisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi) (FINEID smartcards)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (CERES certificates)

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- European Patent Register”

IN India

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 3 November 2014, the **Indian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Sections 710(a) and 713 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 November 2014, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- on-line filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgment of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk may be contacted:

- by e-mail at: patentin-pct@nic.in

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.ipindia.nic.in).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO Customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

NZ New Zealand – Corrigendum

Further to the notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 September 2014, pages 140 *et seq.*, the part relating to electronic filing software should be corrected to read as follows:

“As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

– ePCT-Filing”

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES AND BY DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CR Costa Rica

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)**, in its capacities both as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that, with effect from 15 November 2014, it will apply only the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(CR) and of the National Chapter, Summary (CR), of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]



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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 January 2015 and will be applicable to all international applications filed on or after that date, consists in withdrawing the limitation of competence applied by the Office, as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, to international applications filed by nationals or residents of the United States of America with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) or the International Bureau as receiving Office, where such applications contain claims relating to business methods. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

“Annex A Languages and Kinds of Application

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) [no change]

(ii) the following kinds of application for which it will not act:

as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, international applications where the international search is to be, or has been, performed by an International Searching Authority other than the European Patent Office or the industrial property Office of a State party to the European Patent Convention.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified an additional condition for refund and an additional amount of refund, in **Australian dollar (AUD)**, of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office – where a declaration of non-establishment of the international search report is issued under PCT Article 17(2)(a), the amount of AUD 1,500 will be refunded.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

IN India

Following the notification by the **Indian Patent Office** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form since 15 November 2014 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 November 2014, pages 170 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	221
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	332

[Updating of Annex C(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Mexico with the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, with effect since 10 November 2014.

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Committee on Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, as well as in its telephone and facsimile numbers and its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Azərbaycan Respublikasının Standartlaşdırma, Metrologiya və Patent üzrə Dövlət Komitəsi State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan
Telephone:	(99-412) 449 99 59, 594 37 75
Facsimile machine:	(99-412) 449 36 81, 594 37 75
E-mail:	azs@azstand.gov.az info@azstand.gov.az

[Updating of Annex B1(AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CY Cyprus

The **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Ministry of Energy, Commerce, Industry and Tourism
Corner Makarios Ave. and Karpenssiou St.
1427 Nicosia
Cyprus

[Updating of Annex B1(CY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified that it no longer accepts the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format.

[Updating of Annex C(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BB Barbados

The **Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office (Barbados)** has notified a change concerning its requirement as to who can act as agent before it – any attorney-at-law licensed and registered with the Office to practice as a patent agent in Barbados can now act as such.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BB), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-sixth (27th extraordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 22 to 30 September 2014, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2015, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on page 182.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2015, as indicated in the table published on pages 183 to 185.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss franc for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2015, as indicated in the table published on page 186.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

Annexes C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BE), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (GT), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MC), (MD), (MT), (MW), (MX), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (RO), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM) and (ZW),

all Annexes D,

Annexes SISA(AT), (EP), (FI), (SE) and (XN),

Annexes E(AT), (AU), (CA), (CL), (EP), (ES), (FI), (IN), (JP), (KR), (RU), (SE), (US) and (XN).]

AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Committee for Standardization, Metrology and Patent of the Republic of Azerbaijan** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b))¹, in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts are AZN 30 and AZN 20, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the components of the national fee¹, in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For a patent or a utility model:

Filing fee (including examination):	AZN	20
Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	AZN	25
Additional fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	AZN	20
Annual fee for the third year:	AZN	50

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CY Cyprus

The **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is EUR 163.

[Updating of Annex C(CY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EG Egypt

Further to the notification by the **Egyptian Patent Office** as receiving Office that it no longer accepts the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format, the corresponding reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees no longer applies.

[Updating of Annex C(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ These fees are subject to value added tax (VAT) of 18%.

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2015, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 82	USD 104
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR [No change]	USD 52
	Supplement for airmail:	
	EUR [No change]	USD 10

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 December 2014, as follows:

Basic fee:	ISK 56,000
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	ISK 3,500
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation:	ISK 15,000
Annual fees for the first three years:	ISK 28,500

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2015)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 06.10.14	International filing fee	Fee per sheet in excess of 30	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees	
		Rule 15.2(a)	Rule 15.2(a)	Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)	Item 3	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.84051876	1,574 1,582	18 18	n.a. n.a.	237 238	355 357	237 238	Current amount* New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.86158835	1,638 1,544	18 17	123 116	246 232	369 348	246 232	Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.16290796	8,090 8,160	90 90	610 610	1,220 1,230	1,820 1,840	1,220 1,230	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1.21266264	1,084 1,097	12 12	81 82	163 165	244 247	163 165	Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.54251006	914 862	10 10	n.a. n.a.	138 130	206 194	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00394061	341,400 337,500	3,900 3,800	25,700 25,400	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00792815	168,000 167,800	1,900 1,900	12,600 12,600	25,300 25,200	37,900 37,800	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.00881503	154,800 150,900	1,700 1,700	11,600 11,300	n.a. n.a.	34,900 34,000	23,300 22,700	Current amount New amount
KR - Korean won	0.00090060	** **	** **	** **	** **	** **	222,000 222,000	Current amount* New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.14799670	8,780 8,990	100 100	n.a. n.a.	1,320 1,350	1,980 2,030	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.75138665	1,767 1,770	20 20	133 133	266 266	399 399	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.13340572	10,130 9,970	110 110	760 750	1,520 1,500	2,290 2,250	1,520 1,500	Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.75280935	1,835 1,767	21 20	138 133	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	0.96081206	1,471 1,384	17 16	111 104	221 208	332 312	221 208	Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.08538092	15,860 15,580	180 180	1,190 1,170	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount

* Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2014.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Korean won of the amounts in Swiss franc indicated above.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2015)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		ISA/CL		ISA/CN				
	EUR	1,864	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,525	1,685	CAD	1,600	USD	2,000	400	300	CNY	2,100
Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		
Exchange rates applicable on 06.10.14															
CHF - Swiss franc	1.2126264	2,272	0.84051876	1,858	0.39584780	n.a.	n.a.	0.86158835	1,299 ¹	0.96081206	1,808 ¹	362 ¹	271 ¹	0.15663831	310
		2,260		1,849		1,000¹			1,379¹		1,922¹	384¹	288¹		329
USD - US dollar	0.79231604	2,393 ²	1.14311793	1,972	2.42722598	n.a.	n.a.	1.11516371	1,442					6.13787182	343
		2,353		1,925		1,040			1,435						342
EUR - Euro			1.44275500	1,584 ¹	3.06345682	n.a.	n.a.	1.40747334	1,066 ¹	1.26212282	1,473 ¹	295 ¹	221 ¹	7.74674689	253 ¹
				1,525¹		824¹			1,137¹		1,585¹	317¹	238¹		271¹
AUD - Australian dollar															Current amount
															New amount
DKK - Danish krone															Current amount
															New amount
GBP - Pound sterling															Current amount
															New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint															Current amount
															New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona															Current amount
															New amount
JPY - Japanese yen															Current amount
															New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00074266	2,505,000 ²	0.00107148	2,070,000											Current amount
		2,510,000		2,053,000											New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone															Current amount
															New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar			0.89395584	2,345											Current amount
				2,461											New amount
SEK - Swedish krona															Current amount
															New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.62079042	3,050 ²	0.89564848	2,590											Current amount
		3,000		2,460											New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.07040781	27,130	0.10158122	22,260											Current amount
		26,470		21,660											New amount

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¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

² Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2014.

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International Searching Authority	ISA/EG		ISA/EP		ISA/ES		ISA/FI		ISA/IL		ISA/IN		ISA/JP	
	Reference currency & Amount	EGP	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	ILS	INR	INR	INR	JPY	JPY
Exchange rates applicable on 06.10.14	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate	Exch. rate
CHF - Swiss franc	525 ³ 538 ³	0.13437923	2,301 2,274	1,21266264	2,301 ³ 2,274 ³	1,21266264	2,301 ³ 2,274 ³	913 ³ 931 ³	0.26118747	147 ³ 157 ³	0.01565646	37 ³ 39 ³	0.00881503	601 617
USD - US dollar	580 559	7.15000410	2,545 2,366	0.79231604	2,545 2,366	0.79231604	2,545 ³ 2,366 ³	1,021 969	3.67863006	162 ³ 163 ³	61.36839999	41 ³ 41 ³	108.99699939	673 642
EUR - Euro	427 ³ 443 ³	9.02418194						745 ³ 768 ³	4.64288222	119 ³ 129 ³	77.45444606	30 ³ 32 ³	137.56757883	491 ³ 509 ³
AUD - Australian dollar														
DKK - Danish krone			13,990 13,960	0.13433906										
GBP - Pound sterling			1,490 1,474	1.27200262										
HUF - Hungarian forint			588,100 577,000	0.00324955										
ISK - Icelandic krona			290,000 287,000	0.00653780										
JPY - Japanese yen			267,300 257,900	0.00726915										
KRW - Korean won														
NOK - Norwegian krone			15,180 15,360	0.12204276										
NZD - New Zealand dollar			3,057 3,026	0.61961722										
SEK - Swedish krona			17,380 17,040	0.11001058										
SGD - Singapore dollar			3,180 3,020	0.62079042										
ZAR - South African rand			27,580 26,650	0.07040781										

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³ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

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International Searching Authority	ISAKR		ISARU		ISA/SE ⁴		ISAUS			ISAXN ⁵		
	KRW	450,000	RUB	6,750	SEK	17,380	USD	2,080	1,040		520	DKK
Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate		Exch. rate				Exch. rate					
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 06.10.14</i>												
CHF - Swiss franc	0.00090060	405	0.02416473	709	171	2,301	0.96081206	1,880	940	470	2,301 ⁶	Current amount
		405		677	163	2,274		1,998	999	500	2,274 ⁶	New amount
USD - US dollar	1,219	420	39.76092938	724 ⁷	174 ⁷	2,545					2,545 ⁶	Current amount
	1066.85949321	422		704	170	2,366					2,366 ⁶	New amount
EUR - Euro	984 ⁶	340 ⁶	50.18316854	580	140	1,875		1,532 ⁶	766 ⁶	383 ⁶	1,875 ⁶	Current amount
	1346.50750351	334 ⁶		558	135	1,875		1,648 ⁶	824 ⁶	412 ⁶	1,875 ⁶	New amount
AUD - Australian dollar	1,376	476										Current amount
	933.28909164	1,393										New amount
DKK - Danish krone						13,990						Current amount
						13,960						New amount
GBP - Pound sterling												Current amount
												New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint												Current amount
				185,500	44,700							New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona			0.16307277	171,700	41,400							Current amount
						290,000					290,000	Current amount
						287,000					287,000	New amount
JPY - Japanese yen												Current amount
												New amount
KRW - Korean won												Current amount
												New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone												Current amount
						15,180					15,180	Current amount
						15,360					15,360	New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	834.31923482	504					0.78203291	2,500	1,249	625		Current amount
	1,456	539						2,660	1,330	660		New amount
SEK - Swedish krona												Current amount
												New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	835.89895631	551										Current amount
	1,593	540										New amount
ZAR - South African rand												Current amount
								22,550	11,280	5,640		Current amount
								23,410	11,700	5,850		New amount

[End of Table 2]

⁴ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2015, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁵ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2015, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁶ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

⁷ Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2014.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2015)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU		ISA/SE		ISA/XN						
	Reference currency & Amount	EUR	850 ¹ 1,190 ² 1,700 ³	EUR	1,875	EUR	1,875	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴	11,800	18,880 ⁵ SEK	17,380	DKK	13,990 4,000 ⁸				
Exchange rate applicable on 06.10.14	CHF - Swiss franc	1.21266264	1,031	1,443	2,062	Exch. rate	2,274	2,274	Exch. rate	0.02416473	285	456	2,274 ⁹	17,040 ⁶	13,960 ⁷	2,274 ¹⁰	650 ¹⁰
						Exch. rate	2,274	2,274	Exch. rate	0.02416473	285	456	2,274 ⁹	17,040 ⁶	13,960 ⁷	2,274 ¹⁰	650 ¹⁰

¹ For a search of the German-language documentation.
² For a search of the European or North American documentation.
³ For a full search of PCT minimum documentation.
⁴ This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
⁵ This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
⁶ This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2015.
⁷ This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2015.
⁸ For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.
⁹ New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2015.
¹⁰ New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2015.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

LC Saint Lucia

The **Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (Saint Lucia)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone numbers, as well as its Internet address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: 2nd Floor, Hewanorra House
Trou Garnier Financial Centre
Pointe Seraphine
Castries
Saint Lucia

Telephone: (1-758) 468 32 30, 468 32 31

Internet: www.rocip.gov.lc

[Updating of Annex B1(LC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified the discontinuance of its mailing address. The location and mailing address of the Office is now as follows:

7(70) Citadeles iela
1010 Riga
Latvia

[Updating of Annex B1(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MT Malta

The **Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Division, Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment (Malta)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address and in its Internet address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office: Industrial Property Registrations
Directorate
Commerce Department
Ministry for the Economy, Investment
and Small Business (Malta)

Location and mailing address: Lascaris
Valletta
VLT 1933
Malta

Internet: <https://secure2.gov.mt/IPO/default.aspx?ct=1>

[Updating of Annex B1(MT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Office (Trinidad and Tobago)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office Ministry of Legal Affairs (Trinidad and Tobago)
Location and mailing address:	3 th Floor, Capital Plaza 11-13, Frederick Street Port of Spain Trinidad and Tobago
Telephone:	(1-868) 625 99 72, 625 19 07, 627 07 06
Facsimile machine:	(1-868) 624 12 21, 624 37 69

[Updating of Annex B1(TT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 January 2015, consists of the addition of Georgia to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
Israel, United States of America, Georgia;
- (ii) [no change]”

RECEIVING OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has specified the Israel Patent Office, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Georgia with the National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 January 2015.

[Updating of Annex C(GE) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

KE Kenya

The **Kenya Industrial Property Institute** has notified changes concerning its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is required – the applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KE), of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CL Chile

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 17 October 2014, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 89*bis*.1(d) and 89*bis*.2 and pursuant to Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 January 2015, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- ePCT-Filing

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8.15 a.m. and 5.15 p.m. Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at: (56-2) 28 87 05 50
- by e-mail at: pct@inapi.cl

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- subsequently filed documents for international applications, to the extent supported by the relevant software

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.inapi.cl).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

Applications filed via ePCT-Filing can be accessed by the applicant using the ePCT private services.”

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

FI Finland

The **Finnish Patent and Registration Office (PRH)** has notified changes in its location and its mailing address, which are now as follows:

Location: Arkadiankatu 6A
00100 Helsinki
Finland

Mailing address: P.O. Box 1160
00101 Helsinki
Finland

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning:

– the filing of documents by facsimile machine (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of the document must now be furnished only upon invitation;

– the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent – after international publication, the furnishing of a translation into Finnish or Swedish or, if the international application was filed in Finnish or Swedish, a copy of the international application as filed, gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages; these are limited to what is judged reasonable under the circumstances and the protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent (see Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patent Law).

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (7-495) 531 63 64 (general)
(7-499) 240 25 91 (application processing)

E-mail: rospatent@rupto.ru (general)
ro-ru@rupto.ru (RO)
isa-ipea@rupto.ru (ISA, SISA, IPEA)

Internet: www.rupto.ru
www1.fips.ru

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CL Chile

Following the notification by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form from 1 January 2015 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 December 2014, pages 190 *et seq.*), the reductions under sub-items 4(c) and (d) of the PCT Schedule of Fees are applicable from the same date. The amounts of these reductions will be the equivalent amounts in **Chilean peso (CLP)** of 208 and 312 US dollars (USD), respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2015, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
1 and 2 January 2015,
3 and 6 April 2015,
25 May 2015,
10 September 2015,
24 September 2015¹,
24, 25 and 31 December 2015.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

Under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has informed the International Bureau that it now applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This date may eventually change.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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CN China

Agreement between the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 March 2015, consists of the addition of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

China, Angola, Ghana, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Kenya, Liberia, Thailand, Turkey, Zimbabwe

and any State that the Authority will specify;

(ii) [no change]”

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex A

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 January 2015, consists of the addition of Saudi Arabia to the States indicated in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_cn.pdf.

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

Republic of Korea;

Australia, Chile, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United States of America, Viet Nam; and

any country that the Authority will specify;

(ii) [no change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

LT Lithuania

As a result of the change in the official currency of Lithuania from **Lithuanian litas (LTL)** to **euro (EUR)** from 1 January 2015, the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable from the same date, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	92
Fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	23
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	115

[Updating of Annex C(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)

The **Industrial Property Office (Islamic Republic of Iran)** has specified the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the Indian Patent Office, as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran with the Industrial Property Office (Islamic Republic of Iran), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 March 2015.

[Updating of Annex C(IR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified a change concerning the number of copies on paper required by it – one copy must now be filed instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(MY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified a change concerning the number of copies on paper required by it – one copy must now be filed instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SA Saudi Arabia

The **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, the Egyptian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation), as competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed in English by nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia with the Saudi Patent Office (SPO), or with the International Bureau, with effect from 1 January 2015.

[Updating of Annex C(SA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office¹ (United Kingdom)** has notified a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/intellectual-property-office

[Updating of Annex B1(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified that, in its capacity as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, it now sends notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications, if authorized, to applicants who did not file their international application with the Office as receiving Office, with effect since 1 December 2014. For a transitional period of six months, these applicants will also receive notifications by post.

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

A new equivalent amount in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 January 2015, is ILS 766.

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of the following change to its notification pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see PCT Gazette No. 06/2005, of 10 February 2005, pages 3766 *et seq.*), applicable from 1 January 2015:

“As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

– WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)”

¹ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 January 2013. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	577.87
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	577.87
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2013, are EUR 73.51 and EUR 29.40, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable since 1 January 2013, are EUR 577.87 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

TH Thailand

Information on the requirements of the **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (TH), which is published on the following pages.

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(or elected) Office**

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**DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY (DIP) (THAILAND)**

TH

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Thai
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Request, description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19 ²), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Request, description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report ²)
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: Baht (THB) For patent: Filing fee: THB 500 For petty patent: Filing fee: THB 250
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{3, 4} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant ⁴ Statement justifying the applicant's right to the invention ³ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Thailand Power of attorney if an agent is appointed ⁴

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² Where the translation of the international application furnished by the applicant consists only in the translation of the international application either as originally filed or as amended, the Office will invite the applicant to furnish the missing translation of the international application; if the missing translation of the international application is still not furnished within the time limit applicable under Thai Patent Law, the international application will be considered to be withdrawn.

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement and to pay the required fee within a time limit of 90 days from the date of receipt of the invitation.

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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**DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY (DIP) (THAILAND)**

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Who can act as agent?

Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office⁵

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49*ter*.2)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

⁵ A list of patent agents may be obtained from the Office.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IL Israel – Corrigendum

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The information concerning the date of entry into force of the amendments to Part I of Annex C of the above-mentioned Agreement, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 December 2012, page 173, is erroneous. These amendments enter into force on 1 February 2013.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel – Corrigendum

The information concerning the date of entry into force of the new amounts, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, of the fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3), the fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2) and the fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2), payable to the **Israel Patent Office** as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 December 2012, pages 173 and 174, is erroneous. These amounts are applicable from 1 February 2013.

[Updating of Annexes D(IL) and E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2013, is KRW 917,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

LT Lithuania

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 30 November 2012, the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect since 15 December 2012, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- EPO online filing software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signature (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available Monday to Friday (except public holidays) from 9:00 to 15:00 (GMT+2). The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at +370 5 278 0254
- by e-mail at martinas.gladysevas@vpb.gov.lt

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.vpb.lt).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- EPO customer CA (see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security/smart-cards.html)
- WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

PT Portugal

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 18 January 2013, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 25 January 2013, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R or 3.5 inch diskette (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- EPO online filing software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signature (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

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- by telephone at +21 881 81 00

- by fax at +21 886 98 59
- by e-mail at atm@inpi.pt

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.inpi.pt).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- EPO customer CA (see www.epo.org/applying/online-services/security/smart-cards.html)
- Portuguese Electronic ID (see www.scee.gov.pt/ecee/en/)
- WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.html)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

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EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2013, as follows:

Claim fee for each claim in excess of five:	RUB	3,200
Examination fee:		
– for one invention:	RUB	25,500
– additional fee for second invention:	RUB	19,000
– additional fee for third, fourth and fifth invention, per invention:	RUB	9,500

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2013, is JPY 206,700.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	121,400
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	1,400
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	JPY	9,100
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY	27,400

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 March 2013, are CHF 767, EUR 635 and USD 834, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 March 2013, is JPY 18,300.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (358) (0) 29 509 5000

Facsimile machine: (358) (0) 29 509 5328

However, the old numbers remain valid until further notice.

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing addresses, which are now as follows:

Location: Prinses Beatrixlaan 2,
2595 AL Den Haag,
Netherlands

Mailing address: P.O. Box 10366,
2501 HJ Den Haag,
Netherlands

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Colombia with the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia), with effect since 28 January 2013.

[Updating of Annex C(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified a change concerning the sending of notifications via e-mail by the Office in respect of international applications – the Office now sends notifications through this medium.

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified a change in the number of copies required by it as receiving Office. Two copies must now be filed instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2013, is ISK 321,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2013, is ISK 321,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2013, is ISK 321,000.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Korean won (KRW)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2013, are CHF 687, EUR 559, KRW 842,000, SGD 955 and USD 756, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2013, is ZAR 21,560.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2013, is ZAR 20,470.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2013, is EUR 1,186.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2013, are JPY 234,800 and ZAR 22,650, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY	135,500
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	1,500
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	JPY	10,200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY	30,600

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 May 2013, is JPY 20,400.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 July 2012, is RSD 6,300.

[Updating of Annex C(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	13,070
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	150
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	ZAR	980

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **pound sterling (GBP)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2013, is GBP 1,619.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 186,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 2,100
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 14,000
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK 28,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK 42,000

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2013, is ZAR 18,510.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified that the 30-month time limits under PCT Article 22(1) and PCT Article 39(1)(a) may be extended by two months, provided that the applicant pays the prescribed fee (see PCT Article 48 and Rule 103 of the Implementing Regulations of the Chinese Patent Law).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CN), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

JP Japan

The International Bureau has been notified of the following changes, applicable from 1 April 2013, in the addresses of the **International Patent Organism Depository (IPOD)**, **National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)**, and of the **Patent Microorganisms Depository (NPMD)**, **National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)**, international depository authorities under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made:

International Patent Organism Depository (IPOD)
National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)
#120, 2-5-8 Kazusakamatari
Kisarazu-shi
Chiba 292-0818
Japan

Patent Microorganisms Depository (NPMD)
National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE)
#122, 2-5-8 Kazusakamatari
Kisarazu-shi
Chiba 292-0818
Japan

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

EG Egypt

Agreement between the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Following the publication in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 33 to 38, of the text of the above-mentioned Agreement as signed on 30 September 2009, the **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the said Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 1 April 2013.

The updated Agreement, which is set out on pages 34 to 40, will enter into force on that date.

Pursuant to the decision of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its fortieth (17th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 22 September to 1 October 2009, to appoint the Egyptian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority², that appointment will also have effect from 1 April 2013.

The Office has notified that it will initially operate as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority only for applications filed with it as receiving Office or for applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office by applicants who are eligible to file with the Egyptian Patent Office as receiving Office.

Further information on the requirements of the Office as International Searching Authority and as International Preliminary Examining Authority is given in Annexes D(EG) and E(EG), which are published on pages 41 to 43.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_eg.pdf.

² See the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, page 30.

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 April 2013, consists of the addition of Malaysia to the States indicated in items (i), (ii) and (iii)(b) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore and Malaysia;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore and Malaysia;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [no change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore or Malaysia:
English;
 - (c) [no change]”

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a change concerning the non-electronic filing fee component of the transmittal fee, in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office – the lower fee of USD 200 applicable to small entities is also applicable to micro entities⁴ since 19 March 2013.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amounts of this fee, also applicable since 19 March 2013, are now as follows:

For other than a small or micro entity:	USD 1,420
For a small entity:	USD 710
For a micro entity:	USD 355

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are also applicable since 19 March 2013. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows (the first amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a small entity, and the second amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a micro entity):

Basic national fee:	USD 280 (140) (70)
Search fee:	
– IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):	USD 0 (0) (0)
– International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA:	USD 120 (60) (30)
– Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO:	USD 480 (240) (120)
– All other situations:	USD 600 (300) (150)
Examination fee:	
– IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):	USD 0 (0) (0)
– All other situations:	USD 720 (360) (180)

⁴ For details on the “micro entity” status, see 37 CFR 1.29 at: www.uspto.gov/aia_implementation/77fr75019.pdf, page 75033.

For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium):	USD 400	(200)	(100)
Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three:	USD 420	(210)	(105)
Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20:	USD 80	(40)	(20)
In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application:	USD 780	(390)	(195)
Surcharge for paying any of the search fee, the examination fee, or filing the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage:	USD 140	(70)	(35)
Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1):	USD 140	(70)	(35)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (US), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has specified itself, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 April 2013 with the Egyptian Patent Office as receiving Office, or with the International Bureau as receiving Office, by applicants who are eligible to file with the Egyptian Patent Office as receiving Office.

[Updating of Annex C(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Malaysia with the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia, with effect from 1 April 2013.

[Updating of Annex C(MY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Agreement

Between the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization

in relation to the functioning of the Egyptian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Egyptian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1 Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) "Treaty" means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) "Regulations" mean the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) "Administrative Instructions" means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) "Article" (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;

- (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
- (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
- (g) “The Authority” means the Egyptian Patent Office;
- (h) “The International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4 **Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined**

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5 **Fees and Charges**

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

**Article 6
Classification**

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

**Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority**

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

**Article 8
International-Type Search**

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

**Article 9
Entry into Force**

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

**Article 10
Duration and Renewability**

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

**Article 11
Amendment**

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this thirtieth day of September two thousand and nine, in two originals in the Arabic and English languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Egyptian Academy of Scientific
Research and Technology by:

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
any African, Asian and/or Arab Contracting State;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) Arabic or English for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States;
 - (b) English for international applications filed with any other receiving Office.

**Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination**

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

subject matter which is searched or examined in Egyptian national applications.

**Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Egyptian pounds)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	4,000 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	4,000 ¹
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	3,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	3,000
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i>]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,600
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	200

¹ This fee is reduced by 25% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in Egypt or a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “low income”, “lower middle income” or “upper middle income”.

Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)) ²	50
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2):	
— for the first 30 pages	200
— for each additional page	3

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search taken into account in accordance with Rule 4.12, 50% of the search fee paid shall be refunded upon request by the applicant.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Arabic or English, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

² The applicant receives, together with the international search report, the opinion of the international Preliminary Examining Authority or the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge.

D International Searching Authorities D
EG EGYPTIAN PATENT OFFICE¹ EG

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ^{2, 3}	Egyptian pound (EGP)	4,000
	Euro (EUR)	456
	Swiss franc (CHF)	559
	US dollar (USD)	593
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Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ^{3, 4}	EGP	4,000
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Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each document cited in the report, free of charge. Additional copies may be ordered at EGP 50 per document.	
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Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 50% upon request by the applicant	
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Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EGP	1,600
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Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	EGP	200
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Languages accepted for international search:	Arabic ⁵ , English ^{5, 6}	
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Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes	
Types of electronic carrier required:	Diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R	
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Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in Egyptian national applications	

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¹ The Egyptian Patent Office will start operating as an International Searching Authority with effect from 1 April 2013.

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

³ This fee is reduced by 25% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “low income”, “lower middle income” or “upper middle income”.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁵ For international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States (www.lasportal.org/wps/portal/las_en/).

⁶ For international applications filed with any receiving Office other than the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States (www.lasportal.org/wps/portal/las_en/).

D **International Searching Authorities** **D**
EG **EGYPTIAN PATENT OFFICE⁷** **EG**

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted? No

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of attorney
be submitted? No

⁷ See footnote 1.

E **E**
International Preliminary
Examining Authorities
EG **EG**
EGYPTIAN PATENT OFFICE¹

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	Egyptian pound (EGP)	3,000
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ³	EGP	3,000
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ²	EGP	1,432
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each additional document not cited in the international search report, free of charge. Additional copies may be ordered at EGP 50 per document.	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	EGP 200 for the first 30 pages plus EGP 3 for each additional page	
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EGP	1,600
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	EGP	200
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	Arabic ⁴ , English ^{4, 5}	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of subject matter which is examined in Egyptian national applications	
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No	

¹ The Egyptian Patent Office will start operating as an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 1 April 2013.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ For international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States (www.lasportal.org/wps/portal/las_en/).

⁵ For international applications filed with any receiving Office other than the receiving Office of, or acting for, any member of the League of Arab States (www.lasportal.org/wps/portal/las_en/).

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XN Nordic Patent Institute

Agreement between the Nordic Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annexes C and E

The **Nordic Patent Institute** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) and (iv) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C and to Annex E thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 May 2013, relate to the introduction, in addition to the full supplementary international search, of a supplementary international search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection of the Authority. The amended Annexes C and E will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Danish kroner)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee, full search (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	... ²
Supplementary search fee for searches only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection of the Authority (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	4,000
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Cost of copies in paper form (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_xn.pdf.

² Same amount in Danish kroner as the search fee under Rule 16.1(a).

Annex E
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

- (1) [No change]
- (2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:
 - (i) in addition to the PCT minimum documentation, at least the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection of the Authority;
 - (ii) only the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection of the Authority.
- (3) [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	939
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	11
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP	141
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP	212

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2013, is CHF 902.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(a), the **Nordic Patent Institute**, in its capacity as Authority specified for supplementary search, has notified, in addition to the supplementary search fee for a full search, the introduction, with effect from 1 May 2013, of a supplementary search fee for a search of only the documentation in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), an equivalent amount of this fee has been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**. This amount, also applicable from 1 May 2013, is CHF 650.

[Updating of Annex SISA (XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

The **Intellectual Property Office³ (United Kingdom)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the languages in which international applications may be filed pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a) and (c) – it now accepts Welsh⁴ in addition to English.

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau that the 30-month time limits under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a) may be extended up to three months, provided the applicant pays the prescribed fee. They may also be extended for periods longer than three months, but only at the discretion of the Registrar.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ Intellectual Property Office is an operating name of the Patent Office.

⁴ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority, the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2013, is USD 959.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 July 2013, is ILS 776.

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 173,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 2,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 13,000
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK 26,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK 39,000

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified a change, applicable from 1 May 2013, in the currency of payment of the transmittal fee, the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and the search fee, as well as in the currency of the reduction under item 4(a) of the PCT Schedule of Fees from **Mexican peso (MXN)** to **US dollar (USD)**. These fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are now as follows:

Transmittal fee:	USD 323.70
International filing fee:	USD 1,419

Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	16
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	USD	107
Search fee:	Equivalent in USD of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant	

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified the International Bureau of a change concerning the languages in which international applications may be filed pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a) – it now accepts Romanian¹ in addition to English, French, German and Russian¹.

[Updating of Annex C(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority, the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2013, is EUR 737.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OA African Intellectual Property Organization

The **African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)** has notified the amounts of the fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49~~ter~~.2(d), in **CFA franc BEAC (XAF)**, payable to it as designated Office, as follows:

For a patent:

In case of failure by the applicant:	XAF	375,000
In case of failure by the agent:	XAF	650,000

For a utility model:

In case of failure by the applicant:	XAF	100,000
In case of failure by the agent:	XAF	260,000

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NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

www.agentschapnl.nl

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the International Bureau has been notified of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect since 26 April 2013, as follows:

Provasoli-Guillard National Center for Marine Algae and Microbiota (NCMA)
60 Bigelow Drive
East Boothbay
Maine 04544
United States of America

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AL Albania

The **Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Blloku Vasil Shanto
Rr. "Viktor Eftimiu"
Ish Instituti Energjetikes
Kati 4
Tirana
Albania

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of a document must now be furnished within one month from the date of the transmission.

[Updating of Annex B1(AL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2013, is ISK 290,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2013, is USD 710.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2013, is ISK 290,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2013, is ISK 290,000.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*, applicable since 15 April 2013. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name of the inventor if it has not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application

Address for service in Australia (but no representation by an agent is required)

Verification of translation

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the deletion of one of its e-mail addresses. Its e-mail address is now as follows:

pct@patentamt.at

[Updating of Annex B1(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Rua São Bento N° 1, 17° andar
Centro, CEP 20.090-010
Rio de Janeiro, RJ
Brazil

Telephone: (55-21) 3037 36 86, 3037 37 42,
3037 33 18, 3037 42 44

[Updating of Annex B1(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of two components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2012, are as follows:

For a patent:

Search and examination fee, including 10 claims:	EUR	280
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For a utility model:

Search fee, including 10 claims:	EUR	150
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

SA Saudi Arabia

On 3 May 2013, **Saudi Arabia** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 3 August 2013, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 3 August 2013 will automatically include the designation of Saudi Arabia (country code: SA).

Saudi Arabia will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 3 August 2013. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia will be entitled, as from 3 August 2013, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2013, is SGD 878.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which will enter into force on 1 June 2013, consists of the addition of Indonesia to the States indicated in items (i), (ii) and (iii)(b) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [no change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam, Singapore, Malaysia or Indonesia:
English;
 - (c) [no change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Chile)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows: (56-2) 28 87 05 50, 28 87 05 51.

[Updating of Annex B1(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2013, is KRW 776,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Indonesia with the Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia), with effect from 1 June 2013.

[Updating of Annex C(ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BB Barbados

The **Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office (Barbados)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	7 th floor BAOBAB Tower, Warrens, St. Michael, Barbados
Telephone:	(1-246) 625-2400, 625-2450
Facsimile machine:	(1-246) 424-2366
E-mail:	general@caipo.gov.bb
Internet:	www.caipo.gov.bb

[Updating of Annex B1(BB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

KM Comoros

OA African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)

On 25 March 2013, the **Comoros** deposited its instrument of accession to the **Bangui Agreement establishing the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)** and on 25 May 2013, became bound by that Agreement.

As a result, any international application filed on or after 25 May 2013 includes the designation of the Comoros for an OAPI patent, and no longer includes the designation of that State for a national patent.

Moreover, since 25 May 2013, nationals and residents of the Comoros may file international applications with OAPI as receiving Office, in addition to the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Annex B1(KM) and updating of Annexes B2(OA) and C(OA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

BR Brazil

Agreement between the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annexes A and C

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) and (ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to item (ii) of Annex A and to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 August 2013. The amended Annexes A and C will read as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) [no change]
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) for international applications filed with the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office: English, Portuguese and Spanish;
 - (b) for international applications filed with receiving Offices established at Latin American and Caribbean regions: English, Portuguese and Spanish;²
 - (c) for international applications filed with any other receiving Office: English and Portuguese.²

**Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge³	Amount (Brazilian reals)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,250
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,815
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	840

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_br.pdf.

² This information also updates Annexes D and E of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

³ These fees are reduced by 60% under certain conditions (see Official Resolution of INPI-BR of December 30, 2011 No. 280/11).

Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	485
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]"

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to the Office as receiving Office and applicable since 1 January 2012, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): ⁴	BRL	175 (online)
	BRL	235 (on paper)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	BRL	135 (online)
	BRL	180 (on paper)

[Updating of Annex C(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and applicable from 1 August 2013, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ⁴	BRL	2,250
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ⁴	BRL	1,815

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 August 2013, are CHF 1,054, EUR 849 and USD 1,098, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 August 2013, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ⁴	BRL	840
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⁴ This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 280/11 of 30 December 2011.

Additional preliminary
examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):⁵ BRL 485

[Updating of Annex E(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2012, as follows:

For patent:⁵

Filing fee:	BRL	175	(online)
	BRL	235	(on paper)

First annual fee:	BRL	295
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For utility model:⁵

Filing fee:	BRL	175	(online)
	BRL	235	(on paper)

First annual fee:	BRL	200
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, applicable since 1 June 2013 – in addition to the filing fee, the grant fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person in whose name the invention will be patented.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁵ This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil) No. 280/11 of 30 December 2011.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES RECEIVING OFFICES

BN Brunei Darussalam

General information on **Brunei Darussalam** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam)** as receiving Office, is given in Annexes B1(BN) and C(BN), which are published on pages 73 to 76.

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Cra. 13 No. 27-00 Piso 1, 3, 5, 10 Bogotá, D.C. Colombia
Telephone:	(57-1) 587 00 00
Facsimile machine:	(57-1) 587 02 84
E-mail:	contactenos@sic.gov.co

[Updating of Annex B1(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2013, is EUR 1,572.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

B1 **Information on Contracting States** **B1**
BN **BRUNEI DARUSSALAM** **BN**

General information

Name of Office:	Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam)
Location and mailing address:	Knowledge Hub (KHub), Block B26, Simpang 32-37, Anggerek Desa, Bandar Seri Begawan BB3713, Negara Brunei Darussalam
Telephone:	(673) 238 09 65, 238 09 66
Facsimile machine:	(673) 238 05 45
E-mail:	enquiries@brunei-patents.com.bn
Internet:	www.brunei-patents.com.bn
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	Only documents that do not require payment of any official fees
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam:	Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Brunei Darussalam is designated (or elected):	Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam)
May Brunei Darussalam be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Brunei Darussalam concerning international-type search:	None

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Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if Brunei Darussalam is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Brunei Darussalam is designated (or
elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already
complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22
or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the
invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
BN **PATENT REGISTRY OFFICE** **BN**
(BRUNEI DARUSSALAM)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Brunei Darussalam
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ¹	Yes
Types of physical media accepted by the receiving Office:	CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Korean Intellectual Property Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Korean Intellectual Property Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Brunei dollar (BND)
Transmittal fee:	BND 150
International filing fee:	Equivalent in BND of Swiss francs 1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	Equivalent in BND of Swiss francs 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY: ²	Equivalent in BND of Swiss francs 100
Search fee:	Equivalent in BND of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant: see Annex D(AT), (AU), (EP) or (KR)
Fee for priority document:	BND 50
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	BND 500
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, but an address for service in Brunei Darussalam is required

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¹ Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with the electronic file on a physical medium and the receiving Office accepts such filings, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

² See footnote 1.

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**PATENT REGISTRY OFFICE
(BRUNEI DARUSSALAM)**

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Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Brunei Darussalam
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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes³

Particular instances in which a a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant

³ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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IN India

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified changes in the location and mailing address and in the telephone and facsimile numbers of its branch office in New Delhi, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	The Patent Office Delhi Intellectual Property Office Building Sector-14, Block No. 32 Dwarka New Delhi 110 075 India
Telephone:	(91-11) 25 30 02 00, 28 03 43 10
Facsimile machine:	(91-11) 28 03 43 01

Furthermore, the Office has notified that it no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication under PCT Rule 92.4.

[Updating of Annex B1(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified a change in the provisions of the law of Iceland concerning international-type search. These provisions are now Section 9 of the Icelandic Patent Act and Section 25 of the Regulation Concerning Patent Applications.

[Updating of Annex B1(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Colombian peso (COP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 11 January 2013, is COP 865,000¹.

[Updating of Annex C(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of two components of the national fee, in **Colombian peso (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable since 11 January 2013, are as follows:

¹ This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research registered with the Chamber of Commerce.

For a patent:

Filing fee: COP 500,000

For a utility model:

Filing fee: COP 270,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

BN Brunei Darussalam

The **Patent Registry Office (Brunei Darussalam)** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	None	None
<p>The applicant may request that a sample only be made available to an expert before the patent is granted or if the application has been withdrawn, or has been treated as having been abandoned, has been refused or is treated as having been refused. The applicant should make such requests to the International Bureau in writing before completion of technical preparations for publication of the international application.</p>		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now as follows: (52-5) 334 07 24, 334 07 00 (ext. 10025, 10078, 10095).

[Updating of Annex B1(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified a change in the provisions of the law of Norway concerning international-type search. These provisions are now Section 9 of the Patents Act of Norway and Section 29 of the Regulations.

[Updating of Annex B1(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Švermova 43
P.O. Box 7
974 04 Banská Bystrica 4
Slovakia

[Updating of Annex B1(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2013, are KRW 2,352,000 and USD 2,084, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Hungarian forint (HUF)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2012, are as follows:

For a patent:

- where the Office is a designated Office:

HUF	37,400	plus
HUF	1,900	per claim for the 11 th to the 20 th claim
HUF	3,800	per claim for the 21 st to the 30 th claim
HUF	5,600	for each claim in excess of 30

- where the Office is an elected Office:

HUF	18,700	plus
HUF	950	per claim for the 11 th to the 20 th claim
HUF	1,900	per claim for the 21 st to the 30 th claim
HUF	2,800	for each claim in excess of 30

For a utility model:

HUF	18,700	plus
HUF	1,200	for each claim in excess of 10

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2013, are AUD 1,216 for searches carried out in English and AUD 421 for searches carried out in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 October 2012, is EUR 166.

[Updating of Annex C(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2013, is ZAR 21,120.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

IR Iran (Islamic Republic of)

On 4 July 2013, the **Islamic Republic of Iran** deposited its instrument of ratification to the PCT and on 4 October 2013, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 4 October 2013 will automatically include the designation of the Islamic Republic of Iran (country code: IR).

The Islamic Republic of Iran will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 4 October 2013. Furthermore, nationals and residents of the Islamic Republic of Iran will be entitled, as from 4 October 2013, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AE United Arab Emirates

The **Industrial Property Directorate, Ministry of Finance and Industry (United Arab Emirates)**, has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Name of Office:	Industrial Property Directorate, Ministry of Economy (United Arab Emirates)
Location and mailing address:	P.O. Box 3625 Sheikh Khalifa Bin Saeed Street Dubai United Arab Emirates P.O. Box 901 Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates
Telephone:	Dubai: (971-4) 14 15 81, 14 15 60 Abu Dhabi: (971-2) 613 14 02
Facsimile machine:	Dubai: (971-4) 385 10 77, 358 13 13 Abu Dhabi: (971-2) 626 36 34
E-mail:	kalsuwaidi@economy.ae raalmoalla@economy.ae
Internet:	www.economy.gov.ae

[Updating of Annex B1(AE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which is now: pct@moc.go.th

[Updating of Annex B1(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UA Ukraine

The **State Department of Intellectual Property (SDIP), Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine** has notified a change in the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Derzhavna Sluzhba Intelektualnoi Vlasnosti Ukrainy
State Intellectual Property Service of Ukraine (SIPSU)

[Updating of Annex B1(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AE United Arab Emirates

The **Industrial Property Directorate, Ministry of Economy (United Arab Emirates)**, has notified the filing fee for a utility model, in **United Arab Emirates dirham (AED)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, which is now as follows:

For a patent and a utility model:

Filing fee: AED 800 (400)¹

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified changes concerning whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office – while an agent is not required if the applicant resides in Thailand, one is now required if the applicant is a non-resident.

[Updating of Annex C(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The amount in parentheses is payable in case of filing by an individual.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that the 31-month time limits under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b) may be extended, provided the applicant pays the prescribed fee.²

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² See the National Chapter (AU), Annex AU.I, of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2013, is CHF 1,905.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2013, is USD 1,536.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2013, is EUR 157.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified changes in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail: valde@lrpv.gov.lv
Internet: www.lrpv.gov.lv

[Updating of Annex B1(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2013, is ZAR 23,530.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	1,536
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	17
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	AUD	115
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD	231
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD	346

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 October 2013, are NZD 2,573 and SGD 2,570, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollar (AUD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2013, is AUD 231.

[Updating of Annex E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2013, are NOK 14,860, NZD 3,136 and ZAR 24,720, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2013, is NZD 2,660.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for a reduction under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	14,320
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	160
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	ZAR	1,080

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the following change to its notification pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 June 2012, pages 90 *et seq.*), applicable since 28 July 2013:

“As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available through the Office’s website (<http://index.justice.gov.il/Units/RashamHaptentim/Units/pct/Pages/default.aspx>).”



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RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified that it no longer accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication under PCT Rule 92.4.

[Updating of Annex B1(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2013, are CHF 955, EUR 770 and USD 1,010, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of several fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2013, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	RSD 7,020	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 1,680	for the first document up to 10 pages
	plus RSD 420	for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
	plus RSD 30	per page in excess of 10
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	RSD 2,820	

[Updating of Annex C(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are also applicable since 1 July 2013. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,020
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 700
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee
Reduced examination fee for international applications:	RSD 7,020
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 9,840

For petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 7,020
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	50% of the filing fee

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days – Corrigendum

Further to the information published in the Official Notices of 18 October 2012, page 148, the date of 14 October 2013 appearing on the list of non-working days for the International Bureau in 2013 should be replaced by the following date: 15 October 2013.



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

G/F, 2/F, 14/F, 16/F Intellectual Property Center
#28 Upper McKinley Road
McKinley Hill Town Center
Fort Bonifacio
Taguig City
1634 Philippines

[Updating of Annex B1(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **ariary (MGA)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are applicable since 1 July 2013. The consolidated list of the said components is now as follows:

Filing fee:	MGA 180,000 (144,000) ¹
Annual fees:	
For the 3 rd year:	MGA 125,000 (100,000) ¹

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The amount in parentheses is applicable if the applicant is a natural person who resides in, or a legal entity whose head office is in, one of the States specified in the schedule of fees attached to Order No. 12285/2013 (see www.omapi.mg/taxes_2013.php). If there are two or more applicants, each applicant must satisfy these criteria.

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2013, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): EUR 20.85

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): EUR 41.70

Fee for requesting restoration of the
right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):

- where the request is filed online: EUR 156.36
- where the request is filed on paper: EUR 312.72

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IN India

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified a change in the name of the Office, which is now the following: Indian Patent Office.

[Updating of Annex B1(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication – the text regarding such protection where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent should now refer to Articles 18 and 161 of the Patent Law, 2011, and the text regarding such protection where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent should now refer to Article 20 of that Law.

[Updating of Annex B1(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Further to a request by the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), an equivalent amount in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2013, is HUF 542,900.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HU Hungary

Further to a request by the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(b), equivalent amounts in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** have been established for the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from 1 September 2013. These amounts, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are as follows:

International filing fee:	HUF	314,700
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	HUF	3,500
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	HUF	23,700

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Further to a request by the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), an equivalent amount in **Hungarian forint (HUF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2013, is HUF 48,300.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2013, is NOK 14,860.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2013, is NOK 14,860.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a change as to whether a copy of the international application is required – it now requires such a copy.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES RECEIVING OFFICES

SA Saudi Arabia

General information on **Saudi Arabia** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Saudi Patent Office (SPO)** as receiving Office, is given in Annexes B1(SA) and C(SA), which are published on pages 108 to 111.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2013, is CHF 1,428.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified new amounts of one of the components of the national fee, in **Colombian peso (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 11 January 2013. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Annual fees:	
– for the first to the fourth years, per year:	COP 206,000 (306,000) ¹

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	[No change]
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of late payment within a grace period of six months from the due date.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, applicable since 11 January 2013 – certain fees are now reduced where the applicant is a national of Colombia².

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² See Resolution No. 173, of 11 January 2013.

B1 **Information on Contracting States** **B1**
SA **SAUDI ARABIA** **SA**

General information

Name of Office:	Saudi Patent Office (SPO)
Location and mailing address:	King Abdulaziz City for Science and Technology, P.O Box 6086, Riyadh 11442, Saudi Arabia
Telephone:	(966-11) 481 33 44
Facsimile machine:	(966-11) 481 38 30
E-mail:	patents@kacst.edu.sa
Internet:	www.patents.kacst.edu.sa
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is Aramex, DHL, Federal Express, TNT or UPS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Saudi Arabia:	Saudi Patent Office (SPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Saudi Arabia is designated (or elected):	Saudi Patent Office (SPO)
May Saudi Arabia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Saudi Arabia concerning international-type search:	None

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Provisional protection after international publication:

None

Information of interest if Saudi Arabia is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Saudi Arabia is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If the indications concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of 90 days from the date of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
SA **SAUDI PATENT OFFICE (SPO)** **SA**

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Is an agent required by
the receiving Office?

No, if the applicant resides in Saudi Arabia
Yes, if he is a non-resident

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer registered in Saudi Arabia

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the
requirement that a separate power of
attorney be submitted?

No

Has the Office waived the
requirement that a copy of a general
power of attorney be submitted?

No



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Calle De la Prosa 104
San Borja
Lima 41
Peru

[Updating of Annex B1(PE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2013, is SGD 3,040.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2013, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD	1,490
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD	17
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	CAD	112
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CAD	224
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CAD	336

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2013, is CAD 224.

[Updating of Annex E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2013, is SGD 3,190.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2013, are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee (including publication and examination):	EUR 52.12	(online)
	EUR 104.24	(on paper)

For utility model:

Filing fee:	EUR 52.12	(online)
	EUR 104.24	(on paper)
Examination fee (whenever examination is requested):	EUR 78.18	(online)
	EUR 156.36	(on paper)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified a change, applicable from 1 January 2014, in the currency of payment of the transmittal fee and the fee for the priority document, from **Latvian lat (LVL)** to **euro (EUR)**. These fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are now as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	68.87
Fee for priority document:	EUR	17.22

[Updating of Annex C(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (Peru)** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **nuevo sol (PEN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For patent:		
Filing fee:	PEN	720
For utility model:		
Filing fee:	PEN	324

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it. These requirements are now as follows:

Any agent registered to practice before the Office¹

Any natural or legal person entered in the Register of Representatives maintained by the Office

¹ A list of agents is available on the website of the Office at: <http://www.dziv.hr/en/representation-before-sipo/patent-representatives/>

Any attorney entered in the Register of Attorneys maintained by the Croatian Bar Association or a law firm employing such an attorney or cooperating with him pursuant to some other contractual relationship

Any legal person, with a registered office in Croatia, employing at least one person that has passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office

[Updating of Annex C(HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee – the exemption from the filing fee which applied if the applicant in the international application claimed priority from an earlier national application filed with the Office is no longer in force.

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it. These requirements are now as follows:

Any agent registered to practice before the Office²

Any natural or legal person entered in the Register of Representatives maintained by the Office

Any attorney entered in the Register of Attorneys maintained by the Croatian Bar Association or a law firm employing such an attorney or cooperating with him pursuant to some other contractual relationship

Any legal person, with a registered office in Croatia, employing at least one person that has passed the professional examination for patent representatives before the Office

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² A list of agents is available on the website of the Office at: <http://www.dziv.hr/en/representation-before-sipo/patent-representatives/>



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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IN India

Agreement between the Government of India and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Following the publication in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 December 2007, pages 234 to 239, of the text of the above-mentioned Agreement, the **Indian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the said Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 15 October 2013.

The updated Agreement, which is set out on pages 120 to 126, will enter into force on that date.

The Office has notified that it will operate as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for applications filed with it as receiving Office or for applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office by applicants who are eligible to file with the Indian Patent Office as receiving Office.

RECEIVING OFFICES

IN India

The **Indian Patent Office** has specified itself, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 15 October 2013 with the Indian Patent Office as receiving Office, or with the International Bureau as receiving Office, by applicants who are eligible to file with the Indian Patent Office as receiving Office.

[Updating of Annex C(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ The Agreement will soon be available on the WIPO website at:
www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_in.pdf.

**Agreement
between the Government of India
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization**

in relation to the functioning of the Indian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Government of India and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Indian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1
Terms and Expressions**

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Indian Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force one month after the date on which the Authority notifies the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and as an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the Government of India gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Government of India written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this twenty-fifth day of September two thousand and thirteen, in two originals in the English language.

For the Government of India by:

[signature]

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following State for which it will act:
India; and any State that the Authority will specify;
- (ii) the following language which it will accept:
English.

**Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination**

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

all subject matter which is searched or examined under *The Patents Act, 1970* administered by the Indian Patent Office.

**Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Indian rupees)	
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	10,000	(2,500) ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	10,000	(2,500) ²
Protest fee (Rule 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	4,000	(1,000) ²
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 ter .1(c) and 13 ter .2)	4,000	(1,000) ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):		
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	10,000	(2,500) ²
– in other cases	12,000	(3,000) ²
Late payment fee for preliminary examination		[amount as set out in Rule 58 bis]

² The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):

– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	10,000	(2,500) ³
– in other cases	12,000	(3,000) ³
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page		4

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made on an application whose priority is claimed in the international application by the Authority, 25 to 50% of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be refunded, less a processing fee equivalent to the amount of the transmittal fee, as set by the Indian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office under the PCT.

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:

English.

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

IN India

Agreement between the Indian Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization – Corrigendum¹

The text of the Agreement between the Government of India and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 3 October 2013, pages 120 to 126, should be corrected as follows:

- wherever they appear, the words “Government of India” should be replaced by “Indian Patent Office”;
- in Annex C, Part I, the reference to “Rule 58bis” should be replaced by a reference to “Rule 58bis.2”;
- in Annex C, Part II, paragraph (3), the words “25 to 50%” should be replaced by “25% to 50%”.

Further information on the requirements of the **Indian Patent Office** as International Searching Authority and as International Preliminary Examining Authority is given in Annexes D(IN) and E(IN), which are published on the following pages.

¹ The Agreement will soon be available on the WIPO website at:
www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_in.pdf.

D International Searching Authorities D
IN INDIAN PATENT OFFICE¹ IN

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ²	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Indian rupee (INR)</td> <td style="width: 20%; text-align: right;">10,000</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: right;">(2,500)³</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Euro (EUR)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">129</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(32)³</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Swiss franc (CHF)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">159</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(40)³</td> </tr> <tr> <td>US dollar (USD)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">172</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(43)³</td> </tr> </table>	Indian rupee (INR)	10,000	(2,500) ³	Euro (EUR)	129	(32) ³	Swiss franc (CHF)	159	(40) ³	US dollar (USD)	172	(43) ³
Indian rupee (INR)	10,000	(2,500) ³											
Euro (EUR)	129	(32) ³											
Swiss franc (CHF)	159	(40) ³											
US dollar (USD)	172	(43) ³											
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ⁴	INR 10,000 (2,500) ³												
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	INR 4 per page												
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed in the international application: refund of 25% to 50%, depending upon the extent of the benefit</p>												
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	INR 4,000 (1,000) ³												
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	INR 4,000 (1,000) ³												
Languages accepted for international search:	English												
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes												
Types of electronic carrier required:	The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R.												
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of subject matter which is searched under the Patents Act, 1970 administered by the Indian Patent Office												

¹ The Indian Patent Office will start operating as an International Searching Authority with effect from 15 October 2013.

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

³ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

D **International Searching Authorities** **D**
IN **INDIAN PATENT OFFICE¹** **IN**

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted? No

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of attorney
be submitted? No

E International Preliminary Examining Authorities E
IN INDIAN PATENT OFFICE¹ IN

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	Indian rupee (INR)	12,000 ³	(3,000) ⁴
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ⁵	INR	12,000 ³	(3,000) ⁴
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁶	USD	213	
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	INR	4	per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	INR	4	per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100% ⁷		
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	INR	4,000	(1,000) ⁸
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	INR	4,000	(1,000) ⁸
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English		
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of subject matter which is examined under the Patents Act, 1970 administered by the Indian Patent Office		
Waiver of power of attorney:			
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No		

¹ The Indian Patent Office will start operating as an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 15 October 2013.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ This fee is reduced to INR 10,000 when the international search report was prepared by the Indian Patent Office.

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual. It is reduced to INR 2,500 when the international search report was prepared by the Indian Patent Office.

⁵ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁶ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁷ A processing fee equivalent to the amount of the transmittal fee (see Annex C(IN)) will be deducted from this refund.

⁸ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.



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**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES)**

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified a change concerning its requirement as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office – any patent attorney registered to practice before the Office¹ can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(PL) and of the National Chapter, Summary (PL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ A list is available on the website of the Office at: <http://www2.uprp.pl/listarzecznikow/>

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SC Seychelles

The **Registration Division, Department of Legal Affairs (Seychelles)** has notified a change in its location, which is now as follows:

1st Floor, Independence House
Victoria
Mahé
Seychelles

[Updating of Annex B1(SC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 26BIS.3(J)

ES Spain

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 26bis.3(j) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15988), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 6 November 2013. PCT Rule 26bis.3(a) to (i) will therefore apply from that date.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49TER.1(G)

ES Spain

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15990), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 6 November 2013. PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (d) will therefore apply from that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49TER.2(H)

ES Spain

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15990), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 6 November 2013. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) will therefore apply from that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ES), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 51BIS.1(F)

ES Spain

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 51bis.1(f) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, of 1 February 2001, page 2024), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 6 November 2013. PCT Rule 51bis.1(e) will therefore apply from that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ES), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

SM San Marino

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Via 28 Luglio, 212
47893 Borgo Maggiore, B4
San Marino

E-mail: info.brevettiemarchi@pa.sm

[Updating of Annex B1(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, and new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Danish krone (DKK)**, **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, **Norwegian krone (NOK)** and **US dollar (USD)**, applicable from 1 January 2014 and payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows:

Search fee: SEK 16,330
CHF 2,301
DKK 13,990
ISK 308,000
NOK 15,180
USD 2,545

Additional search fee: SEK 16,330

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(a)), in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 January 2014, is CHF 2,301.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SM San Marino

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is EUR 70.

[Updating of Annex C(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SM San Marino

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified a change concerning one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – the translation of the international application should now be furnished in three copies.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SM), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2014, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 81	USD 111
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR [No change]	USD 55
	Supplement for airmail: EUR and USD [No change]	

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES AND BY DESIGNATED OFFICES

ES Spain

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacities both as receiving Office and designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d) or under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office or as designated Office, respectively. The amount of the fee is EUR 88.66 where the request is filed online and EUR 104.31 where it is filed on paper.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) and of the National Chapter, Summary (ES), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property (Costa Rica)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Apartado postal 523 2010 Zapote San José Costa Rica
E-mail:	cmena@rnp.go.cr kquesada@rnp.go.cr
Internet:	www.rnpdigital.com/ propiedad_industrial/index.htm

[Updating of Annex B1(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2014, are as follows:

For other than a small or micro entity:	USD 240 ¹
For a small entity: ²	USD 120 ³
For a micro entity: ⁴	USD 60 ⁵

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ In addition, there is a non-electronic filing fee applicable to international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system (EFS) of USD 400.

² For details on the entitlement to and establishment of "small entity" status, see 37 CFR 1.27 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf

³ In addition, there is a non-electronic filing fee applicable to international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system (EFS) of USD 200.

⁴ For details on the entitlement to and establishment of "micro entity" status, see 37 CFR 1.29 at: www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/mpep/consolidated_rules.pdf

⁵ In addition, there is a non-electronic filing fee applicable to international applications filed other than by the Office electronic filing system (EFS) of USD 200.

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 January 2014, are as follows for each of the fees:

For other than a small or micro entity:	USD 2,080
For a small entity:	USD 1,040
For a micro entity:	USD 520

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 January 2014, are as follows (the amounts in parentheses are payable when the international search was not carried out by the Office):

For other than a small or micro entity:	USD 600 (760)
For a small entity:	USD 300 (380)
For a micro entity:	USD 150 (190)

Finally, the Office has notified new amounts of the additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **US dollar (USD)**, also payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 January 2014, are as follows:

For other than a small or micro entity:	USD 600
For a small entity:	USD 300
For a micro entity:	USD 150

[Updating of Annex E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-fourth (19th ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 23 September to 2 October 2013, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2014, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on page 147.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, also with effect from 1 January 2014, as indicated in the table published on pages 148 to 150.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss franc for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, also with effect from 1 January 2014, as indicated in the table published on page 151.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BE), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (GT), (HN), (HU), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MC), (MD), (MT), (MW), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (PA), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (RO), (RU), (SA), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM) and (ZW),

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SISA(AT), (EP), (FI), (SE) and (XN),

E(AT), (AU), (BR), (CA), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (IL), (IN), (JP), (KR), (RU), (SE), (US) and (XN).]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a change as to whether a copy of the international application is required – the applicant is now required to send such a copy only if the national application is filed prior to the publication of the international application.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Oath or declaration of the inventor

Information disclosure statement is recommended.

Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (US), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2014, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
1 and 2 January 2014,
18 and 21 April 2014,
29 May 2014,
9 June 2014,
11 September 2014,
6 October 2014,
25 and 26 December 2014.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

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Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)

(applicable from January 1, 2014)

Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 07.10.13	International filing fee	Fee per sheet in excess of 30	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a)	
		Rule 15.2(a)	Rule 15.2(a)	Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)	Schedule of fees item 3	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1,330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AUD - Australian dollar	0.85296054	1,536 1,559	17 18	115 117	231 234	346 352	231 234	Current amount New amount
BRL - Brazilian real	0.40977716	*	*	*	*	*	432 488	Current amount New amount
CAD - Canadian dollar	0.87663599	1,490 1,517	17 17	112 114	224 228	336 342	224 228	Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone	0.16449935	8,200 8,090	90 90	620 610	1,230 1,220	1,850 1,820	1,230 1,220	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	1.22710240	1,100 1,084	12 12	83 81	165 163	248 244	165 163	Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling	1.45437549	939 914	11 10	n.a. n.a.	141 138	212 206	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00415587	314,700 320,000	3,500 3,600	23,700 24,100	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
ILS - New Israeli sheqel	0.25439353	**	**	**	**	**	776 786	Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00747748	173,100 177,900	2,000 2,000	13,000 13,400	26,000 26,700	39,000 40,100	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen	0.00932602	135,500 142,600	1,500 1,600	10,200 10,700	n.a. n.a.	30,600 32,200	20,400 21,400	Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	0.00084266	*	*	*	*	*	238,000 237,000	Current amount New amount
MWK - Malawian kwacha	0.00241813	424,700 550,000	4,800 6,200	31,900 41,400	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.15153903	8,130 8,780	90 100	n.a. n.a.	1,220 1,320	1,830 1,980	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.75256464	1,712 1,767	19 20	129 133	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona	0.14085217	9,330 9,440	110 110	700 710	1,400 1,420	2,100 2,130	1,400 1,420	Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.72465900	1,743 1,835	20 21	131 138	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	0.90387686	1,419 1,471	16 17	107 111	213 221	320 332	213 221	Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand	0.09053812	14,320 14,690	160 170	1,080 1,100	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount

* Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Brazilian real and Korean won, respectively, of the amounts in Swiss franc indicated above.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in new Israeli sheqel of the amounts in United States dollar indicated below.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2014)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		ISA/CN		ISA/EG	
	EUR	1,785	AUD	2,200	BRL	2,250	CAD	1,600	CNY	2,100	EGP	4,000
Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate	
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 07.10.13</i>												
CHF - Swiss franc	1.22710240	2,159	0.85236054	1,905	0.40977716	955 ¹	0.87663599	1,428 ¹	0.14764453	313 ¹	0.1312970	559 ¹
		2,190		1,877		922¹		1,403¹		310¹		525¹
USD - US dollar	0.73659446	2,303	1.05969364	2,084	2.20577659	1,010	1.03107432	1,536	6.12198003	334	6.8829874	593
		2,423		2,076		1,020		1,552		343		580
EUR - Euro			1.43863912	1,572 ¹	2.99466029	770 ¹	1.39978556	1,143 ¹	8.31119452	259 ¹	9.35792881	456 ¹
				1,529¹		751¹		1,143¹		253¹		427¹
AUD - Australian dollar												
DKK - Danish krone												
GBP - Pound sterling												
HUF - Hungarian forint												
ISK - Icelandic krona												
JPY - Japanese yen												
KRW - Korean won	0.00268687	2,566,000	0.00268687	2,352,000								
		2,599,000		2,226,000								
MWK - Malawian kwacha												
NOK - Norwegian krone												
NZD - New Zealand dollar			0.88229713	2,573								
				2,493								
SEK - Swedish krona												
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.59054464	3,040	0.64958091	2,570								
		3,020		2,590								
ZAR - South African rand	0.07378204	23,530	0.10614572	20,470								
		24,190		20,730								

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¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

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International Searching Authority	ISAEF		ISAES		ISAFI		ISA/IL		ISA/IN		ISA/JP	
	EUR	1,875	EUR	1,875	EUR	1,875	ILS	3,500	INR	10,000	JPY	70,000
Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate	
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 07.10.13</i>												
CHF - Swiss franc	1.22710240	2,268 2,301	1.22710240	2,268 ² 2,301²	1.22710240	2,268 ² 2,301²	0.25439353	902 ² 890²	0.01465805	159 ³ 147³	0.0093202	687 653
USD - US dollar	0.73659448	2,419 2,545	0.73659448	2,419 ² 2,545²	0.73659448	2,419 ² 2,545²	3.55306547	959 ² 985²	61.66419550	172 ³ 162³	96.91987735	710 722
EUR - Euro							4.82363844	737 ² 726²	83.71525566	129 ³ 119³	131.57833722	559 ² 532²
AUD - Australian dollar												
DKK - Danish krone	0.13405511	13,980 13,990										
GBP - Pound sterling	1.18521118	1,619 1,582										
HUF - Hungarian forint	0.00338673	542,900 553,600										
ISK - Icelandic krona	0.00609360	290,000 308,000										
JPY - Japanese yen	0.00760004	234,800 246,700										
KRW - Korean won												
MWK - Malawian kwacha	0.00197060	724,000 951,000									0.09037696	776,000 775,000
NOK - Norwegian krone	0.12349339	14,860 15,180										
NZD - New Zealand dollar	0.61328593	3,136 3,057										
SEK - Swedish krona	0.11478437	15,900 16,330										
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.59054484	3,190 3,180									77.70290657	878 901
ZAR - South African rand	0.07378204	24,720 25,410										

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² Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2014)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/IAT	ISA/EP	ISA/FI	ISA/RU	ISA/SE	ISA/XN
Reference currency & amount	EUR 850 ¹ 1,190 ² 1,700 ³	EUR 1,875	EUR 1,875	Equivalent 11,800 in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴ 18,880 ⁵	SEK 15,900	DKK 13,980 4,000 ⁸
Exchange rate applicable on 07.10.13	Exch. rate 1.22710240	Exch. rate 1.22710240	Exch. rate 1.22710240	Exch. rate 0.02802345		Exch. rate 0.16449935
CHF - Swiss franc	1,043 1,460 2,086	2,301	2,301	331 529	2,301 ⁹	2,301 ¹⁰ 660 ¹⁰

¹ For a search of the German-language documentation only.

² For a search of the European or North American documentation only.

³ For a full search of PCT minimum documentation only.

⁴ This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss franc, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.

⁵ This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

⁶ This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2014.

⁷ This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2014.

⁸ For a search focusing only on the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

⁹ New equivalent amount in Swiss franc of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2014.

¹⁰ New equivalent amount in Swiss franc of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2014.



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PA Panama

General information on **Panama** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(PA), which is published on the following pages.

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

PA Panama

The **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI (Panama))** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish: the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
None	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	Copy of the certificate of deposit and authorization to view the deposited biological material

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

B1 **Information on Contracting States** **B1**
PA **PANAMA** **PA**

General information

Name of Office:	Dirección General del Registro de la Propiedad Industrial (DIGERPI) Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)
Location:	Avenida Ricardo J. Alfaro, edificio Plaza Edison, 2.º piso, Panama
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 0815-01119 , Zona 4, Panama
Telephone:	(507) 560 07 06, 560 06 00 (ext. 2100)
Facsimile machine:	(507) 317 61 70
E-mail:	dgrpi@mici.gob.pa
Internet:	www.digerpi.gob.pa/
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Panama:	Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Panama is designated (or elected):	Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)
May Panama be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models, patents of addition
Provisions of the law of Panama concerning international-type search:	None

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Provisional protection after international publication:

None

Information of interest if Panama is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Panama is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has notified changes in the name of the Office in Georgian, as well as in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Name of Office (in Georgian):	Sakartvelos Intelektualuri Sakutrebis Erovuli Tsentri
Location and mailing address:	5, Antioch Street 3300 Mtskheta Georgia
Telephone:	(995-32) 225 25 33
Facsimile machine:	(995-32) 298 84 26
E-mail:	info@sakpatenti.org.ge

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning:

– the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of the document must now be furnished within 30 days from the date of the transmission;

– its requirements as to whether it would accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1) – it continues to accept such evidence, but has removed the requirement that the delivery service should be DHL or Federal Express.

[Updating of Annex B1(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified changes in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

E-mail:	office@agepi.gov.md
Internet:	www.agepi.gov.md

[Updating of Annex B1(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), it now accepts Georgian, in addition to English and Russian, as a language in which international applications may be filed.

[Updating of Annex C(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY BY RECEIVING OFFICES AND BY DESIGNATED OFFICES

GE Georgia

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)**, in its capacities both as receiving Office and designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(GE) and of the National Chapter, Summary (GE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified changes in its mailing address and e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Mailing address: P.O. Box 9241
Marion Square
Wellington 6141
New Zealand

E-mail: mail@iponz.govt.nz

[Updating of Annex B1(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

RU Russian Federation

Agreement between the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments, which will enter into force on 1 January 2014, consist in introducing new amounts of the search fee, the additional search fee, the preliminary examination fee and the additional preliminary examination fee for applications in English. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Russian roubles)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in English)	28,000
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (for an application in Russian)	6,750
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in English)	28,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) (for an application in Russian)	6,750

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ru.pdf.

Protest fee (Rule 40.2(e))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex E, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English)	10,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Russian)	2,700
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English)	15,750
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Russian)	4,050
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in English)	10,500
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority (for an application in Russian)	2,700
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in English)	15,750
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority (for an application in Russian)	4,050
Protest fee (Rule 68.3(e))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	[No change]
Cost of copies of cited documents (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– patent document, per page	[No change]
– non-patent document, per page	[No change]
Cost of copies of document contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]"

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent) (Russian Federation)** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority for an international application in English (the current amounts of these fees remain valid for an international application in Russian). These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2014, are RUB 28,000 for each of the fees.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Hungarian forint (HUF)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office on an application in English. These amounts, also applicable from 1 January 2014, are CHF 785, EUR 639, HUF 188,800 and USD 868, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and the additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority for an international application in English (the current amounts of these fees remain valid for an international application in Russian), also applicable from 1 January 2014. These amounts are, for each of the fees, RUB 10,500 when the international search report was prepared by the Office, and RUB 15,750 when it was prepared by another Office.

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office in Dutch, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail address, which now read as follows:

Name of Office (in Dutch):	NL Octrooicentrum
Telephone:	(31-88) 602 60 00
Facsimile machine:	(31-88) 602 90 24
E-mail:	nloctrooicentrum@agentschapnl.nl

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the components of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Request to prepare the priority document (payable in fee stamps):	EUR 14.62
– plus, for every four pages or fraction of four pages (description, claims, abstract, drawings, filing certificate and certificate of authenticity) (payable in fee stamps):	EUR 14.62
– plus, for a patent application:	EUR 7
– or, for a utility model application:	EUR 5

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MA Morocco

The **Industrial and Commercial Property Office of Morocco** has notified the introduction of a transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Moroccan dirham (MAD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 October 2011. The amount of this fee is MAD 600. It is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a public university, a small or medium enterprise (in accordance with the criteria of the charter for small or medium enterprises) or a natural person who is a national of and resides in one of the States entitled to a reduction under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex C(MA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

REQUESTS IN PCT-EASY FORMAT: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT FILINGS

NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that, since 1 December 2011, PCT-EASY applications (filed on paper and accompanied by the request form data and abstract on a physical medium) are no longer accepted by the Office. Furthermore, since 1 December 2011, no international application filed with the Office as receiving Office benefits from the fee reduction applicable to PCT-EASY applications.

[Updating of Annex C(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IE Ireland

The **Patents Office (Ireland)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: CD-ROM.

[Updating of Annex C(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 26*bis*.3

IE Ireland

Under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Patents Office (Ireland)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NL Netherlands

Under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Netherlands Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amount of this fee is EUR 161.

[Updating of Annex C(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent, as follows:

Compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation into Norwegian of the claims of the application have been met, and upon grant of the patent. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent (Norwegian Patents Act, Section 66g).

[Updating of Annex B1(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified that an agent is no longer required by it as receiving Office.

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office – any natural or legal person can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(NO) and of the National Chapter, Summary (NO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified a new amount of one of the components of the national fee, in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, as follows:

Annual fees for the first three years,
per year: NOK 600

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (NO), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified additional requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

If the international application was not published in an official language of the EPO (English, French, German), the statement under EPC Rule 32(1) can still be submitted in the European phase until completion of the technical preparations for publication of the translation of the international application under EPC Article 153(4). The fact that the expert option has been chosen will then be published on the front page of the published translation of the application. Information received under EPC Rule 32(1) after completion of the technical preparations for publication of the international application – or, where applicable, of the translation of the application pursuant to EPC Article 153(4) – cannot be taken into account with the consequence that the biological material will be available to any person as provided for in PCT Rule 13*bis*.6 and EPC Rule 33(1) without an expert acting as intermediary (see Notice from the European Patent Office dated 7 July 2010 concerning inventions which involve the use of or concern biological material, OJ EPO 10/2010, pages 498 *et seq.*).

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

The Norwegian **Industrial Property Office** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, which are now as follows:

The applicant may request that, as from the time when the application has been laid open to public inspection by the Office until a patent has been granted, the application has been finally decided upon without a patent having been granted, or for 20 years from the date of filing if the application is refused or withdrawn, the furnishing of a sample shall only be effected to an expert in the art. The request to this effect shall be filed by the applicant with the Office not later than at the time when the application is made available to the public under Section 33(3) of the Norwegian Patents Act. If such a request has been filed by the applicant, any request made by a third party for the furnishing of a sample shall indicate the expert to be used. That expert may be a person entered on a list of recognized experts drawn up by the Office or any person approved by the applicant in the individual case.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the address of the Colección Española de Cultivos Tipo (CECT), an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

Colección Española de Cultivos Tipo (CECT)
Edificio 3 CUE. Parc Científic Universitat de Valencia
Catedrático Agustín Escardino, 9
46980 Paterna (Valencia)
Spain

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments, which entered into force on 1 January 2012, consist of the addition of Peru to the States listed in item (i) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

Republic of Korea;

Australia, Chile, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United States of America, Viet Nam; and

any country that the Authority will specify;

(ii) [no change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

KE Kenya

The **Kenya Industrial Property Institute** has notified changes in its location, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which now read as follows:

Location:	Weights and Measures Building, Popo Road, off Mombasa Road, Nairobi, Kenya
Telephone:	(254-2) 6002210, 6002211, 2386220
Facsimile machine:	(254-2) 6006312
E-mail:	info@kipi.go.ke
Internet:	www.kipi.go.ke

[Updating of Annex B1(KE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP Republic of Kazakhstan)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	[No change] (general matters) Ultyk ziyatkerlik menshik instituty, Sol zhagalau Orynbor 8, Kireberis 18 B, Astana 010000, Kazakhstan (application processing)
Telephone:	(7-7172) 50 25 75, 50 26 20, 50 26 09
Facsimile machine:	(7-7172) 50 25 66

In addition, the Office has notified a change concerning the types of national protection available under the PCT – such protection now applies to patents, innovative patents and utility models.

[Updating of Annex B1(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa)** has notified changes in the name of the Office and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which now read as follows:

Name of Office:	Companies and Intellectual Property Commission
E-mail:	ezdravkova@cipc.co.za
Internet:	www.cipc.co.za

[Updating of Annex B1(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KZ Kazakhstan

The **National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP Republic of Kazakhstan)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 29 May 2009, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	KZT 8,243
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Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	KZT 1,030 for a legal entity
	KZT 515 for a natural person

[Updating of Annex C(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 29 May 2009, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	KZT 15,971
Examination fee:	[no change]
Annual fee for the first three years, per year:	KZT 15,971

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	KZT 14,426
Annual fee for the first three years, per year:	KZT 11,334

These amounts are reduced by 30% in the case of a legal entity, and by 15% in the case of a natural person, for applicants who reside in a State in which the per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (USD).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2012, is NZD 30 (plus the Goods and Services Tax for New Zealand residents).

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new amounts of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d) and of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2(d), in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2010, are SEK 1,000 for each of the fees.

In addition, the Office has notified a new amount of one of the components of the national fee, in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, also applicable since 1 January 2010, as follows:

Annual fees for the first three years: SEK 1,200

[Updating of Annex C(SE) and of the National Chapter, Summary (SE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect since 1 January 2012, for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Peru with the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection.

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has specified the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect since 10 January 2012, for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the USPTO.

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26*bis*.3 AND 49*ter*.2

NZ New Zealand

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand**, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) and of the National Chapter, Summary (NZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AE United Arab Emirates

The **Industrial Property Directorate, Ministry of Finance and Industry (United Arab Emirates)** has notified the discontinuance of the use of its teleprinter.

[Updating of Annex B1(AE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the discontinuance of the use of its teleprinter.

[Updating of Annex B1(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LK Sri Lanka

The **National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka** has notified a change in its Internet address, which now reads as follows: www.nipo.gov.lk. The Office has also notified the discontinuance of the use of its teleprinter.

In addition, the Office has notified changes in the provisions of the law of Sri Lanka concerning international-type search. These provisions now are Section 73 of the Intellectual Property Act No. 36 of 2003 and Regulation 48 of the Intellectual Property Regulations.

[Updating of Annex B1(LK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which now reads as follows:

51 Bras Basah Road,
04-01, Manulife Centre,
Singapore 189554

In addition, the Office has notified a change concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – only documents that do not require payment of any official fees may now be transmitted by facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SI Slovenia

The **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which now read as follows:

Telephone: (386-1) 620 31 00

Facsimile machine: (386-1) 620 31 11

[Updating of Annex B1(SI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified a change in the currency of payment of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, from **Swiss franc (CHF)** to **euro (EUR)**, with effect since 1 January 2011. The amounts of these fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are as follows:

International filing fee: EUR 1,094

Fee per sheet in excess of 30: EUR 12

Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):

PCT-EASY: EUR 82

[Updating of Annex C(EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LK Sri Lanka

The **National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka** has notified new amounts of the application fee component of the national fee, in **Sri Lanka rupee (LKR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 17 May 2006, are LKR 1,000 for students, LKR 2,500 for individuals and LKR 6,000 for other persons.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LK), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 July 2011, as follows:

Transmittal fee: EUR 20.28

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): EUR 40.56

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):

- where the request is filed online: EUR 152.10
- where the request is filed on paper: EUR 304.20

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, also applicable since 1 July 2011, are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee (including publication and examination):	EUR 101.40	(online)
	EUR 202.80	(on paper)

For utility model:

Filing fee (including publication):	EUR 101.40	(online)
	EUR 202.80	(on paper)
Examination fee (whenever examination is requested):	EUR 76.05	(online)
	EUR 152.10	(on paper)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified a new amount of the national (filing) fee, in **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 1 December 2011, is SGD 200.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SI Slovenia

The **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2012, is EUR 15.40.

[Updating of Annex C(SI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LK Sri Lanka

The **National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as designated (or elected) Office – any person who is registered as an agent with the Office can now act as such.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LK), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: CD-R, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now: (52-5) 334 07 24, 334 07 00 (ext. 10025, 10095).

[Updating of Annex B1(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OA African Intellectual Property Organization

The **African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers as well as its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Telephone:	(237-2) 220 39 11, 220 57 00
Facsimile machine:	(237-2) 220 18 44, 220 57 27
E-mail:	oapi@oapi.int
Internet:	www.oapi.int

[Updating of Annex B1(OA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is CHF 1,838.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Mexican peso (MXP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For a patent:	
Filing fee:	MXP 5,711.14 ¹
	MXP 3,737.75 ²

¹ Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 22. This fee includes a 25% reduction based on the establishment of an international search report.

² Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 39(1). This fee includes a 50% reduction based on the establishment of an international preliminary examination report.

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	MXP	2,074.99 ¹
	MXP	1,213.76 ²

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MX), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OA African Intellectual Property Organization

The **African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **CFA franc BEAC (XAF)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	XAF	225,000
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	XAF	63,000
Publication fee:	XAF	365,000
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	XAF	45,000
Fee for acceptance of description and drawings:		
– for 11 to 20 sheets:	XAF	120,000
– for 21 to 30 sheets:	XAF	300,000
– for 31 to 40 sheets:	XAF	600,000
– after 40 for each set of 10 sheets:	XAF	80,000
Annual fee for the second year:	XAF	220,000
Annual fee for the third year:	XAF	220,000

For utility model:

Filing fee:	XAF	20,000
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	XAF	25,000
Publication fee:	XAF	30,000
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	XAF	40,000

Fee for acceptance of description and drawings:

– for 11 to 20 sheets:		none
– for 21 to 30 sheets:		none
– for 31 to 40 sheets:		none
– after 40 for each set of 10 sheets:		none
Annual fee for the second year:	XAF	20,000
Annual fee for the third year:	XAF	35,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (OA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified new amounts of the fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(d) and 49*ter*.2(d), in **Polish zloty (PLZ)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. These amounts, applicable since 26 March 2008, are PLZ 80 for each of the fees.

In addition, the Office has notified a new amount of the national fee for patents or utility models where no international preliminary examination has been carried out, in **Polish zloty (PLZ)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable since 26 March 2008, is PLZ 550.

[Updating of Annex C(PL) and of the National Chapter, Summary (PL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified a new amount of one of the components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 October 2011, as follows:

For patent:

Reduced examination fee where an international search report or an international preliminary examination report has been established:	RSD 6,100
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This amount is reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: CD-ROM.

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 23*bis*.3

MX Mexico

Under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(a)(ii), the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “unintentionality” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority, and that no fee is required for such requests.

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Banco Nacional de Algas (BNA), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The name of the authority is now “Banco Español de Algas (BEA)”.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49.6(f)

JP Japan

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49.6(f) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2003, page 2526), the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 April 2012. PCT Rule 49.6(a) to (e) therefore applies with effect from that date.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Japanese yen)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	70,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	60,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	26,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	15,000
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

LT Lithuania

EP European Patent Organisation

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified the International Bureau that Lithuania, which became bound by the European Patent Convention (EPC) on 1 December 2004, will close the national route via the PCT on 4 September 2014. Therefore, as from 4 September 2014, applicants desiring protection in Lithuania will no longer be able to enter the national phase in that country; they will only be able to enter the regional phase before the European Patent Office (EPO).

[Updating of Annex B1(LT) and of the National Chapter, Summary (LT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	1,375
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	16
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	AUD	103
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD	207
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD	310

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollar (AUD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 April 2012, is AUD 207.

[Updating of Annex E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are JPY 70,000 and JPY 60,000, respectively.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Korean won (KRW)** and **US dollar (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

CHF	836
EUR	688
KRW	1,078,000
USD	913

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 April 2012, are JPY 26,000 and JPY 15,000, respectively.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the PCT *Applicant's Guide*]

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MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (37322) 40 06 07, 40 06 08

Facsimile machine: (37322) 44 01 19

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed only by facsimile machine.

[Updating of Annex B1(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MD Republic of Moldova

EA Eurasian Patent Organization

The **Republic of Moldova** deposited, on 26 October 2011, a notification of denunciation of the Eurasian Patent Convention, which will take effect on 26 April 2012.

Therefore, any international application filed on or after 26 April 2012 will not include the designation of the Republic of Moldova for a Eurasian patent, and will contain the designation of that State for a national patent only. This denunciation will not affect granted Eurasian patents and international applications filed before 26 April 2012 containing the designation of the Republic of Moldova for a Eurasian patent.

Furthermore, as from 26 April 2012, the Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO) will no longer be a competent receiving Office for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Republic of Moldova.

[Updating of Annex B2(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified the International Bureau of changes concerning the languages in which international applications and requests may be filed pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a) and (c) – it now accepts English, French, German and Russian in both cases.

[Updating of Annex C(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase. The required contents now read as follows:

Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract

Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application

Instrument of assignment of the priority right where the applicants are not identical

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the Republic of Moldova

Any document relating to any transfer of rights

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MD), of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are CHF 995 and EUR 826, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14)), in **Hungarian forint (HUF)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2012, is HUF 11,800.

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are EUR 878 for international applications filed in English and EUR 304 for international applications filed in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are CHF 407 and EUR 338, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD and DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26*bis*.3 AND 49*ter*.2

MD Republic of Moldova

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)**, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d) and a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49*ter*.2(d), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The amount of each of the fees is EUR 100.

[Updating of Annex C(MD) and of the National Chapter, Summary (MD), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,875 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875 ²
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,875
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,850 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,850 ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	830
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	830
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	220

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

² This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of October 21, 2008 (OJ EPO 11/08, 521)).

ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,875 ⁴
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875 ⁴
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

⁴ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “low income”, “lower middle income” or “upper middle income”.

FI Finland

Agreement between the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁵ – Amendment to Annex C

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,875
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,875
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,875
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 45 <i>bis</i> .7(c) and 71.2(b))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

⁵ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_fi.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2012, are KRW 2,642,000, SGD 2,950 and ZAR 18,400, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2012, is SGD 2,550.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

A new equivalent amount in **Brazilian real (BRL)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 May 2012, is BRL 382.

[Updating of Annex E(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	EUR	1,875
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	EUR	1,875
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	830
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .1(c)):	EUR	220

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Danish krone (DKK)**, **pound sterling (GBP)**, **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, **Japanese yen (JPY)**, **Malawian kwacha (MWK)**, **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, **New Zealand dollar (NZD)**, **Swedish krona (SEK)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, **US dollar (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

CHF	2,264
DKK	13,940
GBP	1,562
ISK	301,000
JPY	186,800
MWK	406,000
NOK	14,380
NZD	3,012
SEK	16,460
SGD	3,090
USD	2,426
ZAR	19,260

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is CHF 2,264.

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, also payable for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	EUR	830
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rules 13ter.1(c) and 45bis.5(c)):	EUR	220

[Updating of Annex SISA(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	EUR	1,850
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	EUR	1,850
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	830
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):	EUR	220

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are EUR 1,875 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are CHF 2,264 and USD 2,426, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are EUR 1,875 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are CHF 2,264 and USD 2,426, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), a new amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is CHF 2,264.

[Updating of Annex SISA(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	1,768
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	20
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	NZD	133

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, and of new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Danish krone (DKK)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, **Norwegian krone (NOK)** and **US dollar (USD)**, applicable from 1 April 2012 and payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows:

Search fee:	SEK 16,460
	CHF 2,264
	DKK 13,940
	EUR 1,875
	ISK 301,000
	NOK 14,380
	USD 2,426

Additional search fee: SEK 16,460

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(a)), in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable for an supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is CHF 2,264.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

New amounts in **Danish kroner (DKK)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) payable to the **Nordic Patent Institute** as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are DKK 13,940 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, **Norwegian krone (NOK)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

CHF	2,264
ISK	301,000
NOK	14,380
USD	2,426

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(a), a new amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is CHF 2,264.

[Updating of Annex SISA(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP)** has specified the Australian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect since 1 February 2012, for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Thailand with the Department of Intellectual Property (DIP).

[Updating of Annex C(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2012, is USD 2,041.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2012, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	125
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	50
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	610

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, applicable from 1 April 2012. The consolidated list of the said components should read as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:

- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online: EUR 115
- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online: EUR 200

Additional fee for pages in excess of 35: for the 36th and each subsequent page: EUR 14

Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated: EUR 555

Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro or Serbia): [No change]

Claims fee:

- for the 16th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50: EUR 225

– for the 51 st and each subsequent claim:	EUR	555
Search fee:		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR	840
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,165
Fee for further processing:		
– in the event of late payment of a fee:	[No change]	
– other cases:	EUR	240
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing:	EUR	220
Examination fee:		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,730
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up:	EUR	1,730
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,555
Renewal fee for the third year:	EUR	445

The Office has also notified a new amount of the reduction of the search fee component of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which the international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, or in accordance with the Protocol on centralization by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is EUR 990, and applies to international applications filed up to and including 30 June 2013, where the fee for the supplementary European search is paid on or after 1 April 2012.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2012, is NZD 2,490.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

DE Germany

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the DSMZ – Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, applicable since 31 October 2011. The name of the authority is now: Leibniz Institute DSMZ – German Collection of Microorganisms and Cell Cultures.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the International Patent Organism Depositary (IPOD), National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, applicable from 1 April 2012. The name of the authority will be: International Patent Organism Depositary (IPOD), National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE).

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTY-SECOND (18TH ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) during its forty-second (18th ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2011 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=23139.

The amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force on 1 July 2012 and consist in:

(i) effectively extending the time limit within which the applicant can request the International Bureau to obtain a priority document from a digital library and removing the (unused) option of requesting that a receiving Office obtain a priority document that way (amendments to PCT Rule 17.1(b-bis));¹

(ii) clarifying that PCT Rule 20.7(b) should only apply where neither a correction under PCT Article 11(2) nor a notice confirming the incorporation by reference under PCT Rule 20.6(a) is received by the receiving Office within the applicable time limit (amendments to PCT Rule 20.7(b));²

(iii) incorporating patent documents of the People's Republic of China into the PCT minimum documentation used in carrying out international searches (amendments to PCT Rule 34);³

(iv) adding a general provision for the excuse of delay in meeting certain PCT time limits due to "*force majeure*" circumstances beyond the control of the applicant (deletion of PCT Rule 82.2 and addition of new PCT Rule 82*quater*).⁴

The text of the amendments is reproduced below.

¹ The amendments to Rule 17.1(b-bis) shall apply to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which the time limit under amended Rule 17.1(b-bis) expires on or after 1 July 2012.

² The amendments to Rule 20.7(b) shall apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after 1 July 2012.

³ The amendments to Rule 34 shall apply to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which an international search is carried out on or after 1 July 2012.

⁴ Rule 82.2 as in force before 1 July 2012, shall continue to apply to any international application whose international filing date is before 1 July 2012, and in respect of which the six-month time limit for the submission of evidence referred to in Rule 82.1(c) as applicable by virtue of Rule 82.2(b) expires on or after 1 July 2012.

New Rule 82*quater* shall apply to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which the six-month time limit for the submission of evidence referred to in new Rule 82*quater*.1(a) expires on or after 1 July 2012.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2012)

Rule 17
The Priority Document

17.1 *Obligation to Submit Copy of Earlier National or International Application*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(b-*bis*) Where the priority document is, in accordance with the Administrative Instructions, made available to the International Bureau from a digital library prior to the date of international publication of the international application, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the International Bureau, prior to the date of international publication, to obtain the priority document from such digital library.

(c) and (d) [No change]

17.2 [No change]

Rule 20
International Filing Date

20.1 to 20.6 [No change]

20.7 *Time Limit*

(a) [No change]

(b) Where neither a correction under Article 11(2) nor a notice under Rule 20.6(a) confirming the incorporation by reference of an element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) is received by the receiving Office prior to the expiration of the applicable time limit under paragraph (a), any such correction or notice received by that Office after the expiration of that time limit but before it sends a notification to the applicant under Rule 20.4(i) shall be considered to have been received within that time limit.

20.8 [No change]

Rule 34
Minimum Documentation

34.1 *Definition*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) Subject to paragraphs (d) and (e), the “national patent documents” shall be the following:

(i) [no change]

(ii) the patents issued by the Federal Republic of Germany, the People's Republic of China, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation,

(iii) to (vi) [no change]

(d) [No change]

(e) Any International Searching Authority whose official language, or one of whose official languages, is not Chinese, Japanese, Korean, Russian or Spanish is entitled not to include in its documentation those patent documents of the People's Republic of China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the former Soviet Union as well as those patent documents in the Spanish language, respectively, for which no abstracts in the English language are generally available. English abstracts becoming generally available after the date of entry into force of these Regulations shall require the inclusion of the patent documents to which the abstracts refer no later than six months after such abstracts become generally available. In case of the interruption of abstracting services in English in technical fields in which English abstracts were formerly generally available, the Assembly shall take appropriate measures to provide for the prompt restoration of such services in the said fields.

(f) [No change]

Rule 82 **Irregularities in the Mail Service**

82.1 [No change]

82.2 [Deleted]

Rule 82^{quater} **Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits**

82^{quater}.1 *Excuse of Delay in Meeting Time Limits*

(a) Any interested party may offer evidence that a time limit fixed in the Regulations for performing an action before the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau was not met due to war, revolution, civil disorder, strike, natural calamity or other like reason in the locality where the interested party resides, has his place of business or is staying, and that the relevant action was taken as soon as reasonably possible.

(b) Any such evidence shall be addressed to the Office, Authority or the International Bureau, as the case may be, not later than six months after the expiration of the time limit applicable in the given case. If such circumstances are proven to the satisfaction of the addressee, delay in meeting the time limit shall be excused.

(c) The excuse of a delay need not be taken into account by any designated or elected Office before which the applicant, at the time the decision to excuse the delay is taken, has already performed the acts referred to in Article 22 or Article 39.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: Paseo de la Castellana 75,
28071 Madrid,
Spain

Facsimile machine: (34-91) 349 55 97

[Updating of Annex B1(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

QA Qatar

The **Intellectual Property Center** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone: (974) 4484 2292

Facsimile machine: (974) 4483 5423

[Updating of Annex B1(QA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2012, is USD 453.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2012, is ZAR 15,930.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), a new equivalent amount of the search fee has been established in **euro (EUR)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is EUR 1,875.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

RW Rwanda

The **Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Rwanda with the Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda), with effect since 31 January 2012.

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 111, 715 and 716 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2012.

These modifications are consequential to amendments of the Regulations under the PCT (PCT Rule 17.1(b-*bis*) and new PCT Rule 82*quater*) which will enter into force on 1 July 2012 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 March 2012, pages 47 *et seq.*) and concern the excuse of delay in meeting certain PCT time limits due to “*force majeure*” circumstances (Section 111), the availability of priority documents from digital libraries (Section 715) and the request by the applicant for the retrieval of a priority document from a digital library (Section 716).

The modifications relating to amended PCT Rule 17.1(b-*bis*) are applicable to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which the time limit under that Rule expires on or after 1 July 2012. The modifications relating to new PCT Rule 82*quater* are applicable to any international application, irrespective of its international filing date, in respect of which the six-month time limit for the submission of evidence referred to in that Rule expires on or after 1 July 2012.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 1 July 2012 (PCT/AI/14) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_14.pdf.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS *(as in force from 1 July 2012)*

Section 111

Procedure in the Case of Excuse of the Delay in Meeting Certain Time Limits under Rule 82*quater*

Where an Office in its capacity as a receiving Office, an International Searching Authority, an Authority specified for supplementary search or an International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a request under Rule 82*quater* for the excuse of a delay in meeting a time limit, it shall promptly:

- (i) communicate its decision whether or not to excuse such a delay to the interested party; and
- (ii) transmit a copy of such a request, a copy of any evidence furnished and of its decision to the International Bureau.

Section 715
Availability of Priority Documents from Digital Libraries

(a) For the purposes of Rules 17.1(b-*bis*), 17.1(d) (where appropriate, as applicable by virtue of Rules 17.1(c) and 82*ter*.1(b)), 66.7(a) (where appropriate, as applicable by virtue of Rule 43*bis*.1(b)) and 91.1(e), a priority document shall be considered to be available from a digital library to the International Bureau, a designated Office, the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, as the case may be:

(i) if the Office or Authority concerned has notified the International Bureau, or the International Bureau has declared, as the case may be, that it is prepared to obtain priority documents from that digital library; and

(ii) the priority document concerned is held in that digital library and the applicant has, to the extent required by the procedures for accessing the relevant digital library, authorized the Office or Authority concerned or the International Bureau, as the case may be, to access that priority document.

(b) A notification to the International Bureau under paragraph 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents by

(i) the International Bureau; or

(ii) an Office in its capacity as designated Office, International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority,

that it is prepared to obtain priority documents via the Digital Access Service shall be taken as a declaration or notification under paragraph (a)(i) that the International Bureau or Office acting in the relevant capacity will obtain priority documents through the Digital Access Service from any digital library which has been the subject of a notification in accordance with paragraph 10 of the Framework Provisions, including libraries for which such a notification is subsequently made with effect prior to the date on which the Office or Bureau is requested to retrieve the priority document.

(c) to (e) [No change]

Section 716
**Request that Priority Document Be Obtained
from a Digital Library under Rule 17.1(b-*bis*)**

(a) Any request under Rule 17.1(b-*bis*):

(i) shall identify the priority document concerned in accordance with Rule 4.10(a); and

(ii) shall, where required, include the access code provided to the applicant by the International Bureau or by the Office with which the earlier application was filed.

(b) Where the applicant, in accordance with Rule 17.1(b-*bis*) and paragraph (a) of this Section, requests the International Bureau to obtain a priority document which, in accordance with Section 715(a), is considered to be available from a digital library to it, but the International Bureau finds that the priority document is in fact not available to it, the International Bureau shall notify the applicant, giving the

opportunity to furnish the priority document to it, or to ensure that the document is made available to it from a digital library, within a time limit of not less than two months from the date of the notification or within the time limit specified in Rule 17.1(a), whichever time limit expires later. Where the priority document is furnished or becomes available to the International Bureau within that time limit, the requirements of Rule 17.1(b-bis) shall be considered to have been met. If the priority document is not so furnished or does not become available within that time limit, the request that the document be obtained from a digital library shall be considered not to have been made.

(c) Where the applicant requests the International Bureau under Rule 17.1(b-bis) to obtain a priority document from a digital library but that request does not comply with the requirements of that Rule and paragraph (a) of this Section, or the priority document concerned is not considered to be available to it in accordance with Section 715(a), the International Bureau shall promptly inform the applicant accordingly.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Danish krone (DKK)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 February 2012, is DKK 300 (the additional amount of DKK 4 per page being no longer applicable).

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2012, is JPY 10,000.

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** as receiving Office has notified that, with effect from 1 April 2012, it will accept, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102bis(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified a change in its facsimile number, which is now: (351-21) 886 98 59.

[Updating of Annex B1(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2012, are AUD 1,070 for international applications filed in English and AUD 370 for international applications filed in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 11,160
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	[No change]
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4) :	
PCT-EASY:	ZAR 840

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication – the applicant enjoys the rights defined in Section 57 of the Patents Act 1990 from the date on which the international application is published under PCT Article 21 or otherwise becomes open to public inspection under Section 90(a) of the Patents Act 1990 (the rights are generally the same as he would have had if the patent had been granted on the day that the specification is published except that he cannot institute proceedings for infringement until the patent has been granted).

[Updating of Annex B1(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

RU Russian Federation

Agreement between the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 15 May 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Russian roubles)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45bis.3(a))	11,800
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex E, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	18,880
Review fee (Rule 45bis.6(c))	4,130

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ru.pdf.

Protest fee (Rule 40.2(e))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	[No change]
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	[No change]
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	[No change]
Protest fee (Rule 68.3(e))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c))	[No change]
Cost of copies of cited documents (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– patent document, per page	23.60
– non-patent document, per page	59
Cost of copies of document contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.2), per page	94.40

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Korean won (KRW)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2012, are as follows:

CHF	765
EUR	634
KRW	957,000
USD	840

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to the Office as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, and applicable from 15 May 2012, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents
cited in the international search report
(PCT Rule 44.3):

The applicant receives together with the international search report a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases:

RUB 23.60 per page for a patent document

RUB 59 per page for a non-patent document

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Supplementary search fee
(PCT Rule 45*bis*.3):²

RUB 11,800 (18,880³)

Review fee
(PCT Rule 45*bis*.6(c)):

RUB 4,130

Fee for copies of documents
cited in the supplementary
international search report
(PCT Rule 44.3):

The applicant receives together with the supplementary international search report a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases:

RUB 23.60 per page for a patent document

RUB 59 per page for a non-patent document

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² The equivalent amount of this fee in Swiss franc (CHF) is payable to the International Bureau at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation applicable on the date of payment.

³ This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):

The applicant receives together with the international preliminary examination report a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases:
RUB 23.60 per page for a patent document
RUB 59 per page for a non-patent document

Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):

RUB 94.40 per page

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

CL Chile

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the **National Industrial Property Institute** has notified the International Bureau of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect since 26 March 2012, as follows:

Colección Chilena de Recursos Genéticos Microbianos (CChRGM)
Avenida Vicente Méndez 515
Chillán, Región VIII
Chile

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified changes, applicable since 3 February 2012, concerning:

– its requirements as to whether it would accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1) – it continues to accept such evidence, but has removed the requirement that the delivery service should be DHL or Federal Express;

– the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication – the text regarding such protection where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent should now refer to Article 66 of the Patent Law of the Republic of Lithuania, and the text regarding such protection where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent should now refer to Article 78 of that Law.

[Updating of Annex B1(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified changes, applicable since 3 February 2012, concerning:

– the languages in which international applications may be filed pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a) – it now accepts Lithuanian in addition to English and Russian;

– whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office – while an agent is not required if the applicant resides in the European Economic Area (EEA), one is required if the applicant does not reside in the EEA.

[Updating of Annex C(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*, applicable since 3 February 2012¹. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application

¹ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the European Economic Area (EEA)

Correspondence address in Lithuania if the applicant is not resident in Lithuania

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified a new amount of one of the components of the national fee, i.e., the claim fee for each claim in excess of 15, in **Lithuanian litas (LTL)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office². This amount, applicable since 3 February 2012, is LTL 50.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 26bis.3

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **Lithuanian litas (LTL)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 3 February 2012. The amount of this fee is LTL 400.

[Updating of Annex C(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2012, is JPY 206,900.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 184,800
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 2,100
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 13,900
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK 27,800
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK 41,700

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 121,700
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,400
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	JPY 9,100

Electronic filing (the request,
description, claims and abstract
in character coded format): JPY 27,400

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 June 2012, is JPY 18,300.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the above-mentioned Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 1 June 2012.

The Agreement will enter into force on that date. The text of the Agreement as signed on 21 September 2010 corresponds to that of the draft Agreement which was published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 39 *et seq.*

Pursuant to the decision of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its fortieth (17th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 22 September to 1 October 2009, to appoint the Israel Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority², that appointment will also have effect from 1 June 2012.

The Office has notified that it will initially operate as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority only for applications filed with it as receiving Office or for applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office by applicants who are eligible to file with the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the necessary information to complete the Agreement. Annex C will thus read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (New Israel shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	3,500
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	3,500
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,500
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,500

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

² See the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, page 30.

Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i>]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	0
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	450
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	3.20

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) and (2) [No change]

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, 50% of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) and (5) [No change]”

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Annex C

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** and the **Japan Patent Office**, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, have agreed to amendments of Part II of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 May 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. [No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) [No change]

(2) The amount of 28,000 Japanese yen shall be refunded upon request where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

(i) and (ii) [no change]

(3) and (4) [No change]”

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified several fees, in **new Israel shekel (ILS)**, payable to the Office as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable from 1 June 2012, the date of entry into force of the Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau in relation to the functioning of the Office as an International Searching and International Preliminary Authority under the PCT (see this issue of the Official Notices (PCT Gazette), pages 70 *et seq.*). The fees are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ILS	3,500
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ILS	3,500
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3), per page:	ILS	3.20
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .1(c)):	ILS	450
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	ILS	1,500
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	ILS	1,500
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2), per page:	ILS	3.20
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2), per page:	ILS	3.20
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .2):	ILS	450

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2012, are CHF 849, EUR 705 and USD 940, respectively.

In addition, the Office has notified the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by it, applicable from 1 June 2012, as follows:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%

Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 50%, depending upon the extent of the benefit

Also, the Office has notified the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the preliminary examination fee payable for an international preliminary examination carried out by it, applicable from 1 June 2012, as follows:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100%

Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%

Finally, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d), an equivalent amount of the handling fee has been established in **new Israel shekel (ILS)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2012, is ILS 824.

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a change to the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable from 1 May 2012. The consolidated list of these conditions and amounts will read as follows:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

Refund of JPY 28,000 upon request where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

- (i) where the international application claims the priority of an earlier international application which has been the subject of an international search made by the Authority, the international search of the earlier international application;
- (ii) the earlier search of a Japanese national application for a patent or for a utility model registration which was filed by the same applicant as that of the international application.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has specified itself, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 June 2012 with the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office, or with the International Bureau as receiving Office, by applicants who are eligible to file with the Israel Patent Office as receiving Office.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.2(h)

LT Lithuania

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2006, of 4 May 2006, page 12960), the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 3 February 2012. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore applies to the Office since that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.2

LT Lithuania

Under PCT Rule 49ter.2(g), the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania**, in its capacity as designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority, with effect since 3 February 2012.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2(d), in **Lithuanian litas (LTL)**, payable to it as designated Office. The amount of this fee, applicable since 3 February 2012, is LTL 400.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which now reads as follows:

contactcenteruibm@sviluppoeconomico.gov.it

[Updating of Annex B1(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a change in its Internet address, which now reads as follows:

www.uspto.gov/patents/init_events/pct/index.jsp

[Updating of Annex B1(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media in addition to the 3.5 inch diskette: CD-R, CD-ROM, CD-RW.

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

BN Brunei Darussalam

On 24 April 2012, **Brunei Darussalam** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 24 July 2012, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 24 July 2012 will automatically include the designation of Brunei Darussalam (country code: BN).

Brunei Darussalam will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 24 July 2012. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Brunei Darussalam will be entitled, as from 24 July 2012, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

IL Israel

Information on the requirements of the **Israel Patent Office** as International Searching Authority and as International Preliminary Examining Authority is given in Annexes D(IL) and E(IL), which are published on the following pages.

D	International Searching Authorities	D
IL	ISRAEL PATENT OFFICE¹	IL

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ²	New Israel shekel (ILS)	3,500
	Euro (EUR)	705
	Swiss franc (CHF)	849
	US dollar (USD)	940
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Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ³	ILS	3,500
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Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	ILS	3.20 per page
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Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 50%, depending upon the extent of the benefit</p>	
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Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(c)):	None	
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Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	ILS	450
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Languages accepted for international search:	English	
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Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes	
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R	
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Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in Israeli national applications	
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Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁴	
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁴	
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing	

¹ The Israel Patent Office will start operating as an International Searching Authority with effect from 1 June 2012.

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90^{bis}.1 to 90^{bis}.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

E	International Preliminary Examining Authorities	E
IL	ISRAEL PATENT OFFICE¹	IL

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ²	New Israel shekel (ILS)	1,500
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ³	ILS	1,500
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ⁴	ILS	824
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	ILS	3.20 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	ILS	3.20 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	None	
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13ter.2):	ILS	450
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is examined in Israeli national applications	
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁵	
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁵	
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing	

¹ The Israel Patent Office will start operating as an International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 1 June 2012.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁵ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90bis.1 to 90bis.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)** has notified a change in its addresses, which now read as follows:

Location and mailing address: Concept House, Cardiff Road,
Newport, South Wales NP10 8QQ,
United Kingdom [unchanged]

Filings by hand may additionally be made at:

1st Floor, 4 Abbey Orchard Street,
London SW1P 2HT,
United Kingdom

[Updating of Annex B1(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified new amounts of the fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(d) and 49*ter*.2(d), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. These amounts, applicable since 1 November 2011, are EUR 450 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex C(FI) and of the National Chapter, Summary (FI), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IL Israel

Further to the information published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 April 2012, page 74, the **Israel Patent Office** has clarified that it is competent to act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 June 2012 only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee for a patent or a utility model, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2011, as follows:

Filing fee:	EUR	72
Electronic filing fee:	EUR	61.20

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ES), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new amounts of the fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2), in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority and applicable since 1 April 2012, as follows:

For the first nine pages:	None
For 10 pages:	SEK 50
For each page in excess of 10:	SEK 2

[Updating of Annex E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

BG Bulgaria

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **National Bank for Industrial Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (NBIMCC)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, applicable from 1 June 2012, as follows:

49 St Kliment Ohridski Blvd., Bldg. 3
1756 Sofia
Bulgaria

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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AU Australia

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2012. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Australian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,200
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,200
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	590
– in other cases	820
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	590
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94), per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Australian dollar (AUD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2012, is AUD 200.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **Australian dollar (AUD)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 July 2012, are as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_au.pdf.

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	AUD 2,200
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	AUD 2,200

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Korean won (KRW)**, **New Zealand dollar (NZD)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, **US dollar (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 July 2012, are as follows:

CHF	2,068
EUR	1,721
KRW	2,575,000
NZD	2,790
SGD	2,812
USD	2,254
ZAR	17,580

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of fees, in **Australian dollar (AUD)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable from 1 July 2012, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	AUD 590 (820)	The amount in parentheses is payable where the international search report was not issued by the Office.
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	AUD 590	

[Updating of Annex E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 27 July 2010, as follows:

For patent:			
Filing fee:	KRW 58,000	plus	
	KRW 1,000	per sheet in excess	
		of 20 ²	

² This fee applies to the total number of sheets of the description, drawings (if any) and abstract.

For utility model:

Filing fee:	KRW	27,000	plus
	KRW	1,000	per sheet in excess of 20 ³

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ This fee applies to the total number of sheets of the description, drawings (if any) and abstract.

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BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2012, are CHF 893, EUR 743 and USD 955, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2012, is CHF 1,473.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, as from 1 July 2012, it will be ready to receive fully electronic international applications online through its website. Consequently, the following notification will replace the previous notification published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 6 October 2011, pages 143 *et seq.*, with effect from 1 July 2012.

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d)); the WASP is prepared using the PCT-SAFE software, however, it is then uploaded and submitted to the receiving Office through its website (www.justice.gov.il/MOJHeb/RashamHaptentim/PCT/)

- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signature (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users relating, in particular, to the uploading and submission of the international application through the Office's website. The help desk will be available between 8:00 am and 16:00 pm, Sunday to Thursday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at (972-2) 5651 707
- by fax at (972-2) 5651 616
- by e-mail at PCT.Customer-serv@justice.gov.il

For questions concerning the preparation of the international application in electronic format using the PCT-SAFE software, applicants may also contact the PCT e-Services Help Desk at WIPO directly:

- by telephone at (+41 22) 338 95 23
- through the WIPO website
(www.wipo.int/tools/en/contacts/index.jsp?area=pct-safe)

The Help Desk is available from 9:00 to 18:00 pm (Central European Time), Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- other documents, if any

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.justice.gov.il/MOJHeb/RashamHaptentim/PCT/).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

PA Panama

On 7 June 2012, **Panama** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 7 September 2012, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 7 September 2012 will automatically include the designation of Panama (country code: PA).

Panama will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 7 September 2012. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Panama will be entitled, as from 7 September 2012, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BR Brazil

Because of an official event, the **National Institute of Industrial Property** is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 20 to 22 June 2012, inclusive.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office falls on any of the aforementioned days, that period is extended so as to expire on 25 June 2012.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2012, is JPY 186,800.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2012, are CHF 844 and EUR 702, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, consisting in the addition of a new Part 8, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2012.

These modifications relate to the introduction of a PCT third party observation system, which is expected to be made available with effect from 2 July 2012, for use in making observations on any international application for which the time limit of 28 months from the priority date has not expired before that date.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/14 Rev.), as in force from 1 July 2012, is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_14.pdf

This text replaces document PCT/AI/14, containing a first set of modifications to the Administrative Instructions with effect from 1 July 2012 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 March 2012, pages 53 *et seq.*), and includes these modifications, without further change, in addition to the above modifications.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS *(as in force from 1 July 2012)*

PART 8 **INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO OBSERVATIONS BY THIRD PARTIES**

Section 801 **Third Party Observation System**

(a) The International Bureau shall provide an electronic system for third parties to make observations referring to prior art which they believe to be relevant to the question of whether the invention claimed in the international application is new and/or involves an inventive step (“third party observation system”).

(b) The third party observation system:

(i) shall provide a third party with the option to remain anonymous;

(ii) shall allow observations to include a brief explanation of the relevance of each prior art document referred to in the observation and to include a copy of the prior art document;

(iii) may limit the number of prior art documents which may be referred to in one observation; and

(iv) may limit the number of observations permitted to be made in relation to one international application, per third party and in total.

(c) The International Bureau shall take technical steps to prevent abuse of the third party observation system.

(d) The International Bureau may temporarily or indefinitely suspend the use of the third party observation system if it considers it necessary to do so.

Section 802 **Filing of a Third Party Observation**

(a) An observation by a third party made in relation to an international application shall:

(i) be submitted to the International Bureau through the third party observation system as provided in Section 801;

(ii) be submitted between the date of international publication and 28 months from the priority date of the international application indicated;

(iii) be in a language of publication, with the exception that copies of submitted prior art documents may be in any language;

(iv) relate to the international application indicated;

(v) refer to prior art;

(vi) be free of viruses or other forms of malicious logic;

(vii) be free of comments or other matter not relevant to the question of novelty or inventive step of the invention claimed in the international application; and

(viii) be free of comments or other matter which are an abuse of the third party observation system.

(b) Any purported observation by a third party which, in the view of the International Bureau, appears not to be in compliance with paragraph (a) shall not be treated as a third party observation. The International Bureau shall inform the third party accordingly, unless the purported observation appears to be a clear attempt at abuse of the system. The purported observation shall not be open to public inspection and shall not be communicated to the applicant, any International Authority or any designated Office.

Section 803 **Availability of an Observation** **and Related Information**

(a) Any third party observation shall be promptly made available for public inspection, with the exception that copies of prior art documents uploaded through the system shall be made available only to the applicant, competent International Authorities and designated Offices.

(b) Where the third party requests the International Bureau to remain anonymous as provided in Section 801(b), the International Bureau shall not reveal any details of the third party to the public, the applicant, any International Authority or any designated Office.

Section 804
Notification of Receipt of an Observation to the Applicant
and Comments by the Applicant in Response to an Observation

(a) The International Bureau shall notify the applicant when the first third party observation is received in relation to an international application. If further observations are received, the International Bureau shall notify the applicant of the receipt of all further observations promptly after the expiration of 28 months from the priority date.

(b) The applicant may, within 30 months from the priority date, submit comments in response to any third party observation which has been received. The comments shall be submitted in English, French or the language of publication of the international application, at the choice of the applicant, and shall be promptly made available for public inspection.

Section 805
Communication of Observations and Comments
to International Authorities and Designated Offices

(a) The International Bureau shall communicate any third party observation and any comment by the applicant promptly to the International Searching Authority specified to carry out the international search, the International Searching Authority specified to carry out the supplementary international search and the International Preliminary Examining Authority specified to carry out the international preliminary examination, unless the international search report, the supplementary international search report or the international preliminary examination report, respectively, has already been received by the International Bureau.

(b) Promptly after the expiration of 30 months from the priority date, the International Bureau shall communicate any third party observation and any comment by the applicant to all designated Offices, subject to Rule 93*bis*. The designated Offices shall not be obliged to take either the observations or any comments into account during national processing.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

A new equivalent amount in **Brazilian real (BRL)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 September 2012, is BRL 426.

[Updating of Annex E(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD	1,445
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD	16
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	CAD	109
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CAD	217
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CAD	326

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 September 2012, is CAD 217.

[Updating of Annex E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 110,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,200
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	JPY 8,300
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY 24,900

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2012, is JPY 16,600.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2012, is USD 413.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

New equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SGD	1,773
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SGD	20
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	SGD	133

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2012, are NZD 2,750 and ZAR 17,670, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2012. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	572.15
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	572.15
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2012, is USD 2,244.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2012, is EUR 263.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2012, are EUR 72.78 and EUR 29.11, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, also applicable since 1 July 2012, are EUR 572.15 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2012, is KRW 1,031,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Latvian lat (LVL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2012, are LVL 48.40 and LVL 12.10, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which is now as follows:

Av. Libertador Bernardo O'Higgins 194, Piso 1
Santiago
Chile

[Updating of Annex B1(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent – after publication by the EPO of the international application in a translation into one of its official languages furnished to it, the applicant may, as from the date on which a translation into Italian of the claims is made available to the public or communicated to the user, obtain damages and possibly the description and seizure of the articles infringing the patent and anything used in the making thereof.

[Updating of Annex B1(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has specified, concerning its conditions for refund of the search fee and of the preliminary examination fee payable for an international search or an international preliminary examination carried out by the Office, that any refund of money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, must be requested by the applicant.

[Updating of Annexes D(ES) and E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2012, are CHF 1,075 for international applications filed in English and CHF 372 for international applications filed in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has clarified that it is competent to act as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office.

[Updating of Annexes C(CA), C(BZ) and C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office – while an agent is not required if the applicants are also the inventors, one is required if any applicant is not also the inventor.

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified that an address for service is no longer required if the applicant does not reside in Italy.

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

AU Australia

The International Bureau has been notified of a change in the address of the **National Measurement Institute (NMI)**, an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The address is now as follows:

1/153, Bertie Street
Port Melbourne, VIC 3207
Australia

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has specified the following concerning the filing fee components of the national fee for a patent and for a utility model:

The filing fee for entry into the national phase is calculated on the basis of the number of claims in the international application as originally filed, and not as subsequently reduced, if applicable. A subsequent addition of claims may increase the amount of the filing fee. For further general information, refer to <http://www.dpma.de/english/patent/fees/index.html>

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SY Syrian Arab Republic

The **Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic)** has notified the amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Syrian pound (SYP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 30 May 2012, as follows:¹

For a patent:

Filing fee:	SYP 5,000	(250)
Annual fee: ²		
– for the 2 nd year:	SYP 5,500	(300)
– for the 3 rd year:	SYP 6,000	(350)
Examination fee:	SYP 20,000	(2,000)
Reexamination fee:	SYP 10,000	(1,000)
Additional fee for each page in excess of 30:	SYP 50	(10)
Additional fee for each claim in excess of 10:	SYP 500	(250)

¹ The amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a natural person.

² The amount of this fee is reduced by 90% for students and microenterprises, and by 50% for small enterprises.

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	SYP 4,000	(200)
Annual fee: ³		
– for the 2 nd year:	SYP 4,500	(250)
– for the 3 rd year:	SYP 5,000	(300)
Examination fee:	SYP 10,000	(1,000)
Reexamination fee:	SYP 5,000	(500)
Additional fee for each page in excess of 30:	SYP 50	(10)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SY), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office. These requirements are now as follows:

In case an agent is required (because the applicant is a non-resident), any patent attorney or attorney-at-law⁴ resident in Germany or a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Law on the Qualifying Examination for Gaining Admission to the Profession of Patent Attorney and Law on the Professional Activities of European Lawyers in Germany); otherwise, the above-mentioned persons and any natural person resident in Germany⁵

[Updating of Annex C(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

³ The amount of this fee is reduced by 90% for students and microenterprises, and by 50% for small enterprises.

⁴ The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the Patentanwaltskammer (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 Munich, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Littenstrasse 9, 10179 Berlin, Germany.

⁵ In accordance with the provisions of the Legal Services Act (Rechtsdienstleistungsgesetz – RDG).

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified changes concerning:

– the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – the original of the document must be furnished within 14 days from the date of the transmission if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application, and only upon invitation in the case of other documents;

– provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent – the language requirements have been modified for international publications filed on or after 1 November 2011; as from that date, the applicant is given provisional protection if he furnishes a translation into English, Finnish or Swedish or, if the application was filed in one of these languages, a copy of the application as filed.

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, its telephone numbers and its e-mail address, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address:	5, Ion Ghica Street, 030044, Bucharest 3, Romania
Telephone:	(40-21) 306 08 00, 306 08 01 to 306 08 29
E-mail:	office@osim.ro

In addition, the Office has notified a change concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Romania is designated (or elected) – if not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement until the decision to grant the patent is taken (Article 14(3) of Law No. 64/1991 on Patents, as republished).

[Updating of Annex B1(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified a change in the name of the currency of payment of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) payable to the Office as receiving Office, from **Romanian leu (ROL)** to **new leu (RON)**, the amounts of these fees remaining unchanged.

[Updating of Annex C(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified changes concerning:

– the languages of the translation of the international application – the translation can be furnished in English, Finnish or Swedish for applications filed on or after 1 November 2011;

– its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required – for international applications filed on or after 1 November 2011, a copy is not required where the application was filed in a language other than English, Finnish or Swedish, whereas it is required where the application was filed in one of these languages;

– one of its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis* – the translation of the international application should now be furnished in one copy for a patent and one copy for a utility model.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (FI), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** as receiving Office has notified that it will accept, from 16 October 2012, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS: NOTIFICATION BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

AU Australia

Under Section 513(f) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Australian Patent Office** as International Searching Authority has notified a change in the type of electronic medium that it is prepared to accept, from 16 October 2012, for the furnishing in electronic form of sequence listings, as follows: the entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single standard (ISO 9660) CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD or DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Section 214 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 16 September 2012.

These modifications have their origin in certain changes to the patent law of the United States of America (under the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act).

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions as in force from 16 September 2012 (PCT/AI/15) is available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_15.pdf

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS *(as in force from 16 September 2012)*

Section 214 **Declaration of Inventorship**

(a) A declaration of inventorship, referred to in Rule 4.17(iv), that is made for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America shall be worded as follows:

“Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51*bis*.1(a)(iv)) for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:

I hereby declare that I believe I am the original inventor or an original joint inventor of a claimed invention in the application.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/... (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26*ter*).

I hereby declare that the above-identified international application was made or authorized to be made by me.

I hereby acknowledge that any willful false statement made in this declaration is punishable under 18 U.S.C. 1001 by fine or imprisonment of not more than five (5) years, or both.

Name: ...

Residence: ... (city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address: ...

Inventor's Signature: ... (The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

Date: ...”

(b) Where there is more than one inventor and all inventors do not sign the same declaration referred to in paragraph (a), each declaration shall indicate the names of all the inventors.

(c) Any correction or addition under Rule 26*ter*.1 of a declaration referred to in paragraph (a) shall take the form of a declaration referred to in that paragraph and be signed by the inventor. In addition, any such correction should be entitled “Supplemental declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51*bis*.1(a)(iv))”.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

RU Russian Federation

Agreement between the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 22 August 2012. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

“Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Russian roubles)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	6,750
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	6,750
Protest fee (Rule 40.2(e))	2,700
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex E, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ru.pdf.

Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	2,700
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	4,050
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	2,700
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	4,050
Protest fee (Rule 68.3(e))	2,700
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 ter .1(c))	2,050
Cost of copies of cited documents (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– patent document, per page	[No change]
– non-patent document, per page	[No change]
Cost of copies of document contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	878
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	10
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP	132
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP	198

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

New equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	KRW 1,609,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	KRW 18,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	KRW 121,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	KRW 363,000

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is KRW 242,000.

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to the Office as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, and applicable since 22 August 2012, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	RUB 6,750
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	RUB 6,750
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	RUB 2,700
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ter .1(c)):	RUB 2,050

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Preliminary examination fee
(PCT Rule 58.1(b)):

RUB 2,700 (4,050)

The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search report was not prepared by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent).

Additional preliminary examination fee
(PCT Rule 68.3(a)):

RUB 2,700 (4,050)

The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search report was not prepared by the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent).

Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):

RUB 2,700

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is USD 204.

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
1 January 2013,
29 March 2013,
1 April 2013,
9 and 20 May 2013,
5 September 2013,
14 October 2013,
25, 26 and 31 December 2013.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

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JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments, which entered into force on 1 July 2012, consist of the addition of Viet Nam to the States indicated in items (i) to (iii) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Viet Nam;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand and Viet Nam;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [no change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Philippines, Thailand or Viet Nam:
English;
 - (c) [no change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are CHF 2,263 and EUR 1,884, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is CHF 323.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Israel Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is USD 864.

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 174,800
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 2,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 13,100
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK 26,300
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK 39,400

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is USD 891.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are CHF 2,040 and EUR 1,698, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

VN Viet Nam

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam)** has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent), the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Viet Nam with the National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam), with effect since 1 July 2012.

[Updating of Annex C(VN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** and **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are GBP 1,471 and ISK 276,000, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish krona (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	9,150
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	100
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	SEK	690
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	SEK	1,380
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	SEK	2,060

[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is ISK 276,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is SEK 1,380.

[Updating of Annex E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is ISK 276,000.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are KRW 2,487,000 and SGD 2,730, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	1,293
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	15
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	AUD	97
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD	194
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD	292

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is ZAR 18,950.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollar (AUD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is AUD 194.

[Updating of Annex E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office has notified new amounts of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Australian dollar (AUD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 October 2012, as follows:

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| (i) Where filing is by electronic means approved by the Commissioner ¹ : | AUD | 370 |
| (ii) Where filing is by means other than (i) ¹ : | AUD | 470 |

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is SGD 2,860.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified a change in the currency of payment of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, from **Swiss franc (CHF)** to **euro (EUR)**. The amounts of these fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are as follows:

International filing fee:	EUR	1,094
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR	12
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	EUR	82
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR	165
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR	247

[Updating of Annex C(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:

¹ For more information, see www.ipaustralia.gov.au/get-the-right-ip/patents/time-and-costs/fees/

International filing fee:	USD	1,356
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	15
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	USD	102
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	USD	102
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	204
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	306

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CL), C(CR), C(CU), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(GT), C(HN), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(KE), C(KG), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(NI), C(PE), C(PG), C(PH), C(RU), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(US), C(UZ), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is NZD 2,580.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2012, is USD 204.

[Updating of Annex E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	USD 102
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	USD 51
	Supplement for airmail: USD 10

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Further to the announcement published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 23 August 2012, page 124, notifying a new amount of the search fee for a search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)**. These amounts, applicable since 22 August 2012, are CHF 205, EUR 170 and USD 211, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These changes are applicable from 5 October 2012. The consolidated list of the said components is as follows (the amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a “small entity”):

Basic national fee:	USD 390 (195)
Search fee:	
– IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):	[No change]
– International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA:	[No change]

- Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO: USD 500 (250)
- All other situations: USD 630 (315)

Examination fee:

- IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4): [No change]
- All other situations: [No change]

For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium): USD 320 (160)

Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three: [No change]

Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20: USD 62 (31)

In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application: USD 460 (230)

Surcharge for paying any of the search fee, the examination fee, or filing the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage: [No change]

Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): [No change]

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (US), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a)

JP Japan

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(a) (see PCT Gazette No. 14/2006, of 6 April 2006, page 10048), the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 October 2012, and that PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d) and 20.6 will apply in respect of international applications filed on or after that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b)

JP Japan

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(b) (see PCT Gazette No. 14/2006, of 6 April 2006, page 10048), the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 October 2012, and that PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d) and 20.6 will apply in respect of international applications filed on or after that date.

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IN India

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	Kolkata: (91-33) 23 67 19 87, (91-33) 23 67 50 91 (PCT Section)
	New Delhi: (91-11) 28 03 43 10, 28 03 43 17
	Chennai: (91-44) 22 50 20 80, 22 50 20 60
	Mumbai: (91-22) 24 15 36 51, 24 14 81 61
Facsimile machine:	Kolkata: (91-33) 23 67 19 88
	New Delhi: (91-11) 28 03 43 15
	Chennai: (91-44) 22 50 20 66
	Mumbai: (91-22) 24 13 03 87

[Updating of Annex B1(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is USD 1,621.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2012, is SEK 15,460.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified a late payment fee under PCT Rule 16*bis*.2, in **Indian rupee (INR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amount of this fee is INR 8,000 (2,000)¹.

[Updating of Annex C(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2012, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	8,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	90
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	NOK	1,220
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	NOK	1,830

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2012, are SEK 15,460 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

IN India

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

¹ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

<p>Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:</p>		<p>Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned</p>
<p>the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)</p>	<p>any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column</p>	
<p>At the time of filing, either in the description or separately</p>	<p>At the time of filing, either in the description or separately</p>	<p>To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism</p>
<p>Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Patent Office (India) with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (these institutions are indicated further in this Annex and notifications related thereto may be consulted under www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/). See also Indian Patents Act, Section 10(4)(d)(ii).</p>		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DIP) (Thailand)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which are now as follows:

Telephone:	(66-2) 547 4304, 547 4676
E-mail:	onsireen@moc.go.th
Internet:	www.ipthailand.go.th

[Updating of Annex B1(TH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

PA Panama

The **Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Panama with the Directorate General of the Industrial Property Registry (DIGERPI) (Panama), with effect since 17 September 2012.

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IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2013, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 83	USD 107
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR [No change]	USD 53
	Supplement for airmail:	
	EUR [No change]	USD 11

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days – Corrigendum

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2013, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
1 and 2 January 2013,
29 March 2013,
1 April 2013,
9 and 20 May 2013,
5 September 2013,
14 October 2013,
25 and 26 December 2013.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

This information supersedes the information published in the Official Notices of 23 August 2012, page 125.

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RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified a change in the name of the Office, which is now as follows:

Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent).

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified changes to the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This fee is now as follows:

For a patent:	JPY 15,000
For a utility model:	JPY 14,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (JP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Agreement between the Nordic Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Nordic Patent Institute** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which enters into force on 1 January 2013, consists of the addition of Sweden to the States indicated in item (i)(a) of the Annex. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - (a) Denmark, Iceland, Norway, Sweden;
 - (b) [no change]
- (ii) [no change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a change in its Internet address, which is now as follows:

<http://index.justice.gov.il/units/rashamhaptentim/pages/default.aspx>

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has specified the Nordic Patent Institute, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Sweden with the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, with effect from 1 January 2013.

[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_xn.pdf.

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US United States of America

Because of bad weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 29 and 30 October 2012.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on either of the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on 31 October 2012.

As regards other possible excuses of delay or loss in the mail, due to the above weather conditions, of documents or letters addressed to the Office, see PCT Rules 82.1 and 82*quater*.

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SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 December 2012, as follows:

Annual fee for the first year:	SEK	300
Annual fee for the second year:	SEK	450
Annual fee for the third year:	SEK	550

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-third (25th extraordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 1 to 9 October 2012, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2013, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on pages 158 to 160.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, with effect from 1 January 2013, as indicated in the table published on pages 161 and 162.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss francs for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, with effect from 1 January 2013, as indicated in the table published on page 163.

In the three tables, the new amounts are distinguished from currently applicable amounts by indicating them in bold print.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BE), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (GT), (HN), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MC), (MD), (MT), (MW), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (RO), (RU), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM) and (ZW),

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SISA(AT), (EP), (FI), (SE) and (XN),

E(AU), (BR), (CA), (IL), (KR), (RU), (SE), (US) and (XN).]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in the currency of payment of the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and the reductions under item 4(a) and (d) of the PCT Schedule of Fees, from **Korean won (KRW)** to **Swiss franc (CHF)**, with effect from 1 January 2013. The amounts of these fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, will be as stated in the PCT Schedule of Fees, that is:

International filing fee:	CHF	1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CHF	15
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	CHF	100
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	CHF	300

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2013)

Country/ Regional Office	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 01.10.12	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a)	Schedule of item 3
				Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)		
Currency Reference currency Swiss franc		1'330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AT - Austria Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	165 165	247 248	165 165	Current amount New amount
AU - Australia Australian dollar	0.97256938	1'293 1'367	15 15	97 103	194 206	292 308	194 206	Current amount* New amount
BE - Belgium Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	165 165	Current amount New amount
BR - Brazil Brazilian real	0.46275772	** **	** **	** **	** **	** **	426 432	Current amount New amount
CA - Canada Canadian dollar	0.95441024	1'445 1'394	16 16	109 105	217 210	326 314	217 210	Current amount New amount
CY - Cyprus Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	165 165	Current amount New amount
DE - Germany Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	165 165	247 248	165 165	Current amount New amount
DK - Denmark Danish krone	0.16221963	8'150 8'200	90 90	610 620	1'220 1'230	1'840 1'850	1'220 1'230	Current amount New amount
EE - Estonia Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	165 165	Current amount New amount
EP - European Patent Office Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	n.a. n.a.	165 165	247 248	165 165	Current amount New amount
ES - Spain Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	165 165	247 248	165 165	Current amount New amount
FI - Finland Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	n.a. n.a.	165 165	247 248	165 165	Current amount New amount

* Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2012.

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Brazilian real of the amounts in Swiss franc indicated above.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2013)

Country/ Regional Office	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 01.10.12	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of item 3	Current amount
				Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)		
Currency Reference currency Swiss franc		1'330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
FR - France Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	165 165	247 248	165 165	Current amount New amount
GB - United Kingdom Pound sterling	1.51324959	878 879	10 10	n.a. n.a.	132 132	198 198	n.a. n.a.	Current amount* New amount
GR - Greece Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	165 165	Current amount New amount
IB - International Bureau Swiss franc		**	**	**	**	**	**	
Euro		**	**	**	**	**	**	
US dollar	0.93755179	**	**	**	**	306 320	**	Current amount* New amount
IE - Ireland Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	165 165	Current amount New amount
IL - Israel New Israeli sheqel	0.23970023	***	***	***	***	***	824 834	Current amount New amount
IS - Iceland Icelandic krona	0.00757434	174'800 175'600	2'000 2'000	13'100 13'200	26'300 26'400	39'400 39'600	n.a. n.a.	Current amount* New amount
IT - Italy Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	165 165	Current amount New amount
JP - Japan Japanese yen	0.01201774	110'300 110'700	1'200 1'200	8'300 8'300	n.a. n.a.	24'900 25'000	16'600 16'600	Current amount New amount
KR - Republic of Korea Korean won	0.00084137	1'609'000 n.a.	18'000 n.a.	121'000 n.a.	n.a. n.a.	363'000 n.a.	242'000 238'000	Current amount* New amount
LU - Luxembourg Euro	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	165 165	Current amount New amount

* Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2012.
** The corresponding equivalent amounts are indicated above for the Swiss franc and the Euro and below for the US dollar.
*** The corresponding equivalent amounts are indicated below for the US dollar.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2013)

Country/ Regional Office	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 01.10.12	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a)	Schedule of item 3
				Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)		
Currency	Reference currency		15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
Swiss franc	Swiss franc	1'330						
MW - Malawi	0.00313178	238'300 424'700	2'700 4'800	17'900 31'900	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NL - Netherlands	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	165 165	247 248	165 165	Current amount New amount
NO - Norway	0.16362173	8'100 8'130	90 90	n.a. n.a.	1'220 1'220	1'830 1'830	n.a. n.a.	Current amount** New amount
NZ - New Zealand	0.77696821	1'768 1'712	20 19	133 129	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
PT - Portugal	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	165 165	Current amount New amount
SE - Sweden	0.14262010	9'150 9'330	100 110	690 700	1'380 1'400	2'060 2'100	1'380 1'400	Current amount* New amount
SG - Singapore	0.76301094	1'773 1'743	20 20	133 131	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
SI - Slovenia	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	165 165	Current amount New amount
SK - Slovakia	1.20954080	1'094 1'100	12 12	82 83	165 165	247 248	165 165	Current amount New amount
US - United States of America	0.93755179	1'356 1'419	15 16	102 107	204 213	n.a. n.a.	204 213	Current amount* New amount
ZA - South Africa	0.11223203	11'160 11'850	130 130	840 890	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount

* Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2012.

** Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2012.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2013)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		ISA/CN		ISA/EP		ISA/ES		ISA/FI	
	EUR	1785	AUD	2'200	BRL	1'900	CAD	1'600	CNY	2'100	EUR	1'875	EUR	1'875	EUR	1'875
Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate	
Exchange rates applicable on 01.10.12																
CHF - Swiss franc	1.20954080	2'169 1	0.97259338	2'263 1 ² 2'140 1	0.46275772	883 1 879 1	0.95441024	1'473 1 1'527 1	0.14815521	323 1 ² 313 1	1.20954080	2'264 1 2'268 1	1.20954080	2'264 1 2'268 1	1.20954080	2'264 1 2'268 1
USD - US dollar	0.77513035	2'244 1 2'303 1	0.96397997	2'254 2'282	2.02807005	955 1 938 1	0.98235825	1'621 1 ² 1'629 1	6.28574628	329 1 334 1	0.77513035	2'426 1 2'419 1	0.77513035	2'426 1 2'419 1	0.77513035	2'426 1 2'419 1
EUR - Euro			1.24362434	1'854 1 ² 1'769 1	2.61376689	743 1 727 1	1.26731750	1'154 1 1'263 1	8.10827639	263 1 259 1						
AUD - Australian dollar																
DKK - Danish krone																
GBP - Pound sterling																
ISK - Icelandic krone																
JPY - Japanese yen																
KRW - Korean won	0.00069592	2'487'000 2 2'566'000	0.00066508	2'575'000 2'543'000												
MWK - Malawian kwacha																
NOK - Norwegian krone																
NZD - New Zealand dollar			0.79886232	2'790 2'754												
SEK - Swedish krona																
SGD - Singapore dollar	0.63082695	2'730 2 2'830	0.78451175	2'812 2'800												
ZAR - South African rand	0.09278896	18'400 19'240	0.11538460	18'950 2 19'070												

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1 Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

2 Amount applicable as from November 1, 2012.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2013)

International Searching Authority	ISAIL		ISAJP		ISAJKR		ISAJRU		ISASE ³		ISAIUS		ISAXN ⁴	
	ILS	Exch. rate	JPY	Exch. rate	KRW	Exch. rate	RUB	Exch. rate	SEK	SEK	USD	Exch. rate	DKK	DKK
Reference currency & Amount														
Exchange rates applicable on 01.10.12														
CHF - Swiss franc	845 ⁵ 0.23970023	844 ⁵ 841 ⁵	0.01201774		0.00084137	1'075 ⁵ 1'094 ⁵	372 ⁵ 379 ⁵	205 ⁵ 204 ⁵	2'264 ⁵ 2'268 ⁵	2'264 ⁵ 2'268 ⁵	2'040 ^{5,6} 1'950 ⁵		2'264 ⁵ 2'268 ⁵	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	864 ^{5,6} 3.81135127	891 ^{5,6} 897 ⁵	76.01397669		114.30932992	1'101 ⁵ 1'167 ⁵	381 404	211 217	2'426 ⁵ 2'419 ⁵	2'426 ⁵ 2'419 ⁵			2'426 ⁵ 2'419 ⁵	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	705 ⁵ 5.04605612	702 ⁵ 696 ⁵	100.64628707		1437.57669055	878 ⁵ 904 ⁵	304 ⁵ 313 ⁵	170 ⁵ 168 ⁵	1'875 ⁵ 1'875 ⁵	1'875 ⁵ 1'875 ⁵	1'698 ^{5,6} 1'612 ⁵		1'875 ⁵ 1'875 ⁵	Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar					1155.92734719	1'070 ⁵ 1'125 ⁵	370 389							Current amount New amount
DKK - Danish krone									13'940 13'980					Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling														Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona									276'000 ⁶ 299'000 ⁶				276'000 ⁶ 299'000 ⁶	Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen														Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won				1'031'000 0.07001106										Current amount New amount
MMK - Malawian kwacha														Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone														Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar						1'444 1'408	500 487		14'380 13'860				14'380 13'860	Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona					923.4507247						0.62872031			Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar						1'440 1'430	500 500							Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand					906.86212482									Current amount New amount
											0.11970755			17'670 17'380

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3 All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2013, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

4 All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2013, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

5 Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the international Bureau acting as receiving Office.

6 Amount applicable as from November 1, 2012.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2013)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU		ISA/SE		ISA/XN	
	Reference currency	Amount	Reference currency	Amount	Reference currency	Amount	Reference currency	Amount	Reference currency	Amount	Reference currency	Amount
Reference currency & Amount	EUR	850 ¹	EUR	1'875	EUR	1'875	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴	11'800	SEK	15'460 ⁶	DKK	13'940
Exchange rate applicable on 01.10.12	Exch. rate	1'028	Exch. rate	2'268	Exch. rate	2'268	Exch. rate	0.03015765	Exch. rate	2'268 ⁹	Exch. rate	2'268 ¹⁰
CHF - Swiss franc	1.20954080	1'439	1.20954080	2'056	1.20954080	2'268	0.03015765	356	0.03015765	569	0.03015765	2'268 ⁹

1 For a search of the German-language documentation.
 2 For a search of the European or North American documentation.
 3 For a full search of PCT minimum documentation.
 4 This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.
 5 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).
 6 Amount applicable as from November 1, 2012.
 7 This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2013.
 8 This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2013.
 9 New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2013.
 10 New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2013.

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RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property (Rospatent)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 22 August 2012, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	RUB	850
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RUB	850
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	RUB	400

[Updating of Annex C(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change concerning the copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3) which the applicant receives free of charge together with the international search report – the applicant now receives a copy of each document containing non-patent literature cited in the report. The fees charged in other cases remain unchanged.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified a change concerning the copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2) which the applicant receives free of charge together with the international preliminary examination report – the applicant now receives a copy of each document containing non-patent literature not cited in the international search report. The fees charged in other cases remain unchanged.

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Finally, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 22 August 2012, as follows:

For a patent:

Filing fee:	RUB	1,650
Examination fee		
– for one invention:	RUB	2,450
– for each invention in excess of one:	RUB	1,950
Annual fee for the third year:	RUB	850

For a utility model:

Filing fee:	RUB	850
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Annual fee for the first and the
second year, per year: RUB 400

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) in **Swedish krona (SEK)**, and new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Danish krone (DKK)**, **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, **Norwegian krone (NOK)** and **US dollar (USD)**, applicable from 1 January 2013 and payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows:

Search fee:	SEK 15,900
	CHF 2,268
	DKK 13,980
	ISK 299,000
	NOK 13,860
	USD 2,419

Additional search fee:	SEK 15,900
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[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(a)), in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 January 2013, is CHF 2,268.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FR France

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (France)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its facsimile number, which are now as follows:

Location and mailing address: 15, rue des Minimes,
92400 Courbevoie

Facsimile machine: (33) 1 56 65 86 00

[Updating of Annex B1(FR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a change in its Internet address for PCT related material, which is now as follows:

www.uspto.gov/go/pct

Further to certain changes to the patent law of the United States of America (under the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act), the provision according to which all applicants must be inventors to be entitled to file an international application designating the United States of America has been deleted.

[Updating of Annex B1(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment, which entered into force on 1 December 2012, consists of the addition of Singapore to the States indicated in items (i), (ii) and (iii)(b) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam and Singapore;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Viet Nam and Singapore;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [no change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Philippines, Thailand, Viet Nam or Singapore:
English;
 - (c) [no change]

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JP Japan

Further to the above notification by the **Japan Patent Office** that it is acting, since 1 December 2012, as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Singapore, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), an equivalent amount of the search fee have been established in **Singapore dollar (SGD)**. This amount, applicable since the same date, is SGD 1,057.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the PCT *Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

RECEIVING OFFICES

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Singapore with the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore, with effect since 1 December 2012.

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a)

PH Philippines

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(a) (see PCT Gazette No. 27/2006, of 6 July 2006, page 19000), the **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 1 April 2007. PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 therefore apply since that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b)

PH Philippines

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(b) (see PCT Gazette No. 27/2006, of 6 July 2006, page 19000), the **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 1 April 2007. PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 therefore apply since that date.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

IL Israel

Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2013. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israel new shekel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ter .1(c) and 13 ter .2)	[No change]
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Part II. [No change]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israeli sheqel (ILS)**, payable to the Office as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority and designated (or elected) Office, and applicable from 1 January 2013, as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	ILS	546
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ILS	86

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_il.pdf.

Fee for copies of documents
cited in the international search report
(PCT Rule 44.3): ILS 43 per document

[Updating of Annex D(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Fee for copies of documents
cited in the international
preliminary examination report
(PCT Rule 71.2): ILS 43 per document

Fee for copies of documents
contained in the file of the
international application
(PCT Rule 94.2): ILS 43 per document

[Updating of Annex E(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

National fee:

Filing fee: ILS 2,000²

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as designated (or elected) Office. These requirements are now as follows:

In case an agent is required (because the applicant is a non-resident), any patent attorney or attorney-at-law³ resident in Germany or a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Law on the Qualifying Examination for Gaining Admission to the Profession of Patent Attorney and Law on the Professional Activities of European Lawyers in Germany); otherwise, the above-mentioned persons and any natural person resident in Germany⁴

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² A 40% reduction in the fee will be applicable for applications first filed in Israel for an individual applicant or for a corporate entity with a turnover of less than 10 million ILS in the last calendar year.

³ The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the Patentanwaltskammer (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 Munich, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Littenstrasse 9, 10179 Berlin, Germany.

⁴ In accordance with the provisions of the Legal Services Act (Rechtsdienstleistungsgesetz – RDG).

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTY-THIRD (25TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations, as well as the appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its forty-third (25th extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 1 to 9 October 2012 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=26257

The said amendments and appointment are outlined below.

Appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

The Assembly appointed the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the required Agreement until December 31, 2017, bringing the number of Offices which have been appointed as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities to 18, and approved the text of the draft Agreement between the National Institute of Industrial Property of Chile and the International Bureau. The text of the Agreement will be published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) in due course.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force on 1 January 2013 and will apply to any international application the international filing date of which is on or after that date. They are intended to simplify the procedures for applicants from all PCT Contracting States made possible by the enactment of the Leahy-Smith America Invents Act by the Government of the United States of America and concern:

(i) PCT Rules 4.15, 53.8 and 90*bis*.5 in relation to the matter of signatures;
and

(ii) PCT Rules 51*bis*.1 and 51*bis*.2, with the aim of simplifying the provisions which permit documents containing oaths or declarations of inventorship to be required by the designated Office in certain circumstances, and of limiting the extent to which the designated Office may require further documents or evidence relating to such oaths and declarations furnished during the international phase.

The text of the amendments is reproduced thereafter.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 January 2013)

Rule 4
The Request (Contents)

4.1 to 4.14*bis* [No change]

4.15 *Signature*

The request shall be signed by the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, by all of them.

4.16 to 4.19 [No change]

Rule 51*bis*
Certain National Requirements Allowed under Article 27

51bis.1 Certain National Requirements Allowed

(a) Subject to Rule 51*bis.2*, the national law applicable by the designated Office may, in accordance with Article 27, require the applicant to furnish, in particular:

(i) to (iii) [no change]

(iv) where the international application designates a State whose national law requires, on October 9, 2012, the furnishing of an oath or declaration of inventorship, any document containing an oath or declaration of inventorship,

(v) to (vii) [no change]

(b) to (f) [No change]

51bis.2 Certain Circumstances in Which Documents or Evidence May Not Be Required

The designated Office shall not, unless it may reasonably doubt the veracity of the indications or declaration concerned, require any document or evidence:

(i) relating to the identity of the inventor (Rule 51*bis.1*(a)(i)) (other than a document containing an oath or declaration of inventorship (Rule 51*bis.1*(a)(iv)), if indications concerning the inventor, in accordance with Rule 4.6, are contained in the request or if a declaration as to the identity of the inventor, in accordance with Rule 4.17(i), is contained in the request or is submitted directly to the designated Office;

(ii) [no change]

(iii) relating to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim priority of an earlier application (Rule 51*bis.1*(a)(iii)), if a declaration as to that matter, in accordance with Rule 4.17(iii), is contained in the request or is submitted directly to the designated Office;

(iv) containing an oath or declaration of inventorship (Rule 51*bis*.1(a)(iv)), if a declaration of inventorship, in accordance with Rule 4.17(iv), is contained in the request or is submitted directly to the designated Office.

51*bis*.3 [No change]

Rule 53 The Demand

53.1 to 53.7 [No change]

53.8 *Signature*

The demand shall be signed by the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, by all applicants making the demand.

53.9 [No change]

Rule 90*bis* Withdrawals

90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4 [No change]

90*bis*.5 *Signature*

Any notice of withdrawal referred to in Rules 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4 shall be signed by the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, by all of them. An applicant who is considered to be the common representative under Rule 90.2(b) shall not be entitled to sign such a notice on behalf of the other applicants.

90*bis*.6 and 90*bis*.7 [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the United States of America is designated (or elected) – these data may now be in the request or may be furnished later; if they are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

HR Croatia

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 26 November 2012, the **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 January 2013, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R, 3.5 inch diskette or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- EPO online filing software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signature (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm Monday to Friday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at +385 1 6106 103
- by fax at + 385 1 6112 017
- by e-mail at olf@dziv.hr

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.dziv.hr).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- European Patent Office CA (www.epoline.org/portal/public)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

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CL Chile

The **National Industrial Property Institute** has notified the deletion of its facsimile number.

[Updating of Annex B1(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KZ Kazakhstan

The **Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Committee of Intellectual Property Rights, National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP Republic of Kazakhstan)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail address, and has deleted an Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office:	Ulttyk ziyatkerlik menshik instituty (UZMI Kazakstan Respublikasy) – National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP) (Republic of Kazakhstan)
Location and mailing address:	Kazakstan Respublikasy Adilet ministrligi Ziyatkerlik menshik kukygy komiteti, Sol zhagalau, Orynbor 8, Kireberis 13, Astana 010000, Kazakhstan (general matters) Ulttyk ziyatkerlik menshik instituty, Sol zhagalau, Orynbor 8, Kireberis 13 B, Astana 010000, Kazakhstan (application processing)
Telephone:	(7-7172) 50 29 15 (7-7172) 50 31 12 (7-7172) 50 29 97
Facsimile machine:	(7-7172) 74 06 26
E-mail:	kazpatent@kazpatent.kz
Internet:	www.intellkaz.kz www.kazpatent.kz

[Updating of Annex B1(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, applicable since 22 November 2010, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Unit 1-7, Ground Floor,
Menara UOA Bangsar,
No. 5, Jalan Bangsar Utama 1,
59000 Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Telephone: (603) 2299 8400

Facsimile machine: (603) 2299 8989

[Updating of Annex B1(MY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2011, are EUR 72.06 and EUR 28.82, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center (Georgia)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address and in its telephone numbers, and has deleted a facsimile number, as follows:

Name of Office:	Intelektualuri Sakutrebis Erovnuli Tsentri – National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (SAKPATENTI)
Location and mailing address:	31, Nino Ramishvili Str., 0179 Tbilisi, Georgia
Telephone:	(995-32) 25 25 33
Facsimile machine:	(995-32) 98 84 26

[Updating of Annex B1(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Directorate (Luxembourg)** has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, applicable since 1 January 2011. The consolidated list of the said components should read as follows:

Filing fee:	EUR	20
Third annual fee:	EUR	33

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (LU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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The publication Official Notices (PCT Gazette) is part of the Gazette published by the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization in accordance with Article 55(4) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and Rule 86 of the Regulations under the PCT.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to paragraphs 2(i-*bis*), 3*bis*, 4*bis*, 38 and 42(ii) of Annex C, and the addition of a new paragraph 3*ter* to Annex C, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 January 2011.

These modifications are intended to further clarify provisions in Annex C dealing with corrections (under PCT Rule 26), rectifications (under PCT Rule 91) and amendments (under PCT Article 34(2)) submitted in relation to sequence listings or sequences contained in the international application as filed.

All modifications are applicable to international applications filed on or after January 1, 2011.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/12) as in force from 1 January 2011 is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai.pdf.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (as in force from 1 January 2011)

ANNEX C STANDARD FOR THE PRESENTATION OF NUCLEOTIDE AND AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS IN INTERNATIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS UNDER THE PCT

INTRODUCTION

1. [No change]

DEFINITIONS

2. For the purposes of this Standard:

- (i) [No change]

(i-*bis*) the expression “sequence listing forming part of the international application” means a sequence listing contained in the international application as filed (as referred to in paragraph 3), including any sequence listing or part thereof which is included in the international application under Rule 20.5(b) or (c), which is considered to have been contained in the international application under Rule 20.6(b), or which has been corrected under Rule 26, rectified under Rule 91 or amended under Article 34(2); or a sequence listing included in the international application by way of a rectification under Rule 91 or an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application as filed (as referred to in paragraphs 3*bis* and 3*ter*);

(i-*ter*) [no change] the expression “sequence listing not forming part of the international application” means a sequence listing which does not form part of the international application but is furnished for the purposes of the international search or international preliminary examination (as referred to in paragraphs 4 and 4*bis*);

(ii) to (viii) [No change]

SEQUENCE LISTING FORMING PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

3. [No change]

3*bis*. Any correction under Rule 26, rectification under Rule 91 or amendment under Article 34(2) of the description submitted in relation to a sequence listing contained in the international application filed on paper and any sequence listing included in the international application by way of a rectification under Rule 91 or an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application filed on paper shall be submitted in accordance with Rule 26.4, Rule 91 or Rule 66.8, respectively.

3*ter*. Any correction under Rule 26, rectification under Rule 91 or amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description submitted in relation to a sequence listing contained in the international application filed in electronic form and any sequence listing included in the international application by way of a rectification under Rule 91 or an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application filed in electronic form shall be submitted in the form of a sequence listing in electronic form comprising the entire listing with the relevant correction, rectification or amendment. Any such sequence listing:

(i) to (iii) [No change]

SEQUENCE LISTING NOT FORMING PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

4. [No change]

4*bis*. Any correction under Rule 26, rectification under Rule 91 or amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description submitted in relation to a sequence listing contained in the international application as filed and any sequence listing included in the international application by way of a rectification under Rule 91 or an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application as filed shall be accompanied, for the purposes of the international search or international preliminary examination, by a sequence listing in electronic form in an electronic document format in accordance with paragraph 39, comprising the entire listing including any such correction, rectification or amendment, whenever this is required by the competent authority, unless such listing in electronic form is already available to that authority in a form and manner acceptable to it. Any such sequence listing in electronic form:

(i) to (iii) [No change]

(iv) shall be identical to the corrected, rectified or amended sequence listing and be accompanied by a statement that “the information recorded in electronic form furnished under Rule 13*ter* is identical to the corrected sequence listing” (or to the “rectified sequence listing” or the “amended sequence listing”, as the case may be).

Where such sequence listing in electronic form and, where applicable, such statement is not available to the competent authority, any such correction, rectification or amendment need only be taken into account by that authority for the purposes of the international search or preliminary examination to the extent that a meaningful search or preliminary examination can be carried out without such sequence listing in electronic form.

5 to 7. [No change]

NUCLEOTIDE SEQUENCES

8 to 15. [No change]

AMINO ACID SEQUENCES

16 to 22. [No change]

OTHER AVAILABLE INFORMATION IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING

23 to 35. [No change]

REPETITION OF FREE TEXT IN MAIN PART OF DESCRIPTION

36. [No change]

SEQUENCE LISTING IN ELECTRONIC FORM

37. [No change]

38. Any sequence listing in electronic form referred to in paragraph 3*ter* shall be in an electronic document format that has been specified by the receiving Office (in the case of a correction) or by the competent authority (in the case of a rectification or an amendment) for the purposes of filing of international applications in electronic form, provided that any such listing shall preferably be in the electronic document format specified in paragraph 40. Any such listing shall be filed by a means of transmittal which has been specified by the receiving Office or the competent authority, as applicable, for the purposes of this paragraph; if possible, it shall preferably be filed by a means of transmittal which has been specified by both the receiving Office and the competent authority.

39 to 41. [No change]

PROCEDURE BEFORE DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

42. For the purposes of the procedure before a designated or elected Office before which the processing of an international application which contains the disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences has started (see Rule 13*ter*.3):

(i) [no change]

(ii) any reference to a sequence listing which is included in the international application by way of a rectification under Rule 91 or an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the application as filed shall be construed to also include any sequence listing included in the application, under the national law applied by the designated or elected Office concerned, by way of a rectification (of an obvious mistake) or amendment of the description in relation to sequences contained in the application as filed;

(iii) and (iv) [no change]

APPENDICES

[No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AL Albania

The **Albanian Patent Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Drejtoria e Përgjithshme e Patentave dhe Markave – Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office
Telephone:	(355-42) 234 412
Facsimile machine:	(355-42) 234 412
E-mail:	mailinf@alpto.gov.al
Internet:	www.alpto.gov.al

The Office has also notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication, applicable since 1 May 2010. The consolidated provisions read as follows:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

Any international application designating Albania which has been published under PCT Article 21 shall give rise to the same rights as those which the Albanian law provides for the compulsory national publication of unexamined national applications as such. Provisional protection shall be effective as from the date on which an Albanian translation of the claims of the international application is published by the Office. This translation shall be published within three months from the date of its submission to the Office (Article 27, Albanian Industrial Property Law).

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent and

(1) the international application is published in one of the EPO official languages: the applicant has the right to seek compensation reasonable in the circumstances for any infringement, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation of the claims in the application have been met (see EPC Articles 67 and 153(4));¹ or

¹ For further details on the national law relating to the EPC, see www.epo.org/patents/law/legal-texts/national-law-epc.html, in particular, “Rights conferred by a European patent application after publication pursuant to EPC Article 93 (EPC Article 67)” and “Translations for obtaining provisional protection”.

(2) the international application is published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the protection referred to in (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages (see EPC Article 153(4) and Article 82(1), Albanian Industrial Property Law).

[Updating of Annex B1(AL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SY Syrian Arab Republic

The **Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which now reads as follows:

ipr@syrecon.org

[Updating of Annex B1(SY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AL Albania

The **Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), it would accept Albanian, in addition to English, as a language in which international applications may be filed, and that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(c), it would accept English as a language in which a request may be filed, with effect since 1 November 2008.

[Updating of Annex C(AL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PE Peru

Following the notification by the **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection** that it forwarded, pursuant to PCT Rule 19.4(a)(iii), international applications filed with it in its capacity as receiving Office to the International Bureau as receiving Office for further processing, with effect since 6 June 2009 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 30 July 2009, page 126), the Office has notified that it is fully assuming its functions as receiving Office with effect since 14 January 2011.

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect since 10 December 2010.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AL Albania

The **Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office** has notified a new time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3). This time limit, applicable since 1 November 2008, is 31 months from the priority date and applies to all international applications for which the previously applicable 30-month time limit had not yet expired on 1 November 2008.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes in its requirements concerning the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase, applicable since 1 November 2008. The required contents now read as follows:

Under PCT Article 22: Claims (if amended, as amended only)

Under PCT Article 39(1): Claims (if amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)

In addition, the Office has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*, applicable since 1 November 2008. The list of consolidated requirements reads as follows:

Appointment of an agent if the applicant does not reside in Albania or is not a legal entity established under Albanian law

Name of the inventor if this has not been indicated in the "Request" part of the international application²

If someone, other than the inventor, applies for a patent, the application shall contain a declaration indicating the applicant's right to the invention²

Any document relating to any transfer or assignment of the right to the application²

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AL Albania

The **Albanian Patents and Trademarks Office** has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee for patents, in **Albanian lek (ALL)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 11 September 2009, is ALL 7,000.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection** has notified changes in the fees, in **nuevo sol (PEN)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The consolidated list of these fees, applicable since 14 January 2011, is as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	PEN 233.35
International filing fee:	Equivalent in PEN of US dollars 1,367
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	Equivalent in PEN of US dollars 15
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	Equivalent in PEN of US dollars 103
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (EP), (ES) or (US)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	PEN 134.49
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	PEN 191.97

[Updating of Annex C(PE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2011, is EUR 1,461.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable from 1 April 2011, as follows:

Basic fee:	ISK	47,000
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	ISK	3,000
Annual fees for the first three years:	ISK	24,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTY-FIRST (24TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) during its forty-first (24th extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 20 to 29 September 2010 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=20767.

The amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force on 1 July 2011 and concern the following:

(i) the rectification of obvious mistakes authorized by the International Preliminary Examining Authority under PCT Rule 91.1(b)(iii) (amendments to PCT Rules 48.2 and 70.16);

(ii) the filing of amendments of the claims under PCT Article 19 and of amendments of the description, claims or drawings under PCT Article 34, and accompanying letters indicating the basis for the amendment in the application as filed (amendments to PCT Rules 12.2, 49.5, 53.9, 55.3, 62.1, 62.2, 70.2, 70.16 and 92.2, and deletion of PCT Rule 66.9);

(iii) replacement sheets, letters and other documents which are to be annexed to the international preliminary examination report (amendments to PCT Rule 70.16).

The text of the amendments is reproduced below.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT *(to enter into force on 1 July 2011)*

Rule 12 **Language of the International Application** **and Translations for the Purposes of International Search** **and International Publication**

12.1 to 12.1^{ter} [No change]

12.2 *Language of Changes in the International Application*

(a) Any amendment of the international application shall, subject to Rules 46.3 and 55.3, be in the language in which the application is filed.

(b) and (c) [No change]

12.3 and 12.4 [No change]

Rule 48
International Publication

48.1 [No change]

48.2 *Contents*

(a) to (h) [No change]

(i) If the authorization by the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority or the International Bureau of a rectification of an obvious mistake in the international application under Rule 91.1 is received by or, where applicable, given by the International Bureau after completion of the technical preparations for international publication, a statement reflecting all the rectifications shall be published, together with the sheets containing the rectifications, or the replacement sheets and the letter furnished under Rule 91.2, as the case may be, and the front page shall be republished.

(j) and (k) [No change]

48.3 to 48.6 [No change]

Rule 49
Copy, Translation and Fee under Article 22

49.1 to 49.4 [No change]

49.5 *Contents of and Physical Requirements for the Translation*

(a) For the purposes of Article 22, the translation of the international application shall contain the description (subject to paragraph (a-bis)), the claims, any text matter of the drawings and the abstract. If required by the designated Office, the translation shall also, subject to paragraphs (b), (c-bis) and (e),

(i) [no change]

(ii) if the claims have been amended under Article 19, contain both the claims as filed and the claims as amended (the claims as amended shall be furnished in the form of a translation of the complete set of claims furnished under Rule 46.5(a) in replacement of all the claims originally filed), and

(iii) [no change]

(a-bis) to (l) [No change]

49.6 [No change]

Rule 53
The Demand

53.1 to 53.8 [No change]

53.9 *Statement Concerning Amendments*

(a) If amendments under Article 19 have been made, the statement concerning amendments shall indicate whether, for the purposes of the international preliminary examination, the applicant wishes those amendments:

(i) to be taken into account, in which case a copy of the amendments and of the letter required under Rule 46.5(b) shall preferably be submitted with the demand; or

(ii) [no change]

(b) and (c) [No change]

Rule 55 Languages (International Preliminary Examination)

55.1 and 55.2 [No change]

55.3 *Language and Translation of Amendments and Letters*

(a) Subject to paragraph (b), if the international application has been filed in a language other than the language in which it is published, any amendment under Article 34, as well as any letter referred to in Rule 66.8(a), Rule 66.8(b) and Rule 46.5(b) as applicable by virtue of Rule 66.8(c), shall be submitted in the language of publication.

(b) Where a translation of the international application is required under Rule 55.2:

(i) any amendment and any letter referred to in paragraph (a); and

(ii) any amendment under Article 19 which is to be taken into account under Rule 66.1(c) or (d) and any letter referred to in Rule 46.5(b);

shall be in the language of that translation. Where such amendments or letters have been or are submitted in another language, a translation shall also be submitted.

(c) If an amendment or letter is not submitted in a language as required under paragraph (a) or (b), the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall invite the applicant to submit the amendment or letter in the required language within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances. That time limit shall not be less than one month from the date of the invitation. It may be extended by the International Preliminary Examining Authority at any time before a decision is taken.

(d) If the applicant fails to comply, within the time limit under paragraph (c), with the invitation to furnish an amendment in the required language, the amendment shall not be taken into account for the purposes of the international preliminary examination. If the applicant fails to comply, within the time limit under paragraph (c), with the invitation to furnish a letter referred to in paragraph (a) in the required language, the amendment concerned need not be taken into account for the purposes of the international preliminary examination.

Rule 62
Copy of the Written Opinion by the International Searching Authority
and of Amendments under Article 19
for the International Preliminary Examining Authority

62.1 *Copy of Written Opinion by International Searching Authority and of Amendments Made before the Demand Is Filed*

Upon receipt of a demand, or a copy thereof, from the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the International Bureau shall promptly transmit to that Authority:

(i) a copy of the written opinion established under Rule 43*bis*.1, unless the national Office or intergovernmental organization that acted as International Searching Authority is also acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority; and

(ii) a copy of any amendment under Article 19, any statement referred to in that Article, and the letter required under Rule 46.5(b), unless that Authority has indicated that it has already received such a copy.

62.2 *Amendments Made after the Demand Is Filed*

If, at the time of filing any amendments under Article 19, a demand has already been submitted, the applicant shall preferably, at the same time as he files the amendments with the International Bureau, also file with the International Preliminary Examining Authority a copy of such amendments, any statement referred to in that Article and the letter required under Rule 46.5(b). In any case, the International Bureau shall promptly transmit a copy of such amendments, statement and letter to that Authority.

Rule 66
Procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority

66.1 to 66.8 [No change]

66.9 [*Deleted*]

Rule 70
International Preliminary Report on Patentability
by the International Preliminary Examining Authority
(International Preliminary Examination Report)

70.1 [No change]

70.2 *Basis of the Report*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(c-*bis*) If the claims, description or drawings have been amended but the replacement sheet or sheets were not accompanied by a letter indicating the basis for the amendment in the application as filed, as required under Rule 46.5(b)(iii), Rule 46.5(b)(iii) being applicable by virtue of Rule 66.8(c), or Rule 66.8(a), as applicable, the report may be established as if the amendment had not been made, in which case the report shall so indicate.

(d) and (e) [No change]

70.3 to 70.15 [No change]

70.16 *Annexes to the Report*

(a) The following replacement sheets and letters shall be annexed to the report:

- (i) each replacement sheet under Rule 66.8 containing amendments under Article 34 and each letter under Rule 66.8(a), Rule 66.8(b) and Rule 46.5(b) as applicable by virtue of Rule 66.8(c);
- (ii) each replacement sheet under Rule 46.5 containing amendments under Article 19 and each letter under Rule 46.5; and
- (iii) each replacement sheet under Rule 26.4 as applicable by virtue of Rule 91.2 containing a rectification of an obvious mistake authorized by that Authority under Rule 91.1(b)(iii) and each letter under Rule 26.4 as applicable by virtue of Rule 91.2;

unless any such replacement sheet has been superseded or considered reversed by a later replacement sheet or an amendment resulting in the cancellation of an entire sheet under Rule 66.8(b); and

- (iv) where the report contains an indication referred to in Rule 70.2(e), any sheet and letter relating to a rectification of an obvious mistake which is not taken into account pursuant to Rule 66.4*bis*.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), each superseded or reversed replacement sheet referred to in that paragraph and any letter referred to in that paragraph relating to such superseded or reversed sheet shall also be annexed to the report where:

- (i) the International Preliminary Examining Authority considers that the relevant superseding or reversing amendment goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed and the report contains an indication referred to in Rule 70.2(c);
- (ii) the relevant superseding or reversing amendment was not accompanied by a letter indicating the basis for the amendment in the application as filed and the report is established as if the amendment had not been made and contains an indication referred to in Rule 70.2(c-*bis*).

In such a case, the superseded or reversed replacement sheet shall be marked as provided by the Administrative Instructions.

Rule 92
Correspondence

92.1 [No change]

92.2 *Languages*

(a) Subject to Rules 55.1 and 55.3 and to paragraph (b) of this Rule, any letter or document submitted by the applicant to the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall be in the same language as the international application to which it relates. However, where a translation of the international application has been transmitted under Rule 23.1(b) or furnished under Rule 55.2, the language of such translation shall be used.

(b) [No change]

(c) [*Remains deleted*]

(d) and (e) [No change]

92.3 and 92.4 [No change]

RECEIVING OFFICES

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** has specified the Australian Patent Office, in addition to the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect since 24 January 2011.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified changes in its telephone number and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Telephone:	(381-11) 2025 800
E-mail:	zis@zis.gov.rs
Internet:	www.zis.gov.rs

[Updating of Annex B1(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2011, is ZAR 14,980.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2011, is ZAR 15,730.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 June 2010, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	RSD 5,340
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 1,280 for the first document up to 10 pages
	plus RSD 320 for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
	plus RSD 30 per page in excess of 10

Fee for requesting restoration
of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)): RSD 2,140

These amounts are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

[Updating of Annex C(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 June 2010, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 5,340
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 530
Examination fee:	RSD 16,030
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 7,480

For petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 5,340
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These amounts are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified the deletion of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) payable to the Office as receiving Office, with effect from 1 January 2011 for international applications filed on or after that date.

[Updating of Annex C(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property** has notified changes in its telephone number, which now reads: (502) 232 470 70 (extension 109).

[Updating of Annex B1(GT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 23bis.3

GT Guatemala

Under PCT Rule 26bis.3(ii), the **Registry of Intellectual Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “unintentionality” criterion in addition to the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(GT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media in addition to the 3.5 inch diskette: CD-R, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GT Guatemala

Information on the requirements of the **Registry of Intellectual Property (Guatemala)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (GT), which is published on the following pages.

NI Nicaragua

Information on the requirements of the **Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (NI), which is published on the following pages.

OM Oman

Information on the requirements of the **Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (OM), which is published on the following pages.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

**GT REGISTRY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY GT
(GUATEMALA)**

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Spanish
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	Yes
National fee:	Currency: Quetzal (GTQ) For patent: Filing fee: ¹ GTQ 2,500 For utility model: Filing fee: ¹ GTQ 1,000
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{2,3} Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{2,3} Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application ^{2,3} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant ³ Translation of the international application to be furnished in two copies ³ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Guatemala Power of attorney if an agent is appointed Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

GT REGISTRY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY GT
(GUATEMALA)

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Who can act as agent?

Any attorney registered in Guatemala

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49*ter.2*)?

Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care”
criteria to such requests

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

**NI REGISTRY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY NI
(NICARAGUA)**

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Spanish
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Córdoba Oro (NIO) For patent: Filing fee: ¹ NIO 200 For utility model: Filing fee: ¹ NIO 100
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	The national fee is reduced by 75% where the application is filed by a natural person
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{2,3} Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{2,3} Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application ^{2,3} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant ³ Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies ³ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Nicaragua Power of attorney if an agent is appointed Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

NI REGISTRY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY NI
(NICARAGUA)

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Who can act as agent?

Any attorney registered in Nicaragua

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49*ter*.2)?

Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care”
criteria to such requests

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

**OM INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT, OM
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Request, description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Request, description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Omani rial (OMR) For patent: Filing fee: OMR 300 (200) ² For utility model: Filing fee: OMR 300 (200) ²
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

**OM INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEPARTMENT, OM
MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY**

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application^{3,4}

Declaration justifying the applicant’s right to the patent where the applicant is not the inventor^{3,4}

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Oman

Power of attorney if an agent is appointed

Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies

Copy of extract from the commercial register where the inventor is a company

Declaration concerning non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty, such as disclosures resulting from abuse, disclosures at certain exhibitions and disclosures by the applicant during a certain period of time^{3,4}

Who can act as agent?

Any patent agent registered before the Office

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49*ter.2*)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the Australian Patent Office, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 10 March 2011.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2011, is ZAR 16,550.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2011, is ZAR 17,380.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Latvian lat (LVL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2011, are LVL 48.80 and LVL 12.20, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the **Patent Office (India)** has notified the International Bureau of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, with effect from 9 April 2011, as follows:

Microbial Culture Collection (MCC)
National Centre for Cell Science (NCCS)
University of Pune Campus, Ganeshkhind
Pune-411007, Maharashtra
India

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Patent Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its mailing address, in its telephone number and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Szellemi Tulajdon Nemzeti Hivatala – Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 552, 1374 Budapest, Hungary
Telephone:	(36-1) 312 44 00
E-mail:	sztnh@hipo.gov.hu
Internet:	www.hipo.gov.hu

[Updating of Annex B1(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MY Malaysia

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Malaysian ringgit (MYR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 15 February 2011, are as follows:

	Electronic filing	Paper filing
Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):		
For the first 30 sheets:	MYR 500	MYR 550
Plus, for each sheet in excess of 30:	MYR 60	MYR 70
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):		
For the first 5 pages:	MYR 100 per page	
Plus, for each page in excess of 5:	MYR 3 per page	

[Updating of Annex C(MY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Malaysian ringgit (MYR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, also applicable since 15 February 2011, as follows:

	Electronic filing	Paper filing
Filing fee:	MYR 260	MYR 290
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	MYR 20	MYR 20

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MY), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments entered into force on 10 March 2011. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America and,
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (iii) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

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KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, which now reads as follows:

Government Complex-Daejeon,
189 Cheongsu-ro, Seo-gu,
Daejeon 302-701,
Republic of Korea

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2011, are EUR 1,785 for each of the fees.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, **Korean won (KRW)**, **Singapore dollar (SGD)**, **US dollar (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2011, are as follows:

CHF	2,376	
KRW	2,166,000	
SGD	3,210	
USD	2,443	
ZAR	15,730	(supersedes the amount published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 10 February 2011, page 24)

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

AT Austria

Agreement between the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment

The **Austrian Patent Office** has stated its preparedness to carry out supplementary international searches. The amended Agreement between the Office and the International Bureau of WIPO containing provisions concerning supplementary international search (see Articles 3(4) and 11(3)(iv), Annex C, Parts I and II, and Annex E thereof), as well as further amendments to Parts I and II of Annex C notified in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) and Article 11(4) thereof, as in force since 1 April 2011, is set out below.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF TRANSPORT,
INNOVATION AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the Austrian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Austrian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1
Terms and Expressions**

(1) For the purposes of this Agreement:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_at.pdf.

- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
- (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
- (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
- (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
- (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
- (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
- (g) “the Authority” means the Austrian Patent Office;
- (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 **Basic Obligations**

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis*, covering at least the documentation referred to in Annex E to this Agreement, subject to any limitations and conditions set out in that Annex.

Article 4 Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5 Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6 Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7 Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8 International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2008.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications and information concerning supplementary international searches contained in Annex E to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations, provided that the Republic of Austria, in accordance with its obligations undertaken within the framework of the European Patent Organisation, has concluded with those States an agreement for that purpose;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
English, French, German, Hungarian, Russian.

Annex B Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Austrian Patent Law.

Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,785 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,785 ²
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45bis.3(a))	1,700
– of only European and North American documentation	1,190
– of only German-language documentation	850
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,675 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,675 ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	220
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	0.95

² This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority.

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the search fee has not been reduced³ and where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, the search fee shall be refunded to the following extent, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from the earlier search:

- where the earlier search was carried out by the Authority: refund of 75%;
- where the earlier search was carried out by another International Searching Authority: refund of 50%;
- where the earlier search was carried out by another Patent Office: refund of 25%.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English, French and German, noting that the language of correspondence shall be the language in which the international application is filed or translated, as the case may be.

³ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant, or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State for which the Austrian Patent Office is an International Searching Authority.

Annex E
Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, English, French or German.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least one of the following levels of search:

- (i) the documents held in the search collection of the Authority including, but not limited to, the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34;
- (ii) European and North American documentation;
- (iii) German-language documentation.

(3) The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if a demand for supplementary international search exceeds available resources and also when normal conditions have been reestablished.

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FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

UA Ukraine

In accordance with Section 102*bis*(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **State Department of Intellectual Property (SDIP), Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine** as receiving Office has notified that it is prepared to receive, since 1 March 2011, any international application filed under Section 102*bis*(a) with a PCT-EASY request and one of the following PCT-EASY physical media: CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD or DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2011, is ZAR 17,380.¹

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CL Chile

The **National Industrial Property Institute** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Chilean peso (CLP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 April 2011, is CLP 130.

[Updating of Annex C(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	168,800
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK	1,900

¹ This amount supersedes the amount published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 17 March 2011, page 39.

Reductions (under PCT Schedule
of Fees, item 4):

PCT-EASY:	ISK	12,700
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK	25,400
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK	38,100

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which now reads as follows:

Stauffacherstrasse 65/59g,
3003 Bern,
Switzerland

[Updating of Annex B1(CH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified the deletion of the fee for the priority document payable to it as receiving Office (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), with effect since 1 January 2007.

[Updating of Annex C(CH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CL Chile – Corrigendum

The information concerning the currency in which the new amount of the transmittal fee is payable to the **National Industrial Property Institute** as receiving Office, as published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 April 2011, page 55, was erroneous. This fee is payable in the equivalent in **Chilean peso (CLP)** of **US dollars (USD)** 130.

[Updating of Annex C(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2011, is USD 477.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3 AND 49ter.2

CH Switzerland

Under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d) and a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2(d), in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The amount of each of the fees, applicable since 1 January 2007, is CHF 500.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CH), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified the deletion of one of the special requirements of the Office under PCT Rule 51bis. The Office no longer requires a declaration of inventorship and concerning the right of the applicant to a patent.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CH), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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with National Laws under PCT Rule 51*bis*.3(c)

HU Hungary

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WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(a) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15986), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 28 February 2011. PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 therefore apply since that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(b) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15988), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 28 February 2011. PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 therefore apply since that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 26bis.3(j)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 26bis.3(j) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15988), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 21 December 2010. PCT Rule 26bis.3(a) to (i) therefore applies since that date.

[Updating of Annex C(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.1(g)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15990), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 21 December 2010. PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (d) therefore applies since that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.2(h)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, of 1 June 2006, page 15990), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 21 December 2010. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore applies since that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3 AND 49ter.2

HU Hungary

Under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(HU) and of the National Chapter, Summary (HU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 51bis.2(c)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 51bis.2(c) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, of 1 February 2001, page 2024), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 28 February 2011. PCT Rule 51bis.2(a)(ii) therefore applies since that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 51*bis*.3(c)

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 51*bis*.3(c) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, of 1 February 2001, page 2026), the **Hungarian Intellectual Property Office (HIPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 28 February 2011. PCT Rule 51*bis*.3(a) therefore applies since that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified a change in its Internet address, which now reads as follows: www.tpe.gov.tr

[Updating of Annex B1(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 April 2011, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	ISK 15,000
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ISK 4,000
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	ISK 24,000

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2(d), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 1 April 2011, is ISK 24,000.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EG Egypt

Following the notification by the **Egyptian Patent Office** of the possibility of an extension of the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 February 2010, page 46, and of 25 February 2010, page 54), the Office has notified the withdrawal of this notification of extension. The 30-month time limits applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(1) and Article 39(1)(a) may therefore not be extended.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 26*bis*.3

TR Turkey

Under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Turkish Patent Institute**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “unintentionality” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(TR) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

QA Qatar

On 3 May 2011, **Qatar** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 3 August 2011, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 3 August 2011 will automatically include the designation of Qatar (country code: QA).

Qatar will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 3 August 2011. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Qatar will be entitled, as from 3 August 2011, to file international applications under the PCT.

The instrument of accession to the PCT deposited by Qatar contained a declaration under PCT Article 64(5).

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AT Austria

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 April 2011, the **Austrian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 June 2011, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R, 3.5 inch diskette or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- EPO online filing software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 9.00 am and 2.00 pm Monday to Friday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at +43 1 53 424 76
- by fax at +43 1 53 424 535
- by e-mail at info@patentamt.at

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.patentamt.at).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- European Patent Office CA (www.epoline.org/portal/public)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2011, is USD 2,084.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2011, is USD 1,687.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the examination fee component of the national fee for patents, in **Egyptian pound (EGP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 13 March 2011, is EGP 7,000. Students are exempt from paying the examination fee.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2011, is ISK 294,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	USD 114
Fee for priority document (PCT Rules 17.1(b) and 21.2):	USD 57
	Supplement for airmail:
	USD 11

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 125,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,400
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	JPY 9,400
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY 28,200

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 August 2011, is JPY 18,800.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2011, is CHF 1,034.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic krona (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2011, is ISK 294,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

RW Rwanda

On 31 May 2011, **Rwanda** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 31 August 2011, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 31 August 2011 will automatically include the designation of Rwanda (country code: RW).

Rwanda will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 31 August 2011. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Rwanda will be entitled, as from 31 August 2011, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (*as in force from 1 January 2011*) – Corrigendum

The French versions only of modified paragraphs 2(i-*bis*) and 3*bis* of Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT in force from 1 January 2011, as published in the *Notifications officielles (Gazette du PCT)* of 20 January 2011, pages 7 and 8, were incorrect. The corrected versions are being published in the *Notifications officielles (Gazette du PCT)* of 9 June 2011, pages 82 and 83.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are KRW 2,204,000 and ZAR 14,090, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 285.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP 929
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	[No change]
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP 140
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP 209

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

New equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	KRW 1,647,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	KRW 19,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	KRW 124,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	KRW 371,000

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** and **Swiss franc (CHF)**, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are AUD 1,121 and CHF 1,050, respectively, for international applications filed in English, and AUD 388 and CHF 363, respectively, for international applications filed in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is KRW 248,000.

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Norwegian krone (NOK)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2011, is NOK 750.

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

A new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is USD 229.

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,520
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	17
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	USD	114
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	USD	114
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	229

Electronic filing (the request,
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in character coded format): USD 343

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CL), C(CO), C(CR), C(CU), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(GT), C(HN), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(KE), C(KG), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(NI), C(PE), C(PG), C(PH), C(RU), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(US), C(UZ), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are CHF 1,820 and NZD 2,620, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is USD 229.

[Updating of Annex E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2011, is ISK 294,000.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 10,530
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 120
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ZAR 790

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified the deletion of the maintenance fee component of the national fee for patents payable to it as designated (or elected) Office.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CN), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CN China

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified changes concerning:

– whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office – while an agent is not required if the first-named applicant resides in China, one is required if the first-named applicant is a non-resident;

– its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office – any of the patent agencies legally incorporated in China can act as such (a list of patent agencies may be obtained from the Office);

– the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 39(1) – they shall consist of the request, the description, the claims, any text matter of drawings and the abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report, if the applicant wishes the amendments to form the basis for the proceedings);

– whether a copy of the international application is required by it as designated (or elected) Office – the applicant should only send a copy of the international application if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20 (the requirement concerning the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region has not changed);

– the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee – no filing fee or additional filing fee is payable if the international application has been filed with the Office as receiving Office; the examination fee is reduced by 20% where the international search report has been issued by the Japan Patent Office, the Swedish Patent and Registration Office or the European Patent Office; and no examination fee is payable if the international search report and the international preliminary report on patentability have been issued by the Office.

[Updating of Annex C(CN) and of the National Chapter, Summary (CN), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified changes in its mailing and e-mail addresses, as follows:

Mailing address:	P.O. Box 1140, 00101 Helsinki, Finland
E-mail:	registry@prh.fi

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified a change in its Internet address, which now reads as follows: www.vpb.lt/index.php?l=EN

[Updating of Annex B1(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified changes in its e-mail addresses, which now read as follows:

rospatent@rupto.ru (general)
ro-ru@rupto.ru (as receiving Office)
pct-peo@rupto.ru (as International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority)

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified that an agent is no longer required by it as receiving Office

[Updating of Annex C(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)

RU Russian Federation

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)**, in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority specified for supplementary search and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney.

The Office, acting in all of the capacities outlined above, has also indicated the particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is required, i.e., where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing, or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.

[Updating of Annexes C, D, SISA and E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified a change in its mailing address, which now reads as follows:

P.O. Box 1160,
00101 Helsinki,
Finland

[Updating of Annex B1(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Following the notification by the **Austrian Patent Office** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect since 1 June 2011 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 19 May 2011, pages 71 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect since the same date, as follows:

Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR	150
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR	225

[Updating of Annex C(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 1,003.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Brazilian real (BRL)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is BRL 379.

[Updating of Annex E(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **new Israel shekel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2011, are ILS 556 and ILS 88, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israel shekel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2011, is ILS 1,064.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011¹, are CHF 2,182 and ZAR 17,380, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD	1,546
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD	17
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	CAD	116
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CAD	233
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CAD	348

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, also applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 1,376.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 September 2011, is CAD 233.

[Updating of Annex E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ In the case of the amount in ZAR, this date replaces the date of 1 May 2011 indicated in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 April 2011, page 55.

DK Denmark

New equivalent amounts in **Danish krone (DKK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	DKK	8,120
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	DKK	90
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	DKK	610
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	DKK	1,220
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	DKK	1,830

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

New equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	EUR	1,088
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR	12
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	EUR	82
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR	164
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format)	EUR	245

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, also applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 September 2011, is EUR 164.

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new equivalent amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) and of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b)), in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and as Authority specified for supplementary search, respectively. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are CHF 2,182 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annexes D and E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

A new equivalent amount in **Danish krone (DKK)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is DKK 1,220.

[Updating of Annex E(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

For a search of the European and
North American documentation only: CHF 1,455

For a search of the German-language
documentation only: CHF 1,039

For a search of the PCT
minimum documentation only: CHF 2,078

[Updating of Annex SISA(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

[Updating of Annex SISA(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** as an International Searching Authority for the purposes of those receiving Offices which have prescribed the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment for an international search by that Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

[Updating of Annex SISA(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 184,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 2,100
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 13,800
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK 27,700
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK 41,500

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2011, are NZD 1,487 for international applications filed in English and NZD 515 for international applications filed in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	8,690
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	100
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	NOK	650

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2011, is CHF 400.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 October 2011, are CHF 280 and CHF 400¹.

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish krona (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	10,240
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	120
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	SEK	770
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	SEK	1,540
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	SEK	2,310

[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Swedish krona (SEK)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 October 2011, is SEK 1,540.

[Updating of Annex E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

New equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollar (SGD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SGD	1,973
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SGD	22
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	SGD	148

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

[Updating of Annex SISA(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2011, is CHF 2,182.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 602 and 607, as well as to paragraphs 2(i-bis), 3bis, 3ter and 4bis of Annex C, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2011.

The modifications to Sections 602 and 607 are consequential to amendments of the Regulations under the PCT (PCT Rules 48.2 and 70.16) which entered into force on 1 July 2011 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 3 February 2011, pages 17 *et seq.*). The modifications to paragraphs 2(i-bis), 3bis, 3ter and 4bis of Annex C are intended to delete all references in Annex C to sequence listings included in the international application by way of a rectification under PCT Rule 91.

All modifications are applicable to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2011.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/13) as in force from 1 July 2011 is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai.pdf.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (as in force from 1 July 2011)

Section 602 **Processing of Amendments** **by the International Preliminary Examining Authority**

(a) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall:

(i) and (ii) [no change]

(iii) keep in its files any replaced sheet, any replacement sheet, whether or not superseded, any letter accompanying such sheets and any letter referred to in the last sentence of Rule 66.8(b);

(iv) where any superseded replacement sheet and letter relating to such superseded replacement sheet are to be annexed to the international preliminary examination report under Rule 70.16(b), indelibly mark, in addition to the markings referred to in items (i) and (ii), in the middle of the bottom margin of each superseded replacement sheet and of each letter relating to a superseded replacement sheet, without obscuring the marking made under item (ii), the words “SUPERSEDED REPLACEMENT SHEET (RULE 70.16(b))” or, as applicable, the words “ACCOMPANYING LETTER (RULE 70.16(b))”;

(v) annex to the copy of the international preliminary examination report which is transmitted to the International Bureau any replacement sheet and letter as provided for under Rule 70.16;

(vi) annex to the copy of the international preliminary examination report which is transmitted to the applicant a copy of each replacement sheet and letter as provided for under Rule 70.16.

(b) to (d) [No change]

Section 607
Rectifications of Obvious Mistakes under Rule 91

(a) Where the International Preliminary Examining Authority authorizes a rectification of an obvious mistake under Rule 91, it shall:

(i) indelibly mark, in the upper right-hand corner of each replacement sheet, the international application number and the date on which that sheet was received;

(ii) indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each replacement sheet, the words “RECTIFIED SHEET (RULE 91)” or their equivalent in the language of the demand as well as an indication of the International Preliminary Examining Authority as provided for in Section 107(b);

(iii) indelibly mark on the letter containing the rectification or accompanying any replacement sheet the date on which that letter was received;

(iv) keep in its files a copy of the letter containing the rectification or, when the rectification is contained in a replacement sheet, the replaced sheet, a copy of the letter accompanying the replacement sheet and a copy of the replacement sheet;

(v) annex to the copy of the international preliminary examination report which is transmitted to the International Bureau any replacement sheet and any letter as provided for under Rule 70.16;

(vi) annex to the copy of the international preliminary examination report which is transmitted to the applicant a copy of each replacement sheet and any letter as provided for under Rule 70.16.

(b) Where the rectification of an obvious mistake is not taken into account by the International Preliminary Examining Authority pursuant to Rule 66.4*bis*, and the Authority so indicates in the international preliminary examination report in accordance with Rule 70.2(e), it shall proceed as indicated under paragraph (a), provided that the words “RECTIFIED SHEET (RULE 91) – NOT CONSIDERED FOR REPORT (RULE 66.4*bis*)” shall be used when marking in accordance with paragraph (a)(ii).

(c) Where the rectification of an obvious mistake is not taken into account by the International Preliminary Examining Authority pursuant to Rule 66.4*bis*, and the Authority is not able to so indicate in the international preliminary examination report in accordance with the second sentence of Rule 70.2(e), it shall proceed as indicated under paragraph (a)(i) to (iv) and forward any replacement sheet and any letter containing the rectification or accompanying any replacement sheet to the International Bureau. The International Bureau will promptly notify the elected Offices accordingly.

ANNEX C
STANDARD FOR THE PRESENTATION
OF NUCLEOTIDE AND AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS
IN INTERNATIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS UNDER THE PCT

INTRODUCTION

1. [No change]

DEFINITIONS

2. For the purposes of this Standard:

- (i) [No change]

(i-*bis*) the expression “sequence listing forming part of the international application” means a sequence listing contained in the international application as filed (as referred to in paragraph 3), including any sequence listing or part thereof which is included in the international application under Rule 20.5(b) or (c), which is considered to have been contained in the international application under Rule 20.6(b), or which has been corrected under Rule 26, rectified under Rule 91 or amended under Article 34(2); or a sequence listing included in the international application by way of an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application as filed (as referred to in paragraphs 3*bis* and 3*ter*);

- (i-*ter*) [no change]

- (ii) to (viii) [No change]

SEQUENCE LISTINGS

Sequence Listing Forming Part of the International Application

3. [No change]

3*bis*. Any correction under Rule 26, rectification under Rule 91 or amendment under Article 34(2) of the description submitted in relation to a sequence listing contained in the international application filed on paper and any sequence listing included in the international application by way of an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application filed on paper shall be submitted in accordance with Rule 26.4, Rule 91 or Rule 66.8, respectively.

3*ter*. Any correction under Rule 26, rectification under Rule 91 or amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description submitted in relation to a sequence listing contained in the international application filed in electronic form and any sequence listing included in the international application by way of an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application filed in electronic form shall be submitted in the form of a sequence listing in electronic form comprising the entire listing with the relevant correction, rectification or amendment. Any such sequence listing:

- (i) to (iii) [No change]

Sequence Listing Not Forming Part of the International Application

4. [No change]

4*bis*. Any correction under Rule 26, rectification under Rule 91 or amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description submitted in relation to a sequence listing contained in the international application as filed and any sequence listing included in the international application by way of an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application as filed shall be accompanied, for the purposes of the international search or international preliminary examination, by a sequence listing in electronic form in an electronic document format in accordance with paragraph 39, comprising the entire listing including any such correction, rectification or amendment, whenever this is required by the competent authority, unless such listing in electronic form is already available to that authority in a form and manner acceptable to it. Any such sequence listing in electronic form:

(i) to (iii) [No change]

(iv) shall be identical to the corrected or amended sequence listing and be accompanied by a statement that “the information recorded in electronic form furnished under Rule 13*ter* is identical to the corrected sequence listing” (or to the “amended sequence listing”, as the case may be).

Where such sequence listing in electronic form and, where applicable, such statement is not available to the competent authority, any such correction, rectification or amendment need only be taken into account by that authority for the purposes of the international search or preliminary examination to the extent that a meaningful search or preliminary examination can be carried out without such sequence listing in electronic form.

5 to 42. [No change]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified a change to the fee for the priority document, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), with effect since 1 June 2011. This fee is now EUR 20, the fee per page component being no longer payable.

[Updating of Annex C(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has notified a change in the currency of payment of certain fees from **Georgian lari (GEL)** to **US dollar (USD)**, with effect since 3 July 2010. The amounts of these fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) ^{1, 2} :	USD	100
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) ¹ :	USD	30

[Updating of Annex C(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GE Georgia

The **National Intellectual Property Center of Georgia (Sakpatenti)** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee – the examination and claim fees for a patent are reduced by 50% where an international search report or an international preliminary examination report has been established.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2012, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
2 January 2012,
6 and 9 April 2012,
17 and 28 May 2012,
6 September 2012,
25 October 2012,
25, 26 and 31 December 2012.

¹ This fee is reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person.

² This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant is a student or a pensioner.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

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HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified changes in its telephone number and its e-mail address, as follows:

Telephone: (385-1) 6106 100

E-mail: info@dziv.hr

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent, applicable for international applications filed on or after 1 January 2008 – a published European patent application shall provisionally confer the protection as conferred by a published national patent application under Article 60 of the Patent Law as from the date on which a translation of the published European patent application into the Croatian language has been communicated by the applicant to the person using the invention in Croatia.

[Updating of Annex B1(HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified a change concerning the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee – the filing fee, the examination fee and the publication and maintenance fees are reduced by 50% where the applicant is also the inventor.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

[Updating of Annex C(HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d), in **Croatian kuna (HRK)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 5 January 2010, is HRK 300.

[Updating of Annex C(HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2011, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 82
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR 41
	Supplement for airmail: [no change]

No fee for the priority document is due where, in accordance with PCT Rule 17.1(b), this document is prepared for the purposes of an international application, or where the Office is requested to make priority documents available via the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS).

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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QA Qatar

General information on **Qatar** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(QA), which is published on pages 114 and 115.

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QATAR

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General information

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Center
Location and mailing address:	P.O. Box 917, Ministry of Justice, Doha, Qatar
Telephone:	(974) 4494 5263, 4494 5273
Facsimile machine:	(974) 4493 1464
E-mail:	aqayed@mbt.gov.qa
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Qatar:	Intellectual Property Center or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Qatar is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Center
May Qatar be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Qatar concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Qatar is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Qatar is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already
complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22
or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of
receipt of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollar (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is NZD 2,975.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pound sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP 1,046
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP 12
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP 157
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP 236

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are USD 1,233 for international applications filed in English and USD 427 for international applications filed in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **new Turkish lira (TRY)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 31 December 2010, as follows:

For patent and utility model:

Filing fee:	TRY	500
First annual fee:		
For patent:	TRY	135
For utility model:	TRY	135
Reinstatement of rights:	TRY	825

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (TR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

[Updating of Annex C(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	1,699
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	19
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	AUD	128
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD	256
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD	383

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Australian dollar (AUD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2011, is AUD 256.

[Updating of Annex E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Colombian peso (COP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 2 August 2011, is COP 812,000¹.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change in the currency used as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount of the international filing fee in **Colombian peso (COP)**, from **US dollar (USD)** to **Swiss franc (CHF)**, applicable since 2 August 2011, as follows:

International filing fee:	Equivalent in COP of Swiss francs	1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	Equivalent in COP of Swiss francs	15

¹ This fee is reduced by 25% if the applicant is a natural person, a small or medium enterprise, a public or private university recognized by the relevant National Ministry or a non-profit entity promoting the development of scientific and technological research registered with the Chamber of Commerce.

Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):

PCT-EASY: Equivalent in COP of Swiss francs 100

[Updating of Annex C(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollar (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,758
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	20
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	USD	132
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	USD	132
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	264
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	397

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CL), C(CO), C(CR), C(CU), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(GT), C(HN), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(KE), C(KG), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(NI), C(PE), C(PG), C(PH), C(RU), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(US), C(UZ), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2011, is USD 264.

[Updating of Annex E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified a change in the number of copies required by it as receiving Office under PCT Rule 11.1(b). Two copies must now be filed instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CO Colombia

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(CO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address: G/F, 2/F, 14/F, 16/F
Intellectual Property Center,
World Finance Plaza,
#28 Upper McKinley Road,
McKinley Hill Town Center,
Fort Bonifacio, Taguig City,
1634 Philippines

Telephone: (632) 238-6300

Facsimile machine: (632) 553-9480

[Updating of Annex B1(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)** has notified a clarification concerning the copies required by it as receiving Office under PCT Rule 11.1(b). When less than the three required paper copies are furnished, the applicant will not be charged copying costs and no penalties will apply for failing to supply the required number of copies.

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

Following the promulgation of modifications to Sections 706 and 710 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT with effect since 1 July 2008 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 April 2008, pages 45 *et seq.*), the **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the replacement with effect from 1 July 2008, in its notification pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see PCT Gazette No. 32/2004, of 5 August 2004, pages 18092 *et seq.*), of the part relating to the filing of backup copies by the following text relating to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format:

“As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

However, applicants should note that it is still the case that the Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper and will not prepare a copy of the international application at the request of the applicant.”

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RW Rwanda

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

Rwanda deposited, on 24 June 2011, its instrument of accession to the **Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the Framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (Harare Protocol)** and will become bound by that Protocol on 24 September 2011. Thus, any international application filed on or after 24 September 2011 will include the designation of Rwanda for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent.

Moreover, from 24 September 2011, nationals and residents of Rwanda will be able to file international applications with ARIPO as receiving Office, in addition to the Rwanda Development Board or the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B2(AP) and C(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is CHF 2,022.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

For a search of the European and
North American documentation only: CHF 1,348

For a search of the German-language
documentation only: CHF 963

For a search of the PCT
minimum documentation only: CHF 1,925

[Updating of Annex SISA(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). These amounts, applicable since 1 September 2011 and from 1 November 2011, respectively, are EUR 164 and EUR 177.

[Updating of Annex E(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DK Denmark

New equivalent amounts in **Danish krone (DKK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	DKK	8,750
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	DKK	100
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	DKK	660
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	DKK	1,320
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	DKK	1,970

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, applicable since 1 September 2011, that were published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 July 2011, page 94, apply to a number of receiving Offices other than the European Patent Office (EPO), as indicated by their two-letter codes, below.

[Updating of Annexes C(AT), C(BA), C(BE), C(CY), C(CZ), C(DE), C(ES), C(FI), C(FR), C(GR), C(IB), C(IE), C(IT), C(LT), C(LU), C(LV), C(MC), C(MT), C(NL), C(PT), C(SI), C(SK) and C(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

New equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	EUR	1,174
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR	13
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	EUR	88
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR	177
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR	265

[Updating of Annexes C(AT), C(BA), C(BE), C(CY), C(CZ), C(DE), C(EP), C(ES), C(FI), C(FR), C(GR), C(IB), C(IE), C(IT), C(LT), C(LU), C(LV), C(MC), C(MT), C(NL), C(PT), C(SI), C(SK) and C(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(d)) and the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(b)) for an international search and a supplementary international search, respectively, carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, also applicable from 1 November 2011, are CHF 2,022 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annexes D(EP) and SISA(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2011, is EUR 177.

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** as an International Searching Authority for the purposes of those receiving Offices which have prescribed the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment for an international search by that Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is CHF 2,022.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). These amounts, applicable since 1 September 2011 and from 1 November 2011, respectively, are EUR 164 and EUR 177.

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is CHF 2,022.

[Updating of Annex SISA(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). These amounts, applicable since 1 September 2011 and from 1 November 2011, respectively, are EUR 164 and EUR 177.

[Updating of Annex E(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is CHF 2,022.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 88	USD 132
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR 44	USD 66
	Supplement for airmail:	
	EUR 9	USD 13

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

New equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	KRW 1,827,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	KRW 21,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	KRW 137,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	KRW 412,000

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss franc (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 November 2011, are CHF 946 for international applications filed in English and CHF 328 for international applications filed in Korean.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2011, is KRW 275,000.

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

A new equivalent amount in **US dollar (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is USD 264.

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is CHF 2,022.

[Updating of Annex SISA(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, a new equivalent amount in **Danish krone (DKK)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d). This amount, also applicable from 1 November 2011, is DKK 1,320.

[Updating of Annex E(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2011, is CHF 2,022.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 12,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 140
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ZAR 920

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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RU Russian Federation

Agreement between the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendments to Article 11 and Annex C

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.² These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

**“Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 15 November 2011. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ru.pdf.

² See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Russian roubles)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	[No change]
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex E, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	[No change]
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	[No change]
Protest fee (Rule 40.2(e))	2,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	[No change]
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	[No change]
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	[No change]
Protest fee (Rule 68.3(e))	2,000
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	[No change]
Cost of copies of cited documents (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– patent document, per page	[No change]
– non-patent document, per page	[No change]
Cost of copies of document contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

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RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified a protest fee under PCT Rule 40.2(e) and a protest fee under PCT Rule 68.3(e), in **Russian rouble (RUB)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and as International Preliminary Examining Authority, respectively. The amount of each of the fees, applicable from 15 November 2011, is RUB 2,000.

[Updating of Annexes D(RU) and E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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QA Qatar

The **Intellectual Property Center** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 3 August 2011 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Qatar with the Intellectual Property Center.

RW Rwanda

The **Rwanda Development Board** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from 31 August 2011 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Rwanda with the Rwanda Development Board.

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BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified a change in its telephone number, which now reads: (32-2) 277 90 11.

[Updating of Annex B1(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CZ Czech Republic

The **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which now read as follows:

(420) 220 383 111 (operator service)
(420) 220 383 459 (PCT Department)

[Updating of Annex B1(CZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Romanian leu (ROL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2006, are ROL 360 and ROL 72, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new equivalent amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) and of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b)), in **Swiss franc (CHF)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and as Authority specified for supplementary search, respectively. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2011, are CHF 2,022 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annexes D(SE) and SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a "small entity". The new amounts, applicable since 26 September 2011, are as follows:

Basic national fee: USD 380 (190)

Search fee:

- IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4): [No change]
- International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA: USD 120 (60)
- Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO: USD 490 (245)
- All other situations: USD 620 (310)

Examination fee:

- IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4): [No change]
- All other situations: USD 250 (125)

For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium): USD 310 (155)

Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three: USD 250 (125)

Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20: USD 60 (30)

In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application: USD 450 (225)

Surcharge for paying any of the search fee, the examination fee, or filing the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage: [No change]

Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): [No change]

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (US), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has replaced the conditions relating to international applications containing information which relates to military technology or which might be prejudicial to Israeli national security, filed with the International Bureau of WIPO as receiving Office by an applicant from Israel, with the following conditions:

Patent applicants are referred to Section 98 of Israel Patents Law, 5727-1967, that states as follows:

“An Israel national, a permanent resident of Israel or any other person who owes allegiance to the State shall not submit any application abroad for a patent for an invention the subject of which is weaponry or ammunition, or which is otherwise of military value, or for an invention with which Section 95 deals, and he shall not – directly or indirectly – cause a said application to be submitted, unless one of the following applies:

- (1) he received written permission from the Minister of Defense in advance;
- (2) he submitted an application in respect of that invention in Israel and within six months after that application was submitted, the Minister of Defense did not make an order on it under Section 94, or he made such an order, but it is no longer in effect.”

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

The International Bureau has been notified that the name “**Libya**” shall be used instead of the name “Libyan Arab Jamahiriya”, the two-letter code remaining unchanged.

[Updating of Annexes B1(LY) and C(LY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RW Rwanda

General information on Rwanda as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(RW), which is published on page 145.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Bulgarian lev (BGL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 10 March 2010, is BGL 20.

[Updating of Annex C(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IL Israel

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 20 September 2011, the **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 November 2011, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signature (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8.00 am and 4.00 pm Sunday to Thursday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at (972-2) 5651 707
- by fax at (972-2) 5651 616
- by e-mail at PCT.Customer-serv@justice.gov.il

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- other documents, if any

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

Not applicable to filing on a physical medium.

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

At this stage no digital certificates are accepted by the Office.

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

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Information on Contracting States

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General information

Name of Office:	Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda)
Location and mailing address:	Corner Blvd, de l'Umuganda (Airport Rd), Nyarutarama Road, P.O. Box 6239, Kigali, Rwanda
Telephone:	(250) 252 58 03 38
Facsimile machine:	—
E-mail:	blaise.ruhima@rdb.rw louise.kanyonga@rdb.rw
Internet:	www.rdb.rw www.org.rdb.rw
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Rwanda:	Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda), African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) ¹ or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Rwanda is designated (or elected):	National protection: Office of the Registrar General (Rwanda) ARIPO protection: ¹ African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (see National Phase)
May Rwanda be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models ARIPO: ¹ Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Rwanda concerning international-type search:	Article 33 (Law on the Protection of Intellectual Property)
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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¹ For international applications filed on or after 24 September 2011.

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Information of interest if Rwanda is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Rwanda is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

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BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Praça Mauá 7, 3^o Andar, Centro,
CEP 20.081-240,
Rio de Janeiro, RJ,
Brazil

Telephone: (55-21) 3037-3686, 3037-3742,
3037-3318, 3037-3349

Facsimile machine: (55-21) 3037-3319, 3037-3493

[Updating of Annex B1(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Brazilian real (BRL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts are BRL 200 and BRL 150, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

[Updating of Annex C(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3 AND 49ter.2

BG Bulgaria

Under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria**, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(BG) and of the National Chapter, Summary (BG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments, which enter into force on 20 October 2011, consist of the addition of Qatar to the States listed in items (i) and (ii) of the Annex. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America and, where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Qatar, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (iii) [no change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CL Chile

The **National Industrial Property Institute** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which are now: (56-2) 887 05 50, (56-2) 887 05 51.

[Updating of Annex B1(CL) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has notified a new amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 April 2010, is EUR 50.

[Updating of Annex C(GR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

QA Qatar

The **Intellectual Property Center** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority, with effect from 20 October 2011, for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Qatar with the Intellectual Property Center.

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CZ Czech Republic

The **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(CZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia** has notified a change concerning the types of national protection available via the PCT – this protection no longer exists for provisional patents and now only applies to patents and utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a national patent).

[Updating of Annex B1(AM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **Armenian dram (AMD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 January 2009, is AMD 10,000.

[Updating of Annex C(AM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office – any person who is a resident of Armenia can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(AM) and of the National Chapter, Summary (AM), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change in the number of copies required by it as receiving Office. One copy must now be filed instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(AM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Head Office:	Kneza Domagoja bb, 88000 Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina
	Branch Offices:	Banja Luka: Kralja Petra Prvog Karadjordjevića 83A, 78000 Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina Sarajevo: Hamdije Ćemerlića 2/9, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Telephone:	Head Office:	[unchanged]
	Branch Offices:	(387-51) 22 68 40 (Banja Luka) [unchanged] (Sarajevo)
Facsimile machine:	Head Office:	[unchanged]
	Branch Offices:	(387-51) 22 68 41 (Banja Luka) [unchanged] (Sarajevo)

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning:

– the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by facsimile machine and by e-mail, and the original of the document must now be furnished in all cases, within 15 days from the date of transmission;

– its requirements as to whether it would accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used – it will now accept such evidence provided that the delivery service is a recognized courier service;

– the types of national protection available via the PCT – this protection now applies to patents and consensual patents.

[Updating of Annex B1(BA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified new amounts of its national fee, in **convertible mark (BAM)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 January 2011, as follows:

Filing and publication fee:	BAM	255
– plus for each page of the application over 30:	BAM	2
– plus for each claim over 10:	BAM	10
Publication fee for granted patent:	BAM	40

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase. The required contents now read as follows:

Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract

Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)

In addition, the Office has notified a change in its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is required – it now requires such a copy.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (these institutions are indicated further in this Annex and notifications related thereto may be consulted under www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/).		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Agency for Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which now read as follows:

Name of Office:	Azərbaycan Respublikasının Standartlaşdırma, Metrologiya və Patent üzrə Dövlət Komitəsi State Committee on Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan)
Location and mailing address:	Mardanov gardashlar 124, AZ 1147 Baku, Azerbaijan
Telephone:	(99-412) 440 37 98, 449 99 59
Facsimile machine:	(99-412) 440 52 24, 440 37 98
E-mail:	azs@azstand.gov.az
Internet:	www.azstand.gov.az

[Updating of Annex B1(AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PG Papua New Guinea

The **Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea** has notified changes in its location and mailing addresses, in its telephone numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, which now read as follows:

Location:	IPA Haus, 1 st Floor, Munidubu St. (corner of Lawes Road and Champion Parade), Konedobu, Port Moresby, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 5053, Boroko, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea P.O. Box 1281, Port Moresby, National Capital District, Papua New Guinea

Telephone : (675) 308 4432, 321 7311
E-mail : registrar.ipopng@ipa.gov.pg
Internet : www.ipopng.gov.pg

[Updating of Annex B1(PG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Committee on Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan)** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts are AZN 10 and AZN 7, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(AZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee for a patent or a utility model, in **Azerbaijani manat (AZN)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Filing fee (including examination):	AZN	10
Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	AZN	7
Additional fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	AZN	7
Annual fee for the third year:	AZN	5

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IE Ireland

The **Patents Office (Ireland)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which now reads as follows: patlib@patentsoffice.ie

[Updating of Annex B1(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LU Luxembourg

The **Intellectual Property Directorate (Luxembourg)** has notified changes in the name of the Office and in its telephone numbers, which now read as follows:

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg) Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Luxembourg)
Telephone:	(352) 247-84113

[Updating of Annex B1(LU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 1 October 2011, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	RSD 6,100
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 1,460 for the first document up to 10 pages
plus	RSD 370 for each subsequent document up to 10 pages
plus	RSD [no change] per page in excess of 10

These amounts are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

[Updating of Annex C(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Serbian dinar (RSD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and also applicable since 1 October 2011, as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 6,100
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	RSD 610
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	[no change]
Examination fee:	RSD 18,320
Annual fee for the first three years:	RSD 8,550

For petty patent:

Filing fee:	RSD 6,100
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	[no change]

These amounts are reduced by 50% where the international application is filed by a natural person.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-second (18th ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2011, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2012, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on pages 169 to 171.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, with effect from 1 January 2012, as indicated in the table published on pages 172 and 173.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss francs for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, with effect from 1 January 2012, as indicated in the table published on page 174.

In the three tables, the new amounts are distinguished from currently applicable amounts by indicating them in bold print.

[Updating of the following Annexes of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*:

C(AM), (AP), (AT), (AU), (AZ), (BA), (BE), (BH), (BW), (BY), (BZ), (CA), (CL), (CR), (CU), (CY), (CZ), (DE), (DK), (DO), (EA), (EC), (EE), (EG), (EP), (ES), (FI), (FR), (GB), (GE), (GH), (GR), (GT), (HN), (IB), (IE), (IL), (IN), (IS), (IT), (JP), (KE), (KG), (KR), (KZ), (LR), (LT), (LU), (LV), (MC), (MD), (MT), (MW), (NI), (NL), (NO), (NZ), (PE), (PG), (PH), (PT), (RU), (SC), (SE), (SG), (SI), (SK), (SM), (SV), (SY), (TJ), (TM), (TT), (UA), (US), (UZ), (ZA), (ZM) and (ZW),

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SISA(AT), (EP), (FI), (SE) and (XN),

E(AT), (AU), (BR), (CA), (EP), (ES), (FI), (JP), (KR), (RU), (SE), (US) and (XN).]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified new components of its transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **US dollar (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and applicable since 15 November 2011. This fee is now as follows:

Transmittal fee:

- Basic portion: USD 240
- Non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed on or after 15 November 2011 other than by the Office electronic filing system (regular): USD 400
- Non-electronic filing fee portion for international applications filed on or after 15 November 2011 other than by the Office electronic filing system (small entity): USD 200

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Official Closing

Due to an emergency, the **International Bureau** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 27 and 28 October 2011. The next subsequent day on which the International Bureau was open for business was 31 October 2011.

Consequently:

– pursuant to Article 4C(3) of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, if the priority period of any international application intended to be filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office on 27 or 28 October 2011 was due to expire on either of those days, that period is extended until 31 October 2011 for the purposes of the international phase, and

– pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the International Bureau fell on 27 or 28 October 2011, that period is extended so as to expire on 31 October 2011.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2012)

Country/ Regional Office	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 03.10.11	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees item 3	Current amount
				Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)		
Currency								
Reference currency Swiss franc		1'330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AT - Austria Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	177 165	265 247	177 165	Current amount* New amount
AU - Australia Australian dollar	0.88279583	1'699 1'507	19 17	128 113	256 227	383 340	256 227	Current amount* New amount
BE - Belgium Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165	Current amount* New amount
BR - Brazil Brazilian real	0.48512771	** **	** **	** **	** **	** **	379 412	Current amount New amount
CA - Canada Canadian dollar	0.87631813	1'546 1'518	17 17	116 114	233 228	348 342	233 228	Current amount New amount
CY - Cyprus Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165	Current amount* New amount
DE - Germany Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	177 165	265 247	177 165	Current amount* New amount
DK - Denmark Danish krone	0.16327903	8'750 8'150	100 90	660 610	1'320 1'220	1'970 1'840	1'320 1'220	Current amount* New amount
EE - Estonia Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165	Current amount* New amount
EP - European Patent Office Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	n.a. n.a.	177 165	265 247	177 165	Current amount* New amount
ES - Spain Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	177 165	265 247	177 165	Current amount* New amount
FI - Finland Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	n.a. n.a.	177 165	265 247	177 165	Current amount* New amount
FR - France Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	177 165	265 247	177 165	Current amount* New amount

* Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2011.

* Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Brazilian real of the amounts in Swiss franc indicated above.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2012)

Country/ Regional Office	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 03.10.11	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees Item 3
				Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)	
Currency Reference currency Swiss franc		1'330	15	100	200	300	200 Current amount
GB - United Kingdom Pound sterling	1.41615198	1'046 939	12 11	n.a. n.a.	157 141	236 212	n.a. n.a. Current amount* New amount
GR - Greece Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165 Current amount* New amount
IB - International Bureau Swiss franc Euro US dollar	0.91517409	** ** *	** ** *	** ** *	** ** *	** ** *	** ** * Current amount* New amount
IE - Ireland Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165 Current amount* New amount
IS - Iceland Icelandic krona	0.00774258	184'200 171'800	2'100 1'900	13'800 12'900	27'700 25'800	41'500 38'700	n.a. n.a. Current amount* New amount
IT - Italy Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165 Current amount* New amount
JP - Japan Japanese yen	0.01193647	125'000 111'400	1'400 1'300	9'400 8'400	n.a. n.a.	28'200 25'100	18'800 16'800 Current amount* New amount
KR - Republic of Korea Korean won	0.00077486	1'827'000 1'716'000	21'000 19'000	137'000 129'000	n.a. n.a.	412'000 387'000	275'000 258'000 Current amount* New amount
LU - Luxembourg Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165 Current amount* New amount
MW - Malawi Malawian kwacha	0.00558030	210'800 238'300	2'400 2'700	15'800 17'900	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a. Current amount* New amount
NL - Netherlands Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	177 165	265 247	177 165 Current amount* New amount
NO - Norway Norwegian krona	0.15618294	8'690 8'520	100 100	650 640	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a. Current amount* New amount
NZ - New Zealand New Zealand dollar	0.69761159	1'844 1'907	21 22	139 143	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a. Current amount* New amount

* Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2011.

** The corresponding equivalent amounts are indicated above for the Swiss franc and the Euro and below for the US dollar.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2012)

Country/ Regional Office Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 03.10.11	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees item 3	Current amount
				Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)		
PT - Portugal Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165	Current amount* New amount
SE - Sweden Swedish krona	0.13344882	10'240 9'970	120 110	770 750	1'540 1'500	2310 2'250	1'540 1'500	Current amount New amount
SG - Singapore Singapore dollar	0.69830397	1'973 1'905	22 21	148 143	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
SI - Slovenia Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	177 165	Current amount* New amount
SK - Slovakia Euro	1.21518640	1'174 1'094	13 12	88 82	177 165	265 247	177 165	Current amount* New amount
US - United States of America US dollar	0.91517409	1'758 1'453	20 16	132 109	264 219	n.a. n.a.	264 219	Current amount* New amount
ZA - South Africa South African rand	0.11164743	12'200 11'910	140 130	920 900	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount* New amount

* Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2011.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2012)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		ISA/CN		ISA/EP		ISA/ES		ISA/FI	
	EUR	1785	AUD	1900	BRL	1900	CAD	1600	CNY	2100	EUR	1785	EUR	1785	EUR	1785
Reference currency & Amount	Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate		Exch. rate	
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 03.10.11</i>																
CHF - Swiss franc	1.21518640	2'022 ^{1,2} 2'169 ¹	0.88272583	1'787 ¹ 1'677 ¹	0.48512771	1'003 ¹ 922 ¹	0.87631813	1'376 ¹ 1'402 ¹	0.14545995	285 ¹ 301 ¹	1.21518640	2'022 ² 2'169 ¹	1.21518640	2'022 ² 2'169 ¹	1.21518640	2'022 ² 2'169 ¹
USD - US dollar	0.75311416	2'443 ¹ 2'370 ¹	1.03667095	2'084 1'833	1.88646013	1'122 ¹ 1'007 ¹	1.04434001	1'687 ¹ 1'532 ¹	6.37930019	314 ¹ 329 ¹	0.75311416	2'443 ¹ 2'370 ¹	0.75311416	2'443 ¹ 2'370 ¹	0.75311416	2'443 ¹ 2'370 ¹
EUR - Euro			1.37652032	1'461 ¹ 1'380 ¹	2.50487938	820 ¹ 759 ¹	1.38669549	1'143 ¹ 1'154 ¹	8.47056199	229 ¹ 248 ¹						
AUD - Australian dollar																
DKK - Danish krone																
GBP - Pound sterling																
ISK - Icelandic krona																
JPY - Japanese yen																
KRW - Korean won		2'166'000 2'799'000		2'204'000 2'165'000												
MWK - Malawian kwacha																
NOK - Norwegian krone																
NZD - New Zealand dollar				2'478 2'404												
SEK - Swedish krona			0.79022982													
SGD - Singapore dollar		3'210 3'110		2'410 2'400												
ZAR - South African rand	0.57464762	17'380 19'430	0.12647028	14'090 15'020												

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1 Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.
2 Amount applicable as from November 1, 2011.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2012)

[continued]

International Searching Authority	ISA/JP		ISA/KR		ISA/RU		ISA/SE ³		ISA/US		ISA/XN ⁴	
	JPY	Exch. rate	KRW	Exch. rate	RUB	Exch. rate	SEK	Exch. rate	USD	Exch. rate	DKK	Exch. rate
Reference currency & Amount	97000		450000		450000		16530		2080		13310	
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 03.10.11</i>												
CHF - Swiss franc	1'034 ⁵		946 ^{5,6}		328 ^{5,6}		2022 ^{5,6}		1820 ⁵		2022 ^{5,6}	
	0.01193647		1'007 ⁵		349 ⁵		2'169 ⁵		0.91517409		2'169 ⁵	
USD - US dollar	1'163 ⁵		1233 ⁶		427 ⁶		2443 ⁵				2443 ⁵	
	76.67041311		1'101 ⁵		381 ⁵		2'370 ⁵				2'370 ⁵	
EUR - Euro	850 ⁵		846 ⁵		293 ⁵		1785		1520 ⁵		1785 ⁵	
	101.80450334		829 ⁵		287 ⁵		1785		1.32781994		1785 ⁵	
AUD - Australian dollar			1'121		388							
			1'141		395							
DKK - Danish krone							13310					
							13'280					
GBP - Pound sterling												
ISK - Icelandic krona												
JPY - Japanese yen												
							294'000				294'000	
							280'000				280'000	
KRW - Korean won	1'306'000											
	0.06691506											
MWK - Malawian kwacha												
NOK - Norwegian krone												
							14'350				14'350	
							13'890				13'890	
NZD - New Zealand dollar												
			1'487		515				2620			
			1'444		500				0.76327201			
SEK - Swedish krona												
SGD - Singapore dollar												
			1'520		530							
			1'440		500							
ZAR - South African rand												
									0.12199384		14'550	
											17'050	

³ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2012, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁴ All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2012, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

⁵ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

⁶ Amount applicable as from November 1, 2011.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2012)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU		ISA/SE		ISA/XN	
	Reference currency & Amount	850 ¹ EUR	1'190 ² EUR	1'785 ³ EUR	1'785 ⁴ EUR	1'785 ⁵ EUR	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴	9'450	13'500 ⁵ SEK	16'530 SEK	13'310 DKK	13'280 ⁷ DKK
<i>Exchange rate applicable on 03.10.11</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>
CHF - Swiss franc	1.21518640	1'033	1'446	2'066	2'169	1.21518640	2'169	266	380	2'169 ⁸		2'169 ⁹

1 For a search of the German-language documentation.

2 For a search of the European or North American documentation.

3 For a full search of PCT minimum documentation.

4 This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.

5 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

6 This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2012.

7 This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2012.

8 New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2012.

9 New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2012.

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RECEIVING OFFICES

CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it – any natural or legal person resident in Switzerland or having an address for service in Switzerland can now act as such.

[Updating of Annex C(CH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified changes in its special requirements under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The consolidated list of requirements reads as follows:

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application¹

Address for service in Switzerland or appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Switzerland or Liechtenstein²

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it. These requirements now read as follows:

Where the applicant has neither a residence nor a principal place of business in Switzerland, an address for service in Switzerland must be indicated (Article 13 of the Federal Law on Patents for Inventions (PatG) within the time limit set out in paragraph 1 of Article 124 of the Ordinance on Patents for Inventions (PatV). If no address for service is indicated within that time limit, the Office will allow an extension of two months to do so. The application will be refused in case of non-observation of that time limit.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CH), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1); however, continuation of the procedure may be requested in case of failure to observe that time limit. This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(GR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26*bis*.3 AND 49*ter*.2

PG Papua New Guinea

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea**, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(PG) and of the National Chapter, Summary (PG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified a change concerning the types of national protection available under the PCT – such protection now applies to utility models instead of or in addition to patents.

[Updating of Annex B1(RO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

The **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (CIPO) (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** has notified a change in its Internet address, which now reads as follows: www.gov.vc/cipo

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by facsimile machine, and the original of the documents must be furnished in all cases.

[Updating of Annex B1(VC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollar (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2012, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 82	USD 109
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 21.2):	EUR 41	USD 55
	Supplement for airmail:	
	EUR 8	USD 11

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified a 50% reduction in the amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), payable to it as receiving Office, where the international application is filed in fully-electronic form. This reduction is applicable since 1 February 2010.

[Updating of Annex C(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a change in the number of copies required by it as receiving Office, applicable since 1 November 2011. One copy must now be filed instead of three.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent, applicable since 1 January 2009 – after the furnishing of a translation into Danish or, if the international application was filed in Danish, of a copy of the international application as filed, or if the international application is filed in English or translated into English when the claims have been filed in Danish, the applicant is given provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages; these are limited to what is judged reasonable under the circumstances and the protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent (see Sections 33, 58 and 60 of the Patents Act).

[Updating of Annex B1(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), and since 1 May 2008, it accepts Icelandic, in addition to Danish, English, French, German, Norwegian and Swedish, as a language in which international applications may be filed.

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

NO Norway

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 17 November 2011, the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 2 January 2012, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JFIF (see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software
- EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 9.00 am and 15.00 pm Monday to Friday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at +47 22 38 73 33
- by e-mail at infosenteret@patentstyret.no

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.patentstyret.no).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (see www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14)), in **new Israel shekel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2012, is ILS 561.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israel shekel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 January 2012, is ILS 1,075.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

Following the notification by the **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 2 January 2012 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 December 2011, pages 182 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **Norwegian krone (NOK)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	NOK 1,280
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	NOK 1,920

The Office will no longer accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format as from 2 February 2012

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 715 and 716 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 January 2010.

These modifications are intended to implement provisions of the PCT Regulations which permit the applicant to request that priority documents be obtained by receiving Offices and the International Bureau from digital libraries rather than having to be supplied directly by the applicant (PCT Rules 17.1(b-*bis*), 17.1(d), 66.7(a) and 91.1(e)).

All modifications will apply to international applications filed on or after 1 January 2010.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/10) as in force from 1 January 2010 is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai.pdf.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

(as in force from 1 January 2010)

Section 715

Availability of Priority Documents from Digital Libraries

(a) For the purposes of Rules 17.1(b-*bis*), 17.1(d) (where appropriate, as applicable by virtue of Rules 17.1(c) and 82*ter*.1(b)), 66.7(a) (where appropriate, as applicable by virtue of Rule 43*bis*.1(b)) and 91.1(e), a priority document shall be considered to be available from a digital library to the receiving Office, the International Bureau, a designated Office, the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, as the case may be:

(i) if the Office or Authority concerned has notified the International Bureau, or the International Bureau has declared, as the case may be, that it is prepared to obtain priority documents from that digital library; and

(ii) the priority document concerned is held in that digital library and the applicant has, to the extent required by the procedures for accessing the relevant digital library, authorized the Office or Authority concerned or the International Bureau, as the case may be, to access that priority document.

(b) A notification to the International Bureau under paragraph 12 of the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents by

(i) the International Bureau; or

(ii) an Office in its capacity as receiving Office, designated Office, International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority,

that it is prepared to obtain priority documents via the Digital Access Service shall be taken as a declaration or notification under paragraph (a)(i) that the International Bureau or Office acting in the relevant capacity will obtain priority documents through the Digital Access Service from any digital library which has been the subject of a notification in accordance with paragraph 10 of the Framework Provisions, including libraries for which such a notification is subsequently made with effect prior to the date on which the Office or Bureau is requested to retrieve the priority document.

(c) An Office or Authority which has given a notification to the International Bureau under paragraph (a)(i) or (b) shall notify the International Bureau of any change in the information so notified.

(d) The International Bureau shall promptly publish in the Gazette any notification received by it under paragraph (a)(i) or (b) of this Section, any declaration made by it under paragraph (a)(i) or (b), and any change in the information so declared.

(e) The effective date of any change published under paragraph (d) shall be as specified by the Office or Authority concerned or by the International Bureau, as the case may be, provided that any change which restricts the ability of the applicant to request the Office, the Authority or the International Bureau to obtain a priority document from the digital library shall, except in the case where priority documents are no longer held in the digital library, not be effective earlier than two months after the date of publication of the change in the Gazette.

Section 716

Request that Priority Document Be Obtained from a Digital Library under Rule 17.1(b-bis)

(a) Any request under Rule 17.1(b-bis):

(i) shall identify the priority document concerned in accordance with Rule 4.10(a);

(ii) where the priority document is held in connection with another application which relied upon that priority document to support a priority claim and that digital library is to be accessed other than through the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents, and if so required by the receiving Office or the International Bureau, shall indicate the number of that other application; and

(iii) where applicable, shall be accompanied by the fee referred to in Rule 17.1(b-bis).

(b) Where the applicant, in accordance with Rule 17.1(b-bis) and paragraph (a) of this Section, requests the receiving Office or the International Bureau to obtain a priority document which, in accordance with Section 715(a), is considered to be available from a digital library to that Office or the International Bureau, but that Office or the International Bureau finds that the priority document is in fact not available to it, that Office or the International Bureau, as the case may be, shall notify the applicant, giving the opportunity to furnish the priority document to it, or to ensure that the document is made available to it from a digital library, within a time limit of not less than two months from the date of the notification or within the time limit specified in Rule 17.1(a), whichever time limit expires later. Where the priority document is furnished or becomes available to the Office or the International Bureau within that time limit, the requirements of Rule 17.1(b-bis) shall be considered to have been met. If the priority document is not so furnished or does not become available within that time limit, the request that the document be obtained from a digital library shall be considered not to have been made.

(c) Where the applicant requests the receiving Office or the International Bureau under Rule 17.1(b-*bis*) to obtain a priority document from a digital library but that request does not comply with the requirements of that Rule and paragraph (a) of this Section, or the priority document concerned is not considered to be available to that Office or the International Bureau in accordance with Section 715(a), that Office or the International Bureau, as the case may be, shall promptly inform the applicant accordingly.

WIPO DIGITAL ACCESS SERVICE FOR PRIORITY DOCUMENTS (DAS)

Using DAS with the PCT

With effect since 1 January 2010, and in accordance with Section 715(b)(i) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the International Bureau is able to retrieve priority documents through the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents (DAS) for use with international applications filed under the PCT. A notification to this effect can be found on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/pdocforum/participating.html.

This means that the applicant can request the International Bureau to retrieve a copy of an earlier application from DAS for use as a priority document instead of having to provide a certified copy, as long as:

(i) the document in question has been added to DAS by a participating “depositing Office” (see below); and

(ii) the applicant has indicated that the International Bureau should have access to that document, using the applicant portal at: https://webaccess.wipo.int/priority_documents/en/.

Background

The Offices (“depositing Offices”) which currently allow applicants to make applications available to DAS are: the Australian Patent Office, the International Bureau (for international applications filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office), the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office) and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Several more Offices are expected to join this system in the near future. Details of how to request any particular depositing Office to make a document available to DAS are available from the respective websites of those Offices.

The legal basis for recognition of priority documents retrieved by the International Bureau through DAS is PCT Rule 17.1(b-*bis*)(ii) in conjunction with Sections 715 and 716 of the Administrative Instructions.

The service under Rule 17.1(b) whereby the receiving Office will prepare a copy of a priority document which would be issued by it and send it directly to the International Bureau continues to apply and is not affected by the addition of this complementary service.

Using DAS for International Applications under the PCT

The International Bureau will recognize requests to obtain documents from DAS for any international application for which the 16-month time limit under Rule 17.1(b-*bis*) has not yet expired on 1 January 2010, provided that the applicant has taken all the necessary steps to ensure that the application has been made available to the International Bureau through the Service. Notably, as well as making sure that the document is available to DAS, the applicant needs to check the box in the applicant Web portal indicating that the International Bureau is permitted access to that document. Otherwise, the Bureau cannot retrieve the document.

The International Bureau does not charge any fee for this service, though the depositing Office may charge a fee for making the priority document available to the system in the first place.

Making the Request

A request for the International Bureau to obtain a priority document from DAS can be made in the following ways:

Paper applications

Tick the relevant box(es) in item 6 of the request form PCT/RO/101, as in force since 1 January 2010, available from: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/request/ed_request_2010.pdf.

Electronic applications and PCT-EASY filings

Pending the implementation of equivalent check-boxes in PCT-SAFE, include a letter to the International Bureau, clearly requesting that some or all of the priority documents be retrieved using DAS. The content of the letter should preferably be as follows, with no other matters dealt with in the letter:

“The International Bureau is requested to retrieve the priority documents for this international application using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents.”

If only certain of the documents are available through this system, the letter should specify which priority documents are to be retrieved that way and that the other documents will either be forwarded by the receiving Office or else provided as certified copies in the conventional way.

Such a letter can be included in an application prepared using PCT-SAFE as follows:

- (i) In the “Contents” tab, select “Accompanying Items”.
- (ii) Select “Other” from the drop-down list of item types and type “p-doc retrieval” into the box to describe the item.
- (iii)(a) If filing a fully electronic application using PCT-SAFE, double-click on the item which appears in the Content Details list to open a dialog box allowing the file containing the letter to be attached (this should preferably be in PDF format where this is accepted by the relevant receiving Office or JPEG or TIFF otherwise).
- (b) If filing a PCT-EASY or PCT EASY/EFS Web application, double-click on the item and indicate that the document is enclosed.

International applications which have already been filed

Send a letter, which must reach the International Bureau prior to 16 months from the priority date, quoting the international application number and clearly requesting that some or all of the priority documents be retrieved using DAS. The content of the letter should preferably be as follows and be clearly marked as a separate section if any other issues are dealt with.

“The International Bureau is requested to retrieve [the priority documents] [the following priority documents] for international application PCT/XXyyyy/nnnnnn using the WIPO Digital Access Service for Priority Documents.”

Help

Support is available from the PCT-SAFE Help Desk (pctsafe.help@wipo.int), which acts as focal point for DAS related issues as well as for PCT-SAFE.

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

AT Austria

Agreement between the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 January 2010. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_at.pdf.

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,700 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,700 ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,675 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,675 ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2010, are EUR 1,700 for each of the fees. They are reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State specified on the home page of the Office (see www.patentamt.at/Media/Infoblatt_Gebuehren.pdf).

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Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2010, are EUR 1,675 for each of the fees. They are reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State specified on the home page of the Office (see www.patentamt.at/Media/Infoblatt_Gebuehren.pdf).

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² This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State specified on the home page of the Office (see www.patentamt.at/Media/Infoblatt_Gebuehren.pdf).

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 March 2010, is ZAR 11,060.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION –
ASSEMBLY (FORTIETH (17TH ORDINARY) SESSION)**

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations and other changes affecting the PCT system were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) during its fortieth (17th ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 22 September to 1 October 2009 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=18653.

The amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force on 1 July 2010 and provide for:

(i) clarification as to the different types of limitations and conditions which an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority may wish to set in the applicable agreement under PCT Article 16(3)(b) with regard to its preparedness to carry out supplementary searches, as to the conditions of refund of the supplementary search handling fee and the supplementary search fee, and as to the currency and the inclusion in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations of the fees referred to in PCT Rule 45*bis*.2 (amendments to PCT Rules 45*bis*.1, 45*bis*.2, 45*bis*.3, 45*bis*.5, 45*bis*.6, 45*bis*.9 and 96.1);

(ii) the obligation for applicants, when making amendments to the description, claims or drawings, to indicate the basis for those amendments in the application as filed (PCT Rules 46.5 and 66.8, and new PCT Rule 70.2(c-*bis*));

(iii) amendments of the procedure of the establishment of equivalent amounts of the search fee, the supplementary search fee, the international filing fee and the handling fee (PCT Rules 15.2, 15.3, 15.4, 15.5, 15.6, 16.1, 16*bis*.1, 19.4, 57.2, 57.4, 57.5 and 57.6).

The text of the amendments to the PCT Regulations is reproduced below. Other changes affecting the PCT system will be the subject of later publication.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT

(to enter into force on 1 July 2010)

Rule 15

The International Filing Fee

15.1 [No change]

15.2 *Amount*

(a) [No change]

(b) The international filing fee shall be payable in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by the receiving Office (“prescribed currency”).

(c) Where the prescribed currency is the Swiss franc, the receiving Office shall promptly transfer the said fee to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.

(d) Where the prescribed currency is a currency other than the Swiss franc and that currency:

(i) is freely convertible into Swiss francs, the Director General shall establish, for each receiving Office which prescribes such a currency for the payment of the international filing fee, an equivalent amount of that fee in the prescribed currency according to directives given by the Assembly, and the amount in that currency shall promptly be transferred by the receiving Office to the International Bureau;

(ii) is not freely convertible into Swiss francs, the receiving Office shall be responsible for the conversion of the international filing fee from the prescribed currency into Swiss francs and shall promptly transfer that fee in Swiss francs, in the amount set out in the Schedule of Fees, to the International Bureau. Alternatively, if the receiving Office so wishes, it may convert the international filing fee from the prescribed currency into euros or US dollars and promptly transfer the equivalent amount of that fee in euros or US dollars, as established by the Director General according to directives given by the Assembly as referred to in item (i), to the International Bureau.

15.3 *Time Limit for Payment; Amount Payable*

The international filing fee shall be paid to the receiving Office within one month from the date of receipt of the international application. The amount payable shall be the amount applicable on that date of receipt.

15.4 *Refund*

The receiving Office shall refund the international filing fee to the applicant:

(i) if the determination under Article 11(1) is negative,

(ii) if, before the transmittal of the record copy to the International Bureau, the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or

(iii) if, due to prescriptions concerning national security, the international application is not treated as such.

Rule 16

The Search Fee

16.1 *Right to Ask for a Fee*

(a) [No change]

(b) The search fee shall be collected by the receiving Office. The said fee shall be payable in the currency prescribed by that Office (“prescribed currency”).

(c) Where the prescribed currency is the currency in which the International Searching Authority has fixed the said fee (“fixed currency”), the receiving Office shall promptly transfer the said fee to that Authority in that currency.

(d) Where the prescribed currency is not the fixed currency and that currency:

(i) is freely convertible into the fixed currency, the Director General shall establish, for each receiving Office which prescribes such a currency for the payment of the search fee, an equivalent amount of that fee in the prescribed currency according to directives given by the Assembly, and the amount in that currency shall promptly be transferred by the receiving Office to the International Searching Authority;

(ii) is not freely convertible into the fixed currency, the receiving Office shall be responsible for the conversion of the search fee from the prescribed currency into the fixed currency and shall promptly transfer that fee in the fixed currency, in the amount fixed by the International Searching Authority, to the International Searching Authority.

(e) Where, in respect of the payment of the search fee in a prescribed currency, other than the fixed currency, the amount actually received under paragraph (d)(i) of this Rule by the International Searching Authority in the prescribed currency is, when converted by it into the fixed currency, less than that fixed by it, the difference will be paid to the International Searching Authority by the International Bureau, whereas, if the amount actually received is more, the difference will belong to the International Bureau.

(f) As to the time limit for payment of the search fee and the amount payable, the provisions of Rule 15.3 relating to the international filing fee shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

16.2 and 16.3 [No change]

Rule 16bis
Extension of Time Limits for Payment of Fees

16bis.1 Invitation by the Receiving Office

(a) Where, by the time they are due under Rules 14.1(c), 15.3 and 16.1(f), the receiving Office finds that no fees were paid to it, or that the amount paid to it is insufficient to cover the transmittal fee, the international filing fee and the search fee, the receiving Office shall, subject to paragraph (d), invite the applicant to pay to it the amount required to cover those fees, together with, where applicable, the late payment fee under Rule 16bis.2, within a time limit of one month from the date of the invitation.

(b) and (c) [No change]

(d) Any payment received by the receiving Office before that Office sends the invitation under paragraph (a) shall be considered to have been received before the expiration of the time limit under Rule 14.1(c), 15.3 or 16.1(f), as the case may be.

(e) [No change]

16bis.2 [No change]

Rule 19
The Competent Receiving Office

19.1 to 19.3 [No change]

19.4 *Transmittal to the International Bureau as Receiving Office*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) For the purposes of Rules 14.1(c), 15.3 and 16.1(f), where the international application was transmitted to the International Bureau under paragraph (b), the date of receipt of the international application shall be considered to be the date on which the international application was actually received by the International Bureau. For the purposes of this paragraph, the last sentence of paragraph (b) shall not apply.

Rule 45bis
Supplementary International Searches

45bis.1 *Supplementary Search Request*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) Where the International Searching Authority has found that the international application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention, the supplementary search request may contain an indication of the wish of the applicant to restrict the supplementary international search to one of the inventions as identified by the International Searching Authority other than the main invention referred to in Article 17(3)(a).

(e) [No change]

45bis.2 *Supplementary Search Handling Fee*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) The International Bureau shall refund the supplementary search handling fee to the applicant if, before the documents referred to in Rule 45bis.4(e)(i) to (iv) are transmitted to the Authority specified for supplementary search, the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45bis.1(e).

45bis.3 *Supplementary Search Fee*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) The International Bureau shall refund the supplementary search fee to the applicant if, before the documents referred to in Rule 45bis.4(e)(i) to (iv) are transmitted to the Authority specified for supplementary search, the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or is considered not to have been submitted under Rules 45bis.1(e) or 45bis.4(d).

(e) The Authority specified for supplementary search shall, to the extent and under the conditions provided for in the applicable agreement under Article 16(3)(b), refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45bis.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45bis.5(g).

45bis.4 Checking of Supplementary Search Request; Correction of Defects; Late Payment of Fees; Transmittal to Authority Specified for Supplementary Search

(a) to (f) [No change]

45bis.5 Start, Basis and Scope of Supplementary International Search

(a) [No change]

(b) The supplementary international search shall be carried out on the basis of the international application as filed or of a translation referred to in Rule 45bis.1(b)(iii) or 45bis.1(c)(i), taking due account of the international search report and the written opinion established under Rule 43bis.1 where they are available to the Authority specified for supplementary search before it starts the search. Where the supplementary search request contains an indication under Rule 45bis.1(d), the supplementary international search may be restricted to the invention specified by the applicant under Rule 45bis.1(d) and those parts of the international application which relate to that invention.

(c) to (f) [No change]

(g) If the Authority specified for supplementary search finds that carrying out the search is entirely excluded by a limitation or condition referred to in Rule 45bis.9(a), other than a limitation under Article 17(2) as applicable by virtue of Rule 45bis.5(c), the supplementary search request shall be considered not to have been submitted, and the Authority shall so declare and shall promptly notify the applicant and the International Bureau accordingly.

(h) The Authority specified for supplementary search may, in accordance with a limitation or condition referred to in Rule 45bis.9(a), decide to restrict the search to certain claims only, in which case the supplementary international search report shall so indicate.

45bis.6 Unity of Invention

(a) to (e) [No change]

(f) Paragraphs (a) to (e) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* where the Authority specified for supplementary search decides to restrict the supplementary international search in accordance with the second sentence of Rule 45bis.5(b) or with Rule 45bis.5(h), provided that any reference in the said paragraphs to the “international application” shall be construed as a reference to those parts of the international application which relate to the invention specified by the applicant under Rule 45bis.1(d) or which relate to the claims and those parts of the international application for which the Authority will carry out a supplementary international search, respectively.

45bis.7 and 45bis.8 [No change]

45bis.9 *International Searching Authorities Competent to Carry Out Supplementary International Search*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) The limitations referred to in paragraph (a) may, for example, include limitations as to the subject matter for which supplementary international searches will be carried out, other than limitations under Article 17(2) as applicable by virtue of Rule 45bis.5(c), limitations as to the total number of supplementary international searches which will be carried out in a given period, and limitations to the effect that the supplementary international searches will not extend to any claim beyond a certain number of claims.

Rule 46 **Amendment of Claims before the International Bureau**

46.1 to 46.4 [No change]

46.5 *Form of Amendments*

(a) [No change]

(b) The replacement sheet or sheets shall be accompanied by a letter which:

(i) [no change]

(ii) shall identify the claims originally filed which, on account of the amendments, are cancelled;

(iii) shall indicate the basis for the amendments in the application as filed.

Rule 57 **The Handling Fee**

57.1 [No change]

57.2 *Amount*

(a) [No change]

(b) The handling fee shall be payable in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by the International Preliminary Examining Authority (“prescribed currency”).

(c) Where the prescribed currency is the Swiss franc, the Authority shall promptly transfer the said fee to the International Bureau in Swiss francs.

(d) Where the prescribed currency is a currency other than the Swiss franc and that currency:

(i) is freely convertible into Swiss francs, the Director General shall establish, for each Authority which prescribes such a currency for the payment of the handling fee, an equivalent amount of that fee in the prescribed currency according to directives given by the Assembly, and the amount in that currency shall promptly be transferred by the Authority to the International Bureau;

(ii) is not freely convertible into Swiss francs, the Authority shall be responsible for the conversion of the handling fee from the prescribed currency into Swiss francs and shall promptly transfer that fee in Swiss francs, in the amount set out in the Schedule of Fees, to the International Bureau. Alternatively, if the Authority so wishes, it may convert the handling fee from the prescribed currency into euros or US dollars and promptly transfer the equivalent amount of that fee in euros or US dollars, as established by the Director General according to directives given by the Assembly as referred to in item (i), to the International Bureau.

57.3 [No change]

57.4 *Refund*

The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall refund the handling fee to the applicant:

(i) if the demand is withdrawn before the demand has been sent by that Authority to the International Bureau, or

(ii) if the demand is considered, under Rule 54.4 or 54bis.1(b), not to have been submitted.

Rule 66

Procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority

66.1 to 66.7 [No change]

66.8 *Form of Amendments*

(a) Subject to paragraph (b), when amending the description or the drawings, the applicant shall be required to submit a replacement sheet for every sheet of the international application which, on account of an amendment, differs from the sheet previously filed. The replacement sheet or sheets shall be accompanied by a letter which shall draw attention to the differences between the replaced sheets and the replacement sheets, shall indicate the basis for the amendment in the application as filed and shall preferably also explain the reasons for the amendment.

(b) and (c) [No change]

66.9 [No change]

Rule 70
International Preliminary Report on Patentability
by the International Preliminary Examining Authority
(International Preliminary Examination Report)

70.1 [No change]

70.2 *Basis of the Report*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(c-*bis*) If the claims, description or drawings have been amended but the replacement sheet or sheets were not accompanied by a letter indicating the basis for the amendment in the application as filed, as required under Rule 46.5(b)(iii) as applicable by virtue of Rule 66.8(c), or Rule 66.8(a), as applicable, the report may be established as if the amendment had not been made, in which case the report shall so indicate.

(d) and (e) [No change]

70.3 to 70.17 [No change]

Rule 96
The Schedule of Fees

96.1 *Schedule of Fees Annexed to Regulations*

The amounts of the fees referred to in Rules 15, 45*bis*.2 and 57 shall be expressed in Swiss currency. They shall be specified in the Schedule of Fees which is annexed to these Regulations and forms an integral part thereof.

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
RECEIVING OFFICES
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH)**

FI Finland

Information on the requirements of the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** as International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search) is given in Annex SISA(FI), which is published on pages 20 and 21.

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified changes concerning:

– the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4) – documents may now be filed by facsimile machine, by e-mail and in electronic form on diskette, CD or DVD;

– the types of national protection available via the PCT – this protection now applies to patents and short-term patents;

– the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent – the publication of the translation into Moldovan of the international application gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages (see Art. 43(3) and Art. 19 of the Law on the Protection of Patents for Inventions); international patent applications shall be published before the expiry of a time limit of six months from the date on which the national phase was entered (see Art. 49(4) of the Law on the Protection of Patents for Inventions);

– its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the Republic of Moldova is designated (or elected) – if the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TH Thailand

General information on **Thailand** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Department of Intellectual Property (DPI)** as receiving Office, is given in Annexes B1(TH) and C(TH), which are published on pages 22 to 25.

US United States of America

Because of weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 21 December 2009.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) fell on 21 December 2009, that period was extended so as to expire on 22 December 2009.

As regards other possible excuses of delay or loss in the mail due to the above weather conditions, of documents or letters addressed to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), see PCT Rules 82.1 and 82.2.

SISA International Searching Authorities SISA
(Supplementary Search)¹
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Fees payable to the International Bureau: ²	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ³	CHF 2,574
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):	CHF 200
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	CHF 100

Fees payable to the Authority:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	The applicant receives, together with the supplementary international search report, a copy of each document cited in the report, free of charge. The fee for a second set of copies is EUR 20.

Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100%</p> <p>The Authority shall refund this fee where the Authority benefits from an earlier national search, international search, supplementary international search or international-type search already carried out by the Authority, a Nordic patent authority or the European Patent Office on an application whose priority is claimed: refund of EUR 300</p> <p>The Authority shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted before the start of the supplementary international search (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%</p>
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Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	English, Finnish and Swedish
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of subject matter which is searched under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Finnish patent law

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¹ Supplementary international search is available only for international applications for which the 19-month time limit expires on or after 1 January 2010.

² For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO web site at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

³ This fee is fixed by the Authority in euro and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the euro and the Swiss franc.

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Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	In addition to PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include at least the documents held in its search collection in: Danish, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish
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Limitations on supplementary international search:	The Authority has no current limitations on its supplementary international search services.
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Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1)?	Yes
Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?	CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

⁴ See footnote 1.

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Information on Contracting States

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THAILAND
General information

Name of Office:	Department of Intellectual Property (DIP)
Location and mailing address:	44/100 Nonthaburi 1 Road, Bangkasor, Muang, 11000 Nonthaburi, Thailand
Telephone:	(66-2) 547 4304
Facsimile machine:	(66-2) 547 4304
E-mail:	verasakm@moc.go.th
Internet:	www.ipthailand.org
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send advance copies of notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Thailand:	Department of Intellectual Property or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Thailand is designated (or elected):	Department of Intellectual Property
May Thailand be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, petty patents
Provisions of the law of Thailand concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Thailand is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Thailand is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already
complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22
or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of
receipt of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
TH **DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL** **TH**
PROPERTY (DIP)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Thailand	
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, Thai ¹	
Language in which the request may be filed:	English	
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3	
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	Yes	
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No	
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests	
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office, State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China or United States Patent and Trademark Office	
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office, ³ Korean Intellectual Property Office, State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China or United States Patent and Trademark Office ³	
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Baht (THB)	
Transmittal fee:	THB 3,000	
International filing fee: ⁴	Equivalent in THB of Swiss francs	1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁴	Equivalent in THB of Swiss francs	15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY: ²	Equivalent in THB of Swiss francs	100

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¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with the electronic file on a physical medium and the receiving Office accepts such filings, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ This Authority is competent only if the international search is or has been performed by it.

⁴ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
TH **DEPARTMENT OF INTELLECTUAL** **TH**
PROPERTY (DIP)

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Fees payable to the receiving Office
(cont'd):

Currency: Baht (THB)
 See Annex (CN), (EP), (KR) or (US)

Search fee:

THB 50

Fee for priority document
 (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):

Fee for requesting restoration of the
 right of priority
 (PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d)):

None

Is an agent required by
 the receiving Office?

No

Who can act as agent?

Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement
 that a separate power of attorney be
 submitted?

No

Has the Office waived the requirement
 that a copy of a general power of
 attorney be submitted?

No



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Further to the announcement published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 January 2010, page 7, notifying a new amount of the search fee for a search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Korean won (KRW)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, **US dollars (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2010, are CHF 2,574, KRW 2,951,000, SGD 3,550, ZAR 18,560 and USD 2,515, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 14 October 2009, are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee (including examination and publication):	EUR	50	(online)
	EUR	100	(on paper)

For utility model:

Filing fee:	EUR	50	(online)
	EUR	100	(on paper)
Examination fee:	EUR	75	(online)
	EUR	150	(on paper)

In addition, the time limit within which the applicant may still pay the national fee if this fee has not been paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) has changed from two months to one month, subject to the payment of a surcharge equal to 50% of the filing fee, also with effect since 14 October 2009.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property** has notified a reduction of 70% of the national filing fee for a patent, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, where the application is filed by an inventor who is a natural person, by a small or medium-sized enterprise, by a public academic institution or by a public sector scientific and technological research institute. This reduction has been applicable since 25 April 2008.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in the definition of a small entity to which the reduced amounts of the national filing fee for a patent and for a utility model are applicable, as follows:

A small entity is any natural or legal person whose assets are worth 100,000,000 Philippine pesos (PHP) or less, or any entity, agency, office, bureau or unit of the Philippine government, including government-owned or controlled corporations, State universities and colleges and government-owned or government-run schools.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PH), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (FORTIETH (17TH ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

In addition to the amendments to the PCT Regulations published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 21 January 2010, pages 10 *et seq.*, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved at its fortieth (17th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 22 September to 1 October 2009, a number of other changes affecting the PCT system. The said changes are outlined below.

Modifications of the Directives of the Assembly Relating to the Establishment of Equivalent Amounts of Certain Fees

These modifications will enter into force on 1 July 2010 and concern the procedure of the establishment of equivalent amounts of the search fee, the supplementary search fee, the international filing fee and the handling fee.

The text of the modified Directives is reproduced on pages 30 to 32.

Amendments of Article 11 of the agreements under PCT Article 16(3) between the International Bureau and Offices in relation to their functioning as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities

These amendments will be included in the applicable agreements with effect from a date to be agreed upon by each Authority and the Director General, and concern the time limit within which Authorities would have to notify the International Bureau of any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges, any addition of fees or charges, or any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions thereof.

The text of amended Article 11 of the agreements is reproduced on page 32.

Appointment of two new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities

The Assembly:

– appointed the Egyptian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the required Agreement with the International Bureau until December 31, 2017, and approved the text of the draft Agreement between the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology and the International Bureau,

– appointed the Israel Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority with effect from the entry into force of the required Agreement with the International Bureau until December 31, 2017, and approved the text of the draft Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau,

bringing the number of Offices which have been appointed as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities to 17.

The text of the Agreement between the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology and the International Bureau was signed on 30 September 2009, further to the adoption of the draft Agreement by the Assembly, and is reproduced as such on pages 33 to 38.

The text of the draft Agreement between the Government of Israel and the International Bureau is reproduced on pages 39 to 45.

**MODIFIED DIRECTIVES OF THE ASSEMBLY RELATING TO
THE ESTABLISHMENT OF EQUIVALENT AMOUNTS OF CERTAIN FEES**
(to enter into force on 1 July 2010)

The Assembly establishes in the following terms the directives relating to the establishment of equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, the handling fee, the search fee and the supplementary search fee (see Rules 15.2(d)(i), 16.1(d)(i), 45*bis*.3(b) and 57.2(d)(i)), it being understood that, in the light of experience, the Assembly may at any time modify these directives:

Establishment of Equivalent Amounts

(1) The equivalent amounts of the international filing fee and the handling fee in any currency other than Swiss franc, and of the search fee and the supplementary search fee in any currency other than the fixed currency, shall be established by the Director General, in the case of:

- (i) the international filing fee, after consultation with each receiving Office which prescribes payment of that fee in such currency;
- (ii) the search fee, after consultation with each receiving Office which prescribes payment of that fee in such currency;
- (iii) the handling fee, after consultation with each International Preliminary Examining Authority which prescribes payment of that fee in such currency.

In the case of the international filing fee, the search fee and the handling fee, the equivalent amounts shall be established according to the exchange rates prevailing on the day preceding the day on which the consultations are initiated by the Director General. In the case of the supplementary search fee, the equivalent amounts shall be established according to the exchange rates prevailing on the day on which the Director General receives the notification of the amount of the supplementary search fee or prevailing on the day two months prior to the entry into force of the supplementary search fee, whichever is the later.

- (2) The amounts so established shall be the equivalent, in round figures,
- (i) of the amount of the international filing fee and of the handling fee, respectively, in Swiss franc set out in the Schedule of Fees;
 - (ii) of the amount of the search fee and the supplementary search fee (if applicable) established by the International Searching Authority in the fixed currency.

They shall be notified by the International Bureau to each receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, as applicable, prescribing payment or establishing fees in the currency concerned and shall be published in the Gazette.

Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts Consequential on Changes in the Amount of the Fee Concerned

(3) Paragraphs (1) and (2) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* where the amount of the international filing fee, the handling fee, the search fee or the supplementary search fee is changed. The new equivalent amounts in the prescribed currencies shall be applied from the same date as the changed amount of the international filing fee or of the handling fee set out in the amended Schedule of Fees, or from the same date as the changed amount of the search fee or the supplementary search fee in the fixed currency.

Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts Consequential on Changes in Exchange Rates

(4) In the month of October of each year, the Director General shall, where applicable, after consultations with the Offices or Authorities referred to in paragraph (1), establish new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, the handling fee, the search fee and the supplementary search fee according to the exchange rates prevailing on the first Monday in the

month of October. Unless otherwise decided by the Director General, any adjustment under this paragraph shall enter into force on the first day of the subsequent calendar year.

(5) Where, for more than four consecutive Fridays (midday, Geneva time), the exchange rate between Swiss franc (in the case of the international filing fee and the handling fee) or the fixed currency (in the case of the search fee and the supplementary search fee) and any applicable prescribed currency is by at least 5% higher, or by at least 5% lower, than the last exchange rate applied, the Director General shall, where applicable, after consultations with the Offices or Authorities referred to in paragraph (1), establish new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, the search fee, the supplementary search fee and/or the handling fee, as applicable, according to the exchange rate prevailing on the first Monday following the expiration of the period referred to in the first sentence of this paragraph. The newly established amount shall become applicable two months after the date of its publication in the Gazette, provided that the receiving Offices or the International Preliminary Examining Authorities concerned, as applicable, and the Director General may agree on a date falling during the said two-month period, in which case the said amount shall become applicable from that date.

**AMENDED ARTICLE 11 OF THE AGREEMENTS UNDER PCT ARTICLE 16(3)
BETWEEN THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU AND OFFICES
IN RELATION TO THEIR FUNCTIONING AS INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING
AND PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

**Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE EGYPTIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
AND TECHNOLOGY
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION**

in relation to the functioning of the Egyptian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Egyptian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1
Terms and Expressions**

(1) For the purposes of this Agreement:

- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
- (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
- (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
- (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
- (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
- (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
- (g) “the Authority” means the Egyptian Patent Office;
- (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2
Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3
Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Egyptian Academy of Scientific Research and Technology written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this thirtieth day of September two thousand and nine, in two originals in the Arabic and English languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Egyptian Academy of Scientific
Research and Technology by:

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
any Contracting State;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) Arabic or English for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for any member of the League of Arab States or any African State;
 - (b) Arabic for international applications filed with any other receiving Office.

Annex B Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

subject matter which is searched or examined in Egyptian national applications.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Egyptian pounds)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,600
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,600
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,600
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,600
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58bis]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,760
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13ter.1(c) and 13ter.2)	1,600
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	8

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search taken into account in accordance with Rule 4.12, [50%] of the search fee paid shall be refunded [upon request by the applicant].

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Arabic and/or English.

**DRAFT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF ISRAEL
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION**

in relation to the functioning of the Israel Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Government of Israel and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Israel Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1
Terms and Expressions**

(1) For the purposes of this Agreement:

- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
- (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
- (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
- (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
- (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
- (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
- (g) “the Authority” means the Israel Patent Office;
- (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2
Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3
Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on a date to be notified to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization by the Authority, that date being at least one month later than the date on which the notification is made.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the Government of Israel gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Government of Israel written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], which corresponds to [date] of the Jewish year [...] in two originals in the English and Hebrew languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Government of Israel by:

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following State for which it will act:
Israel;
- (ii) the following language which it will accept:
English.

Annex B Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

subject matter which is searched or examined in Israeli national applications.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Israeli new sheqel)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[...]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[...]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[...]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[...]
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i>]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[...]
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	[...]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[...]

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(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

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Annex D
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English.



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DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect since 1 February 2010, the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 39(1)(a) may be extended up to 33 months from the priority date, provided that such extension will be deemed a late filing and involve the payment of a late filing fee, in **Egyptian pounds (EGP)**, as follows:

Between 30 and 31 months from the priority date: 1,500 EGP

Between 31 and 32 months from the priority date: 3,000 EGP

Between 32 and 33 months from the priority date: 4,500 EGP

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IS Iceland

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 25 January 2010, the **Icelandic Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 March 2010, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R, 3.5 inch diskette or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software
- EPO online filing software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated.

Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 9:00 am and 3:00 pm Monday to Friday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at +354 580 9400
- by fax at +354 580 9401
- by e-mail at postur@els.is

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.els.is).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- European Patent Office CA (www.epoline.org/portal/public)
- Icelandic CA (http://skilriki.is/media/skjol/Stefnumarkandi_krofur_1_0.pdf)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the address of the China General Microbiological Culture Collection Center (CGMCC), an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

China General Microbiological Culture Collection Center (CGMCC)
Institute of Microbiology, Chinese Academy of Sciences
No. 1, West Beichen Road
Chaoyang District
Beijing 100101
China

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

ME Montenegro

EP European Patent Organisation

Montenegro has concluded, on 13 February 2009, an agreement with the European Patent Organisation which provides for the extension of the effects of European patent applications and patents to Montenegro. The agreement enters into force on 1 March 2010. Under the agreement, it is possible to obtain patent protection in Montenegro by requesting the extension of a European patent to Montenegro. The extension procedure is also available, if the necessary requirements are met, via the PCT.

Montenegro (country code: ME) is not party to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and cannot be designated for a European patent (EP).

The extension of a European patent to Montenegro via the PCT is available in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 March 2010. A request for the extension of a European patent to Montenegro may be made if the designation of all PCT Contracting States under PCT Rule 4.9(a) in the international application is not withdrawn with respect to Montenegro under PCT Rule 90*bis*.2, and if the international filing fee is paid.

When, within 31 months (Chapter I or Chapter II of the PCT Regulations) from the priority date, the applicant enters the regional phase before the European Patent Office (EPO) and pays to the EPO the European extension fee for the extension of the European patent to Montenegro, a request for the extension of the European patent is deemed to have been made (no special indication concerning the extension should be made in the PCT request). If, however, the 31-month time limit has been missed, the extension fee may still be validly paid, with a surcharge of 50%, within a grace period of two months. The request for extension will be considered withdrawn if, upon entry into the regional phase before the EPO, the European extension fee is not paid within the applicable time limit.

The extension procedure is not available for international applications filed prior to 1 March 2010, or for any European patents resulting from such applications. For these older applications and patents, comparable effects may however be available under the cooperation and extension agreement between the former Federal Republic of Yugoslavia and the EPO which entered into force on 1 November 2004.

Further information about the extension of European patent applications and patents to Montenegro will be published in the EPO brochure “National law relating to the EPC” as soon as it is available.

[Updating of Annexes B1(ME), B2(EP) and C(EP), and of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

US United States of America

Because of weather conditions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 8 to 11 February 2010, inclusive.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on any of the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on 12 February 2010.

As regards other possible excuses of delay or loss in the mail, due to the above weather conditions, of documents or letters addressed to the Office, see PCT Rules 82.1 and 82.2.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), as well as a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d), in **pounds sterling (GBP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amounts of these fees, applicable from 1 April 2010, are GBP 75 and GBP 150, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified a change in one of the special requirements of the Office under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Portugal is no longer required if an e-mail address or facsimile number is furnished.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IS Iceland

Following the notification by the **Icelandic Patent Office** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 March 2010 (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 February 2010, pages 46 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK 24,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK 36,100

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in addition to the extension of the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 39(1)(a) (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 February 2010, page 46), and with effect since 1 February 2010, an extension of the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(1) of up to 33 months from the priority date, provided that such extension will be deemed a late filing and involve the payment of a late filing fee, in **Egyptian pounds (EGP)**, as follows:

Between 30 and 31 months from the priority date:	1,500 EGP
Between 31 and 32 months from the priority date:	3,000 EGP
Between 32 and 33 months from the priority date:	4,500 EGP

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EG), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2010, is EUR 1,024.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **European Patent Organisation (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2010. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,785 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,785 ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,760 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,760 ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e)):	
– for international applications still pending on 13 December 2007	1,180
– for international applications filed on or after 13 December 2007	790
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2)	210
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	0.75

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

² This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO’s Administrative Council of October 21, 2008 (OJ EPO 11/08, 521)).

ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2010. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,785 ⁴
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,785 ⁴
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

⁴ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of “low income”, “lower middle income” or “upper middle income”.

FI Finland

Agreement between the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁵ – Amendment to Annex C

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2010. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

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Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,785
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,785
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45bis.3(a))	1,785
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	600
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	600
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13ter.1(c) and 13ter.2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 45bis.7(c) and 71.2(b))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 May 2010, is EUR 1,119.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

⁵ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_fi.pdf.

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2010, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	EUR 1,785
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	EUR 1,785
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3(b)):	For applicants: [No change] For designated Offices: EUR 0.75 per page
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	
– for international applications still pending on 13 December 2007:	EUR 1,180
– for international applications filed on or after 13 December 2007:	EUR 790
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	EUR 210

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **pounds sterling (GBP)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Japanese yen (JPY)**, **Malawian kwacha (MWK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, **US dollars (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2010, are as follows:

CHF	2,628
DKK	13,290
GBP	1,557
ISK	317,000
JPY	225,200
MWK	359,000
NOK	14,590
NZD	3,506
SEK	18,060
SGD	3,510
USD	2,485
ZAR	18,620

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2010, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	EUR 1,760
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	EUR 1,760

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2(b)):	For applicants: [No change] For elected Offices: EUR 0.75 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	Per A4 page or smaller (delivery charge should be added if the copies are to be sent by airmail): EUR 0.75 per page
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	
– for international applications still pending on 13 December 2007:	EUR 1,180
– for international applications filed on or after 13 December 2007:	EUR 790
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	EUR 210

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2010, are EUR 1,785 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority and designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2010, are as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	[No change] plus EUR 70 per document for a patent or EUR 50 per document for a utility model
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[Updating of Annex C(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	EUR 1,785
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	EUR 1,785

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	EUR 600
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Additional preliminary examination fee
(PCT Rule 68.3(a)): EUR 600

[Updating of Annex E(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

National fee:

Basic fee: EUR 450

Basic fee for an electronically filed
application: EUR 350

Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: EUR 40

Additional fee for late furnishing
of translation or copy: EUR 125

Annual fees for the first three years: EUR 200

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (FI), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(a)), in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2010, is CHF 2,628.

[Updating of Annex SISA(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom – Corrigendum

The **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)** has notified an inaccuracy relating to the date of entry into force of the new amount of the transmittal fee and of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority, payable to it as receiving Office, published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 February 2010, page 52. These fees are applicable from 6 April 2010.

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, and of new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** and **US dollars (USD)**, applicable from 1 April 2010 and payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows:

Search fee:	SEK	18,060
	CHF	2,628
	DKK	13,290
	EUR	1,785
	ISK	317,000
	NOK	14,590
	USD	2,485

Additional search fee: SEK 18,060

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(a)), in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2010, is CHF 2,628.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

LR Liberia

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

Liberia deposited, on 24 December 2009, its instrument of accession to the **Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the Framework of the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) (Harare Protocol)** and will become bound by that Protocol on 24 March 2010. Thus, from 24 March 2010, it will be possible for applicants to designate Liberia in their international applications also for the purposes of obtaining an ARIPO patent, and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent, as at present.

Moreover, from 24 March 2010, nationals and residents of Liberia will be able to file international applications with ARIPO as receiving Office, in addition to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Bureau of Archives, Patents, Trade Marks and Copyright (Liberia) or the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B1(LR), B2(AP) and C(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2010, is EUR 782.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2010, is EUR 1,534.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

New amounts in **Danish kroner (DKK)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) payable to the **Nordic Patent Institute** as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2010, are DKK 13,290 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

JP Japan

Under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, (i) on 22 December 2009, of the introduction of an Internet version of its electronic filing software JPO PAS, in addition to the ISDN version, with effect from 1 January 2010, and (ii) on 18 January 2010, of the withdrawal of the ISDN version with effect from 1 April 2010. Consequently, the following notification will replace the previous notifications published in PCT Gazette No. 50/2006, pages 19184 *et seq.*, and in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 26 June 2008, page 92, with effect from 1 April 2010.

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
 - (a) JISX 0208
 - (b) Shift-JIS
 - (c) IBM943-Unicode3.0/UTF-8 table in IBM AIX
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2 and Annex C)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JFIF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

For PCT-SAFE software:

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5)

For JPO PAS (Internet version):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

For PCT-SAFE software:

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

For JPO PAS (Internet version):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software
- JPO PAS (Internet version)

As to types of electronic signatures (Section 710(a)(i)):

For PCT-SAFE software:

- text string signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

For JPO PAS (Internet version):

- text string signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

For PCT-SAFE software:

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the above-mentioned means of transmittal or document packaging that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates, applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic or certain missing files are notified to the applicant by issuing an error message.

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

For JPO PAS (Internet version):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the above-mentioned means of transmittal or document packaging that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates, applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic or certain missing files are notified to the applicant by issuing an error message.

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As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The following means of payment are accepted, provided that the acceptable means depend on the kind of fees: (i) payment by JPO's deposit account, (ii) payment by patent revenue stamps, (iii) payment to the Japan's national treasury with the evidence to certify the payment, or (iv) payment by bank transfers.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a support center for online filing.

The task of this support center is to answer questions from users of the service for the online filing of patents, and to serve as a technical hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

For PCT-SAFE software:

This support center is open from Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays, from 9 am until 8 pm, and it may be contacted:

- by phone, at +81 (0)3 5575 5004

For JPO PAS (Internet version):

This support center is open from Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays, from 9 am until 8 pm, and it may be contacted:

- by phone, at +81 (0)3 5744 8534
- by fax, at +81 (0)3 3582 0510

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept no filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information on its website (www.jpo.go.jp) concerning the availability of online filing systems.

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

For PCT-SAFE software:

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Registrar of Legal Affairs Bureau
(www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/CERTIFICATION/index.html)
- The Japan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ca.jcci.or.jp/index.html)
- Japan Certification Services, Inc. (www.jcsinc.co.jp)
- Secom Trust Systems Co., Ltd. (www.secomtrust.net/service/ninsyo/forgid.html)
- ChudenCTI Co., Ltd. (repository.cti.co.jp)

For JPO PAS (Internet version):

- Registrar of Legal Affairs Bureau
(www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/CERTIFICATION/index.html)
- The Japan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ca.jcci.or.jp/index.html)
- Japan Certification Services, Inc. (www.jcsinc.co.jp)
- Secom Trust Systems Co., Ltd. (www.secomtrust.net/service/ninsyo/forgid.html)
- ChudenCTI Co., Ltd. (repository.cti.co.jp)
- Shikoku Electric Power Co., Inc. (www.yonden.co.jp/business/ninsho/index.html)
- Nippon Denshi Ninsho Co., Ltd. (www.ninsho.co.jp/aosign/index.html)
- Miroku Jyoho Service Co., Ltd. (ca.mjs.co.jp)
- Teikoku Databank, Ltd. (www.tdb.co.jp/typeA/index.html)
- e-Probatio CA (www.e-probatio.com)
- Japannet Corporation (www.japannet.jp/ca/index.html)
- Tohoku Information Systems Co., Inc. (<https://www.toinx.net/ebs/info.html>)
- JPki (www.jpki.go.jp)
- GPki (www.gpki.go.jp)
- LGPki (www.lgpki.jp)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49.6(f)

GB United Kingdom

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49.6(f) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2003, page 2526), the United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office), in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 January 2005. PCT Rule 49.6(a) to (e) therefore applies with effect from that date.



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ST Sao Tome and Principe

The **Industrial Property National Service (SENAPI)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which now read as follows:

Telephone:	(239) 222 28 03, 222 68 10
Facsimile machine:	(239) 222 18 43, 222 24 27, 222 41 79

[Updating of Annex B1(ST) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2010, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	115
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	45
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR	580

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, applicable from 1 April 2010. The consolidated list of the said components should read as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:

- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online: EUR 105
- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online: EUR 190

Additional fee for pages in excess of 35:
for the 36th and each subsequent page: EUR 13

Designation fee for one or more EPO Contracting States designated: EUR 525

Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro or Serbia):	EUR	102
Claims fee:		
– for the 16 th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50:	EUR	210
– for the 51 st and each subsequent claim:	EUR	525
Search fee:		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR	800
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,105
Fee for further processing:		
– in the event of late payment of a fee:		50% of the relevant fee
– other cases:	EUR	225
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing:	EUR	210
Examination fee:		
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,645
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up:	EUR	1,645
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR	1,480
Renewal fee for the third year:	EUR	420

The Office has also notified a new amount of the reduction of the search fee component of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which the international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, or in accordance with the Protocol on centralization by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2010, is EUR 940, and applies to international applications filed up to and including 30 June 2013, where the fee for the supplementary European search is paid on or after 1 April 2010.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

New equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	KRW 1,453,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	KRW 16,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	KRW 109,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	KRW 328,000

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. The consolidated table of requirements reads as follows:

<p>Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:</p>		<p>Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned</p>
<p>the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)</p>	<p>any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column</p>	
<p>None</p>	<p>At the time of filing</p>	<p>To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material</p>

Deposits with CNCM can be made under the Budapest Treaty or, as far as the deposits of cell cultures, mycoplasma and rickettsiae are concerned, under a bilateral agreement with the EPO.

If the applicant wishes that, until the publication of the mention of the grant of a European patent or for 20 years from the date of filing if the application is refused or withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn, the biological material shall be made available as provided in Rule 33(1) of the European Patent Convention (EPC) only by the issue of a sample to an expert nominated by the requester (EPC Rule 32(1)), the applicant must, by a written statement, inform the International Bureau accordingly before completion of technical preparations for publication of the international application. Such a statement must be separate from the description and the claims of the international application and must preferably be made on Form PCT/RO/134, referred to in Section 209 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT and available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/ro/editable/ed_ro134.pdf.

WARNING: Where the invention involves the use of or concerns biological material which is not available to the public at the date of filing the application and which has been deposited by a person other than the applicant, the reference to such a deposit must include the name and address of the depositor and a statement that the latter has authorized the applicant to refer to the deposited biological material in the application and has given his unreserved and irrevocable consent to the deposited material being made available to the public in accordance with EPC Rule 31(1)(d). Applicants are reminded that these indications (the name and address of the depositor, and the statement) must be furnished to the International Bureau within the applicable time limit under PCT Rule 13bis.4, that is, within 16 months from the priority date of the international application (this period is deemed to have been met if these indications are furnished before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed) or, if the applicant makes a request for early publication under PCT Article 21(2)(b), up to the date on which such a request is made. The failure to meet this time limit cannot be remedied upon entry into the European phase neither by re-establishment of rights nor by further processing. As a result, the application may have to be refused under EPC Article 97(2) in the course of examination proceedings for insufficient disclosure (EPC Article 83).

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

Lady Mary Fairfax CellBank Australia (CBA)
214 Hawkesbury Rd
Westmead, NSW 2145
Australia

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AL Albania

EP European Patent Organisation

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Moreover, from 1 May 2010, nationals and residents of Albania will be able to file international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, in addition to the Albanian Patent Office or the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B1(AL), B2(EP) and C(EP), and of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CO Colombia

Due to the automation of its documents system, the **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business from 29 to 31 March 2010, inclusive.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the Office fell on any of the aforementioned days, that period was extended so as to expire on the next working day, that is, on 5 April 2010.

As regards other possible excuses of delay or loss in the mail, due to the above reason, of documents or letters addressed to the Office, see PCT Rules 82.1 and 82.2.



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TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property (DPI)** has specified the Japan Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Thailand with the Department of Intellectual Property (DPI) as receiving Office, with effect from 15 April 2010.

[Updating of Annex C(TH) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments enter into force on 15 April 2010. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea and Thailand;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea and Thailand;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [no change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Philippines or Thailand:
English;
 - (c) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.



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AU Australia

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the Swiss franc (CHF) is not the official currency. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2010, is CHF 1,553.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2010, is EUR 788.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2010, is CHF 1,666.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2010, are as follows:

For international applications filed in English: EUR 834

For international applications filed in Korean: EUR 290

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD 1,370
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD 15
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	AUD 103
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD 206
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD 309

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD 1,278
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD 14
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	CAD 96
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CAD 192
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CAD 288

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AG Antigua and Barbuda

The **Intellectual Property and Commerce Office** has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Antigua and Barbuda with the Intellectual Property and Commerce Office as receiving Office, with effect since 14 April 2010.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a change in one of the special requirements of the Office under PCT Rule 51*bis*. The Office may require the address, nationality and residence of the applicant if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD or DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 26*bis*.3

IS Iceland

Under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(i), the **Icelandic Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26*bis*.3(d), in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amount of this fee is ISK 20,000.

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2010, is KRW 2,601,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2010, is NZD 2,062.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the PCT Applicant's Guide]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has stated its preparedness to carry out supplementary international searches. The amended Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of WIPO containing provisions concerning supplementary international search (see Articles 3(4) and 11(3)(iv), Annex C, Parts I and II, and Annex E thereof), as well as amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) notified in accordance with Article 11(1) thereof, will enter into force on 1 July 2010 and is set out on pages 89 to 97.

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(D) AND 90.5(C)

EP European Patent Organisation

Following the statement by the **European Patent Office (EPO)** of its preparedness to carry out supplementary international searches (see above), and under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the Office has informed the International Bureau that, in its capacity as Authority competent to carry out supplementary international searches, it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney, with effect from 1 July 2010.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

The Office, acting in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, Authority competent to carry out supplementary international searches and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has also indicated particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is required, applicable from 1 July 2010, as follows:

- if a procedural act is performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record, or if both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative;
- if there is doubt as to whether the agent or common representative is entitled to act.

[Updating of Annexes C, D and E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN PATENT ORGANISATION
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the European Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the European Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1
Terms and Expressions**

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;

- (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
- (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
- (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
- (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
- (g) “the Authority” means the European Patent Office;
- (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 **Basic Obligations**

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement, that such application is not an application of a kind specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement, that such application is not an application of a kind specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis*, covering at least the documentation referred to in Annex E to this Agreement, subject to any limitations and conditions set out in that Annex.

Article 4 Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5 Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6 Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7 Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8 International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9 Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on December 13, 2007.

Article 10 Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11 Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications and information concerning supplementary international searches contained in Annex E to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the European Patent Organisation gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the European Patent Organisation written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

Annex A
Languages and Kinds of Application

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following languages which it will accept:
English, French, German, and, where the receiving Office is the industrial property Office of Belgium or the Netherlands, Dutch;
- (ii) the following kinds of application for which it will not act:
 - (a) as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority, international applications filed by a national or resident of the United States of America with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the International Bureau as receiving Office, where such applications contain one or more claims relating to the field of business methods, as defined by the following International Patent Classification units:
 - G06Q:
Data processing systems or methods, specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes; Systems or methods specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes, not otherwise provided for
 - G06Q 10/00:
Administration, e.g. office automation or reservations; Management, e.g. resource or project management
 - G06Q 30/00:
Commerce, e.g. marketing, shopping, billing, auctions or e-commerce
 - G06Q 40/00:
Finance, e.g. banking, investment or tax processing; Insurance, e.g. risk analysis or pensions
 - G06Q 50/00:
Systems or methods specially adapted for a specific business sector, e.g. health care, utilities, tourism or legal services
 - G06Q 90/00:
Systems or methods specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes, not involving significant data processing
 - G06Q 99/00:
Subject matter not provided for in other groups of this subclass
 - (b) as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, international applications where the international search is to be, or has been, performed by an International Searching Authority other than the European Patent Office or the industrial property Office of a State party to the European Patent Convention.

Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined under the European patent grant procedure in application of the equivalent provisions of the European Patent Convention.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,785 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,785 ¹
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	1,785
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,760 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,760 ¹
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e)):	
– for international applications still pending on December 13, 2007	1,180
– for international applications filed on or after December 13, 2007	790
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	790
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	210

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall, upon request, be fully refunded.

¹ This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of October 21, 2008 (OJ EPO 11/08, 521)).

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search (including a privately commissioned “standard” search) already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application and depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from the earlier search in carrying out the international search and any other task entrusted to it, the search fee paid shall be refunded, to the extent provided for in a communication from the Authority to the International Bureau and published in the Gazette.²

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, 75% of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be refunded.

(6) The Authority may provide further refunds of the international preliminary examination fee under the conditions and to the extent laid down by it.

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under Rule 45*bis*.5(g).

(8) The Authority shall refund the supplementary search fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or the supplementary search request.

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English, French or German, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

Annex E Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in, or translations furnished into, English, French or German.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover the documents held in the search collection of the Authority, including, but not limited to, the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34.

² *Editor’s Note:* See *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* of March 26, 2009, page 62.

(3) The Authority will not act for the kinds of application mentioned in Annex A, item (ii)(a) to this Agreement.

(4) Where applicable, the Authority shall start the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a) only if a copy of a sequence listing in electronic form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions is furnished under Rule 45*bis*.1(c)(ii) and thereafter transmitted to it under Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(iii).

(5) The Authority will conduct a maximum of 700 supplementary international searches per year.

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RU Russian Federation

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **euro (EUR)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the euro (EUR) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the euro (EUR) is not the official currency. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2010, is EUR 344.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.2

IS Iceland

Under PCT Rule 49ter.2(g), the **Icelandic Patent Office**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 49ter.2(d), in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee is ISK 20,000.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2010, is SGD 3,160.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2010, is EUR 1,123.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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BR Brazil

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2010, is CHF 1,192.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established new equivalent amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for international applications filed in English and in Korean, in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the Swiss franc (CHF) is not the official currency. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2010, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) (for international applications filed in English):	CHF 1,262
Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) (for international applications filed in Korean):	CHF 437

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 August 2010, is KRW 1,151,000.

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AT Austria

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 August 2010, is CHF 2,381.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

A new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(e). This amount, applicable from August 15, 2010, is KRW 206,000.

[Updating of Annex E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

OM Oman

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Oman with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect from 17 June 2010.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments enter into force on 17 June 2010. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America and,
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Oman, Peru, Philippines, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (iii) [no change]”

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AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified a new amount, in **euro (EUR)**, of the fee for the priority document payable to it as receiving Office, which will change from a page-dependent fee to a flat-rate fee. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2010, is EUR 100.

[Updating of Annex C(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the document fee (*Schriftengebühr*) for patents and for utility models, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, also applicable from 1 July 2010, is EUR 50.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Moreover, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2010, is USD 2,094.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2010, is EUR 1,210.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2010, is EUR 249.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DK Denmark

New equivalent amounts in **Danish kroner (DKK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 15 August 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	DKK 7,060
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	DKK 80
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	DKK 530
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	DKK 1,060
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	DKK 1,590

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2010, is SGD 3,070.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

New equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SGD 1,633
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SGD 18
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	SGD 123

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2010, is CHF 2,411.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

AU Australia

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Article 11

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.² These amendments enter into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

**“Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Article 11

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.² These amendments enter into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_au.pdf.

² See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

**“Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 411 and 613 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2010.

The modifications to Section 411 are in line with the modifications to the Administrative Instructions to implement PCT Rule 17.1(b-*bis*) allowing the applicant to request that priority documents be obtained by receiving Offices and the International Bureau from digital libraries, which entered into force on 1 January 2010 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 January 2010, pages 2 *et seq.*). The modifications to Section 613 are consequential to amendments of the Regulations under the PCT (renumbering of PCT Rule 57.6, which became PCT Rule 57.4) which enter into force on July 1, 2010 (see the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 21 January 2010, pages 10 *et seq.*).

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/11) as in force from 1 July 2010 is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/pdf/ai_11.pdf.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

(as in force from 1 July 2010)

Section 411

Receipt of Priority Document

(a) The International Bureau shall, in respect of any priority document received or obtained by it, record the date on which the priority document has been received or obtained by it, and notify the applicant and the designated Offices accordingly. The notification should indicate whether the priority document was or was not submitted, transmitted or obtained in compliance with Rule 17.1(a), (b) or (b-*bis*), and with respect to the designated Offices, should preferably be made together with the notification under Rule 47.1(a-*bis*).

(b) Where the priority document has been submitted, transmitted or obtained but not in compliance with Rule 17.1(a), (b) or (b-*bis*), the International Bureau shall, in the notification under paragraph (a) of this Section, direct the attention of the applicant and the designated Offices to the provisions of Rule 17.1(c).

Section 613

Invitation to Submit a Request for Refund of Fees under Rule 57.4 or 58.3

The International Preliminary Examining Authority may, before making a refund under Rule 57.4 or 58.3, first invite the applicant to submit a request for the refund.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

A new equivalent amount in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(e). This amount, applicable from 1 September 2010, is CAD 185.

[Updating of Annex E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

New equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	EUR 950
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 11
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	EUR 71
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 143
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 214

[Updating of Annexes C(AT), C(BA), C(BE), C(CZ), C(DE), C(EP), C(ES), C(FI), C(FR), C(GR), C(IB), C(IE), C(IT), C(LT), C(LU), C(LV), C(MC), C(NL), C(PT), C(SI), and C(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2010, is NZD 3,305.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israeli sheqalim (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office,

respectively. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2010, are ILS 534 and ILS 1,024, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) and of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 104,900
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,200
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	JPY 7,900
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY 23,700

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan **IB International Bureau**

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2010, are CHF 1,230 and EUR 878, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified changes with relation to the transmittal fee and to the national fee, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. These fees are subject to a national tax of 16% since 2 January 2010.

[Updating of Annex C(MX) and of the National Chapter, Summary (MX), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD	1,147
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	13
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	USD	86
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	USD	86
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	173
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	259

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CO), C(CR), C(CU), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(GT), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(KE), C(KG), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(NI), C(PG), C(PH), C(RU), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(US), C(UZ), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2010, is EUR 1,736.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH)

EP European Patent Organisation

Information on the requirements of the **European Patent Office (EPO)** as International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search) is given in Annex SISA(EP), which is published on pages 119 to 121.

SISA International Searching Authorities SISA
(Supplementary Search)
EP EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO) EP

Fees payable to the International Bureau: ¹	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ²	CHF 2,628
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):	CHF 200
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	CHF 100
Fees payable to the Authority:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	EUR 790
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rules 13ter.1(c) and 45bis.5(c)):	EUR 210
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100%</p> <p>The Authority shall refund this fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with PCT Rule 45bis.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted under PCT Rule 45bis.5(g).</p> <p>The Authority shall refund this fee if, after receipt of the documents specified in PCT Rule 45bis.4(e)(i) to (iv), but before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with PCT Rule 45bis.5(a), it is notified of the withdrawal of the international application or of the supplementary search request.</p>
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	English, French, German
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is searched under the European patent grant procedure
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	In addition to PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include the documents held in its search collection.

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¹ For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO web site at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

² This fee is fixed by the Authority in euro and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the euro and the Swiss franc.

SISA **International Searching Authorities** **SISA**
(Supplementary Search)

EP **EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)** **EP**

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Limitations on supplementary international search:

The Authority will not search international applications filed by a national or a resident of the United States of America with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the International Bureau as receiving Office where such applications contain one or more claims relating to business methods.³

Where applicable, the Authority shall start the supplementary international search in accordance with PCT Rule 45*bis*.5(a) only if a copy of a sequence listing in electronic form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions is furnished under PCT Rule 45*bis*.1(c)(ii) and thereafter transmitted to it under PCT Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(iii).

The Authority will conduct a maximum of 700 supplementary international searches per year.

Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rules 13*ter*.1 and 45*bis*.5(c))?

Yes

Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?

CD-ROM (type: ISO/IEC 10149:1995, 120 mm CD-ROM; format: ISO 9660, 650 MB)

CD-R (type: 120 mm CD-Recordable Disk; format: ISO 9660, 650 MB)

DVD (type: ISO/IEC 16448:1999, 120 mm DVD—Read-Only Disk; format: 4.7 GB, conforming to either ISO 9660 or OSTA UDF (1.02 and higher))

DVD-R (type: Standard ECMA-279, 120 mm (3.95 GB per side)—DVD-Recordable; format: 3.95 GB, conforming to either ISO 9660 or OSTA UDF (1.02 and higher))

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³ The relevant field of business methods is defined in the International Patent Classification subclasses set out in the *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 6 May 2010, page 94 or OJ EPO 5/2010, pages 311 and 312.

SISA **International Searching Authorities** **SISA**
(Supplementary Search)

EP **EUROPEAN PATENT OFFICE (EPO)** **EP**

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where procedural acts are performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record, or if both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative; or in case of doubt as to the agent's or the common representative's entitlement to act.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes⁴

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where procedural acts are performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record, or if both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative; or in case of doubt as to the agent's or the common representative's entitlement to act.

⁴ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4, see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).

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CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. This amount, applicable from 15 September 2010, is CHF 351.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Japanese yen (JPY)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 15 September 2010, are ISK 278,000, JPY 195,800 and USD 2,185, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 September 2010, is USD 2,185.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable from 15 September 2010, is USD 2,185.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 15 September 2010, is USD 2,185.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute
IB International Bureau

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute** for the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 15 September 2010, is USD 2,185.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2010, are AUD 1,900 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **National Institute of Industrial Property**. This amount, applicable from 15 September 2010, is EUR 869.

[Updating of Annex D(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 15 September 2010, is ZAR 16,600.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect since 1 April 2010.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

AT Austria

Agreement between the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Article 11

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.² These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

**“Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_at.pdf.

² See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

AU Australia

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 August 2010. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Australian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,900
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,900
Preliminary Examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	[No change]
– in other cases	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94), per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_au.pdf.

CA Canada

Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁴ – Amendment to Article 11

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.⁵ These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

**“Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

⁴ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ca.pdf.

⁵ See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

CN China

Agreement between the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁶ – Amendment to Article 11

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.⁷ These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

**“Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

⁶ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_cn.pdf.

⁷ See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

FI Finland

Agreement between the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁸ – Amendment to Article 11

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.⁹ These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

**“Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

⁸ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_fi.pdf.

⁹ See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

SE Sweden

Agreement between the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹⁰ – Amendment to Article 11

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.¹¹ These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

**“Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

¹⁰ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_se.pdf.

¹¹ See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹² – Amendment to Article 11

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.¹³ These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

**“Article 11
Amendment**

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

¹² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

¹³ See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	151,800
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK	1,700
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	ISK	11,400
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	ISK	22,800
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	ISK	34,200

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2010, is KRW 1,295,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

A new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(e). This amount, applicable from 1 October 2010, is USD 175.

[Updating of Annex E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers and e-mail addresses, which now read as follows:

Telephone: (44-1633) 81 45 86 (for international applications)
(44-1633) 81 40 00 (operator service)
(44-3000) 20 00 15 (Minicom number for deaf or hard of hearing)

E-mail: pct@ipo.gov.uk (for PCT enquiries only)
information@ipo.gov.uk (for general enquiries only)

[Updating of Annex B1(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia EP European Patent Organisation

Serbia deposited, on 15 July 2010, its instrument of accession to the **European Patent Convention (EPC)** and will become bound by that Convention on 1 October 2010. Thus, from 1 October 2010, it will be possible for applicants to designate Serbia in their international applications also for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent, as at present.

Moreover, from 1 October 2010, nationals and residents of Serbia will be able to file international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, in addition to the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) or the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B1(RS), B2(EP) and C(EP), and of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2010, is ZAR 15,730.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Further to the announcement published in the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 22 July 2010, page 126, notifying a new amount of the search fee for a search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Korean won (KRW)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, **US dollars (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, applicable since 1 August 2010, are CHF 1,730, EUR 1,311, KRW 1,970,000, NZD 2,334, SGD 2,240, USD 1,605 and ZAR 12,300, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2010, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 71	USD 86
Fee for priority document (PCT Rules 17.1(b) and 21.2):	EUR 36	USD 43
	Supplement for airmail:	
	EUR [No change]	USD 9

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 15 September 2010, is ISK 278,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 8,990
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 100
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ZAR 680

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Article 11

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.² These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

“Article 11 Amendment

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

² See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. The consolidated table of requirements reads as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	At the time of filing	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material

Deposits with CNCM can be made under the Budapest Treaty or, as far as the deposits of cell cultures, mycoplasma and rickettsiae are concerned, under a bilateral agreement with the EPO.

If the applicant wishes that, until the publication of the mention of the grant of a European patent or for 20 years from the date of filing if the application is refused or withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn, the biological material shall be made available as provided in Rule 33(1) of the European Patent Convention (EPC) only by the issue of a sample to an expert nominated by the requester (EPC Rule 32(1)), the applicant must, by a written statement, inform the International Bureau accordingly before completion of technical preparations for publication of the international application where such publication takes place in one of the EPO official languages, i.e., English, French or German. Such a statement must be separate from the description and the claims of the international application and must preferably be made on Form PCT/RO/134, referred to in Section 209 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT and available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/ro/editable/ed_ro134.pdf.

WARNING: Where the invention involves the use of or concerns biological material which is not available to the public at the date of filing the application and which has been deposited by a person other than the applicant, the reference to such a deposit must include the name and address of the depositor and a statement that the latter has authorized the applicant to refer to the deposited biological material in the application and has given his unreserved and irrevocable consent to the

deposited material being made available to the public in accordance with EPC Rule 31(1)(d). Applicants are reminded that these indications (the name and address of the depositor, and the statement) must be furnished to the International Bureau within the applicable time limit under PCT Rule 13*bis*.4, that is, within 16 months from the priority date of the international application (this period is deemed to have been met if these indications are furnished before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed) or, if the applicant makes a request for early publication under PCT Article 21(2)(b), up to the date on which such a request is made. The failure to meet this time limit cannot be remedied upon entry into the European phase neither by re-establishment of rights nor by further processing. As a result, the application may have to be refused under EPC Article 97(2) in the course of examination proceedings for insufficient disclosure (EPC Article 83).

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **Swedish kronor (SEK)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2010, are CHF 2,375 and SEK 16,830.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

A new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(e). This amount, applicable from 1 October 2010, is USD 175.

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Article 11

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.² These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

“Article 11 Amendment

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

² See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Agreement between the Nordic Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Article 11

The **Nordic Patent Institute** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Article 11(2) and (4) thereof.⁴ These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2010. The amended Article 11 reads as follows:

“Article 11 Amendment

(1) [No change]

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; and, notwithstanding paragraph (4), they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) [No change]

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any change in the currency or amount of fees or charges contained in Annex C, for any addition of new fees or charges, and for any change in the conditions for and the extent of refunds or reductions of fees contained in Annex C, that date is at least two months later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.”

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_xn.pdf.

⁴ See also the Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 February 2010, pages 29, 30 and 32.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified the following e-mail address: info@dpma.de.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes concerning the provisions relating to provisional protection after international publication – where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent and the international application is published in one of the EPO official languages, the applicant may claim compensation appropriate to the circumstances, on condition that the national requirements (that a translation of the claims in the application be published or transmitted to a possible user) have been met (see Article II, Sections 1 and 2, of the Law on International Patent Treaties).

[Updating of Annex B1(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-ROM or DVD.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R, CD-ROM, DVD or DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical medium: 3.5 inch diskette.

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material – the provisions relating to the time (if any) earlier than 16 months from the priority date by which the applicant must furnish the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) are now contained in Sections 1(1), No. 3, and 3(2) of the Ordinance on the Deposit of Biological Material [*BioMatHintV*].

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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SG Singapore

New equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SGD1,737
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SGD 20
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	SGD 131

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD 1,277
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD 14
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	USD 96
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	USD 96
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 192
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 288

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** for the purposes of certain receiving

Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the Swiss franc (CHF) is not the official currency. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2010, is CHF 2,166.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(e). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2010, is USD 192.

[Updating of Annex E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2010, is EUR 1,629.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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SV El Salvador

The **National Center of Registries** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which now read as follows:

Telephone: (503) 22 618 608, 22 618 464,
22 618 657

Facsimile machine: (503) 22 607 748, 22 610 813

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if El Salvador is designated (or elected) – if they have not been given within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement.

[Updating of Annex B1(SV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 October 2009, are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee:

- up to 10 claims: EUR 60
- for each additional claim: EUR 30

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (DE), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2009, are as follows:

For patent:

Fee for request for examination: KRW 130,000 plus
KRW 40,000 for each claim

Annual fees from the first
to the third year, per year: KRW 15,000 plus
KRW 13,000 for each claim

For utility model:

Fee for request for examination:	KRW 65,000 plus KRW 17,000 for each claim
Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year:	KRW 12,000 plus KRW [unchanged] for each claim

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

A new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(d)(i). This amount, applicable from 1 November 2010, is USD 192.

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, and a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, applicable from 1 October 2010 and payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows:

Search fee:	SEK 16,830 CHF 2,375
Additional search fee:	SEK 16,830

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2010, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD 1,277
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD 14
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	USD 96
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	USD 96

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD	192
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD	288

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CL), C(CO), C(CR), C(CU), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(GT), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(KE), C(KG), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(NI), C(PE), C(PG), C(PH), C(RU), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(UZ), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified the International Bureau of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

VTT Culture Collection (VTTCC)
VTT Technical Research Centre of Finland
Tietotie 2
Espoo
Finland

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a)

ES Spain

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(a) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, page 15986), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 October 2010. PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 therefore apply from that date.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 1 August 2010, is AUD 340.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (AU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH)

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that it carries out supplementary international searches with effect since 1 August 2010.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(a), the **Austrian Patent Office** as Authority specified for supplementary search (see above) has notified the following amounts of the supplementary search fee, established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, applicable since 1 August 2010:

For a search of the European and North American documentation only:	CHF 1,667
For a search of the German-language documentation only:	CHF 1,190
For a search of the PCT minimum documentation only:	CHF 2,381

ES Spain

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** as an International Searching Authority for the purposes of those receiving Offices which have prescribed the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment for an international search by that Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2010, is CHF 2,375.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2010, is CHF 2,375.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2010, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	USD 96
Fee for priority document (PCT Rules 17.1(b) and 21.2):	USD 48
	Supplement for airmail: USD 10

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2010, is CHF 2,375.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 26bis.3

DO Dominican Republic

Under PCT Rule 26bis.3(i), the **National Office of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(DO) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES RECEIVING OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property** has notified changes in its telephone number, which now reads: (809) 567 74 74 (extensions 3451, 3454).

In addition, the Office has notified changes concerning:

- the types of national protection available via the PCT – this protection now applies to patents of invention and utility models;
- its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the Dominican Republic is designated (or elected) – if the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(DO) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

HN Honduras

General information on **Honduras** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Directorate General of Intellectual Property** as receiving Office, is given in Annexes B1(HN) and C(HN), which are published on pages 165 to 168.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

Information on the requirements of the **National Office of Industrial Property** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (DO), which is published on pages 169 and 170.

SV El Salvador

Information on the requirements of the **National Center of Registries** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (SV), which is published on page 171.

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

HN Honduras

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Directorate General of Intellectual Property with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (these institutions are indicated further in this Annex and notifications related thereto may be consulted under www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/) and with any depositary institution recognized by the Office.		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

B1 Information on Contracting States B1

HN HONDURAS HN

General information

Name of Office:	Dirección General de Propiedad Intelectual Directorate General of Intellectual Property
Location and mailing address:	Edificio anexo San José, Boulevard Kuwait, 3er piso, Tegucigalpa, Honduras
Telephone:	(504) 235 52 79, 235 52 97
Facsimile machine:	(504) 239 72 90
E-mail:	digepih@gmail.com
Internet:	www.digepih.webs.com
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine or electronic mail
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
Does the Office send notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Honduras:	Directorate General of Intellectual Property or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Honduras is designated (or elected):	Directorate General of Intellectual Property
May Honduras be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Honduras concerning international-type search:	Decree No. 12-99E of the Industrial Property Law of 18 December 1999 and Decree No. 16-2006 of the Implementation of Free Trade Treaty Law of 15 March 2006
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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B1 **Information on Contracting States** **B1**

HN **HONDURAS** **HN**

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Information of interest if Honduras is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Honduras is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time
limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite
the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of
two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
HN **DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF** **HN**
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Honduras
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Spanish
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	Yes
Types of physical media accepted by the receiving Office:	CD-ROM, DVD
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 200
International filing fee: ³	USD 1,147 (1,277) ⁴
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	USD 13 (14) ⁴
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY: ²	USD 86 (96) ⁴
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (ES)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 50
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD 50

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¹ Depending on the applicant’s choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with the electronic file on a physical medium and the receiving Office accepts such filings, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 November 2010.

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
HN **DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF** **HN**
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	Yes
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney registered in Honduras
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

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**NATIONAL OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY**

DO

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Spanish
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Dominican peso (DOP) For patent: Filing fee: ¹ DOP 8,002 For utility model: Filing fee: ¹ DOP 6,060
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	The fees are reduced by up to 90% where the applicant is the inventor and he provides a declaration indicating that his economic situation prevents him from paying the full amount of the fees.
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{2,3} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant ³ Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent ^{2,3} Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application ^{2,3} Translation of the international application to be furnished in two copies ³ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the Dominican Republic Power of attorney if an agent is appointed Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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**NATIONAL OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY**

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Who can act as agent?

Any natural or legal person resident in the Dominican Republic

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49*ter.2*)?

Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care”
criteria to such requests

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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NATIONAL CENTER OF REGISTRIES

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Spanish
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: US dollar (USD) Filing fee: ¹ USD 57.14
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{2,3} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant ³ Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies ³ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in El Salvador Power of attorney if an agent is appointed Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney registered in El Salvador
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria.

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

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RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3 AND 49ter.2

CR Costa Rica

Under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Registry of Industrial Property**, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(CR) and of the National Chapter, Summary (CR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property** has notified a change in its Internet address, which now reads as follows:

www.rnp.go.cr/propiedad_industrial/propiedad_industrial_informacion_general.htm

In addition, the Office has notified a change concerning its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Costa Rica is designated (or elected) – if not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property** has notified changes concerning:

– the reduction of the national filing fee for a patent, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, where the application is filed by an inventor who is a natural person, by a small or medium-sized enterprise, by a public academic institution or by a public sector scientific and technological research institute – this reduction now amounts to 30%;

– the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee – refunds of up to 50% may be possible (see Article 14 of the Regulations, Law No. 6867).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the following changes to its notification pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see PCT Gazette No. 03/2004, pages 1732 *et seq.*), applicable from 15 October 2010:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- ASCII (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available through the Office’s website (www.oepm.es). Applicants wishing to use this facility should refer to the Office’s website for further details prior to entering payment information into the PCT-SAFE software.”

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b)

ES Spain

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(b) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, page 15988), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 1 October 2010. PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 therefore apply since that date.

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DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(a)(i), the **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of the following notification, which will replace the notification published in PCT Gazette No. 49/1996, page 21263, with effect from 1 January 2011:

“In accordance with PCT Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(iv), where an invention involves the use of or concerns biological material which is not available to the public at the time of filing the international application, the following additional matter should be indicated by any applicant willing to enter the regional phase before the EPO as designated or elected Office:

1. to the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material should be mentioned (see EPC Rule 31(1)(b)); and

2. where the biological material has been deposited by a person other than the applicant with a recognized depository institution (see EPC Rule 31(1)(d)),

(a) the name and the address of the depositor should be stated in the application, and

(b) a statement that the depositor has authorised the applicant to refer to the deposited biological material in the application and has given his unreserved and irrevocable consent to the deposited material being made available to the public in accordance with EPC Rule 33 should be included in the submission.

These indications must be submitted within the applicable time limit under PCT Rule 13*bis*.4 (that is, generally, within 16 months from the priority date). Upon entry into the European phase, that time limit will usually already have expired while the failure to meet this time limit cannot be remedied neither by re-establishment of rights nor by further processing. As a result, the application may have to be refused under EPC Article 97(2) in the course of the examination proceedings for insufficient disclosure under EPC Article 83.

The requirement under item 2 applies when the depositor is not applicant for the EPO, for instance where the depositor is applicant-inventor for the United States of America only.

It follows that applicants are strongly recommended to file of their own motion a completed Form PCT/RO/134 as well as the deposit receipt with the International Bureau before expiry of the applicable time limit. Where the deposit was made by a person other than the applicant, this should be indicated under point C of Form PCT/RO/134 and a ‘statement of authorisation and consent’ should be filed in addition within the applicable time limit.

For any further details, reference is made to the Notice from the EPO dated 7 July 2010 concerning inventions which involve the use of or concern biological material (OJ EPO 10/2010, 498) and to the EPO Chapter in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* – International Phase – Annex L.”

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)** has notified an additional telephone number, as follows:

0300 300 2000 (within the United Kingdom)

[Updating of Annex B1(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NA Namibia

The **Registration of Companies, Close Corporations and Industrial Property Rights Office (Namibia)** has notified a change in its mailing address, which now reads as follows:

Private Bag 13340, Windhoek, Namibia

[Updating of Annex B1(NA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CL Chile

The **National Industrial Property Institute** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority since 1 October 2010 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Chile with the National Industrial Property Institute.

[Updating of Annex C(CL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments entered into force on 19 October 2010. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

Republic of Korea;

Australia, Chile, Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Philippines,
Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand, United States of America, Viet Nam; and

any country that the Authority will specify;

(ii) [no change]”

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which now reads as follows:

atm@inpi.pt

In addition, the Office has notified the discontinuance of the use of its teleprinter.

[Updating of Annex B1(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable since 1 October 2010, is CHF 2,375.

[Updating of Annex SISA(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable since 1 October 2010, is CHF 2,375.

[Updating of Annex SISA(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of the filing fee components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 13 July 2010, are as follows:

For patent:

Filing fee (including publication and examination):	EUR	100	(online)
	EUR	200	(on paper)

For utility model:

Filing fee (including publication):	EUR	100	(online)
	EUR	200	(on paper)
Examination fee:		[unchanged]	

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**. This amount, applicable since 1 October 2010, is CHF 2,375.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the supplementary search fee for a supplementary international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable since 1 October 2010, is CHF 2,375.

[Updating of Annex SISA(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. The consolidated table of requirements reads as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	At the time of filing	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material

Deposits with CNCM can be made under the Budapest Treaty or, as far as the deposits of cell cultures, mycoplasma and rickettsiae are concerned, under a bilateral agreement with the EPO.

If the applicant wishes that, until the publication of the mention of the grant of a European patent or for 20 years from the date of filing if the application is refused or withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn, the biological material shall be made available as provided in Rule 33(1) of the European Patent Convention (EPC) only by the issue of a sample to an expert nominated by the requester (EPC Rule 32(1)), the applicant must, by a written statement, inform the International Bureau accordingly before completion of technical preparations for publication of the international application where such publication takes place in one of the EPO official languages, i.e., English, French or German. Such a statement must be separate from the description and the claims of the international application and must preferably be made on Form PCT/RO/134, referred to in Section 209 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT and available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/ro/editable/ed_ro134.pdf.

WARNING: Where the invention involves the use of or concerns biological material which is not available to the public at the date of filing the application and which has been deposited by a person other than the applicant, the reference to such a deposit must include the name and address of the depositor and a statement that the latter has authorized the applicant to refer to the deposited biological material in the application and has given his unreserved and irrevocable consent to the deposited material being made available to the public in accordance with EPC Rule 31(1)(d). If any of these indications (the name and address of the depositor, and the statement) is not included in a reference to deposited biological material in the international application as filed, it may still be furnished to the International Bureau within a period of 16 months after the date of filing of the international patent application or, if priority is claimed, after the priority date; this time limit is deemed to have been met if the indication reaches the International Bureau before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed (PCT Rule 13bis.4(a)). Where the applicant makes a request for early publication under PCT Article 21(2)(b), the indications must be furnished to the International Bureau at the latest before the completion of the technical preparations

for international publication (PCT Rule 13bis.4(c)). The failure to meet this time limit cannot be remedied upon entry into the European phase neither by re-establishment of rights nor by further processing. As a result, the application may have to be refused under EPC Article 97(2) in the course of examination proceedings for insufficient disclosure (EPC Article 83).

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the forty-first (24th ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 20 to 29 September 2010, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(d), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2011, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on pages 190 and 191.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, with effect from 1 January 2011, as indicated in the table published on pages 192 and 193.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), new equivalent amounts of the supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss francs for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, with effect from 1 January 2011, as indicated in the table published on page 194.

In the three tables, the new amounts are distinguished from currently applicable amounts by indicating them in bold print.

[Updating of Annexes C, D, SISA and E of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2011, are as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14):	EUR 75	USD 103
Fee for priority document (PCT Rules 17.1(b) and 21.2):	EUR 38	USD 51
	Supplement for airmail:	
	EUR 8	USD [No change]

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, and of new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** and **US dollars (USD)**, applicable from 1 January 2011 and payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows:

Search fee:	SEK 16,530
	CHF 2,376
	DKK 13,310
	ISK 275,000
	NOK 14,350
	USD 2,443

Additional search fee: SEK 16,530

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, the Office has notified the International Bureau of a new equivalent amount of the supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3(b)), in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an supplementary international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2011, is CHF 2,376.

[Updating of Annex SISA(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
 (applicable from January 1, 2011)

Country/ Regional Office	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 04.10.10	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees item 3
				Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)	
Currency Reference currency Swiss franc		1'330	15	100	200	300	200 Current amount
AT - Austria Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	71 75	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	132 150 Current amount New amount
AU - Australia Australian dollar	0.9406	1'370 1'414	15 16	103 106	206 213	309 319	224 213 Current amount New amount
BE - Belgium Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	71 75	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	132 150 Current amount New amount
BR - Brazil Brazilian real	0.5746	* *	* *	* *	* *	* *	353 348 Current amount New amount
CA - Canada Canadian dollar	0.9511	1'278 1'398	14 16	96 105	192 210	288 315	185 210 Current amount New amount
CY - Cyprus Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	132 150 Current amount New amount
DE - Germany Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	71 75	143 150	214 225	132 150 Current amount New amount
DK - Denmark Danish krone	0.1786	7'060 7'450	80 80	530 560	1'060 1'120	1'590 1'680	980 1'120 Current amount New amount
EP - European Patent Office Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	n.a. n.a.	143 150	214 225	132 150 Current amount New amount
ES - Spain Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	71 75	143 150	214 225	132 150 Current amount New amount
FI - Finland Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	n.a. n.a.	143 150	214 225	132 150 Current amount New amount
FR - France Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	71 75	143 150	214 225	132 150 Current amount New amount
GB - United Kingdom Pound sterling	1.5399	794 864	9 10	n.a. n.a.	119 130	179 195	n.a. n.a. Current amount New amount
GR - Greece Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	71 75	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	132 150 Current amount New amount
IB - International Bureau Swiss franc Euro US dollar		*** *** ***	*** *** ***	*** *** ***	*** *** ***	*** *** 259 308	*** *** *** Current amount New amount

* Those amounts correspond to the exchange value, applicable on the date of payment, in Brazilian real of the amounts in Swiss franc indicated above.

** The corresponding equivalent amounts are indicated above for the Swiss franc and the Euro and below for the US dollar.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
 (applicable from January 1, 2011)

Country/ Regional Office	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 04.10.10	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees item 3	
				Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)		
Currency								
Reference currency Swiss franc		1'330	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
IE - Ireland Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	71 75	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	132 150	Current amount New amount
IS - Iceland Icelandic krona	0.0086	151'800 153'800	1'700 1'700	11'400 11'600	22'800 23'100	34'200 34'700	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
IT - Italy Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	132 150	Current amount New amount
JP - Japan Japanese yen	0.0117	104'900 114'000	1'200 1'300	7'900 8'600	n.a. n.a.	23'700 25'700	17'800 17'100	Current amount New amount
KR - Republic of Korea Korean won	0.0009	1'453'000 1'535'000	16'000 17'000	109'000 115'000	n.a. n.a.	328'000 346'000	206'000 231'000	Current amount New amount
LU - Luxembourg Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	132 150	Current amount New amount
MW - Malawi Malawian kwacha	0.0063	181'900 210'800	2'100 2'400	13'700 15'800	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NL - Netherlands Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	71 75	143 150	214 225	132 150	Current amount New amount
NO - Norway Norwegian krone	0.1656	7'580 8'030	90 90	570 600	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NZ - New Zealand New Zealand dollar	0.7211	1'802 1'844	20 21	135 139	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
PT - Portugal Euro	1.3312	950 999	11 11	71 75	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	132 150	Current amount New amount
SE - Sweden Swedish krona	0.1438	8'840 9'250	100 100	660 700	1'330 1'390	1'990 2'090	1'330 1'390	Current amount New amount
SG - Singapore Singapore dollar	0.7401	1'737 1'797	20 20	131 135	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
US - United States of America US dollar	0.9728	1'277 1'367	14 15	96 103	192 206	n.a. n.a.	192 206	Current amount New amount
ZA - South Africa South African rand	0.1390	8'990 9'570	100 110	680 720	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2011)

International Searching Authority	ISA/AT		ISA/AU		ISA/BR		ISA/CA		ISA/CN		ISA/EP		ISA/ES		ISA/FI	
	EUR	Exch. rate	AUD	Exch. rate	BRL	Exch. rate	CAD	Exch. rate	CNY	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate
Reference currency & Amount	1'700		1'900		1'900		1'600		2'100		1'785		1'785		1'785	
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 04.10.10</i>																
CHF - Swiss franc	2'381 ¹ 2'263¹	0.9406	1'730 ¹ 1'787¹	0.5746	1'192 ¹ 1'092¹	0.9511	1'666 ¹ 1'522¹	0.1454	351 ¹ 305¹	1.3312	2'375 ¹ 2'376¹	1.3312	2'375 ¹ 2'376¹	1.3312	2'375 ¹ 2'376¹	0.7308
USD - US dollar	2'094 ¹ 2'326¹	1.0342	1'605 ¹ 1'837¹	1.6930	1'052 ¹ 1'122¹	1.0228	1'498 ¹ 1'564¹	6.6923	307 ¹ 314¹	0.7308	2'185 ¹ 2'443¹	0.7308	2'185 ¹ 2'443¹	0.7308	2'185 ¹ 2'443¹	
EUR - Euro			1'311 ¹ 1'343¹	2.3166	869 ¹ 820¹	1.3996	1'210 ¹ 1'143¹	9.1574	249 ¹ 229¹							
AUD - Australian dollar																
DKK - Danish krone											13'290 13'310	0.1341				
GBP - Pound sterling											1'557 1'543	1.1568				
ISK - Icelandic krona											278'000 275'000	0.0065				
JPY - Japanese yen											195'800 203'700	0.0088				
KRW - Korean won	2'601'000 2'613'000	0.0007	1'970'000 2'063'000													
MWK - Malawian kwacha																
NOK - Norwegian krone																
NZD - New Zealand dollar			2'334 2'478	0.7666												
SEK - Swedish krona																
SGD - Singapore dollar	3'160 3'060	0.5559	2'240 2'410	0.7868												
ZAR - South African rand	15'730 16'280	0.1044	12'300 12'860	0.1478												

¹ Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2011)

International Searching Authority	ISA/JP		ISA/KR		ISA/RU		ISA/SE ²		ISA/US		ISA/XN ³	
	JPY	Exch. rate	KRW	Exch. rate	RUB	Exch. rate	SEK	Exch. rate	USD	Exch. rate	DKK	Exch. rate
Reference currency & Amount	97'000		1'300'000	450'000	13'500	16'830	2'080	13'290				
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 04.10.10</i>												
CHF - Swiss franc	1'230 ⁴ 1'132⁴	0.0117	1262 ⁴ 1'126⁴	437 ⁴ 390⁴	459 ⁴ 431⁴	2'375 ⁴ 2'376⁴	2'166 ⁴ 2'023⁴	2'375 ⁴ 2'376⁴	2'166 ⁴ 2'023⁴	2'375 ⁴ 2'376⁴	2'375 ⁴ 2'376⁴	Current amount New amount
USD - US dollar	1'065 ⁴ 1'163⁴	83.3895	1092 ⁴ 1'157⁴	373 ⁴ 401⁴	449 ⁴ 443⁴	2'185 ⁴ 2'443⁴		2'185 ⁴ 2'443⁴		2'185 ⁴ 2'443⁴	2'185 ⁴ 2'443⁴	Current amount New amount
EUR - Euro	878 ⁴ 850⁴	1/14.1064	834 ⁴ 846⁴	290 ⁴ 293⁴	344 ⁴ 324⁴	1'785 ⁴ 1'785⁴	1'629 ⁴ 1'520⁴	1'785 ⁴ 1'785⁴	1'629 ⁴ 1'520⁴	1'785 ⁴ 1'785⁴	1'785 ⁴ 1'785⁴	Current amount New amount
AUD - Australian dollar			1'085.9519	1'197	428	414						
DKK - Danish krone						13'290		13'290				Current amount New amount
GBP - Pound sterling												Current amount New amount
ISK - Icelandic krona								278'000			278'000	Current amount New amount
JPY - Japanese yen								275'000			275'000	Current amount New amount
KRW - Korean won	1'295'000 1'306'000	0.0742										Current amount New amount
MWK - Malawian kwacha												Current amount New amount
NOK - Norwegian krone								14'590			14'590	Current amount New amount
NZD - New Zealand dollar			1464	517			2'880		2'880			Current amount New amount
SEK - Swedish krona			832.4830	541					0.7412			Current amount New amount
SGD - Singapore dollar				1530								Current amount New amount
ZAR - South African rand			854.3860	1'520	530							Current amount New amount
									0.1429			Current amount New amount

2 All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2011, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

3 All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2011, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

4 Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the supplementary search fees
(applicable from January 1, 2011)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	ISA/AT		ISA/EP		ISA/FI		ISA/RU		ISA/SE		ISA/XN	
	Reference currency	Amount	Reference currency	Amount	Reference currency	Amount	Reference currency	Amount	Reference currency	Amount	Reference currency	Amount
Reference currency & Amount	EUR	850 ¹	EUR	1'700 ³	EUR	1'785	EUR	9'450	SEK	16'830	DKK	13'290
<i>Exchange rate applicable on 04.10.10</i>								Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ⁴				
CHF - Swiss franc		1'132	1'584	2'263	1'3312	2'376	1'3312	302	431	2'376 ⁸	2'376 ⁹	
		<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>					

1 For a search of the German-language documentation.

2 For a search of the European or North American documentation.

3 For a full search of PCT minimum documentation.

4 This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.

5 This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

6 This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2011.

7 This new amount of the supplementary search fee has been fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2011.

8 New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office with effect from January 1, 2011.

9 New equivalent amount in CHF of the supplementary search fee fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute with effect from January 1, 2011.

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RECEIVING OFFICES

GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority since 16 September 2010 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Guatemala with the Registry of Intellectual Property.

[Updating of Annex C(GT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2011. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	566.49
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	566.49
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

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EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified a change in the currency of payment of certain fees from **Estonian kroon (EEK)** to **euro (EUR)**, with effect from 1 January 2011. The amounts of these fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, will be as follows:

Transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14): EUR 115.04

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): EUR 15.97

[Updating of Annex C(EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change in the currency of payment of the national fee from **Estonian kroon (EEK)** to **euro (EUR)**, also with effect from 1 January 2011. The amounts of the main components of these fees, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, will be as follows:

For patent:

Basic fee:	EUR	223.69
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	EUR	12.78
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:	EUR	31.95
Annual fees for the first three years:	EUR	115.03

For utility model:

Filing fee:	EUR	102.25
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[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2011, are EUR 566.49 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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SM San Marino

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified a new amount of the basic fee component of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable since 30 June 2010, is EUR 170.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SM), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** as receiving Office has notified that it accepts, for any international application filed with a PCT-EASY request under Section 102*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the following PCT-EASY physical media in addition to the 3.5 inch diskette: CD, DVD.

[Updating of Annex C(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)** has notified new amounts of several components of the national fee, in **pounds sterling (GBP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 6 April 2010, are as follows:

Search fee:

- where a search has already been made by an International Searching Authority in accordance with the PCT: GBP 120
 - in other cases: GBP 150
- Substantive examination fee: GBP 100

The above fees are reduced by GBP 20 where the request for search or substantive examination is filed in electronic form using a method of electronic communication accepted by the Office.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (GB), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)** has notified a change in its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office. The requirements now read as follows:

Any individual, partnership or body corporate who resides in or has a place of business in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or another Member State of the European Economic Area (EEA). A list of registered patent attorneys may be obtained from the following address: The Registrar, c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Attorneys, 95 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1DT, United Kingdom.

[Updating of Annex C(GB) and of the National Chapter, Summary (GB), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2011, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
3 January 2011,
22 and 25 April 2011,
2 and 13 June 2011,
8 September 2011,
7 November 2011,
26, 27 and 30 December 2011.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.

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IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **new Israel shekel (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2011, are ILS 546 and ILS 86, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israel shekel (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2011, is ILS 1,046.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH)

AT Austria

Information on the requirements of the Austrian Patent Office as International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search) is given in Annex SISA(AT), which is published on the following pages.

SISA International Searching Authorities (Supplementary Search)¹ SISA

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Fees payable to the International Bureau: ²	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)	
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ³	– for a search of only the German-language documentation:	CHF 1,190 (1,132) ⁴
	– for a search of only the PCT minimum documentation:	CHF 2,381 (2,263) ⁴
	– for a search of only the European and North American documentation:	CHF 1,667 (1,584) ⁴
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):	CHF	200
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	CHF	100
Fees payable to the Authority:	Currency: Euro (EUR)	
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	EUR	0.95 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted before the start of the supplementary international search (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%	
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	English, French, German	
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of all subject matter searched under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Austrian patent law	
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	Three scopes of documentation are offered, at the choice of the applicant (see “Fees payable to the International Bureau”)	
Limitations on supplementary international search:	The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if demand for supplementary international search exceeds available resources.	
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rules 13ter.1 and 45bis.5(c))?	Yes	
Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?	Diskette, CD-ROM, DVD	

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¹ Supplementary international search is available only for international applications for which the 19-month time limit expires on or after 1 August 2010.

² For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO web site at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

³ This fee is fixed by the Authority in euro and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the euro and the Swiss franc.

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 January 2011.

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(Supplementary Search)⁵
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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁶
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	None
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes ⁶
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	None

⁵ See footnote 1.

⁶ Waivers of powers of attorney do not apply (PCT Rule 90.4(e) and 90.5(d)) where the agent or common representative submits any notice of withdrawal during the international phase (PCT Rule 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4; see also International Phase, paragraph 11.048).



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AU Australia

A new equivalent amount in **Australian dollars (AUD)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(e). This amount, applicable from 1 March 2009, is AUD 247.

[Updating of Annex E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CN China

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2009, is CHF 366.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2009, are SEK 17,000 and USD 2,164, respectively.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** and **Singapore dollars (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2009, are ISK 318,000 and SGD 3,270, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2009, is USD 2,164.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2009, is USD 2,164.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP 745
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP 8
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	GBP 56
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP 112
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP 168

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 152,800
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 1,700
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 11,500

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

A new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(e). This amount, applicable from 1 April 2009, is JPY 16,000.

[Updating of Annex E(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	8,800
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	100
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	SEK	660
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	SEK	1,320
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	SEK	1,980

[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

In addition, further to the publication in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 December 2008, page 159, of amendments to the Agreement between the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of WIPO, the Office has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2) in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2009, are SEK 17,000 for each of the fees.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of new equivalent amounts of the search fee and of the additional search fee in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** and **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows: ISK 318,000 for each of the fees, applicable from 1 April 2009, and USD 2,164 for each of the fees, applicable from 1 March 2009.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD 1,102
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD 12
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	USD 83
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	USD 83
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 166
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 248

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CO), C(CR), C(CU), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(KE), C(KG), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(NI), C(PG), C(PH), C(RU), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(US), C(UZ), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

The **Nordic Patent Institute** has notified new equivalent amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2), in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2009, are ISK 318,000 for each of the fees.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Institute. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2009, is USD 2,164.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 11,230
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 130
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ZAR 840

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2009, is KRW 366,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2009, is CHF 1,294.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2009, is NZD 4,178.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2009, is KRW 1,459,000.

In addition, the Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2009, is USD 1,084.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified changes to the amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Latvian lats (LVL)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amounts applicable since 1 January 2009 are LVL 48.40 and LVL 12.10, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

AU Australia

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Following the publication in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 December 2007, pages 187 and 188, of the text of an interim Agreement concluded between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau, extending the appointment of the Australian Patent Office as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT until 31 December 2008, the Government of Australia and the International Bureau have concluded a new Agreement which came into force on 1 January 2009. The new Agreement is effective until 31 December 2017 and is set out on pages 14 to 19.

ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Part I of Annex C thereof. The amendment consists of a revision of footnote 1 of the Agreement and will enter into force on 1 February 2009.

The revised footnote 1 will read as follows:

“This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention and which is classified by the World Bank in the group of countries of ‘low income’, ‘lower middle income’ or ‘upper middle income’.”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_au.pdf.

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

The effect of the amendment is that the 75% reduction of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and the additional fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) is now available to nationals and residents of certain States depending on criteria revised periodically by the World Bank. The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office will maintain an updated list of States which meet such criteria.

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3 AND 49ter.2

PT Portugal

Under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **National Institute of Industrial Property**, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rules 26bis.3(d) and 49ter.2(d), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The amount of each of the fees is EUR 150, if the request is made using the online services provided by the Office, and EUR 300, if the request is made using paper.

[Updating of Annex C(PT) and of the National Chapter, Summary (PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	None	To the extent available to the applicant, a description of the characteristics of the microorganism and/or other biological material

Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Registry of Intellectual Property with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (these institutions are indicated further in this Annex and notifications related thereto may be consulted under www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/).

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH)**

GT Guatemala

General information on **Guatemala** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Registry of Intellectual Property** as receiving Office, is given in Annexes B1(GT) and C(GT), which are published on pages 20 to 22.

SE Sweden

Information on the requirements of the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** as International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search) is given in Annex SISA(SE), which is published on pages 23 and 24.

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Information on the requirements of the **Nordic Patent Institute** as International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search) is given in Annex SISA(XN), which is published on pages 25 and 26.

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Australian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Australian Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

- (2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2009.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:
- (i) if the Government of Australia gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement;
or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Government of Australia written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this sixteenth day of December two thousand and eight, in two originals in the English language.

For the Government of Australia by:

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

Annex A
States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
Australia, New Zealand and
by arrangement, the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations; and
any State that the Authority will specify;
- (ii) the following language which it will accept:
English.

Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

subject matter which is searched or examined under Australian national grant procedure.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Australian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,600
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,600
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	550
– in other cases	780
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	550
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	50
Cost of copies (Rule 94), per document	50

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, 25% or 50% of the search fee shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:
English.

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Information on Contracting States

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GT

GUATEMALA

GT

General information

Name of Office:	Registro de la Propiedad Intelectual Registry of Intellectual Property
Location and mailing address:	7a. Avenida 7-61 zona 4, primer nivel, Guatemala Ciudad, 01004, Guatemala
Telephone:	(502) 233 201 11 to 14
Facsimile machine:	(502) 233 277 07
E-mail:	rpi@rpi.gob.gt
Internet:	www.rpi.gob.gt
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Guatemala:	Registry of Intellectual Property or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Guatemala is designated (or elected):	Registry of Intellectual Property
May Guatemala be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Guatemala concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Guatemala is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Guatemala is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
GT **REGISTRY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY** **GT**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Guatemala
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Spanish
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	Yes
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, ³ Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office ⁴
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Quetzal (GTQ) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	Equivalent in GTQ of USD 250
International filing fee: ⁵	USD 1,210 (1,102) ⁶
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	USD 14 (12) ⁶
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY: ²	USD 91 (83) ⁶
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (EP), (ES) or (US)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	GTQ 50 plus GTQ 1 per page
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Guatemala Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney registered in Guatemala

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¹ Depending on the applicant’s choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332, and No. 41/2006, page 19092, Schedule of Fees, item 3(a)).

³ This Office is competent only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office, by the Austrian Patent Office or by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.

⁴ This Office is competent only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office.

⁵ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)). For further details, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 29 May 2008, page 69, Schedule of Fees, item 4.

⁶ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 April 2009.

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
GT **REGISTRY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY** **GT**

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted? No

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of
attorney be submitted? No

SISA International Searching Authorities SISA
(Supplementary Search)¹
SE SWEDISH PATENT SE
AND REGISTRATION OFFICE

Fees payable to the International Bureau:²

Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)

Supplementary search fee
(PCT Rule 45*bis*.3):³

CHF 2,726 (2,525)⁴

Supplementary search handling fee
(PCT Rule 45*bis*.2):

CHF 200

Late payment fee
(PCT Rule 45*bis*.4(c)):

CHF 100

Fees payable to the Authority:

Currency: Swedish krona (SEK)

Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):

The applicant receives, together with the supplementary international search report, a copy of each document containing non-patent literature cited in the report, free of charge.

Other documents are available electronically on the website www.prv.se.

The cited documents may also be ordered in paper form at SEK 50 per document.

Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(d)): refund of 100%

The Authority shall refund this fee where work has not yet started and the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(e)): refund of 100%

Languages accepted for supplementary international search:

Danish, English, Norwegian and Swedish

Subject matter that will not be searched:

The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1

Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:

In addition to PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include at least the documents in its search collection in: Danish, Finnish, Norwegian and Swedish

Limitations on supplementary international search:

The Authority shall notify the International Bureau if demand for supplementary international search exceeds available resources

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¹ Supplementary international search is available only for international applications for which the 19-month time limit expires on or after 1 January 2009.

² For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO web site at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

³ This fee is linked to the search fee charged by the European Patent Office and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the Swedish krona and the Swiss franc.

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 March 2009.

SISA **International Searching Authorities** **SISA**
(Supplementary Search)⁵
SE **SWEDISH PATENT** **SE**
AND REGISTRATION OFFICE

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Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13ter.1)?

Yes

Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?

Diskette formatted 1.44 Mo, CD-ROM, CD-R

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

⁵ See footnote 1.

SISA International Searching Authorities SISA
(Supplementary Search)¹
XN NORDIC PATENT INSTITUTE XN

Fees payable to the International Bureau: ²	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3): ³	CHF 2,726 (2,525) ⁴
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .2):	CHF 200
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .4(c)):	CHF 100
Fees payable to the Authority:	Currency: Danish krona (DKK)
Review fee (PCT Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c)):	DKK 8,000
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	DKK 50
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45<i>bis</i>.3(d)): refund of 100%</p> <p>The Authority shall refund this fee where work has not yet started and the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45<i>bis</i>.3(e)): refund of 100%</p>
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	Danish, English, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Danish, Icelandic and Norwegian Patent Laws
Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:	In addition to PCT minimum documentation, the Authority shall include at least the documents held in its search collection in: Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish
Limitations on supplementary international search:	The Authority shall conduct a maximum of 500 supplementary international searches per year

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¹ Supplementary international search is available only for international applications for which the 19-month time limit expires on or after 1 January 2009.

² For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO web site at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

³ This fee is fixed by the Authority in Danish kroner and will be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the Danish krona and the Swiss franc.

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 March 2009.

SISA

**International Searching Authorities
(Supplementary Search)⁵**

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Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13ter.1)?

Yes

Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?

3.5 inch diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD-ROM or DVD-R

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

⁵ See footnote 1.



World Intellectual Property Organization

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2009, is CHF 2,525.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2009, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	USD	83
Fee for priority document (PCT Rules 17.1(b) and 21.2):	USD	41
	Supplement for airmail:	
	USD	8

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Further to the announcement published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 December 2008, page 156, notifying new amounts of the search fee for a search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Australian dollars (AUD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2009, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) (in English language):	AUD	976
Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) (in Korean language):	AUD	488

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD 2,082
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD 23
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	NZD 157

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the Swiss franc (CHF) is not the official currency. The new amount, applicable from 15 April 2009, is CHF 2,323.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, in addition to the Australian Patent Office itself, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority as from 1 March 2009 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Australia with the Australian Patent Office.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has specified the Australian Patent Office, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office itself, as competent International Preliminary Examining Authority as from 1 March 2009 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Republic of Korea with the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

Furthermore, the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(c), it would, in addition to English and Japanese, accept Korean as a language in which a request (Form PCT/RO/101) may be filed.

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

RU Russian Federation

Agreement between the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has stated its preparedness to carry out supplementary international searches. The amended Agreement between the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks and the International Bureau of WIPO containing provisions concerning supplementary international search (see Article 3(4) and Annex E) entered into force on 1 January 2009 and is set out on pages 31 to 38.

REQUEST IN PCT-EASY FORMAT: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT FILINGS

GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office** (an operating name of the Patent Office) has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 April 2009, PCT-EASY applications (filed on paper and accompanied by the request form data and abstract on a physical medium) filed with the Office will no longer be accepted. Furthermore, from 1 April 2009, no international application filed with the Office as receiving Office will benefit from the fee reduction applicable to PCT-EASY applications.

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (SUPPLEMENTARY SEARCH)

RU Russian Federation

Information on the requirements of the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** as International Searching Authority (Supplementary International Search) is given in Annex SISA(RU) on pages 39 and 40.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ru.pdf.

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE RUSSIAN FEDERAL SERVICE
FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY ORGANIZATION**

in relation to the functioning of the Russian Federal Service
for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

**Article 1
Terms and Expressions**

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 **Basic Obligations**

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 **Competence of Authority**

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis*, covering at least the documentation referred to in Annex E to this Agreement, subject to any limitations and conditions set out in that Annex.

Article 4 **Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined**

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5 **Fees and Charges**

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6 **Classification**

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7 **Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority**

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2008.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.
- (iv) amend the indications and information concerning supplementary international searches contained in Annex E to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:
- (i) if the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks written notice to terminate this Agreement.
- (2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

Annex A
Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
Russian, English.

Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined under national patent law administered by the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (US dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) ¹	500
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) ²	500
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45bis.3(a))	350
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex E, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	500
Review fee (Rule 45bis.6(c))	150
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)): ²	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	200
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	300
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)): ²	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	200
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	300
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13ter.1(c)) ²	150
Cost of copies of cited documents (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)): ²	
– patent document, per page	0.30
– non-patent document, per page	1.20
Cost of copies of document contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.2), per page ²	3.00

¹ If payment is made to a receiving Office which accepts payments in Russian roubles, the applicant may, instead of paying the US dollar amount, pay the equivalent amount in Russian roubles at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.

² The applicant may, instead of paying the US dollar amount, pay the equivalent amount in Russian roubles at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), or Rules 90*bis*.1(a) or 90*bis*.2(c) before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, carried out in respect of an earlier application by the Authority itself or by another International Searching Authority, 25 % – 75 % of the search fee shall be refunded, depending on the degree to which the Authority benefits from this earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Russian or English, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated, or at the applicant's choice.

Annex E Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed or translations furnished in English or Russian.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover at least the Russian language documents held by the Authority in its search collection, including the following patent documentation:

- (i) SU – authors certificates and patents of the former USSR (from 1924 to 1991)
- (ii) RU – applications, patents, and utility models of the Russian Federation (from 1992 to present)
- (iii) EA – Eurasian applications and patents (from 1996 to present)

- (iv) AM – patent documents of Armenia (from 1995 to present)³
- (v) BY – patent documents of Belarus (from 1994 to present)³
- (vi) KZ – patent documents of Kazakhstan (from 1993 to present)³
- (vii) KG – patent documents of Kyrgyzstan (from 1995 to present)³
- (viii) TJ – patent documents of Tajikistan (from 2005 to present)³
- (ix) TM – patent documents of Turkmenistan (from 1993 to present)³
- (x) UZ – patent documents of Uzbekistan (from 1994 to present)³
- (xi) AZ – patent documents of Azerbaijan (from 1996 to present)⁴
- (xii) UA – patent documents of Ukraine (from 1993 to present)⁴

(3) If the International Searching Authority competent for the main international search has issued a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv), and the appropriate fee referred to in Annex C is paid, the supplementary international search shall cover at least the PCT minimum documentation under Rule 34 in addition to the documentation referred to in paragraph (2).

³ The year of beginning of publication by the corresponding Office of national patent documents in national language and in Russian as well is indicated in brackets.

⁴ With respect to the documents published by the Office in Russian.

SISA International Searching Authorities SISA
(Supplementary Search)¹
RU FEDERAL SERVICE FOR INTELLECTUAL RU
PROPERTY, PATENTS AND
TRADEMARKS (ROSPATENT)

Fees payable to the International Bureau: ²	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF)
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45bis.3): ³	CHF 355 (507) ⁴
Supplementary search handling fee (PCT Rule 45bis.2):	CHF 200
Late payment fee (PCT Rule 45bis.4(c)):	CHF 100
Fees payable to the Authority:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Review fee (PCT Rule 45bis.6(c)):	USD 150
Fee for copies of documents cited in the supplementary international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	The applicant receives together with the supplementary international search report a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases: USD 0.3 per page for a patent document USD 1.2 per page for a non-patent document
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the supplementary search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. The International Bureau shall refund this fee where the supplementary search request has not yet been transmitted to the Authority and the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(d)): refund of 100% The Authority shall refund this fee where work has not yet started and the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted (see PCT Rule 45bis.3(e)): refund of 100%
Languages accepted for supplementary international search:	English, Russian
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (iii), (v) and (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1

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¹ Supplementary international search is available only for international applications for which the 19-month time limit expires on or after 1 January 2009.

² For further details on the payment of fees to the International Bureau, see the WIPO web site at www.wipo.int/pct/en/fees/special.html.

³ This fee is fixed by the Authority in US dollars and may be revised from time to time to reflect currency fluctuations between the US dollar and the Swiss franc.

⁴ This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

SISA **International Searching Authorities** **SISA**
(Supplementary Search)⁵

RU **FEDERAL SERVICE FOR INTELLECTUAL** **RU**
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<p>Scope of documentation included in the supplementary international search:⁶</p>	<p>The Authority shall include at least the Russian-language and certain other patent documents of the former Soviet Union and CIS States held in its search collection.</p> <p>Where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment), the Authority shall include PCT minimum documentation and at least the Russian-language and certain other patent documents of the former Soviet Union and CIS States held in its search collection.</p>
<p>Limitations on supplementary international search:</p>	<p>None</p>
<p>Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13<i>ter</i>.1)?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>Waiver of power of attorney:</p>	
<p>Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?</p>	<p>No</p>
<p>Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?</p>	<p>No</p>

⁵ See footnote 1.

⁶ The exact scope of the searches is subject to confirmation by the Authority.



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **pounds sterling (GBP)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 15 April 2009, is GBP 1,619.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2009, is ISK 284,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

A new equivalent amount in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** has been established for the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(e). This amount, applicable from April 15, 2009, is SEK 1,490.

[Updating of Annex E(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **European Patent Organisation** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. The amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2009. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

**“Annex A
Languages and Kinds of Application**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) [no change]
- (ii) the following kinds of application for which it will not act:
 - (a) as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority, international applications filed by a national or resident of the United States of America with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the International Bureau as receiving Office, where such applications contain one or more claims relating to the field of business methods, as defined by the following International Patent Classification units:
 - G06Q:
Data processing systems or methods, specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes; Systems or methods specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes, not otherwise provided for
 - G06Q 10/00:
Administration, e.g. office automation or reservations; Management, e.g. resource or project management
 - G06Q 30/00:
Commerce, e.g. marketing, shopping, billing, auctions or e-commerce
 - G06Q 40/00:
Finance, e.g. banking, investment or tax processing; Insurance, e.g. risk analysis or pensions
 - G06Q 50/00:
Systems or methods specially adapted for a specific business sector, e.g. health care, utilities, tourism or legal services
 - G06Q 90/00:
Systems or methods specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes, not involving significant data processing

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

G06Q 99/00:

Subject matter not provided for in other groups of this subclass

- (b) as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, international applications where the international search is to be, or has been, performed by an International Searching Authority other than the European Patent Office or the industrial property Office of a State party to the European Patent Convention.”

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex A

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment entered into force on 1 January 2009. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
Republic of Korea;
Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, United States of America, Viet Nam; and
any country that the Authority will specify;
- (ii) [no change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2009, are as follows:

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

International filing fee:	CAD 1,494
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD 17
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	CAD 112
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CAD 225
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CAD 337

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** and **Swedish kronor (SEK)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2009, are NOK 15,910 and SEK 18,280, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP 808
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP 9
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	GBP 61
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP 122
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP 182

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK 8,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK 90
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	NOK 620

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified changes to the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable since 1 January 2009. The consolidated list of these conditions and amounts now reads as follows:

“Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%

Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, carried out in respect of an earlier application by the Authority itself or by another International Searching Authority, 25 % to 75 % of the search fee shall be refunded, depending on the degree to which the Authority benefits from this earlier search.”

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2) in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2009, are SEK 18,280 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD 1,184
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD 13
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	USD 89
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	USD 89
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 178
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 267

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BH), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CO), C(CR), C(CU), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(KE), C(KG), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(NI), C(PG), C(PH), C(RU), C(SC), C(SV), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(US), C(UZ), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

LK Sri Lanka

IB International Bureau

The International Bureau acting for the **National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Sri Lanka with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect since 1 January 2009.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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JP Japan

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2009, is EUR 812.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new equivalent amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2), in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** and **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2009, are ISK 284,000 and NOK 15,910, respectively, for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

The **Nordic Patent Institute** has notified new equivalent amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2), in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2009, are ISK 284,000 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

ST Sao Tome and Principe

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **National Service of Industrial Property (SENAPI)** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Sao Tome and Principe with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2009, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	USD	89
Fee for priority document (PCT Rules 17.1(b) and 21.2):	USD	45
	Supplement for airmail:	
	USD	9

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2009, is CHF 1,241.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

CL Chile

On 2 March 2009, **Chile** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 2 June 2009, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 2 June 2009 will automatically include the designation of Chile (country code: CL).

Chile will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 2 June 2009. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Chile will be entitled, as from 2 June 2009, to file international applications under the PCT.

The instrument of accession to the PCT deposited by Chile contained a declaration under PCT Article 64(5).

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PE Peru

On 6 March 2009, **Peru** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 6 June 2009, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 6 June 2009 will automatically include the designation of Peru (country code: PE).

Peru will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 6 June 2009. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Peru will be entitled, as from 6 June 2009, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

SE Sweden

Agreement between the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** and the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, have agreed to amendments of Part II of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 July 2008. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. [No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) [No change]

(2) [No change]

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier international or international-type search carried out by the Authority, 50% or 100% of the search fee paid according to Part I shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) Where an applicant submits a corresponding search and examination report, issued on an application originating from the Authority, a Nordic Patent Office, or the European Patent Office, the amount of SEK 2,800 shall be refunded in respect of the search fee paid according to Part I. The same refund will be applied if priority is claimed from an international application and the applicant submits a PCT international search report from the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute or the European Patent Office, or if the applicant submits a corresponding international-type search report from the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland or the Nordic Patent Institute.

(5) to (7) [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_se.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified changes to the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable since 1 July 2008. The consolidated list of these conditions and amounts now reads as follows:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%

Where an earlier international or international-type search has already been made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed: refund of 50% or 100%, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search

Where a search and examination report issued on an application filed with the Authority, the Danish Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Icelandic Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland or the Norwegian Industrial Property Office, is furnished together with the international application: refund of SEK 2,800

Where an earlier international application, the priority of which is claimed, is furnished together with an international search report issued by the European Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland or the Nordic Patent Institute: refund of SEK 2,800

Where an earlier international application, the priority of which is claimed, is furnished together with an international-type search report issued by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland or the Nordic Patent Institute: refund of SEK 2,800

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office** has notified a change in the currency of payment of the fees from **Slovak koruna (SKK)** to **euro (EUR)**. The amounts of the fees payable to the Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, applicable since 1 March 2009, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	66
International filing fee:	EUR	848
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR	10

Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	EUR 64
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	EUR 128
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	EUR 191
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 16.50
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR 66
National fee:	
Filing fee:	EUR 53

[Updating of Annex C(SK) and of the National Chapter, Summary (SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property** has specified the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, in addition to the European Patent Office, as competent International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Costa Rica with the Registry of Industrial Property, with effect since 3 March 2009.

[Updating of Annex C(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

ST Sao Tome and Principe

General information on **Sao Tome and Principe** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(ST), which is published on the following pages.

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General information

Name of Office:	Serviço Nacional da Propriedade Industrial (SENAPI) Industrial Property National Service (SENAPI)
Location and mailing address:	Rua Viriato da Cruz, C.P. 198, São Tomé, Sao Tome and Principe
Telephone:	(239) 22 28 03, 22 68 10
Facsimile machine:	(239) 22 18 43, 22 24 27, 22 41 79
E-mail:	Domingosilvat@yahoo.com.br Aderitobonfim@yahoo.fr Aderitobr@hotmail.com
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Sao Tome and Principe:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Sao Tome and Principe is designated (or elected):	Industrial Property National Service (SENAPI)
May Sao Tome and Principe be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Sao Tome and Principe concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Information of interest if Sao Tome and Principe is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Sao Tome and Principe is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within two months from the date of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia EP European Patent Organisation

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia deposited, on 28 October 2008, its instrument of accession to the **European Patent Convention (EPC)** and became bound by that Convention on 1 January 2009. Thus, since 1 January 2009, it is possible for applicants to designate the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in their international applications also for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent, as at present.

Moreover, since 1 January 2009, nationals and residents of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia are able to file international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, in addition to the State Office of Industrial Property or the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B1(MK), B2(EP), C(EP) and the National Chapter, Summary (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments enter into force on 26 March 2009. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

United States of America, Barbados, Bahrain, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Philippines, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago;

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

(ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America and,
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Bahrain, Barbados,
Brazil, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico,
New Zealand, Philippines, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago;

(iii) [no change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2009, is NZD 2,002.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified new conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee payable to it as International Searching Authority, applicable from 1 April 2009, as follows:

Where the international search report drawn up by the Authority is based on an earlier search report prepared by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, the international search fee paid for the pending international application shall be refunded as follows:

For a search with written opinion, including a European search (EPC Art. 92), an international search (PCT Art. 15(1)), or a search made on behalf of a national Office on a national application (BE², CY, FR, GR, IT, LU, MT, NL², TR):

- full level of benefit for current search: refund of 100%
- partial level of benefit for current search: refund of 25%

For a search without written opinion, including an international-type search (PCT Art. 15(5)), a standard search, or a search made on behalf of a national Office on a national application (BE, CY³, FR, GR³, LU, NL, TR):

- full level of benefit for current search: refund of 70%
- partial level of benefit for current search: refund of 17.5%

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² Includes international-type searches covered by a specific working agreement.

³ Applies only to search requests in respect of national applications transmitted to the EPO after 1 January 2009.

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes relating to several components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as well as an additional condition for exemption, reduction or refund of the search fee component of the national fee (other conditions have not changed), applicable from 1 April 2009, as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:

- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online: EUR 100
- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online: EUR 180
- Additional fee for pages in excess of 35 for the 36th and each subsequent page: EUR 12

Designation fee for one or more EPO Contacting States designated:⁴ EUR 500

Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina or Serbia):⁴ EUR 102

Claims fee:

- for the 16th and each subsequent claim up to the limit of 50: EUR 200
- for the 51st and each subsequent claim: EUR 500

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of fees:

The search fee is refunded fully or in part where the supplementary European search report is based on an earlier search report prepared by the Office.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 103,900
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,200

⁴ The designation and extension fees are payable within 31 months from the priority date. Extension fees are also to be paid if the European patent is to be extended to Latvia and the international filing date is prior to 1 July 2005, to Croatia and the international filing date is prior to 1 January 2008, or to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the international filing date is prior to 1 January 2009.

Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):

PCT-EASY:	JPY	7,800
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY	23,400

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BH Bahrain

The **National Patent Office** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority as from 26 March 2009 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Bahrain with the National Patent Office.

[Updating of Annex C(BH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ST Sao Tome and Principe

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **National Service of Industrial Property (SENAPI)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Sao Tome and Principe with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

UA Ukraine

The **State Department of Intellectual Property (SDIP), Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine**, has notified changes in its mailing address and facsimile numbers, which now read as follows:

Mailing address:	Ukrainsky Instytut Promyslovoi Vlasnosti Ukrainian Institute of Industrial Property 1, Hlazunova Street, Kyiv 42 01601, Ukraine
Facsimile machine:	(380-44) 494 05 06 (general matters) (380-44) 494 05 35 (application processing)

[Updating of Annex B1(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 June 2009, is CHF 1,475.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 15 June 2009, is ISK 244,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 15 June 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 129,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 1,500
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 9,700

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UA Ukraine

The **State Department of Intellectual Property (SDIP), Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine**, has notified changes to the amounts of fees in **Ukrainian hryvnias (UAH)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 16 May 2008. These amounts are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	UAH 1,300 or equivalent in EUR or in USD
International filing fee:	USD 1,102 or equivalent in UAH or in EUR
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD 12 or equivalent in UAH or in EUR
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	None
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or D(RU)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	UAH 400 plus UAH 5 for each sheet in excess of 30 or equivalent in EUR or in USD
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	UAH 100 or equivalent in EUR or in USD

Furthermore, the Office has notified a reduction of 95% of the transmittal fee and of the fee for the priority document where all applicants are also inventors, and of 90% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fees are payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fees are reduced by 90%.

[Updating of Annex C(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:	UAH 800
Additional fee for each claim, dependent or independent, in excess of three:	UAH 80

Examination fee:	UAH 3,000
Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	UAH 3,000
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	UAH 800
Additional fee for each claim, dependent or independent, in excess of three:	UAH 80
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	All fees are reduced by 95% where all applicants are also inventors and by 90% where all applicants are also non-profitable institutions and/or organizations. When the fees are payable with relation to an application made by both types of applicant, and all applicants are either also inventors, or non-profitable institutions and/or organizations, the fees are reduced by 90%.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)

ES Spain

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney.

The Office, acting in all of the capacities outlined above, has also indicated the particular instances in which a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney is required, as follows:

- (a) in case of reasonable doubt regarding the agent's entitlement to act, and
- (b) upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of their filing.

[Updating of Annexes C, D and E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DIGITAL LIBRARIES

IB International Bureau

WIPO's Patentscope® Priority Document Access Service began practical operations on 1 April 2009 in accordance with the Framework Provisions for the Digital Access Service for Priority Documents, established on 31 March 2009 and posted on the WIPO website at <http://www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/pdocforum/>.

On 31 March 2009, the International Bureau notified, in accordance with paragraph 10 of the Framework Provisions, that documents comprising international applications filed at the receiving Office of the International Bureau would be made available from the International Bureau's digital library through the Service, with effect from 1 April 2009.

The effect of this is that any applicant who has filed an international application at the receiving Office of the International Bureau may request the International Bureau to make that application available through the Service for use as a priority document in any other Offices which have notified the International Bureau in accordance with paragraph 12 of the Framework Provisions that they will act as an accessing Office under the System (presently, the Japan Patent Office, and as of April 20, 2009, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)). This is permitted for international applications filed before 1 April 2009 as well as international applications filed after that date. For the present, the applicant should make such a request in the form of a letter to the International Bureau, which may be submitted together with an international application filed with the receiving Office of the International Bureau or at a later stage.

It should be noted that, at present, the PCT does not recognize priority documents from other Offices which are made available through the Service. It is expected that this will be permitted in the near future, following appropriate modifications to the PCT Administrative Instructions, which will be advertised in this Gazette.



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **pounds sterling (GBP)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 15 June 2009, is GBP 1,530.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), it accepts Portuguese, in addition to English, as a language in which international applications may be filed, with effect since 1 January 2009.

[Updating of Annex C(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP **Japan**

IB **International Bureau**

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2009, is CHF 1,110.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CN China

Under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **yuan renminbi (CNY)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amount of this fee, applicable since 15 July 2008, is CNY 1,000.

[Updating of Annex C(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK	9,780
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK	110
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	SEK	740
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	SEK	1,470
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	SEK	2,210

[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

The **Nordic Patent Institute** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 May 2009, is NOK 15,910.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 116,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,300
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	JPY 8,700
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY 26,200

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 15 June 2009, is ISK 244,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

The **Nordic Patent Institute** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 15 June 2009, is ISK 244,000.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 101, 207, 208, 513, 610, 702, 707 and 713, Annex C and Annex F (including its Appendices III and IV) and the deletion of Part 8 and Annex C-*bis* of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2009.

These modifications relate to the filing and processing of sequence listings and involve notably:

- (i) modifying the calculation of the international filing fee and fee reduction in relation with sequence listings (Sections 207 and 707);
- (ii) making available copies of sequence listings in the ST.25 text format submitted for the purposes of international search (Section 513);
- (iii) clarifying the relationship between Annex C of the Administrative Instructions and WIPO Standard ST.25 (Sections 101, 208, 513 and 610, Annex C and Annex F);
- (iv) deleting the option of mixed mode sequence listing applications (Sections 702 and 713, and deletion of Part 8 and Annex C-*bis*);
- (v) defining the requirements for the submission of sequence listings in electronic form using physical media (Annex F).

All modifications will apply to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2009.

The consolidated texts of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/9) and of Annex F thereto (PCT/AI/ANF/4) as in force from July 1, 2009, are available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ai_july2009.html.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS *(to enter into force on 1 July 2009)*

Section 101 **Abbreviated Expressions and Interpretation**

- (a) In these Administrative Instructions:
 - (i) to (x) [No change]
 - (ix) “electronic” technology includes that having electrical, digital, magnetic, optical or electromagnetic capabilities;
 - (xii) the expressions “sequence listing”, “sequence listing forming part of the international application” and “sequence listing not forming part of the international application” have the same meaning as in Annex C.
- (b) [No change]

Section 207

Arrangement of Elements and Numbering of Sheets of the International Application

(a) In effecting the sequential numbering of the sheets of the international application in accordance with Rule 11.7, the elements of the international application shall be placed in the following order:

- (i) the request;
- (ii) the description (if applicable, including the sequence listing free text referred to in Rule 5.2(b) but excluding the sequence listing part of the description referred to in item (vi) of this paragraph);
- (iii) the claims;
- (iv) the abstract;
- (v) if applicable, the drawings;
- (vi) if applicable, the sequence listing part of the description.

(b) The sequential numbering of the sheets shall be effected by using the following separate series of numbering:

- (i) the first series applying to the request only and commencing with the first sheet of the request;
- (ii) the second series commencing with the first sheet of the description (as referred to in paragraph (a)(ii)) and continuing through the claims until the last sheet of the abstract;
- (iii) if applicable, a further series applying to the sheets of the drawings only and commencing with the first sheet of the drawings; the number of each sheet of the drawings shall consist of two Arabic numerals separated by a slant, the first being the sheet number and the second being the total number of sheets of drawings (for example, 1/3, 2/3, 3/3);
- (iv) if applicable, a further series applying to the sequence listing part of the description, commencing with the first sheet of that part.

Section 208

Sequence Listings

Any sequence listing, whether on paper or in electronic form, whether forming part of the international application or not forming part of the international application, shall comply with Annex C.

Section 513

Sequence Listings

(a) [No change]

(b) Where the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority are based on a sequence listing not forming part of the international application but furnished for the purposes of the international search, the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority shall so indicate.

(c) [No change]

(d) The International Searching Authority shall indelibly mark, on the first sheet of any sequence listing on paper which does not form part of the international application but was furnished for the purposes of the international search, the words “SEQUENCE LISTING NOT FORMING PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application. Where such sequence listing is furnished in electronic form on a physical medium, that Authority shall physically label that medium accordingly.

(e) The International Searching Authority shall:

(i) keep in its files one copy of any sequence listing, whether on paper or in electronic form, which does not form part of the international application but was furnished for the purposes of the international search; and

(ii) where the sequence listing which does not form part of the international application but was furnished for the purposes of the international search is in electronic form, transmit one copy thereof to the International Bureau together with the copy of the international search report. If that listing in electronic form is filed on a physical medium in less than the number of copies required by the International Searching Authority, that Authority shall be responsible for the preparation of the additional copy and shall have the right to fix a fee for performing that task and to collect such fee from the applicant.

(f) Any International Searching Authority which requires, for the purposes of the international search, the furnishing of a sequence listing in electronic form shall notify the International Bureau accordingly. In that notification, the Authority shall specify the means of transmittal of the sequence listing in electronic form accepted by it in accordance with Annex F. The International Bureau shall promptly publish details of the notification in the Gazette.

Section 610 **Sequence Listings**

(a) Where the written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the international preliminary examination report is based on a sequence listing not forming part of the international application but furnished for the purposes of the international preliminary examination, the written opinion and the international preliminary examination report of the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall so indicate.

(b) Where a meaningful written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority cannot be established, or a meaningful international preliminary examination cannot be carried out, as to whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious) and to be industrially applicable, because a sequence listing is not available to the International Preliminary Examining Authority in the required form, that Authority shall so state in the written opinion and in the international preliminary examination report.

(c) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall indelibly mark, on the first sheet of any sequence listing on paper which does not form part of the international application but was furnished for the purposes of the international preliminary examination, the words “SEQUENCE LISTING NOT FORMING PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application. Where such sequence listing is furnished in electronic form on a physical medium, that Authority shall physically label that medium accordingly.

(d) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall keep in its files one copy of any sequence listing, whether on paper or in electronic form, which does not form part of the international application but was furnished for the purposes of the international preliminary examination.

(e) Any International Preliminary Examining Authority which requires, for the purposes of the international preliminary examination, the furnishing of a sequence listing in electronic form shall notify the International Bureau accordingly. In that notification, the Authority shall specify the means of transmittal of the sequence listing in electronic form accepted by it in accordance with Annex F. The International Bureau shall promptly publish details of the notification in the Gazette.

(f) Where the national Office or intergovernmental organization that acted as the International Searching Authority also acts as the International Preliminary Examining Authority, any sequence listing not forming part of the international application but furnished to that Office or organization for the purposes of the international search shall be considered to have been furnished to it also for the purposes of the international preliminary examination.

Section 702

Filing, Processing and Communication in Electronic Form of International Applications

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) [*Deleted*]

Section 707

Calculation of International Filing Fee and Fee Reduction

(a) [No change]

(a-*bis*) Where a sequence listing is contained in an international application filed in electronic form, the calculation of the international filing fee shall not take into account any sheet of the sequence listing if that listing is presented as a separate part of the description in accordance with Rule 5.2(a) and is in the electronic document format specified in paragraph 40 of Annex C.

(b) [No change]

Section 713

Application of Provisions to International Authorities and the International Bureau, and to Notifications, Communications, Correspondence and Other Documents

(a) [No change]

(b) The provisions of this Part, other than Sections 703(c), 704(c) to (f), 705, 705*bis*(b) to (e), 706, 707, 708(b)(iii) to (v) and 710(a)(iv), shall, if they are capable of applying but do not expressly apply to notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications that are filed, processed or communicated in electronic form, apply *mutatis mutandis* to such notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications.

PART 8
[Deleted]

ANNEX C
STANDARD FOR THE PRESENTATION
OF NUCLEOTIDE AND AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS
IN INTERNATIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS UNDER THE PCT

INTRODUCTION

1. [No change]

DEFINITIONS

2. For the purposes of this Standard:

(i) the expression “sequence listing” means a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing which gives a detailed disclosure of the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences and other available information;

(i-*bis*) the expression “sequence listing forming part of the international application” means a sequence listing contained in the international application as filed (as referred to in paragraph 3) or a sequence listing included in the international application by way of a correction under Rule 26, a rectification under Rule 91 or an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application as filed (as referred to in paragraph 3*bis*);

(i-*ter*) the expression “sequence listing not forming part of the international application” means a sequence listing which does not form part of the international application but is furnished for the purposes of the international search or international preliminary examination (as referred to in paragraphs 4 and 4*bis*);

(ii) to (vii) [No change]

(viii) “competent Authority” is the International Searching Authority that is to carry out the international search and to establish the written opinion of the International Searching Authority on the international application, or the International Preliminary Examining Authority that is to carry out the international preliminary examination on the international application.

SEQUENCE LISTINGS

Sequence Listing Forming Part of the International Application

3. A sequence listing which is contained in the international application as filed:

(i) shall be presented as a separate part of the description, be placed at the end of the application, preferably be entitled “Sequence Listing”, begin on a new page and have independent page numbering¹; preferably, the sequence listing shall not be reproduced in any other part of the application; subject to paragraph 36, it is unnecessary to describe the sequences elsewhere in the description;

(ii) shall present the sequences represented in the sequence listing and other available information in the sequence listing in accordance with paragraphs 5 to 35;

(iii) if contained in an international application filed in electronic form, shall be in an electronic document format and filed by a means of transmittal in accordance with paragraph 37.

3bis. Any correction under Rule 26, rectification under Rule 91 or amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description submitted in relation to sequences contained in an international application filed in electronic form shall be submitted in the form of a sequence listing in electronic form comprising the entire listing with the relevant correction, rectification or amendment. Any such sequence listing:

(i) shall preferably be entitled “Sequence Listing – Correction”, “Sequence Listing – Rectification” or “Sequence Listing – Amendment”, as the case may be, and have independent page numbering¹;

(ii) shall present the sequences represented in the sequence listing and other available information in the sequence listing in accordance with paragraphs 5 to 35; where applicable, the original numbering of the sequences in the international application as filed (as referred to in paragraph 5) shall be maintained; otherwise, the sequences shall be numbered in accordance with paragraph 5;

(iii) shall be in an electronic document format and filed by a means of transmittal in accordance with paragraph 38.

Sequence Listing Not Forming Part of the International Application

4. A sequence listing furnished under Rule 13*ter* for the purposes of the international search or international preliminary examination:

(i) shall preferably be entitled “Sequence Listing – Rule 13*ter*”;

(ii) shall present the sequences represented in the sequence listing and other available information in the sequence listing in accordance with paragraphs 5 to 35; where applicable, the original numbering of the sequences in the international application as filed (as referred to in paragraph 5) shall be maintained; otherwise, the sequences shall be numbered in accordance with paragraph 5;

(iii) if furnished on paper in accordance with Rule 13*ter*.1(b), shall have independent page numbering;

(iv) if furnished in electronic form, shall be in an electronic document format and filed by a means of transmittal in accordance with paragraph 39;

¹ *Editor’s Note:* No independent page numbering is required where the sequence listing is contained in an international application filed in electronic form and is in the electronic document format referred to in paragraph 40.

(v) if furnished in electronic form together with the international application, shall be identical to the sequence listing as contained in the application and be accompanied by a statement that “the information recorded in electronic form furnished under Rule 13*ter* is identical to the sequence listing as contained in the international application”;

(vi) if furnished subsequently to the filing of the international application, shall not go beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed and be accompanied by a statement to that effect; any such sequence listing shall contain only those sequences that were disclosed in the international application as filed.

4bis. Any correction under Rule 26, rectification under Rule 91 or amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description submitted in relation to sequences contained in the international application as filed shall be accompanied, for the purposes of the international search or international preliminary examination, by a sequence listing in electronic form in an electronic document format in accordance with paragraph 39, comprising the entire listing including any such correction, rectification or amendment, whenever this is required by the competent authority, unless such listing in electronic form is already available to that authority in a form and manner acceptable to it. Any such sequence listing in electronic form:

- (i) shall preferably be entitled “Sequence Listing – Correction – Rule 13*ter*”, “Sequence Listing – Rectification – Rule 13*ter*” or “Sequence Listing – Amendment – Rule 13*ter*”, as the case may be;
- (ii) shall present the sequences represented in the sequence listing and other available information in the sequence listing in accordance with paragraphs 5 to 35; where applicable, the original numbering of the sequences in the international application as filed (as referred to in paragraph 5) shall be maintained; otherwise, the sequences shall be numbered in accordance with paragraph 5;
- (iii) shall be filed by a means of transmittal in accordance with paragraph 39;
- (iv) shall be identical to the sequence listing submitted under paragraph 3*bis* as a correction under Rule 26, rectification under Rule 91 or amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description and be accompanied by a statement that “the information recorded in electronic form furnished under Rule 13*ter* is identical to the sequence listing furnished as a correction under Rule 26 (or a rectification under Rule 91 or an amendment under Article 34(2)(b), as the case may be) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the international application as filed”.

Where such sequence listing in electronic form and, where applicable, such statement is not available to the competent authority, any such correction, rectification or amendment need only be taken into account by that authority for the purposes of the international search or preliminary examination to the extent that a meaningful search or preliminary examination can be carried out without such sequence listing in electronic form.

PRESENTATION OF SEQUENCES

5 to 7. [No change]

Nucleotide Sequences

8 to 15. [No change]

Amino Acid Sequences

16 to 22. [No change]

OTHER AVAILABLE INFORMATION IN THE SEQUENCE LISTING

23 to 25. [No change]

26. In addition to the data elements identified in paragraph 25, above, when a sequence listing is furnished at any time prior to the assignment of an application number, the following data element shall be included in the sequence listing:

<130>	File reference
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27. In addition to the data elements identified in paragraph 25, above, when a sequence listing is furnished at any time following the assignment of an application number, the following data elements shall be included in the sequence listing:

<140>	Current patent application
<141>	Current filing date

28 to 35. [No change]

REPETITION OF FREE TEXT IN MAIN PART OF DESCRIPTION

36. Where the sequence listing forming part of the international application contains free text, any such free text shall be repeated in the main part of the description in the language thereof. It is recommended that the free text in the language of the main part of the description be put in a specific section of the description called “Sequence Listing Free Text”.

SEQUENCE LISTINGS IN ELECTRONIC FORM

37. Any sequence listing referred to in paragraph 3 contained in an international application filed in electronic form shall be in an electronic document format and be filed by a means of transmittal that has been specified by the receiving Office for the purposes of filing of international applications in electronic form, provided that any such sequence listing shall preferably be in the electronic document format specified in paragraph 40 and be filed, if possible, by a means of transmittal which has been specified by both the receiving Office and the competent authority.^{2,3}

² *Editor’s Note:* Where a sequence listing in electronic form complying with this Standard is not available to the competent authority in a form and manner acceptable to it (that is, in particular, where it is not available to it in the electronic document format specified in paragraph 40), the competent authority may invite the applicant to furnish to it such a sequence listing in electronic form (see Rule 13*ter*).

³ *Editor’s Note:* Irrespective of the electronic document format of the sequence listing, the spatial relationship (e.g., columns and rows) of the data elements included in the sequence listing and the format of the actual nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences, as specified in this Annex, shall be maintained.

38. Any sequence listing in electronic form referred to in paragraph 3*bis* shall be in an electronic document format that has been specified by the receiving Office (in the case of a correction) or by the competent authority (in the case of a rectification or an amendment) for the purposes of filing of international applications in electronic form, provided that any such listing shall preferably be in the electronic document format specified in paragraph 40. Any such listing shall be filed by a means of transmittal which has been specified by the receiving Office or the competent authority, as applicable, for the purposes of this paragraph; if possible, it shall preferably be filed by a means of transmittal which has been specified by both the receiving Office and the competent authority.⁴

39. Any sequence listing in electronic form referred to in paragraphs 4 and 4*bis* furnished for the purposes of the international search or international preliminary examination shall be in the electronic document format specified in paragraph 40 and be filed by a means of transmittal which has been specified by the competent authority for the purposes of this paragraph.

40. For the purposes of the international search and international preliminary examination, any sequence listing in electronic form shall be contained within one electronic file encoded as a text file using IBM⁵ Code Page 437, IBM Code Page 932⁶ or a compatible code page to represent the sequence listing as set out in paragraphs 5 to 36 with no other codes included. A compatible code page, as would be required for, for example, Japanese, Chinese, Cyrillic, Arabic, Greek or Hebrew characters, is one that assigns the Roman alphabet and numerals to the same hexadecimal positions as do the specified code pages.

41. Any sequence listing in the electronic document format specified in paragraph 40 shall preferably be created by dedicated software such as PatentIn.

PROCEDURE BEFORE DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

42. For the purposes of the procedure before a designated or elected Office before which the processing of an international application which contains the disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences has started (see Rule 13*ter*.3):

(i) any reference to the receiving Office or the competent authority shall be construed as a reference to the designated or elected Office concerned;

⁴ *Editor's Note:* Where a replacement sequence listing in electronic form including any correction, rectification or amendment is not available to the competent authority in a form and manner acceptable to it (that is, in particular, where it is not available to it in the electronic document format specified in paragraph 40), any such correction, rectification or amendment need only be taken into account by that authority for the purposes of the international search or preliminary examination to the extent that a meaningful search or preliminary examination can be carried out without the replacement sequence listing (see paragraph 4*bis*, above). See also Editor's Note 3, which equally applies to any replacement sequence listing in electronic form referred to in paragraph 3*bis*.

⁵ [No change] *Editor's Note:* IBM is a registered trademark of International Business Machine Corporation, United States of America.

⁶ [No change] *Editor's Note:* The specified code pages are *de facto* standards for personal computers.

(ii) any reference to a sequence listing which is included in the international application by way of a correction under Rule 26, a rectification under Rule 91 or an amendment under Article 34(2)(b) of the description in relation to sequences contained in the application as filed shall be construed to also include any sequence listing included in the application, under the national law applied by the designated or elected Office concerned, by way of a correction (of a formality defect), rectification (of an obvious mistake) or amendment of the description in relation to sequences contained in the application as filed;

(iii) any reference to a sequence listing furnished for the purposes of international search or international preliminary examination shall be construed to also include any such listing furnished to the designated or elected Office concerned for the purposes of national search or examination by that Office;

(iv) the designated or elected Office concerned may invite the applicant to furnish to it, within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances, for the purposes of national search and/or examination, a sequence listing in electronic form complying with this Standard, unless such listing in electronic form is already available to that Office in a form and manner acceptable to it.

43 to 46. *[Deleted]*

Annex C, Appendices 1, 2 and 3 [No change]

ANNEX C-*bis*
[Deleted]

ANNEX F
STANDARD FOR THE FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM
OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

1 and 2. [No change]

3. E-PCT SUBMISSION STRUCTURE AND FORMAT

[No change to the introductory text]

3.1 *Allowable electronic document formats*

[No change to the first four paragraphs of the introductory text]

Applicants may present a nucleotide and amino acid sequence listing in any of the electronic document formats listed in sections 3.1.1 to 3.1.3 which are allowed under section 3.4 in the Applicant-Office communication sector. However, where the sequence listing is not presented in the electronic document format specified in paragraph 40 of the Standard for the Presentation of Nucleotide and Amino Acid Sequence Listings in International Patent Applications under the PCT (see Annex C of the Administrative Instructions and WIPO Standard ST.25, and section 3.1.1.2, below; hereinafter referred to as “Annex C/ST.25 text file”), the competent International Searching Authority and the International Preliminary Examining Authority may, for the purposes of the international search and of the international preliminary examination, respectively, invite the applicant to furnish to them a sequence listing in that

electronic document format (see Rule 13^{ter}) (see also paragraph 42(iv) of Annex C of the Administrative Instructions with regard to the right of designated or elected Offices to invite the applicant to furnish a sequence listing in that electronic document format).

[No change to the sixth paragraph of the introductory text]

3.1.1 *Character coded formats*

3.1.1.1 *XML*

[No change to the five introductory paragraphs]

3.1.1.1.1 [No change]

3.1.1.2 *Annex C/ST.25 text file*

Any sequence listing presented as an Annex C/ST.25 text file (see paragraph 40 of the Standard for the Presentation of Nucleotide and Amino Acid Sequence Listings in International Patent Applications under the PCT (Annex C of the Administrative Instructions and WIPO Standard ST.25)) must be included as a referenced document.

For the Applicant-Office (international phase) communication sector, receiving Offices must accept this electronic document format in accordance with the basic common standard. For the Office-Office communication sector, Offices must be able to transmit and receive this format.

3.1.1.3 [No change]

3.1.2 *PDF*

Any file in this format, if present, must be included as a referenced document.

All documents in PDF format must meet the following requirements:

(a) to (e) [No change]

For the Applicant-Office (international phase) communication sector, receiving Offices shall notify the International Bureau whether they will accept documents in this format, including, where applicable, details as to the version(s) that are acceptable. In order to accommodate Offices that do not accept documents in PDF format, any Office that chooses to accept documents in this format must also convert the documents (that is, text and drawings) to TIFF images and transmit the documents in both formats to the International Bureau.

For the Office-Office communication sector, Offices shall notify the International Bureau whether they will transmit or accept documents in this format, including details as to the version(s) in use. For documents originally submitted in PDF format, Offices may request transmission of the original documents in PDF format in addition to the converted documents in TIFF format.

3.1.3 and 3.1.4 [No change]

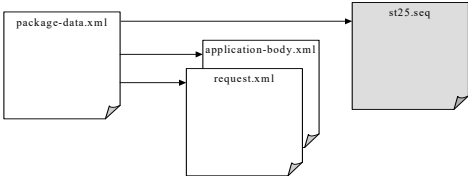
3.2 and 3.3 [No change]

3.4 Allowable document formats, by PCT communication sector

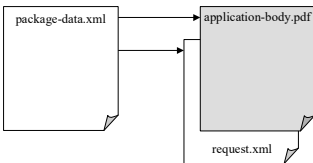
[No change to the introductory paragraphs]

<i>Applicant-Office (international phase) sector</i>		
<i>Format</i>	<i>Options allowable</i>	<i>Example package contents</i>

[No change to the first row]

<p><i>Annex C/ST.25 text file</i></p> <p>See section 3.1.1.2</p>	<p>A receiving Office must accept this format per the basic common standard.</p>	 <p>The diagram illustrates the structure of a package for the Annex C/ST.25 text file format. It shows a 'package-data.xml' file on the left. Three arrows point from it to three stacked files: 'application-body.xml' (top), 'request.xml' (middle), and 'st25.seq' (bottom, shaded). This indicates that the package contains these three files.</p>
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<p><i>PDF</i></p> <p>See section 3.1.2</p>	<p>A receiving Office shall notify the IB whether it will accept documents in this format. In order to accommodate Offices that do not accept PDF documents, any Office that chooses to accept documents in this format must also convert the document text and drawings to TIFF images and transmit those documents in both formats to the IB.</p>	 <p>The diagram illustrates the structure of a package for the PDF format. It shows a 'package-data.xml' file on the left. Two arrows point from it to two stacked files: 'application-body.pdf' (top, shaded) and 'request.xml' (bottom). This indicates that the package contains these two files.</p>
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<i>Office-Office sector</i>		
<i>Format</i>	<i>Options allowable</i>	<i>Example package contents</i>

[No change to the first three rows]

<p><i>PDF</i></p> <p>See section 3.1.2</p>	<p>Offices shall notify the IB whether they will transmit or accept documents in this format. For documents originally submitted in PDF format, Offices may request transmission of the original PDF documents in addition to the document converted in TIFF format.</p>	<p>The diagram illustrates the file structure for a PDF document submission. It shows a central 'request.xml' file. To its left are 'package-data.xml', 'application-body.xml', and 'application-body.pdf'. To its right are 'page02.tif' and 'page01.tif'. Annotations include: 'XML document created to contain references to converted TIFF page image files.' pointing to 'application-body.xml'; 'Converted TIFF page image files' pointing to the '.tif' files; and 'Original PDF document' pointing to 'application-body.pdf'.</p>
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4. IA DOCUMENTS PACKAGING

[No change to the introductory text]

4.1 and 4.2 [No change]

4.3 File naming convention

[No change to the introductory text]

4.3.1 Tables

Tables 1 to 5 [No change]

Table 6

<i>Document and package types currently accepted for initial ePCT filing</i>	
<i>Document type</i>	<i>Code</i>
record copy (package)	reco
home copy (package)	hoco
package header	pkgh
package data	pkda
request	requ
receiving office information	rrri
declarations	decl
application body	appb
fee sheet	fees
original separate power of attorney	poat
original general power of attorney	gpoa
copy of general power of attorney	cgpa
statement explaining the lack of signature	lacs

priority documents	pdoc
translation of application	tapp
document in pre-conversion format	dpcf
biological deposit	biod
sequence listing	seql
sequence listing not forming part of the application	seqn
sequence listing table	seqt
table external	tabx
transmission receipt	xmre
application receipt list	aprl
dispatch list	dspl
amendment request	amnd
change of bibliographic material	bibc
ex-officio correction	exoc
correspondence	crsp
notification	noti
demand	dmnd
IPEA demand receiving information	idri
fee-sheet-chapter2	fee2
international search report (ISR)	isre
international preliminary examination report (IPER)	iper
international search opinion (ISO)	isop
translation of international search report	isrt
translation of international preliminary examination report	ipet
translation of international search opinion	isot
published application	papp
office specific document types	[2-position country code]AA
table exceeding fifty printed pages	mtbl

Tables 7 and 8 [No change]

4.3.2 and 4.3.3 [No change]

5 to 9. [No change]

APPENDICES I and II
[No change]

APPENDIX III
BASIC COMMON STANDARD FOR ELECTRONIC FILING

1. [No change]

2. BASIC COMMON STANDARD REQUIREMENTS

An international application complies with the basic common standard

– as to electronic document format, if it meets the following requirements:

(a) [No change]

(b) any sequence listing is presented in the electronic document format specified in paragraph 40 of the Standard for the Presentation of Nucleotide and Amino Acid Sequence Listings in International Patent Applications under the PCT (“Annex C/ST.25 text file”; see paragraph 40 of Annex C of the Administrative Instructions and WIPO Standard ST.25; see also Annex F, section 3.1.1.2);

[No change to the remainder of paragraph 2]

APPENDIX IV USE OF PHYSICAL MEDIA FOR THE E-PCT STANDARD

1. INTRODUCTION

(a) [No change]

(a-*bis*) This Appendix also defines the requirements for applicants for the submission of sequence listings in electronic form using physical media where the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority (“Authority”) has notified the International Bureau under AIs Section 513(f) and 610(e), respectively, that it is requiring the furnishing of such listings, for the purposes of international search and preliminary examination, respectively, in electronic form on physical media.

(b) A receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under AIs Section 710(a) that it is prepared to accept the filing of documents in electronic form on physical media and an Authority which has notified the International Bureau under AIs Section 513(f) or 610(e) that it is requiring the furnishing of sequence listings in electronic form on physical media shall, in addition to the indications required under those Sections, indicate the physical media types and the number of copies of the physical media that are required.

(c) The acceptable physical media types and formats shall be limited to those described in section 4 of this Appendix, below, provided that any receiving Office referred to in paragraph (a) shall, where the International Searching Authority or, if applicable, at least one of the International Searching Authorities competent for the international searching of international applications filed with that receiving Office has notified the International Bureau under Section 513(f) that it requires the furnishing of sequence listings in electronic form on physical media for the purposes of the international search, accept at least one physical media type that is accepted by that Authority, or, if applicable, by at least one of those Authorities.

(d) Electronic document formats are limited to those described in the main body of this Annex.

2. REQUIREMENTS FOR ELECTRONIC FILING USING PHYSICAL MEDIA

(a) [No change]

(b) The contents of each physical medium shall:

(i) subject to paragraph (b-*bis*), be packaged in accordance with section 4.1 or 4.2 of the main body of this Annex; and

(ii) subject to paragraph (c), be contained in a single file and be located in the root directory of the physical medium.

(b-*bis*) Where the physical medium contains a sequence listing furnished under Rule 13*ter*, the contents of the physical medium need not be packaged, unless the file containing such listing is compressed in accordance with paragraph (c-*bis*).

(c) A receiving Office or an Authority may limit the size of the files written on the physical medium. If, to comply with this requirement, a single document needs to be split into multiple files written on a single physical medium, or if a single document needs to be split into multiple files to be written on multiple physical media, such splitting shall be done such that the files can be rejoined to form one single contiguous file without any repeated or missing contents in accordance with either the ZIP file splitting standard or the Unix/Linux “split” command. In either case, the file names shall be in accordance with the defaults in those standards for splitting and recreating a file with a particular original name, for example, for “sequence-list.txt” in the case of ZIP split files: “sequence-list.z01”, “sequence-list.z02”, “sequence-list.zip”; or, in the case of Unix split files: “sequence-listaa.txt”, “sequence-listab.txt”, etc.

(c-*bis*) File compression is acceptable if done, in accordance with section 4.1.1 of the main body of this Annex, according to the ZIP standard (that standard allows the compression software to select from among a number of compression algorithms; the compression method must be “deflation” with the normal compression option).

(d) Each physical medium shall be enclosed in a hard case within an unsealed padded and protective mailing envelope and accompanied by a transmittal letter on paper. The transmittal letter shall state the contents of the physical medium (for example: “international application filed under Section 703” or “[*name of other kind of document*] filed under Section 703”). The transmittal letter shall also list for each physical medium the machine format (e.g., IBM-PC), the operating system compatibility (e.g., MS-DOS, MS-Windows, Unix), a list of the files contained on the physical medium including their names, sizes in bytes, and dates of creation, plus any other special information that is necessary to identify, maintain and interpret the information on the physical medium. Physical media submitted to the Office will not be returned to the applicant.

(e) Where the receiving Office requires under Rule 11.1(b) that an international application filed in electronic form on a physical medium be submitted in two or three copies, or where an Authority so requires in respect of the furnishing of a sequence listing for the purposes of the international search or international preliminary examination, the transmittal letter that accompanies the physical media must include a statement that the copies of the physical media are identical. In the event that the copies of the physical media are not identical, the Office or Authority will use the physical medium labeled “COPY 1” (see paragraph (f)(vi), below) for further processing.

(f) A physical medium must also be physically labeled with the following information:

(i) to (v) [No change]

(vi) where more than one copy of the physical medium is required by the receiving Office or by the Authority, the numbering of each copy submitted, as follows (example: three copies of the physical media are submitted): “COPY 1”, “COPY 2”, “COPY 3” (see also paragraph (e), above); and

(vii) an indication of the content of the physical medium (for example: “INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION – SECTION 703”; “ARTICLE 19 AMENDMENTS”; “ARTICLE 34 AMENDMENTS”; “SEQUENCE LISTING – RULE 13^{ter}”; “SEQUENCE LISTING – CORRECTION – Rule 13^{ter}”; “SEQUENCE LISTING – RECTIFICATION – Rule 13^{ter}”; “SEQUENCE LISTING – AMENDMENT – Rule 13^{ter}”.

3 and 4. [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, its telephone and facsimile numbers and its e-mail address, which now read as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Head Office:	Kralja Petra Kresimira IV/8 88000 Mostar Bosnia and Herzegovina
	Branch Offices:	Banja Luka: Bana Lazarevia and Vase Pelagica 78000 Banja Luka Bosnia and Herzegovina
		Sarajevo: Hamdije Ćemerlića 2/7 71000 Sarajevo Bosnia and Herzegovina
Telephone:	Head Office:	(387-36) 33 43 81
	Branch Offices:	(387-51) 21 85 32 (Banja Luka) (387-33) 65 27 65 (Sarajevo)
Facsimile machine:	Head Office:	(387-36) 31 84 20
	Branch Offices:	(387-51) 21 83 12 (Banja Luka) (387-33) 65 27 57 (Sarajevo)
E-mail:		info@ipr.gov.ba

[Updating of Annex B1(BA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, which now read as follows:

Telephone: (1-866) 997 19 36 (toll-free Canada and US)
(1-819) 934 05 44 (local and international)

Facsimile machine: (1-819) 953 24 76, (1-819) 953 67 42

[Updating of Annex B1(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a change in its location address, which now reads as follows:

The Technology Park, Bldg. 5, Malcha, Jerusalem 96951, Israel

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LC Saint Lucia

The **Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which now reads as follows:

info@rocip.gov.lc

[Updating of Annex B1(LC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 July 2009, is EUR 737.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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JP Japan

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. This amount, applicable from 15 July 2009, is USD 987.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property** has notified a change in the currency of payment of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), payable to it as receiving Office, from **US dollar (USD)** to **euro (EUR)**. The amounts applicable since 25 July 2008 are EUR 100 and EUR 20, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RS Serbia

The **Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change to the amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14), in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amount applicable since 30 January 2009 is RSD 5,000.

[Updating of Annex C(RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified that its mailing address is now the same as its location address, which reads as follows:

The Technology Park, Bldg. 5, Malcha, Jerusalem 96951, Israel

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SM San Marino

EP European Patent Organisation

San Marino deposited, on 21 April 2009, its instrument of accession to the **European Patent Convention (EPC)** and becomes bound by that Convention on 1 July 2009. Thus, from 1 July 2009, it will be possible for applicants to designate San Marino in their international applications also for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent, as at present.

Moreover, from 1 July 2009, nationals and residents of San Marino will be able to file international applications with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office, in addition to the Patent and Trademark Office or the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B1(SM), B2(EP) and C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 26bis.3(j)

FR France

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 26bis.3(j) (see PCT Gazette No. 18/2006, page 12958), the **National Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 June 2009. PCT Rule 26bis.3(a) to (i) will therefore apply from that date.

Furthermore, under PCT Rule 26bis.3(i), the Office has informed the International Bureau that it will apply the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Moreover, the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amount of this fee is EUR 150.

[Updating of Annex C(FR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

IT Italy

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the address of the Collection of Industrial Yeasts (DBVPG), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

Collection of Industrial Yeasts (DBVPG)
Department of Applied Biology
Borgo XX Giugno, 74
06121 Perugia
Italy

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2009, is ISK 285,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2009, is ISK 285,000.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 15 August 2009, is NOK 14,760.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 15 August 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 150,600
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 1,700
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 11,300

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 August 2009, is KRW 1,255,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

The **Nordic Patent Institute** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2009, is ISK 285,000.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Chile with the National Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office, with effect from 2 June 2009.



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 15 August 2009, is NZD 3,960.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes to the amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amounts applicable are EUR 70.64 and EUR 28.25, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 15 August 2009, is NOK 14,760.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 15 August 2009, is ZAR 17,400.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

The **Nordic Patent Institute** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 15 August 2009, is NOK 14,760.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 15 August 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	9,830
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	110
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
PCT-EASY:	ZAR	740

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

PE Peru

IB International Bureau

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **National Institute of Defense of Competition and of Protection of Intellectual Property** has notified the International Bureau that it delegates, until further notice, its functions as receiving Office to the **International Bureau**, with effect since 6 June 2009.

The International Bureau acting for the National Institute of Defense of Competition and of Protection of Intellectual Property has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Peru with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect since 6 June 2009.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)** has notified a change in its addresses, which now read as follows:

Concept House, Cardiff Road, Newport, South Wales NP10 8QQ, United Kingdom

Filings by hand may additionally be made at:

21 Bloomsbury Street, London WC1B 3SS, United Kingdom

[Updating of Annex B1(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2009, is KRW 1,525,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2009, is ZAR 19,190.

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

In addition to the modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 May 2009, pages 79 *et seq.*, entering into force on July 1, 2009, and following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modifications to Sections 102, 102*bis*, 204, 205, 312, 417 *et* 707 of the Administrative Instructions, as set out below, are promulgated, also with effect from 1 July 2009.

These modifications involve:

(i) taking into account amendments of the PCT Regulations adopted by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) at its thirty-eighth (22nd extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from 22 to 30 September 2008, entering into force on July 1, 2009 (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 December 2008, pages 166 and 167) (Sections 102, 205 and 417);

(ii) providing clarifications and corrections (Sections 102, 102*bis*, 204, 312 and 707).

All modifications will apply to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2009.

The consolidated text of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/9 Add.) as in force from July 1, 2009, is available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/ai_july2009.html.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS *(as in force from 1 July 2009)*

Section 102 **Use of the Forms**

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) to (i) and Section 103, the International Authorities shall use, or require the use of, the mandatory Forms specified below:

(i) Forms for use by the applicant:

PCT/RO/101 (request Form)
PCT/IPEA/401 (demand Form)

(ii) Forms for use by the receiving Offices:

PCT/RO/103	PCT/RO/112	PCT/RO/133	PCT/RO/154
PCT/RO/104	PCT/RO/113	PCT/RO/136	PCT/RO/155
PCT/RO/105	PCT/RO/114	PCT/RO/143	PCT/RO/156
PCT/RO/106	PCT/RO/115	PCT/RO/147	PCT/RO/157
PCT/RO/107	PCT/RO/117	PCT/RO/150	PCT/RO/158
PCT/RO/109	PCT/RO/118	PCT/RO/151	PCT/RO/159
PCT/RO/110	PCT/RO/123	PCT/RO/152	
PCT/RO/111	PCT/RO/126	PCT/RO/153	

(iii) Forms for use by the International Searching Authorities:

PCT/ISA/201	PCT/ISA/209	PCT/ISA/219	PCT/ISA/235
PCT/ISA/202	PCT/ISA/210	PCT/ISA/220	PCT/ISA/236
PCT/ISA/203	PCT/ISA/212	PCT/ISA/225	PCT/ISA/237
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PCT/SISA/502	PCT/SISA/505	PCT/SISA/510	
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(iv) Forms for use by the International Bureau:

PCT/IB/301	PCT/IB/319	PCT/IB/345	PCT/IB/369
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PCT/IB/307	PCT/IB/325	PCT/IB/351	PCT/IB/374
PCT/IB/308	PCT/IB/326	PCT/IB/353	PCT/IB/376
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PCT/IB/316	PCT/IB/338	PCT/IB/366	
PCT/IB/317	PCT/IB/339	PCT/IB/367	
PCT/IB/318	PCT/IB/344	PCT/IB/368	

(v) Forms for use by the International Preliminary Examining Authorities:

PCT/IPEA/402	PCT/IPEA/409	PCT/IPEA/420	PCT/IPEA/441
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PCT/IPEA/405	PCT/IPEA/414	PCT/IPEA/431	PCT/IPEA/443
PCT/IPEA/407	PCT/IPEA/415	PCT/IPEA/436	PCT/IPEA/444
PCT/IPEA/408	PCT/IPEA/416	PCT/IPEA/440	

(b) to (i) [No change]

Section 102bis

**Filing of PCT-EASY Request Together with
PCT-EASY Physical Medium Containing Request Data and Abstract**

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) Item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations shall apply to reduce the fees payable in respect of an international application containing a PCT-EASY request filed, together with a PCT-EASY physical medium, with a receiving Office which, under paragraph (a), accepts the filing of such international applications.

Section 204
Headings of the Parts of the Description

- (a) [No change]
- (b) The heading “Title of Invention” shall preferably precede the title of the invention.

Section 205
Numbering and Identification of Claims upon Amendment

(a) Amendments to the claims under Article 19 or Article 34(2)(b) may be made either by cancelling one or more entire claims, by adding one or more new claims or by amending the text of one or more of the claims as filed. Where a claim is cancelled, no renumbering of the other claims shall be required. In all cases where claims are renumbered, they shall be renumbered consecutively in Arabic numerals.

(b) The applicant shall, in the letter referred to in Rule 46.5(b) or Rule 66.8(c), indicate the differences between the claims as filed and the claims as amended or, as the case may be, differences between the claims as previously amended and currently amended. He shall, in particular, indicate in the said letter, in connection with each claim appearing in the international application (it being understood that identical indications concerning several claims may be grouped), whether:

- (i) the claim is unchanged;
- (ii) the claim is cancelled;
- (iii) the claim is new;
- (iv) the claim replaces one or more claims as filed;
- (v) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as filed;
- (vi) the claim replaces one or more claims as previously amended;
- (vii) the claim is the result of the division of a claim as previously amended.

Section 312
Notification of Decision Not to Issue Declaration
that the International Application Is Considered Withdrawn

Where the receiving Office, after having notified the applicant under Rule 29.4(a) of its intent to issue a declaration under Article 14(4), decides not to issue such a declaration, it shall notify the applicant accordingly.

Section 417
Processing of Amendments under Article 19

- (a) [No change]
- (b) The International Bureau shall mark, in the upper right-hand corner of each replacement sheet submitted under Rule 46.5(a), the international application number, the date on which that sheet was received under Rule 46.1 and, in the middle of the bottom margin, the words “AMENDED SHEET (ARTICLE 19).” It shall keep in its files any replaced sheet and the letter accompanying the replacement sheet or sheets.

(c) The International Bureau shall insert any replacement sheet or sheets in the record copy.

(d) [No change]

Section 707
Calculation of International Filing Fee and Fee Reduction

(a) and (a-bis) [No change]

(b) Item 4(b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations shall apply to reduce the fees payable in respect of an international application filed in electronic form with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710(a) that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form or which has decided to receive such an application in accordance with Section 703(d).

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CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD 1,393
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD 16
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	CAD 105
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CAD 210
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CAD 314

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israel shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office (transmittal fee) and as designated (or elected) Office (national filing fee). These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2009, are ILS 518 and ILS 994, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) and of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change with relation to the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4), applicable since 1 July 2009. The original of the document must be furnished only upon invitation.

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

GB United Kingdom

Pursuant to PCT Rule 12*bis*.1(c), the **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)** has notified a fee for transmittal of a copy of an earlier application to the International Searching Authority, applicable since 1 July 2008. The amount of the fee is GBP 5.

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland (PRH)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the following changes to its notification pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see PCT Gazette No. 51/2003, pages 29014 *et seq.*), and in particular, of the replacement of the part relating to the filing of backup copies by a text relating to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format:

“As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

No online payment is available. The following means of deferred payment are accepted: payment by cash or by bank transfer.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of patents, PRH has put in place a help desk for applicants.

The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of patents, and in particular to serve as a technical Hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm.

The PRH patent help desk may be contacted

- by phone, at (358-9) 6939 5948
- by web form at the following address: <http://patent.prh.fi/helpdesk>

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

PRH will accept filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application. The files should be in ZIP format and contain texts either in ASCII plain text, Microsoft Word 97 (or later version), Writer of OpenOffice 2.0 (or later versions (including StarOffice) or in any other commonly known format.”

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES RELATED THERETO: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it accepts the filing in electronic form of sequence listings and/or tables related thereto. The types of electronic carrier accepted by the receiving Office in accordance with Annex C of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT are the following: CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES RELATED THERETO: NOTIFICATION BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has specified that it requires, where applicable, the furnishing in electronic form of tables related to nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings, in addition to the furnishing in electronic form of such sequence listings under PCT Rule 13*ter*.1.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

BR Brazil

Agreement¹ between the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendments to Annexes A and C

The **Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the above-mentioned Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and as an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

The Agreement will enter into force on 7 August 2009. Pursuant to the decision of the PCT Assembly appointing the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property as an International Searching Authority and as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, that appointment will also have effect from 7 August 2009.

Furthermore, the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property has notified the International Bureau of the necessary information to complete all aspects of the Agreement. Annexes A and C will read as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) [No change]
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) [No change]
 - (b) for international applications filed with receiving Offices established at Latin American and Caribbean regions: Portuguese and Spanish;
 - (c) for international applications filed with any other receiving Office: Portuguese.

¹ Published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 December 2007, pages 195 *et seq.*

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_br.pdf.

**Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Brazilian reais)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,900
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,530
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	710
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	410
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	2

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) and (2) [No change]

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, 25% of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) and (5) [No change]"

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the US dollar (USD) is not the official currency. The new amount, applicable from 15 September 2009, is USD 1,278.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 15 September 2009, are as follows:

For international applications in English: SGD 1,048 USD 729

For international applications in Korean: SGD 524 USD 364

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendments to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments enter into force on 30 July 2009. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America and,
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago;

- (iii) [no change]”

RECEIVING OFFICES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property** has informed the International Bureau that it would act, in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO), the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Brazil with the National Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office, with effect from 7 August 2009.

Furthermore, the Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), it accepts Spanish, in addition to English and Portuguese, as a language in which international applications may be filed, with effect from 7 August 2009.

[Updating of Annex C(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

CL Chile

The **National Institute of Industrial Property** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as a competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Chile with the National Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office, with effect from 30 July 2009.

PE Peru

IB International Bureau

Following the publication that the **National Institute of Defense of Competition and of Protection of Intellectual Property** delegated, pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), its functions as receiving Office to the International Bureau (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 18 June 2009, page 109), the Office has provided new information relating to its activities as receiving Office.

The Office has notified that rather than delegating its functions under PCT Rule 19.1(b), it will, pursuant to PCT Rule 19.4(a)(iii), forward international applications filed with it in its capacity as receiving Office to the International Bureau as receiving Office for further processing. The new information is effective since 6 June 2009.

The Office has also specified the Austrian Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Peru with the National Institute of Defense of Competition and of Protection of Intellectual Property. The specification of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is effective from 30 July 2009.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES RELATED THERETO: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

FI Finland – Corrigendum

The Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 July 2009, page 119, informed that the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**, in its capacity as receiving Office, had notified the International Bureau that it accepted the filing in electronic form of sequence listings and/or tables related thereto, together with detail of the types of electronic carrier accepted by the receiving Office. The publication of this information, however, was erroneous as the requirement for its publication had already been superseded following the publication in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 May 2009, page 79 *et seq.*, of modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, including the deletion of Part 8 and Annex C-*bis* of the said instructions.

[Updating of Annex C(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES RELATED THERETO: NOTIFICATION BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

FI Finland – Corrigendum

The Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 9 July 2009, page 119, informed that the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, had specified that it required, where applicable, the furnishing in electronic form of tables related to nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings, in addition to the furnishing in electronic form of such sequence listings under PCT Rule 13*ter*.1. The publication of this information, however, was erroneous as the requirement for its publication had already been superseded following the publication in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 14 May 2009, page 79 *et seq.*, of modifications to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, including the deletion of Part 8 and Annex C-*bis* of the said instructions.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2009, is SGD 1,870.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2009, is EUR 916.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BR Brazil

Further to the entry into force, on 7 August 2009, of the Agreement between the **National Institute of Industrial Property** and the International Bureau in relation to the functioning of the Institute as an International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 16 July 2009, pages 121 et 122), and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 7 August 2009, are CHF 1,048, EUR 691 and USD 966, respectively.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(c), the equivalent amount of the handling fee has been established in **Brazilian reals (BRL)**. This amount, also applicable from 7 August 2009, is BRL 360.

CA Canada

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the US dollar (USD) is not the official currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 October 2009, is USD 1,419.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2009, are JPY 225,700 and USD 2,378, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the US dollar (USD) is not the official currency. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2009, is USD 2,378.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2009, is USD 2,378.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD 1,907
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD 22
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	NZD 143

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2009, is USD 2,378.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2009, is NZD 3,250.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2009, is EUR 1,486.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

IB International Bureau

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute** for the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2009, is USD 2,378.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, which now read as follows:

(74-95) 956 81 09 (general)

(74-99) 240 25 91 (application processing)

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AO Angola

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **Angolan Institute of Industrial Property** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office (EPO) and the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Angola with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect since 7 August 2009.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ST Sao Tome and Principe

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **National Service of Industrial Property (SENAPI)** has specified the National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil), in addition to the Austrian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Sao Tome and Principe with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect since 7 August 2009.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

RU Russian Federation

Agreement between the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments, which result from the change in the currency of payment of the fees and charges from **US dollar (USD)** to **Russian ruble (RUB)**, entered into force on 30 December 2008. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Russian rubles)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	13,500
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	13,500
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	9,450
Supplementary search fee for a search in accordance with paragraph (3) of Annex E, where a declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) has been made because of subject matter referred to in Rule 39.1(iv)	13,500
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	4,050
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	5,400
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	8,100
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)):	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	5,400
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	8,100
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c))	4,050

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ru.pdf.

Cost of copies of cited documents (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):

- patent document, per page 10
- non-patent document, per page 30

Cost of copies of document contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.2), per page 80

Part II. [No change]”

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EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 15 October 2009, is ISK 304,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 15 October 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	753
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	8
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):		
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP	113
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP	170

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)** has notified a change in the currency of payment of certain fees from **US dollar (USD)** to **Russian ruble (RUB)**. The amounts of these fees, payable to the Office as International Searching Authority, International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search), International Preliminary Examining Authority and designated (or elected) Office, and applicable since 30 December 2008, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ²	RUB 13,500
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ³	RUB 13,500
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3): ⁴	The applicant receives together with the international search report a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases: RUB 10 per page for a patent document RUB 30 per page for a non-patent document.
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)): ³	RUB 4,050
[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the <i>PCT Applicant's Guide</i>]	
Supplementary search fee (PCT Rule 45 ^{bis} .3): ⁵	RUB 9,450 (13,500) ⁶
Review fee (PCT Rule 45 ^{bis} .6(c)): ⁴	RUB 4,050

² This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it.

³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority to the bank account indicated on the website of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) (see www1.fips.ru/wps/wcm/connect/content_ru/ru/activity_lines/poshl/poshl_bill#sw) and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ This fee is payable to the bank account indicated on the website of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) (see www1.fips.ru/wps/wcm/connect/content_ru/ru/about/structure/fips/fips_bill_tarif).

⁵ The equivalent amount of this fee in Swiss francs is payable to the International Bureau at the exchange rate applicable on the date of payment.

⁶ The amount in parentheses is payable where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

Fee for copies of documents
cited in the supplementary international
search report (PCT Rule 44.3):⁷

The applicant receives together with the
supplementary international search report a
copy of each document cited therein, free of
charge; in other cases:
RUB 10 per page for a patent document
RUB 30 per page for a non-patent
document.

[Updating of Annex SISA(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Preliminary examination fee
(PCT Rule 58):⁸

RUB 5,400 (8,100)

The amount in parentheses is payable
when the international search report was
not prepared by the Federal Service for
Intellectual Property, Patents and
Trademarks (Rospatent).

Additional preliminary examination fee
(PCT Rule 68.3):⁹

RUB 5,400 (8,100)

The amount in parentheses is payable
when the international search report was
not prepared by the Federal Service for
Intellectual Property, Patents and
Trademarks (Rospatent).

⁷ This fee is payable to the bank account indicated on the website of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) (see www1.fips.ru/wps/wcm/connect/content_ru/ru/about/structure/fips/fips_bill_tarif).

⁸ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority to the bank account indicated on the website of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) (see www1.fips.ru/wps/wcm/connect/content_ru/ru/activity_lines/poshl/poshl_bill#sw).

⁹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority to the bank account indicated on the website of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) (see www1.fips.ru/wps/wcm/connect/content_ru/ru/activity_lines/poshl/poshl_bill#sw) and only in particular circumstances.

Fee for copies of documents
cited in the international preliminary
examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):¹⁰

The applicant receives together with the
international preliminary examination report
a copy of each document cited therein, free
of charge; in other cases:
RUB 10 per page for a patent document
RUB 30 per page for a non-patent
document.

Fee for copies of documents
contained in the file of the international
application (PCT Rule 94.2):¹⁰

RUB 80 per page

[Updating of Annex E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:	RUB 5,400
Examination fee:	
– for one invention:	RUB 8,100
– for each invention in excess of one:	RUB 6,480
Annual fee for the third year:	RUB 2,700

For utility model:

Filing fee:	RUB 2,700
Annual fee for the first and the second year, per year:	RUB 1,350

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (RU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change to the amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Russian rubles (RUB)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amount applicable since 30 December 2008 is RUB 1,620.

[Updating of Annex C(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹⁰ This fee is payable to the bank account indicated on the website of the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent) (see www1.fips.ru/wps/wcm/connect/content_ru/ru/about/structure/fips/fips_bill_tarif).

In addition, the Office has notified fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(d) and 49*ter*.2(d), in **Russian rubles (RUB)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The amount of each of the fees, applicable since 30 December 2008, is RUB 1,350.

[Updating of Annex C(RU) and of the National Chapter, Summary (RU), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF APPLICABILITY OF PCT RULE 4.9(b)

RU Russian Federation

Further to notification of the applicability of PCT Rule 4.9(b) to the designation of the Russian Federation (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2003, of 30 January 2003, page 2524), the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 5 June 2009. PCT Rule 4.9(a)(i) therefore applies since that date.

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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AU Australia

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the Swiss franc (CHF) is not the official currency. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2009, is CHF 1,443.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2009, is SGD 3,490.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

The **Nordic Patent Institute** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 15 October 2009, is ISK 304,000.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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RU Russian Federation

Further to the announcement published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 August 2009, page 137, notifying a change in the currency of payment of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) from **US dollar** to **Russian rouble (RUB)** for a search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)**, the Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established equivalent amounts of this fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF), the euro (EUR) or the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the Swiss franc (CHF), the euro (EUR) or the US dollar (USD) is not the official currency. These amounts, applicable since 30 December 2008, are CHF 459, EUR 309 and USD 411, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation **IB International Bureau**

Further to the announcement published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 August 2009, page 137, notifying a change in the currency of payment of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) from **US dollar** to **Russian rouble (RUB)** for a search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Rospatent)**, equivalent amounts of this fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 30 December 2008, are CHF 459, EUR 309 and USD 411, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16), in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 15 October 2009, is ISK 304,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD 1,475
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD 17
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY:	AUD 111
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD 222
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD 333

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2009, is KRW 1,657,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 December 2009, is NZD 3,590.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PE Peru

General information on **Peru** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(PE), which is published on the following page.

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General information

Name of Office:	Instituto Nacional de Defensa de la Competencia y de la Protección de la Propiedad Intelectual (INDECOPI) National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection
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Internet:	www.indecopi.gob.pe
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send advance copies of notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is authorized by the Ministry of Transport and Communications, such as DHL, Federal Express or UPS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Peru:	National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Peru is designated (or elected):	National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection (see National Phase)
May Peru be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a patent)
Provisions of the law of Peru concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Peru is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Peru is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes



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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

TH Thailand

On 24 September 2009, **Thailand** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 24 December 2009, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 24 December 2009 will automatically include the designation of Thailand (country code: TH).

Thailand will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 24 December 2009. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Thailand will be entitled, as from 24 December 2009, to file international applications under the PCT.

The instrument of accession to the PCT deposited by Thailand contained a declaration under PCT Article 64(5).

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified a new time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3). This new time limit, applicable since 28 May 2009, is 31 months from the priority date and applies to all international applications for which the previously applicable 30-month time limit had not yet expired on 28 May 2009.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IN India

The **Patent Office** has notified a change in one of its e-mail addresses. The e-mail addresses of the Office in Kolkata now read as follows:

patentin-pct@nic.in
kolkata-patent@nic.in

[Updating of Annex B1(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the fortieth (17th ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 22 September to 1 October 2009, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 4 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2010, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on pages 153 and 154.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, with effect from 1 January 2010, as indicated in the table published on pages 155 and 156.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45*bis*.3(b), equivalent amounts of the new supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss francs for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, with effect from 1 January 2010, as indicated in the table published on page 157.

In the three tables, the new amounts are distinguished from currently applicable amounts by indicating them in bold print.

[Updating of Annexes C, D, SISA and E of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

<p>Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:</p>		<p>Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned</p>
<p>the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)</p>	<p>any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column</p>	
<p>At the time of filing, either in the description or separately</p>	<p>At the time of filing, either in the description or separately</p>	<p>To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism</p>
<p>Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (these institutions are indicated further in this Annex and notifications related thereto may be consulted under www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/).</p>		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**

PE Peru

Information on the requirements of the **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection** as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office is given in Annex C(PE) and in the Summary of the National Chapter (PE), which are published on pages 158 to 160.

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New Equivalent Amounts for International Filing Fee and Handling Fee (in Prescribed Currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2010)

Country/ Regional Office Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 22.09.09	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees item 3
				Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)	
Reference currency							
Swiss franc		1'330	15	100	200	300	200 Current amount
AT - Austria	848	848	10	64	n.a.	n.a.	121 Current amount
Euro	1.5140	878	10	66	n.a.	n.a.	132 New amount
AU - Australia	0.8935	1'475	17	111	222	333	247 Current amount*
Australian dollar		1'489	17	112	224	336	224 New amount
BE - Belgium	848	848	10	64	n.a.	n.a.	121 Current amount
Euro	1.5140	878	10	66	n.a.	n.a.	132 New amount
BR - Brazil	0.5665	**	**	**	**	**	360 Current amount
Brazilian real		**	**	**	**	**	353 New amount
CA - Canada	0.9579	1'393	16	105	210	314	171 Current amount
Canadian dollar		1'388	16	104	209	313	209 New amount
DE - Germany	848	848	10	64	128	191	121 Current amount
Euro	1.5140	878	10	66	132	198	132 New amount
DK - Denmark	0.2035	6'320	70	480	950	1'430	900 Current amount
Danish krone		6'540	70	490	980	1'470	980 New amount
EP - European Patent Office	1.5140	848	10	n.a.	128	191	121 Current amount
Euro		878	10	n.a.	132	198	132 New amount
ES - Spain	848	848	10	64	128	191	121 Current amount
Euro	1.5140	878	10	66	132	198	132 New amount
FI - Finland	848	848	10	n.a.	128	191	121 Current amount
Euro	1.5140	878	10	n.a.	132	198	132 New amount
FR - France	848	848	10	64	128	191	121 Current amount
Euro	1.5140	878	10	66	132	198	132 New amount
GB - United Kingdom	1.6761	753	8	n.a.	113	170	n.a. Current amount***
Pound sterling		794	9	n.a.	119	179	n.a. New amount
GR - Greece	848	848	10	64	n.a.	n.a.	121 Current amount
Euro	1.5140	878	10	66	n.a.	n.a.	132 New amount
IB - International Bureau		****	****	****	****	****	****
Swiss franc		*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
Euro		*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****
US dollar	1.0234	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****	*****

* Amounts applicable as from December 1, 2009 (except for the handling fee which remains unchanged since March 1, 2009).

** Those amounts correspond to the exchange value in Brazilian real of the amounts in Swiss franc indicated above.

*** Amounts applicable as from October 15, 2009.

**** The corresponding equivalent amounts are indicated above for the Swiss franc and the euro and below for the US dollar.

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Table 1 - PCT Fees: New Equivalent Amounts for International Filing Fee and Handling Fee (in Prescribed Currencies)
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Country/ Regional Office	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 22.09.09	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees				Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees item 3
				Item 4(a) and (b)	Item 4(c)	Item 4(d)		
Currency								
IE - Ireland		848	10	64	n.a.	n.a.	121	Current amount
Euro	1.5140	878	10	66	n.a.	n.a.	132	New amount
IS - Iceland		150'600	1'700	11'300	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Current amount
Icelandic krona	0.0083	160'100	1'800	12'000	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	New amount
IT - Italy		848	10	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	121	Current amount
Euro	1.5140	878	10	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	132	New amount
JP - Japan		116'300	1'300	8'700	n.a.	26'200	16'000	Current amount
Japanese yen	0.0112	118'400	1'300	8'900	n.a.	26'700	17'800	New amount
KR - Republic of Korea		1'614'000	18'000	121'000	n.a.	364'000	157'000	Current amount
Korean won	0.0008	1'567'000	18'000	118'000	n.a.	353'000	236'000	New amount
LU - Luxembourg		848	10	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	121	Current amount
Euro	1.5140	878	10	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	132	New amount
MW - Malawi		182'500	2'100	13'700	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Current amount
Malawian kwacha	0.0073	181'900	2'100	13'700	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	New amount
NL - Netherlands		848	10	64	128	191	121	Current amount
Euro	1.5140	878	10	66	132	198	132	New amount
NO - Norway		8'200	90	620	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Current amount
Norwegian krone	0.1754	7'580	90	570	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	New amount
NZ - New Zealand		1'907	22	143	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Current amount*
New Zealand dollar	0.7381	1'802	20	135	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	New amount
PT - Portugal		848	10	64	n.a.	n.a.	121	Current amount
Euro	1.5140	878	10	66	n.a.	n.a.	132	New amount
SE - Sweden		9'780	110	740	1'470	22'10	1'490	Current amount
Swedish krona	0.1504	8'840	100	660	1'330	1'990	1'330	New amount
SG - Singapore		1'708	19	128	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Current amount
Singapore dollar	0.7249	1'835	21	138	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	New amount
US - United States of America		1'184	13	89	178	n.a.	171	Current amount
US dollar	1.0234	1'300	15	98	195	n.a.	195	New amount
ZA - South Africa		9'830	110	740	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Current amount
South African rand	0.1387	9'590	110	720	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	New amount

* Amounts applicable as from October 1, 2009.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New Equivalent Amounts for Search Fees (in Receiving Offices' Currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2010)

International Searching Authority Reference currency & amount	Austrian Patent Office		Australian Patent Office		National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)		Canadian Patent Office		Chinese Patent Office		European Patent Office		Spanish Patent and Trademark Office		National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland)	
	EUR	Exch. rate	AUD	Exch. rate	BRL	Exch. rate	CAD	Exch. rate	CNY	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 22.09.09</i>																
CHF - Swiss franc	330 ¹ 303¹		1'443 ^{1,2} 1'430¹	0.8935	1'048 ¹ 1'076¹	0.5665	1'475 ¹ 1'533¹	0.9579	366 ¹ 314¹	0.1497	2'525 ¹ 2'574¹	1.5140	2'525 ¹ 2'574¹	1.5140	2'525 ¹ 2'574¹	1.5140
USD - US dollar	257 ¹ 296¹		1'278 ¹ 1'397¹	1.1453	966 ¹ 1'052¹	1.8064	1'419 ^{1,3} 1'498¹	1.0683	280 ¹ 307¹	6.8353	2'378 ^{1,3} 2'515¹	0.6760	2'378 ^{1,3} 2'515¹	0.6760	2'378 ^{1,3} 2'515¹	0.6760
EUR - Euro			916 ^{1,3} 944¹	1.6944	691 ¹ 711¹	2.6724	995 ¹ 1'012¹	1.5805	241 ¹ 208¹	10.1121						
AUD - Australian dollar																
DKK - Danish krone																
GBP - Pound sterling																
ISK - Icelandic krona																
JPY - Japanese yen																
KRW - Korean won	366'000 357'000		1'657'000 ⁵ 1'684'000	0.0010												
MWK - Malawian kwacha																
NOK - Norwegian krone																
NZD - New Zealand dollar																
SEK - Swedish krona			2'002 1'937	0.8261												
SGD - Singapore dollar	420 420		1'870 ³ 1'970	0.8113												
ZAR - South African rand	2'380 2'180		10'540 10'310	0.1552												

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1 Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.
 2 Amount applicable as from November 1, 2009.
 3 Amount applicable as from October 1, 2009.
 4 Amount applicable as from October 15, 2009.
 5 Amount applicable as from December 1, 2009.



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IN India

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kolkata-patent@nic.in

[Updating of Annex B1(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

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Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fees have been established in receiving Offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, with effect from 1 January 2010, as indicated in the table published on pages 155 and 156.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 45bis.3(b), equivalent amounts of the new supplementary search fees have been established in Swiss francs for all Authorities specified for supplementary search, with effect from 1 January 2010, as indicated in the table published on page 157.

In the three tables, the new amounts are distinguished from currently applicable amounts by indicating them in bold print.

[Updating of Annexes C, D, SISA and E of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

PE Peru

The **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	At the time of filing, either in the description or separately	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
<p>Deposits may be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure (these institutions are indicated further in this Annex and notifications related thereto may be consulted under www.wipo.int/treaties/en/registration/budapest/).</p>		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**

PE Peru

Information on the requirements of the **National Institute for the Defense of Competition and Intellectual Property Protection** as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office is given in Annex C(PE) and in the Summary of the National Chapter (PE), which are published on pages 158 to 160.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New Equivalent Amounts for Search Fees (in Receiving Offices' Currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2010)

International Searching Authority Reference currency & amount	Austrian Patent Office		Australian Patent Office		National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)		Canadian Patent Office		Chinese Patent Office		European Patent Office		Spanish Patent and Trademark Office		National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland)	
	EUR	Exch. rate	AUD	Exch. rate	BRL	Exch. rate	CAD	Exch. rate	CNY	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 22.09.09</i>																
CHF - Swiss franc	330 ¹ 303 ¹	1.5140	1'443 ^{1,2} 1'430 ¹	0.8935	1'048 ¹ 1'076 ¹	0.5665	1'475 ¹ 1'533 ¹	0.9579	0.1497	366 ¹ 314 ¹	1.5140	2'525 ¹ 2'574 ¹	1.5140	2'525 ¹ 2'574 ¹	1.5140	2'525 ¹ 2'574 ¹
USD - US dollar	257 ¹ 296 ¹	0.6760	1'278 ¹ 1'397 ¹	1.1453	966 ¹ 1'052 ¹	1.8064	1'419 ^{1,3} 1'498 ¹	1.0683	6.8353	280 ¹ 307 ¹	0.6760	2'378 ^{1,3} 2'515 ¹	0.6760	2'378 ^{1,3} 2'515 ¹	0.6760	2'378 ^{1,3} 2'515 ¹
EUR - Euro			916 ^{1,3} 944 ¹	1.6944	691 ¹ 711 ¹	2.6724	995 ¹ 1'012 ¹	1.5805	10.1121	241 ¹ 208 ¹						
AUD - Australian dollar																
DKK - Danish krone												12'670 12'650				
GBP - Pound sterling												1'530 1'536				
ISK - Icelandic krona												304'000 ⁴ 310'000				
JPY - Japanese yen												0.0055 0.0074				
KRW - Korean won	366'000 357'000	0.0006	1'657'000 ⁵ 1'684'000	0.0010								225'700 ³ 229'000				
MWK - Malawian kwacha																
NOK - Norwegian krone												344'000 352'000				
NZD - New Zealand dollar												14'760 14'670				
SEK - Swedish krona			2'002 1'937	0.8261								3'590 ⁵ 3'487				
SGD - Singapore dollar	420 420	0.4788	1'870 ³ 1'970	0.8113								18'280 17'110				
ZAR - South African rand	2'380 2'180	0.0916	10'540 10'310	0.1552								19'190 18'560				

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 2 Amount applicable as from November 1, 2009.
 3 Amount applicable as from October 1, 2009.
 4 Amount applicable as from October 15, 2009.
 5 Amount applicable as from December 1, 2009.

Table 2 - PCT Fees: New Equivalent Amounts for Search Fees (in Receiving Offices' Currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2010)
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International Searching Authority	Japan Patent Office		Korean Intellectual Property Office		Russian Patent Office		Swedish Patent Office ⁶		United States Patent and Trademark Office		Nordic Patent Institute ⁷	
	JPY	Exch. rate	KRW	Exch. rate	RUB	Exch. rate	SEK	USD	DKK	Current amount	New amount	
Reference currency & amount	97000		900000	450'000	13'500		18'280	2'080	12'670			
<i>Exchange rates applicable on 22.09.09</i>												
CHF - Swiss franc	1'110 ⁸		735 ⁸	367 ⁸	459 ⁸		2'525 ⁸	2'323 ⁸	2'525 ⁸	Current amount		
	1'090 ⁸		764 ⁸	382 ⁸	459 ⁸		2'574 ⁸	2'129 ⁸	2'574 ⁸	New amount		
USD - US dollar	987 ⁸	0.01123704	729 ⁸	364 ⁸	411 ⁸	0.0340	2'378 ^{8,9}	1.0234	2'378 ^{8,9}	Current amount		
	1'065 ⁸	91.0718	747 ⁸	373 ⁸	449 ⁸	30.0700	2'515 ⁸		2'515 ⁸	New amount		
EUR - Euro	737 ⁸		475 ⁸	237 ⁸	309 ⁸		1'700 ⁸	1'486 ^{8,9}	1'700 ⁸	Current amount		
	720 ⁸	134.7314	505 ⁸	252 ⁸	303 ⁸	44.4855	1'700 ⁸	1'4794	1'700 ⁸	New amount		
AUD - Australian dollar			976	488						Current amount		
			855	428						New amount		
DKK - Danish krone							12'670			Current amount		
							12'650			New amount		
GBP - Pound sterling										Current amount		
										New amount		
ISK - Icelandic krona										Current amount		
							304'000 ¹⁰			304'000 ¹⁰	Current amount	
JPY - Japanese yen							310'000			310'000	New amount	
KRW - Korean won	1'255'000									Current amount		
	1'284'000	0.0755								New amount		
MWK - Malawian kwacha										Current amount		
										New amount		
NOK - Norwegian krone										Current amount		
							14'760			14'760	Current amount	
NZD - New Zealand dollar							14'670			14'670	New amount	
								3'250 ⁹		3'250 ⁹	Current amount	
SEK - Swedish krona			1'109	554				0.7213		2'880	New amount	
			1'035	517							Current amount	
SGD - Singapore dollar										Current amount		
			1048	524							New amount	
ZAR - South African rand			853.9442	1050							Current amount	
								0.1355		17'400	15'350	

6 All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2010, to be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

7 All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2010, to be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute, are included here for the purposes of completeness only.

8 Equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

9 Amount applicable as from October 1, 2009.

10 Amount applicable as from October 15, 2009.

Table 3 - PCT Fees: New Equivalent Amounts for the Supplementary Search Fees
(applicable from January 1, 2010)

International Searching Authority (Supplementary Search)	Russian Patent Office	Swedish Patent Office	Nordic Patent Institute
Reference currency and amount	Equivalent in CHF of Russian roubles ¹ 9'450 13'500 ²	SEK 18'280 SEK 17'110 ³	DKK 12'670 DKK 12'650 ⁴
<i>Exchange rate applicable on 22.09.09</i>	<i>Exch. rate</i>		
CHF - Swiss franc	321 459 322⁵ 459 ⁵ 0.0340	2'525 2'574³	2'525 2'574⁴ Current amount New amount

¹ This amount refers to the equivalent amount in Swiss francs, at the exchange rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, applicable on the date of payment.

² This fee applies where a declaration referred to in PCT Article 17(2)(a) has been made by the International Searching Authority because of subject matter referred to in PCT Rule 39.1(iv) (methods of treatment).

³ This amount, with effect from January 1, 2010, will be fixed by the Swedish Patent Office.

⁴ This amount, with effect from January 1, 2010, will be fixed by the Nordic Patent Institute.

⁵ This amount is valid only on September 22, 2009 (see footnote 1).

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PE **PE**
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE DEFENSE
OF COMPETITION AND INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY PROTECTION

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Peru
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Spanish
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	Yes
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office ³ , Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Nuevo sol (PEN)
Transmittal fee: ⁴	Information not yet available
International filing fee: ⁵	Equivalent in PEN of US dollars 1,184
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	Equivalent in PEN of US dollars 13
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY: ²	Equivalent in PEN of US dollars 89
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (EP), (ES) or (US)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): ⁴	Information not yet available
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): ⁴	Information not yet available
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, but an address for service in Peru is required
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Peru

¹ Depending on the applicant’s choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see Annex C(IB)).

³ The European Patent Office is competent only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office, by the Austrian Patent Office or by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.

⁴ The Office or the agent should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.

⁵ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

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PROPERTY PROTECTION**

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Spanish
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: Nuevo sol (PEN) For patent: Filing fee: ¹ PEN 639 For utility model: Filing fee: ¹ PEN 319.5
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{2,3} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) Statement justifying the applicant's right to the invention ^{2,3} Statement justifying the applicant's priority right ^{2,3} Translation of the international application to be furnished in two copies ³ Power of attorney if an agent is appointed Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

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Who can act as agent?

Any natural or legal person resident in Peru

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49*ter*.2)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Part I of Annex C thereof. This amendment will enter into force on 1 January 2010. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Korean won)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (in English language)	1,300,000
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (in Korean language)	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(a), the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified a new amount of the search fee for international applications filed in English, in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2010, is KRW 1,300,000.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2010. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
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Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	560.88
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	560.88
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2010, are EUR 71.35 and EUR 28.53, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(ES) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2010, are EUR 560.88 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2010, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 66	USD 98
Fee for priority document (PCT Rules 17.1(b) and 21.2):	EUR 33	USD 49
	Supplement for airmail:	
	EUR 7	USD 10

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 October 2008, are EUR 20 and EUR 40, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES RECEIVING OFFICES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

CL Chile

General information on **Chile** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **National Industrial Property Institute** as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, is given in Annexes B1(CL) and C(CL) and in the Summary of the National Chapter (CL), which are published on pages 166 to 170.

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Information on Contracting States

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General information

Name of Office:	Instituto Nacional de Propiedad Industrial (INAPI) National Industrial Property Institute
Location and mailing address:	Moneda 970, Piso 11, Santiago Centro, Santiago, Chile
Telephone:	(562) 836 01 10, 836 03 03
Facsimile machine:	(562) 688 34 84
E-mail:	inapi@inapi.cl
Internet:	www.inapi.cl
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Does the Office send advance copies of notifications via e-mail in respect of international applications?	Yes
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Chile:	National Industrial Property Institute or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Chile is designated (or elected):	National Industrial Property Institute
May Chile be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents or utility models
Provisions of the law of Chile concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	An international application designating Chile benefits from provisional protection as from the date on which the alleged infringer is notified, provided that a patent is eventually granted.

Information of interest if Chile is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Chile is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes

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CL	NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY INSTITUTE	CL

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Chile
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Spanish
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	Yes
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ³ , Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Chilean peso (CLP)
Transmittal fee:	Equivalent in CLP of US dollars ⁴ 350
International filing fee: ⁵	Equivalent in CLP of US dollars ⁴ 1,184 (1,300) ⁶
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	Equivalent in CLP of US dollars ⁴ 13 (15) ⁶
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 4):	
PCT-EASY: ²	Equivalent in CLP of US dollars ⁴ 89 (98) ⁶
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP), (ES) or (US)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	CLP 9,000
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	Equivalent in CLP of US dollars ⁴ 400

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¹ Depending on the applicant’s choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see “Fees payable to the receiving Office”).

³ The European Patent Office is competent only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office or by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.

⁴ When calculating the US dollar equivalent amount in CLP, applicants should use the exchange rate fixed by the Central Bank of Chile on the day before the date of payment.

⁵ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁶ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 January 2010.

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Is an agent required by
the receiving Office?

No, if the applicant resides in Chile
Yes, if the applicant is a non-resident

Who can act as agent?

Any natural or legal person resident in Chile

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the
requirement that a separate power of
attorney be submitted?

No

Has the Office waived the
requirement that a copy of a general
power of attorney be submitted?

No

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**Designated
(or elected) Office**

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**NATIONAL INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY INSTITUTE**

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Spanish
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: “Unidad Tributaria Mensual” (UTM) in Chilean peso (CLP) For patent: Filing fee: Equivalent in CLP of UTM ² 1 For utility model: Filing fee: Equivalent in CLP of UTM ² 1
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² This fee is payable in the equivalent amount in CLP of the UTM. The rate of exchange between the CLP and the UTM is updated on a monthly basis and may be consulted at: www.utm.cl.

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application^{3,4}

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)

Statement justifying the applicant’s right to the invention^{3,4}

Statement justifying the applicant’s priority right^{3,4}

Translation of the international application to be furnished in two copies⁴

Power of attorney if an agent is appointed

Who can act as agent?

Any natural or legal person resident in Chile

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49*ter.2*)?

Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and “due care” criteria to such requests

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property** has notified a change in its e-mail address, which now reads as follows:

ncip@belgopatent.by

[Updating of Annex B1(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

CA Canada

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the National Microbiology Laboratory, Health Canada (NMLHC), an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made. The name of the authority is now as follows:

International Depository Authority of Canada (IDAC)
National Microbiology Laboratory
Public Health Agency of Canada.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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MC Monaco

The **Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion**, has notified its new telephone number and its Internet address, as follows:

Telephone: (377) 98 98 84 39

Internet: www.gouv.mc

Furthermore, the Office has notified the discontinuance of the use of its teleprinter.

[Updating of Annex B1(MC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **new Israeli sheqalim (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2010, are ILS 532 and ILS 84, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a new amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israeli sheqalim (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2010, is ILS 1,021.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** for international applications filed in English. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2010, are as follows:

AUD 1,192
CHF 1,116
EUR 737
NZD 1,464
SGD 1,530
USD 1,092

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Commerce**, has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Thailand with the Department of Intellectual Property, Ministry of Commerce, as receiving Office, with effect from 24 December 2009.

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2010, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
1 January 2010,
2 and 5 April 2010,
13 and 24 May 2010,
9 September 2010,
16 November 2010,
24, 27, 30 and 31 December 2010.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Industrial Property Office** has notified a change in its location address, which now reads as follows:

Sandakerveien 64, 0484 Oslo, Norway

[Updating of Annex B1(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2010, are as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3(b)):	The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases: EUR 20
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)):	EUR 200
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2(b)):	The applicant receives, together with the the written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases: EUR 20
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .2):	EUR 200

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable from 1 January 2010. The consolidated list of these conditions and amounts will read as follows:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%.

Where the Authority benefits from an earlier national search, international search, supplementary international search or international-type search already carried out by the Authority, a Nordic patent authority or the European Patent Office on an application whose priority is claimed: refund of EUR 300.

[Updating of Annexes D(FI) and E(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

FI Finland

Agreement between the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has stated its preparedness to carry out supplementary international searches. The amended Agreement between the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the International Bureau of WIPO containing provisions concerning supplementary international search (see Articles 3(4) and 11(3)(iv), Annex C, Parts I and II, and Annex E thereof), as well as further amendments to Parts I and II of Annex C notified in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) thereof, will enter into force on 1 January 2010 and is set out on the following pages.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_fi.pdf.

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE NATIONAL BOARD OF PATENTS AND REGISTRATION
OF FINLAND
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 **Basic Obligations**

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 **Competence of Authority**

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis*, covering at least the documentation referred to in Annex E to this Agreement, subject to any limitations and conditions set out in that Annex.

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2008.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications and information concerning supplementary international searches contained in Annex E to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or

- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
- (a) Finland;
 - (b) any other Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of the Authority within the framework of the European Patent Organisation;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
Finnish, Swedish, English.

Annex B Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Finnish Patent Law.

Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,700
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,700
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45bis.3(a))	1,700
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	550
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	550
Late furnishing fee (Rules 13ter.1(c) and 13ter.2)	200
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 45bis.7(c) and 71.2(b)) ¹	20
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	0.60

¹ The applicant receives, together with the international search report, the supplementary international search report, the written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge.

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier national search, international search, supplementary international search or international-type search already carried out by the Authority, a Nordic patent authority or the European Patent Office on an application whose priority is claimed, the amount of 300 euro shall be refunded in respect of the search fee paid according to Part I.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(6) Where the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted before the start of the supplementary international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Finnish, Swedish or English, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

Annex E Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in or translated into English, Finnish or Swedish.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover, in addition to the PCT minimum documentation, at least the documents in Finnish, Swedish, Norwegian or Danish held in the search collection of the Authority.

(3) The Authority will notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been re-established.



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TH Thailand

The **Department of Intellectual Property** has specified the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO), as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Thailand with the Department of Intellectual Property as receiving Office, with effect from 24 December 2009.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

BR Brazil

Information on the requirements of the **National Institute of Industrial Property** as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority is given in Annexes D(BR) and E(BR), which are published on pages 189 and 190.

CN China

Agreement between the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment enters into force on 24 December 2009. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
China, Angola, Ghana, India, Kenya, Liberia, Thailand, Turkey, Zimbabwe
and any State that the Authority will specify;
- (ii) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_cn.pdf.

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments enter into force on 24 December 2009. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

“Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

United States of America, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

(ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America and,
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Bahrain, Barbados, Brazil, Chile, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Peru, Philippines, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago;

(iii) [no change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian reais (BRL)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 June 2009, are as follows:

National fee:

For patent:³

Filing fee: BRL 200

First annual fee: BRL 250

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

³ This fee is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.

For utility model:⁴

Filing fee: BRL 200

First annual fee: BRL 170

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (BR), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁴ See footnote 3.

D **International Searching Authorities** **D**
BR **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF** **BR**
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	Brazilian real (BRL) 1,900 Euro (EUR) 691 (711) ² Swiss franc (CHF) 1,048 (1,076) ² US dollar (USD) 966 (1,052) ²
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ³	BRL 1,530
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3): ³	BRL 2 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search: refund of 25%
Languages accepted for international search:	English, ⁴ Portuguese and Spanish ^{4, 5}
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13ter.1)?	Yes ⁶
Types of electronic carrier required:	The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single CD or DVD.
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is searched under the Brazilian patent grant procedure

¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C). It is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.

² The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 January 2010.

³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances. Footnote 1 (except the first sentence) is also applicable.

⁴ For international applications filed with the National Institute of Industrial Property acting as receiving Office.

⁵ For international applications filed with the receiving Offices of the Latin American and Caribbean regions.

⁶ Applicable as from 12 December 2009.

E **International Preliminary** **E**
Examining Authorities
BR **NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF** **BR**
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Brazilian real (BRL)	710
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ²	BRL	410
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ³	BRL	360 (353) ⁴
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2): ¹	BRL	2 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2): ¹	BRL	2 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English, ⁵ Portuguese and Spanish ^{5, 6}	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1, with the exception of all subject matter which is examined under the Brazilian patent grant procedure	

¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 60% where the international application is filed by a natural person, a small or medium-sized enterprise, a cooperative, an academic institution, a non-profit-making entity or a public institution. For further details, see Official Resolution of the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property No. 211/09 of 14 May 2009.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances. Footnote 1 (except the first sentence) is also applicable.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see Annex C(IB)).

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 January 2010.

⁵ For international applications filed with the National Institute of Industrial Property acting as receiving Office.

⁶ For international applications filed with the receiving Offices of the Latin American and Caribbean regions.



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XN Nordic Patent Institute

Further to the publication in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 December 2007, pages 272 to 278, of the Agreement between the **Nordic Patent Institute** and the International Bureau in relation to the functioning of the Institute as an International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, which entered into force on 1 January 2008, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** and **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2008, are ISK 141,000 and NOK 12,560, respectively.



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Rua Mayrink Veiga, No. 9, 27° andar, Centro, CEP20090-910 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil
Telephone:	(55-21) 2139 33 17, 2139 33 18, 2139 33 19, 2139 34 93
Facsimile machine:	(55-21) 2139 35 41
E-mail:	pct@inpi.gov.br

[Updating of Annex B1(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

UA Ukraine

The **State Department of Intellectual Property (SDIP), Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine** has notified changes in its location and mailing addresses, in its telephone and facsimile numbers as well as in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Location:	45 Uritskogo Street, Kyiv 35, 03680 Ukraine
Mailing address:	Ukrainsky Instytut Ppomyslovoi Vlasnosti Ukrainian Institute of Industrial Property (Ukrpatent), 1, Hlazunova Street, Kyiv 42, 01601 Ukraine
Telephone:	(380-44) 494 05 04, 494 05 05
Facsimile machine:	(380-44) 494 05 06
E-mail:	office@ukrpatent.org
Internet:	www.ukrpatent.org

[Updating of Annex B1(UA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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FI Finland

Under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amount of this fee, applicable since 13 December 2007, is EUR 250.

[Updating of Annex C(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office** (an operating name of the Patent Office) has notified a change in the amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) in **pounds sterling (GBP)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amount applicable since 17 December 2007 is GBP 20.

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified that it would not require a fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) for international applications filed with it as receiving Office on or after 1 January 2008.

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes relating to several components of the national fee payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, applicable since 1 January 2008, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Annual fees from the first to
the third year, per year:

KRW 22,000 plus
KRW 15,000 for each claim

For utility model:

Annual fees from the first to
the third year, per year:

KRW 17,000 plus
KRW 4,000 for each claim

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. The table of requirements reads as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material
Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the National Institute of Industrial Property with any depositary institution authorized by the Institute.		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a new fee for electronic filing, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amount of this fee, applicable since 1 January 2008, is EUR 76.41.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

XN Nordic Patent Institute

General information on the **Nordic Patent Institute**, as well as information on the requirements of the Institute as International Searching Authority and as International Preliminary Examining Authority, is given in Annexes B2(XN), D(XN) and E(XN), which are published on the following pages.

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**Information on Intergovernmental
Organizations**

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NORDIC PATENT INSTITUTE

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General information

Name of Office:	Nordic Patent Institute
Location and mailing address:	Helgeshoj Allé 81, 2630 Taastrup, Denmark
Telephone:	(45-43) 50 85 00
Facsimile machine:	(45-43) 50 80 08
E-mail:	npi@npi.int
Internet:	www.npi.int
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes

D	International Searching Authorities	D
XN	NORDIC PATENT INSTITUTE	XN

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	Danish krone (DKK) 12,040 Euro (EUR) 1,615 Icelandic krona (ISK) 141,000 Norwegian krone (NOK) 12,560 Swiss franc (CHF) 2,667 US dollar (USD) 2,274	
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ²	DKK 12,040	
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	DKK 50 per document	
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier international or international-type search: refund of 50%</p> <p>Where on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Danish Patent and Trademark Office, the Icelandic Patent Office, the Norwegian Patent Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and where the Authority benefits from that search report: refund of 25%</p>	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	DKK 8,000	
Languages accepted for international search:	Danish, English, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish	
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13ter.1)?	Yes	
Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?	3.5 inch diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD-ROM or DVD-R	
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is searched in the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Danish, Icelandic and Norwegian Patent Laws	

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing

E	International Preliminary Examining Authorities	E
XN	NORDIC PATENT INSTITUTE	XN

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Danish krone (DKK)	5,000
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ²	DKK	5,000
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ³	DKK	900
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	DKK	50 per document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	DKK	3.25 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — in the case of PCT Rules 54.4, 54bis.1(b) and 58bis.1(b): refund of 100%; — in the case of PCT Rule 60.1(c): refund of the amount paid less the current amount of the transmittal fee. <p>If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%</p>	
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	DKK	8,000
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	Danish, English, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is examined in the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Danish, Icelandic and Norwegian Patent Laws	
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes	
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes	
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated on the request form at the time of filing	

¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 75% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)). For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 41/2006, page 19092, Schedule of Fees, item 4.



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KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, with effect since 1 February 2008, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Government Complex-Daejeon, 139 Seonsa-ro, Seo-gu, Daejeon 302-701, Republic of Korea
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[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CY Cyprus

The **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus** has notified a change in the currency of payment of the fees from **Cyprus pound (CYP)** to **euro (EUR)**, effective since 1 January 2008. The amounts of several fees payable to the Office as receiving Office are now as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 128.15
International filing fee:	EUR 848
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 9

[Updating of Annex C(CY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea – Corrigendum

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** as receiving Office has notified the International Bureau of an error in the information published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 17 January 2008, page 5, concerning international applications for which a fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) is no longer payable. The Office no longer requires a fee for the priority document for international applications, with effect from 1 January 2008, regardless of the international filing date of the application concerned.

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49.6(f)

HR Croatia

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49.6(f) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2003, page 2526), the **State Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 January 2004. PCT Rule 49.6(a) to (e) therefore applies with effect from that date.



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CA Canada

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2008, is CHF 1,777.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2008, are as follows:

International filing fee:	GBP	647
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	GBP	7
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):		
PCT-EASY:	GBP	46
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	GBP	92
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	GBP	139

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

New equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2008, are as follows:

International filing fee:	KRW 1,221,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	KRW 13,000
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	KRW 87,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	KRW 262,000

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2008, is CHF 1,995.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **European Patent Organisation (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2008. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,700 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,700 ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,675 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,675 ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e)):	
– for international applications still pending on 13 December 2007	1,120
– for international applications filed on or after 13 December 2007	750
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	0.70

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

² This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations (see also corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB) and PCT Gazette No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234), and in accordance with the decision of the EPO’s Administrative Council of October 11, 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, 446).

ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2008. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
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Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,700 ⁴
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,700 ⁴
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

⁴ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations (see also corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB) and PCT Gazette No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234), and in accordance with the decision of the EPO’s Administrative Council of October 11, 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, 446).

SE Sweden

Agreement between the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁵ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2008. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Swedish kronor)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	15,830
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	15,830
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]
Cost of copies in paper form (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), ⁶ per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

⁵ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_se.pdf.

⁶ The applicant will receive free of charge a copy of each document containing non-patent literature. Other documents are available electronically, free of charge, on the website www.prv.se.

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Agreement between the Nordic Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁷ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Nordic Patent Institute** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2008. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Danish kroner)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	12,670
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	12,670
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Cost of copies in paper form (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

⁷ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_xn.pdf.

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EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2008, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)):	EUR 1,700
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)):	EUR 1,700
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3(b)):	For applicants: [No change] For designated Offices: EUR 0.70 per page
Protest fee (Rule 40.2(e))	
– for international applications still pending on 13 December 2007:	EUR 1,120
– for international applications filed on or after 13 December 2007:	EUR 750
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	EUR 1,675
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)):	EUR 1,675
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2(b)):	For applicants: [No change] For elected Offices: EUR 0.70 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	Per A4 page or smaller (delivery charge should be added if the copies are to be sent by airmail): EUR 0.70 per page
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e))	
– for international applications still pending on 13 December 2007:	EUR 1,120
– for international applications filed on or after 13 December 2007:	EUR 750

[Updating of Annexes D(EP) and E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2008, are EUR 1,700 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 May 2008, is KRW 852,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)) in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, and of new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** and **US dollars (USD)**, applicable from 1 April 2008 and payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows:

Search fee:	SEK	15,830
	CHF	2,726
	DKK	12,670
	EUR	1,700
	ISK	167,000
	NOK	13,440
	USD	2,496
Additional search fee:	SEK	15,830

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

The **Nordic Patent Institute** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **Danish kroner (DKK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2008, are DKK 12,670 for each of the fees.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Institute. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2008, are as follows:

CHF	2,726
EUR	1,700
ISK	167,000
NOK	13,440
USD	2,496

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 3 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 15 May 2008, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD 1,261
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD 14
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	CAD 90

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Further to the announcement published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 March 2008, page 25, notifying a new amount of the search fee for a search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **pounds sterling (GBP)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Japanese yen (JPY)**, **Malawian kwacha (MWK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, **US dollars (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2008, are as follows:

CHF	2,726
DKK	12,670
GBP	1,273
ISK	167,000
JPY	268,800
MWK	344,000
NOK	13,440
NZD	3,163
SEK	15,830
SGD	3,530
USD	2,496
ZAR	19,160

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2008, are CHF 2,726 and USD 2,496, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 3 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 15 May 2008, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 85,100
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 900
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 6,100

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 3 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 15 May 2008, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD 1,263
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD 14
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	USD 90
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	USD 90
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 180

Electronic filing (the request,
description, claims and abstract
in character coded format):

USD 271

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CO), C(CR), C(CU), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(KE), C(KG), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(NI), C(PG), C(PH), C(RU), C(SC), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(US), C(UZ), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified that Deutsche Post Express and LTA are no longer delivery services, other than the postal authorities, in respect of which evidence of mailing a document is accepted by the Office in case of loss or delay (PCT Rule 82.1).

[Updating of Annex B2(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes to the amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amounts applicable from 1 April 2008 are EUR 110 and EUR 40, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes to the conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. The consolidated list of these conditions and amounts, applicable from 1 April 2008, reads as follows:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.

Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%.

Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search (including a privately commissioned "standard" search) already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application and depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from the earlier search in carrying out the international search and any other task entrusted to it, the search fee paid shall be refunded to the extent provided for in a communication from the Authority to the International Bureau and published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette).

Extent to which the search fee paid for an earlier search shall be refunded when the Authority benefits from that search in carrying out an international search:

- for a European search (EPC Art. 78(2))
(*European application filed on or after
1 July 2005 and search fee paid before
1 April 2006*):

(full benefit)	EUR 960
(partial benefit)	EUR 240

<i>(European application filed on or after 1 July 2005 and search fee paid between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2008):</i>	
(full benefit)	EUR 1,000
(partial benefit)	EUR 250
<i>(European application filed on or after 1 July 2005 and search fee paid on or after 1 April 2008):</i>	
(full benefit)	EUR 1,050
(partial benefit)	EUR 262.50
– for an international search (PCT Art. 15(1)) <i>(international application filed on or after 1 January 2004 and search fee paid before 1 April 2006):</i>	
(full benefit)	EUR 1,550
(partial benefit)	EUR 387.50
<i>(international application filed on or after 1 January 2004 and search fee paid between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2008):</i>	
(full benefit)	EUR 1,615
(partial benefit)	EUR 403.75
<i>(international application filed on or after 1 January 2004 and search fee paid on or after 1 April 2008):</i>	
(full benefit)	EUR 1,700
(partial benefit)	EUR 425
– for a search with written opinion on a national application made on behalf of a national Office (BE, FR, LU, NL, TR) <i>(search fee for the international application paid before 1 April 2006):</i>	
(full benefit)	EUR 1,550
(partial benefit)	EUR 387.50
<i>(search fee for the international application paid between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2008):</i>	
(full benefit)	EUR 1,615
(partial benefit)	EUR 403.75
<i>(search fee for the international application paid on or after 1 April 2008):</i>	
(full benefit)	EUR 1,700
(partial benefit)	EUR 425

– for an international-type search (PCT Art. 15(5)) or for a standard search <i>(search fee paid before 1 April 2006):</i>	
(full benefit)	EUR 945
(partial benefit)	EUR 236.25
<i>(search fee paid between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2008):</i>	
(full benefit)	EUR 985
(partial benefit)	EUR 246.25
<i>(search fee paid on or after 1 April 2008):</i>	
(full benefit)	EUR 1,035
(partial benefit)	EUR 258.75
– for a search without written opinion on a national application made on behalf of a national Office (BE, FR, LU, NL, TR) <i>(search fee for the international application paid before 1 April 2006):</i>	
(full benefit)	EUR 945
(partial benefit)	EUR 236.25
<i>(search fee for the international application paid between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2008):</i>	
(full benefit)	EUR 985
(partial benefit)	EUR 246.25
<i>(search fee for the international application paid on or after 1 April 2008):</i>	
(full benefit)	EUR 1,035
(partial benefit)	EUR 258.75

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

The Office has also notified changes to the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as well as to the exemptions, reductions or refunds of several of these components. The consolidated list of the said components of the national fee, exemptions, reductions or refunds, applicable from 1 April 2008, reads as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:

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| – where the form for entry into the
European phase (EPO Form 1200)
is filed online: | EUR 100 |
| – where the form for entry into
the European phase (EPO Form 1200)
is not filed online: | EUR 180 |

Designation fee for each EPO Contracting State designated and for the joint designation of Switzerland and Liechtenstein; paying seven times the amount of this fee is deemed payment for all EPC Contracting States:	EUR	85
Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia or the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia):	EUR	102
Claims fee for the 16 th and each subsequent claim:	EUR	200
Search fee:	EUR	1,050
Fee for further processing:		
– in the event of late payment of a fee:		50% of the relevant fee
– other cases:	EUR	210
Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing:	EUR	200
Examination fee:		
– for applications for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up:	EUR	1,565
– for all other applications:	EUR	1,405
Renewal fee for the third year:	EUR	400

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of fees:

No search fee is payable where the international search report has been established by the EPO.

The search fee is reduced by EUR 190 where the international search report has been established by the Australian Patent Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China or the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The search fee is not reduced where the international search report has been established by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (pending discussions between the EPO and CIPO).

The search fee is reduced by EUR 890 where the international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, or in accordance with the Protocol on Centralization by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

The examination fee is reduced by 50% where the international preliminary examination report has been established by the EPO.

Furthermore, in certain cases the examination fee is reduced by 20% for language reasons.

[Updating of the National Chapter (EP), Summary, of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 3 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2008, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 9,810
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 110
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	ZAR 700

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

ST Sao Tome and Principe

On 3 April 2008, **Sao Tome and Principe** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 3 July 2008, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 3 July 2008 will automatically include the designation of Sao Tome and Principe (country code: ST).

Sao Tome and Principe will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 3 July 2008. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Sao Tome and Principe will be entitled, as from 3 July 2008, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has informed the International Bureau of a change concerning the kinds of documents which may be filed by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4); as from 1 June 2008, all kinds of documents may be so filed, except international applications.

[Updating of Annex B1(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 June 2008, is ZAR 2,380.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 15 June 2008, are KRW 1,415,000 and ZAR 11,640, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified a new fee and new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and applicable since 1 April 2008, as follows:

National fee:

Basic fee:	EUR 400
Basic fee for an electronically filed application:	EUR 300
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	EUR 30
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:	[No change]
Annual fees for the first three years:	EUR 170

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (FI), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in their national currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 June 2008, is CHF 226.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 15 June 2008, is ZAR 14,000.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America **IB International Bureau**

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2008, is EUR 1,154.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

MT Malta

The **Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Division, Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Malta with the Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Division, Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment as receiving Office, with effect from 1 March 2007.



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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b) and the change procedure under Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, modifications to Sections 706 and 710 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 July 2008.

The modifications to Sections 706 and 710, as well as some of the modifications to Annex F, concern the use of “pre-conversion files” in electronic filing and processing of international applications. Other modifications of Annex F concern the change procedure used for proposing modifications to that Annex.

The modifications of the Administrative Instructions will apply to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2008 and to proposals for change to Annex F submitted on or after that date.

The consolidated text of the main body of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/7) and of Annex F thereto (PCT/AI/ANF/3) will be available in due course on the WIPO website.

TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Section 706

Documents in Pre-Conversion Format

(a) Where, for the purposes of filing the international application in electronic form, the document making up the international application has been prepared by conversion from a different electronic document format (“pre-conversion format”), the applicant may, if the receiving Office so permits and the pre-conversion format is accepted for that purpose by that Office, submit, together with the international application, the document in the pre-conversion format, in which case:

(i) the document in the pre-conversion format shall be identified as such and shall be accompanied by a statement by the applicant that the international application as filed in electronic form is a complete and accurate copy of the document in the pre-conversion format;

(ii) the request shall preferably contain an indication that the document in the pre-conversion format is submitted under Section 706 together with the international application.

(b) Where it is found that the international application as filed in electronic form is not in fact a complete and accurate copy of the document in the pre-conversion format submitted under paragraph (a), the applicant may, within 30 months from the priority date, request the receiving Office to correct the international application so as to bring it into conformity with the document in the pre-conversion format. Rule 26.4 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the manner in which corrections under this paragraph shall be requested.

(c) Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau discovers what appears to be a correctable defect under paragraph (b), that Office, Authority or Bureau, as the case may be, may bring such defect to the attention of the applicant, drawing attention to the correction procedure under paragraph (b).

(d) The applicant and, if copies of the international application have already been sent to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority, that Bureau and that Authority shall be promptly notified by the receiving Office of any correction under paragraph (b). If required, the International Bureau shall notify the International Preliminary Examining Authority accordingly. Where a correction is made after the completion of the technical preparations for international publication, the International Bureau shall promptly publish the corrected international application together with a revised front page.

(e) A correction under paragraph (b) shall be taken into account by the International Searching Authority for the purposes of the international search and the establishment of the written opinion, and by the International Preliminary Examining Authority for the purposes of the international preliminary examination, if it is notified to that Authority before it has begun to draw up the international search report, the written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as applicable, in which case the said report or opinion shall so indicate.

(f) Paragraphs (a) to (e) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any document making up any element of the international application referred to in Article 3(2).

Section 710

Notification and Publication of Receiving Offices' Requirements and Practices

(a) A notification by a receiving Office to the International Bureau under Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 703(a) that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form shall indicate, where applicable:

(i) the electronic document formats (including, where applicable, the versions of such electronic document formats), means of transmittal, types of electronic packages, electronic filing software and types of electronic signature specified by it under Section 703(b)(i) to (iv) and (c), and any options specified by it under the basic common standard;

(ii) and (iii) [No change]

(iv) whether and under what conditions the Office accepts the filing, under Section 706(a) and (f), of documents in pre-conversion format and the electronic document formats (including, where applicable, the versions of such electronic document formats) accepted by it under that Section;

(v) to (vii) [No change]

(b) to (d) [No change]

ANNEX F
STANDARD FOR THE FILING AND PROCESSING
IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS

[No change to the introductory paragraphs 1 to 4]

1. [No change]

2. THE E-PCT STANDARD: OVERVIEW AND VISION

[No change to the introductory text]

2.1 to 2.4 [No change]

2.5 *Change procedure*

2.5.1 *Scope*

It is necessary to modify the standard from time to time in the light of practical experience and of new technical developments. The change procedure outlined in this section constitutes the usual means by which the Director General undertakes consultation pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b) concerning proposals to modify the contents of Annex F (including its Appendices) (“proposals for change”), before deciding whether to promulgate such modifications. The procedures outlined in this section shall also be used as an additional means of information when changes are proposed to other parts of the Administrative Instructions which may have consequences for the technical requirements in this Annex.

2.5.2 *Web site; information list; Consultative Group*

The International Bureau maintains a Web site for the processing of proposals for change. The Web site provides for interested persons to register their e-mail addresses on the e-filing information list of persons who wish to be informed when proposals for change (or other materials relating to PCT electronic filing) are made available on the site.

The national Office of any State, and any PCT Authority, any intergovernmental organization (including any regional Office) and any non-governmental organization, that is invited to participate in meetings of the PCT Assembly may register, via the Web site, to participate in the work of a Consultative Group which considers proposals for change. It is strongly encouraged that the participants nominate as their representatives in the Consultative Group both technical and legal specialists to ensure that proposals for change are fully considered. Participants should preferably register at an early stage in the annual change management cycle outlined in section 2.5.4, below.

National Offices of PCT Contracting States and PCT International Authorities which register to participate in the Consultative Group do so as members, and other participants as observers. All Consultative Group members and observers are also automatically included in the e-filing information list. The International Bureau, as secretariat, coordinates the activities of the Group. Consideration of matters by the Group is informal and takes place via the Web site and e-mail and, where necessary, via other means of telecommunication; meetings of the Group in person are not envisaged.

Consultative Group members and observers are invited to discuss, and make recommendations on, how proposals for change should be handled and, in particular, whether changes should be promulgated and with what effective date, as outlined further below. It is expected that the Group would operate on the basis of consensus.

Consultative Group members and observers shall be informed by the International Bureau of any proposed modifications submitted under the ordinary consultation pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b) which include changes to Annex F, or which appear likely to the International Bureau to require consequential changes to Annex F if adopted.

2.5.3 *Proposals for change*

Proposals for change may be submitted to the International Bureau by any Office or Authority entitled to register as a member of the Consultative Group, and may be initiated by the International Bureau. An Office or Authority or the International Bureau may, if it wishes, submit a proposal for change that has been suggested to it by a third party. Proposals for change may be submitted, preferably via the Web site, at any time during the year.

A proposal for change may be modified or withdrawn by the Office or Authority that submitted it. Each proposal for change is published by the International Bureau on the Web site as a “Proposal for Change” (PFC) file to which comments, modifications, etc., are annexed. Exchanges of views on a proposal for change, if not annexed to the PFC file concerned, are stored in an archive accessible via the Web site.

Each proposal for change must set forth the requested modifications of the text and/or figures concerned, a list of items that may be impacted, the reason, including processing or policy issues involved, and the proposed date of implementation, including, if appropriate, a request for expedited handling, and should also, if possible, include a draft implementation (for example, a new XML DTD). It shall preferably also indicate if, in the view of the person making the proposal, the proposal is of a mere technical nature, or of a legal and technical nature.

Consideration of proposals for change would ordinarily proceed under the (standard) annual change management cycle in accordance with section 2.5.4. If needed, generally on request by the proposer, the International Bureau may determine, after consultation with the Consultative Group members and observers, that consideration of a proposal for change should be expedited in accordance with section 2.5.5. It is to be understood that consideration of any proposal for change resulting from a change to a PCT Contracting State’s national law relating to the standards contained in this Annex would be expedited.

2.5.4 *Annual change management cycle*

1. Each proposal for change received by the International Bureau is published on the Web site, forthwith after its receipt, in a PFC file together with an indication that comments on the proposal may be sent to the International Bureau. That publication is promptly notified by e-mail to the e-filing information list.
2. Any comments received from interested parties following the publication and notification of a proposal for change referred to in section 2.5.3 are promptly published on the Web site in the PFC file and notified by e-mail to the e-filing information list.

3. Further consideration of the proposal does not take place until the following February, unless expedited consideration is accorded to the proposal under section 2.5.5.
4. On or promptly after February 15, the International Bureau publishes on the Web site a list of all pending standard proposals for change and references to the relevant PFC files, with an indication that comments may be sent to the International Bureau by March 31, and sends a notification by e-mail to the e-filing information list. The International Bureau also sends a written circular to all PCT Offices and Authorities, interested intergovernmental organizations and certain non-governmental organizations representing users, referring to the Web site, inviting comments by March 31 and advising that paper copies of the proposals for change are available from the International Bureau.
5. Any further comments received by the International Bureau are published, forthwith after their receipt, in the PFC file on the Web site and notified by e-mail to the e-filing information list.
6. Promptly after March 31, the International Bureau invites the Consultative Group members and observers to consider the pending proposals for change and comments, and the Consultative Group members and observers make recommendations to the International Bureau by May 15. The recommendations are published forthwith in the PFC file on the Web site and notified by e-mail to the e-filing information list.
7. Taking into account the comments received and the recommendations of the Consultative Group members and observers, and after any necessary revision, the International Bureau publishes on the Web site, by June 30, modifications intended to come into force on January 1 of the following year or, exceptionally, before that date, and sends a notification by e-mail to the e-filing information list.
8. The usual procedures for promulgation of modifications of the Administrative Instructions apply (written circular and publication in the *PCT Gazette*).
9. If applicable, new or revised requirements of Offices are notified to the International Bureau, as provided for in Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions, for publication in the *PCT Gazette*.

2.5.5 *Expedited consideration of change proposals*

1. At any time, on request or at its own initiative, the International Bureau may decide that a proposal for change should be accorded expedited consideration, even if the proposal for change has so far been treated as standard.

2. Each proposal for change which is accorded expedited consideration is published on the Web site for comment and notified by e-mail to the e-filing information list, as outlined in section 2.5.4, paragraphs 1 and 2, except that comments are invited within six weeks. At the same time as that publication, the International Bureau sends the written circular referred to in section 2.5.4, paragraph 4, inviting comments within six weeks. Any comments received within six weeks are published, forthwith after their receipt, in the PFC file on the Web site and notified by e-mail to the e-filing information list.
3. In parallel to the actions referred to in paragraph 2, the International Bureau invites the Consultative Group members and observers to consider the proposal for change and any subsequent comments received during the six week period referred to in paragraph 2, and to make any recommendation before the end of that six week period, including a recommendation, if applicable, as to the appropriate date of entry into force of the proposed modifications. The recommendations are published forthwith in the PFC file on the Web site and notified by e-mail to the e-filing information list.
4. Taking into account the comments received and the recommendations of the Consultative Group members and observers, and after any necessary revision, the International Bureau publishes the modifications, and their date of entry into force, on the Web site, and sends a notification by e-mail to the e-filing information list.
5. The modifications are promulgated, and any new requirements of Offices are notified and published, as outlined in section 2.5.4, paragraphs 8 and 9.

2.5.6 *Version handling*

Where the practice and the technical systems of the recipient Office so permit, earlier versions of certain aspects of the standard (notably, DTDs and the E-filing interoperability protocol) may operate simultaneously for a limited period of time. Each version should be clearly identified by the appropriate version number.

3. E-PCT SUBMISSION STRUCTURE AND FORMAT

[No change to the introductory text]

3.1 *Allowable electronic document formats*

[No change to the introductory text]

3.1.1 to 3.1.3 [No change]

3.1.4 *Pre-conversion formats*

Documents in pre-conversion format submitted under AIs Section 706(a) or (f) must be included as referenced documents.

For the applicant-Office (international phase) communication sector, receiving Offices shall notify the International Bureau whether they will accept the filing, under AIs Section 706(a) and (f), of documents in pre-conversion format and, if so, which pre-conversion formats they will accept (see AIs Section 710(a)(iv)).

For the purposes of the procedure under AIs Section 706(b), any receiving Office which chooses to accept documents submitted under AIs Section 706(a) or (f) in a pre-conversion format which the International Bureau cannot process must transmit the document concerned to the International Bureau in both an electronic document format which the International Bureau can process and the original pre-conversion format.

3.2 to 3.4 [No change]

4. IA DOCUMENTS PACKAGING

[No change to the introductory text]

4.1 and 4.2 [No change]

4.3 *File naming convention*

[No change to the introductory text]

4.3.1 *Tables*

Tables 1 to 5 [No change]

Table 6

<i>Document and package types currently accepted for initial ePCT filing</i>	
<i>Document type</i>	<i>Code</i>
record copy (package)	reco
home copy (package)	home
package header	pkggh
package data	pkda
request	requ
receiving office information	rrri
declarations	decl
application body	appb
fee sheet	fees
original separate power of attorney	poat
original general power of attorney	gpoa
copy of general power of attorney	cgpa
statement explaining the lack of signature	lacs
priority documents	pdoc
translation of application	tapp
document in pre-conversion format	dpcf
biological deposit	biod
sequence listing (ST.25)	seql

sequence listing table	seqt
table external	tabx
record copy	reco
home copy	hoco
transmission receipt	xmre
application receipt list	aprl
dispatch list	dspl
amendment request	amnd
change of bibliographic material	bibc
<i>ex-officio</i> correction	exoc
correspondence	crsp
notification	noti
demand	dmnd
IPEA demand receiving information	idri
fee-sheet-chapter2	fee2
international search report (ISR)	isre
international preliminary examination report (IPER)	iper
international search opinion (ISO)	isop
translation of international search report	isrt
translation of preliminary examination report	ipet
translation of international search opinion	isot
published application	papp
office specific document types	[2-position country code]AA
table exceeding fifty printed pages	mtbl

Tables 7 and 8 [No change]

4.3.2 and 4.3.3 [No change]

5. to 9. [No change]

APPENDICES I TO IV [No change]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

IT Italy

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

E-mail: info@uibm.gov.it

Internet: www.uibm.gov.it

Furthermore, the Office has notified the discontinuance of the use of its teleprinter.

[Updating of Annex B1(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in their national currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 July 2008, is CHF 1,483.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2008, are CHF 1,587 and EUR 995, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in their national currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 June 2008, is USD 949.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2008, is EUR 148.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in their national currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 July 2008, is CHF 507.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in their national currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 July 2008, is CHF 1,789.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. The consolidated table of requirements reads as follows:

<p>Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:</p> <p>the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)</p>	<p>any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column</p>	<p>Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned</p>
<p>None</p>	<p>At the time of filing</p>	<p>To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material</p>

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the EPO with FIB and IFO (see further in this Annex). Deposits with CNCM can be made under the Budapest Treaty or, as far as the deposits of cell cultures, mycoplasma and rickettsiae are concerned, under a bilateral agreement with the EPO.

If the applicant wishes that, until the publication of the mention of the grant of a European patent or for 20 years from the date of filing if the application is refused or withdrawn or deemed to be withdrawn, the biological material shall be made available as provided in Rule 33(1) of the European Patent Convention (EPC) only by the issue of a sample to an expert nominated by the requester (Rule 32(1) EPC), the applicant must, by a written statement, inform the International Bureau accordingly before completion of technical preparations for publication of the international application. Such statement must be separate from the description and the claims of the international application and must preferably be made on Form PCT/RO/134, referred to in Section 209 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT and reproduced in Annex Z of International Phase of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*.

WARNING: Where the invention involves the use of or concerns biological material which is not available to the public at the date of filing the application and which has been deposited by a person other than the applicant, the reference to such a deposit must include the name and address of the depositor and a statement that the latter has authorized the applicant to refer to the deposited biological material in the application and has given his unreserved and irrevocable consent to the deposited material being made available to the public in accordance with Rule 31(1)(d) EPC.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

MY Malaysia

Information on the requirements of the **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (MY), which is published on the following pages.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

**MY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CORPORATION MY
OF MALAYSIA**

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19 ²), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report ²)
Is a copy of the international application required?	Yes, a copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).
National fee:	Currency: Malaysian ringgit (MYR) Filing fee: ¹ MYR 200 Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: MYR 10
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ^{3,4} Statement justifying the applicant's right to the patent where the applicant is not the inventor ^{3,4} Evidence of entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application ^{3,4} Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) ⁴ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Malaysia Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² Where the applicant furnishes a translation of the international application only as amended or only as originally filed, the Office will invite the applicant to furnish the missing translation.

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

SUMMARY

**Designated
(or elected) Office**

SUMMARY

**MY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CORPORATION MY
OF MALAYSIA**

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Who can act as agent?

Any patent agent registered before the Office

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49*ter.2*)?

Yes, the Office applies the “unintentional” criterion to such requests



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INFORMATION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified a change in its location address, which now reads as follows:

5, Staroalekseevskaya, Moscow, Russian Federation.

[Updating of Annex B2(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified a change to the amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **Russian roubles (RUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount is now RUR 1,000.

[Updating of Annex C(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO) – Corrigendum

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified omissions in the list of conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority, published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 27 March 2008, pages 33 to 35, and applicable since 1 April 2008. The part of the list indicating the extent to which the search fee for an earlier European search shall be refunded when the EPO benefits from that search in carrying out an international search should read as follows:

- for a European search (EPC Art. 78(2))
(*European application filed on or after 1 July 2005 and search fee paid before 1 April 2006*):

(full benefit)	EUR 960
(partial benefit)	EUR 240
- (*European application filed on or after 1 July 2005 and search fee paid between 1 April 2006 and 31 March 2008*):

(full benefit)	EUR 1,000
(partial benefit)	EUR 250
- (*European application filed on or after 1 July 2005 and search fee paid on or after 1 April 2008*):

(full benefit)	EUR 1,050
(partial benefit)	EUR 262.50

*(European application filed before
1 July 2005 and search fee paid before
1 April 2006):*

(full benefit)	EUR	690
(partial benefit)	EUR	172.50

*(European application filed before
1 July 2005 and search fee paid between
1 April 2006 and 31 March 2008):*

(full benefit)	EUR	720
(partial benefit)	EUR	180

*(European application filed before
1 July 2005 and search fee paid on or after
1 April 2008):*

(full benefit)	EUR	760
(partial benefit)	EUR	190

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

The Office has also notified corrections to the components of the national fee, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as well as to the exemptions, reductions or refunds of several of these components, published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 27 March 2008, pages 35 to 37, and applicable since 1 April 2008. The list of the said components of the national fee, exemptions, reductions or refunds should read as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:

- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online: EUR 100
- where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is not filed online: EUR 180

Designation fee for each EPO Contracting State designated and for the joint designation of Switzerland and Liechtenstein; paying seven times the amount of this fee is deemed payment for all EPC Contracting States: EUR 85

Extension fee for each extension State (extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia or the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia): EUR 102

Claims fee for the 16th and each subsequent claim: EUR 200

Search fee

- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 760
- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,050

Fee for further processing:

- in the event of late payment of a fee: 50% of the relevant fee
- other cases: EUR 210

Fee for late furnishing of a sequence listing: EUR 200

Examination fee:

- for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 1,565
- for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up: EUR 1,565
- for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,405

Renewal fee for the third year: EUR 400

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of fees:

No search fee is payable

- where the international search report has been established by the EPO,
- where the international application has been filed before 1 July 2005 and the international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office,
- where the international application has been filed between 1 April 2005 and 30 June 2005 and the international search report has been established by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland.

The search fee is reduced

- by 20% (international applications filed before 1 July 2005) or
- by EUR 190 (international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005) where the international search report has been established by the Australian Patent Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China or the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The search fee is reduced by EUR 890 for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which the international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, or in accordance with the Protocol on Centralization by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Nordic Patent Institute, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

The examination fee is reduced by 50% where the international preliminary examination report has been established by the EPO.

Furthermore, in certain cases the examination fee is reduced by 20% for language reasons.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the contents of the translation for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office, applicable since 1 March 2008. The required contents are now as follows:

Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract

Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EA), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2008, is KRW 306,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** and in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2008, are ISK 192,000 and ZAR 20,650, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2008, is KRW 924,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** and in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2008, are NZD 289 and SGD 320, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **euro (EUR)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the euro (EUR) as a currency of payment or use the euro (EUR) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in their national currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 August 2008, is EUR 319.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION –
ASSEMBLY (THIRTY-SEVENTH (21ST EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)**

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

A number of amendments to the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) during its thirty-seventh (21st extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva on 31 March 2008 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

The document prepared for the PCT Assembly is available, and the report of the session will be available shortly, on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=15345

The amendments, which were adopted on 15 May 2008 and will enter into force on 1 July 2008, consist of a 5% reduction in the international filing fee, an increase from 75% to 90% in the reduction available to applicants from certain States, and an extension of the availability of the reduction to applicants from an additional nine States.

The text of the amended Schedule of Fees is reproduced on page 69.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT

(to enter into force on 1 July 2008)

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Fees	Amounts
1. International filing fee: (Rule 15.2)	1,330 Swiss francs plus 15 Swiss francs for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets
2. Handling fee: (Rule 57.2)	200 Swiss francs

Reductions

3. The international filing fee is reduced by the following amount if the international application is, as provided for in the Administrative Instructions, filed:

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|---|------------------|
| (a) on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract: | 100 Swiss francs |
| (b) in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format: | 100 Swiss francs |
| (c) in electronic form, the request being in character coded format: | 200 Swiss francs |
| (d) in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format: | 300 Swiss francs |

4. The international filing fee (where applicable, as reduced under item 3) and the handling fee are reduced by 90% if the international application is filed by:

- (a) an applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below US\$3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997) or, pending a decision by the PCT Assembly on the eligibility criteria specified in this sub-paragraph, one of the following States: Antigua and Barbuda, Bahrain, Barbados, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Oman, the Seychelles, Singapore, Trinidad and Tobago and the United Arab Emirates; or
- (b) an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is classed as a least developed country by the United Nations;

provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria set out in either sub-item (a) or (b).

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AU Australia

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in their national currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 August 2008, is USD 1,514.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2008, is USD 2,665.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

OM Oman

IB International Bureau

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Government of Oman** has notified the International Bureau that it delegates the functions of receiving Office to the **International Bureau** for at least two years.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2008, is NZD 3,395.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified changes relating to several components of the national fee payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:

- international applications for which the time limit for entry into the national phase expires on or after 1 June 2008, and for which the transmittal form (Form 53) is submitted on or after 1 June 2008: JPY 15,000
- international applications for which Form 53 was submitted on or before 31 May 2008, regardless of whether the time limit for entry into the national phase expires on or after 1 June 2008: JPY 16,000
- international applications for which the time limit for entry into the national phase expired on or before 31 May 2008: JPY 16,000

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (JP), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the thirty-seventh (21st extraordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union), held in Geneva on 31 March 2008, equivalent amounts of the new international filing fee and new equivalent amounts of the fee per sheet over 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), together with new equivalent amounts of the reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 July 2008, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on pages 75 and 76.

In the said table, the new amounts are distinguished from currently applicable amounts by indicating them in bold print.

[Updating of Annex C of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the international filing fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from July 1, 2008)

Country/ Regional Office	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 31.03.08	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees		
				Item 3(a) and (b)	Item 3(c)	Item 3(d)
Currency						
Reference currency Swiss franc		1'400 1'330	15 15	100 100	200 200	300 300 Current amount New amount
AT - Austria Euro	1.5682612794	848 848	9 10	61 64	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a. Current amount New amount
AU - Australia Australian dollar	0.9074769439	1'374 1'466	15 17	98 110	196 220	295 331 Current amount New amount
BE - Belgium Euro	1.5682612794	848 848	9 10	61 64	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a. Current amount New amount
CA - Canada Canadian dollar	0.9674663863	1'261 1'375	14 16	90 103	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a. Current amount* New amount
DE - Germany Euro	1.5682612794	848 848	9 10	61 64	121 128	182 191 Current amount New amount
DK - Denmark Danish krone	0.210309105	6320 6320	70 70	450 480	900 950	1'350 1'430 Current amount New amount
EP - European Patent Office Euro	1.5682612794	848 848	9 10	n.a. n.a.	121 128	182 191 Current amount New amount
ES - Spain Euro	1.5682612794	848 848	9 10	61 64	121 128	182 191 Current amount New amount
FI - Finland Euro	1.5682612794	848 848	9 10	n.a. n.a.	121 128	182 191 Current amount New amount
FR - France Euro	1.5682612794	848 848	9 10	61 64	121 128	182 191 Current amount New amount
GB - United Kingdom Pound sterling	1.9709226869	647 675	7 8	46 51	92 101	139 152 Current amount** New amount
GR - Greece Euro	1.5682612794	848 848	9 10	61 64	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a. Current amount New amount
IB - International Bureau Swiss franc Euro US dollar		*** *** ***	*** *** ***	*** *** ***	*** *** ***	*** *** *** 271 302 Current amount* New amount

* Amounts applicable as from May 15, 2008.

** Amounts applicable as from May 1, 2008.

*** The corresponding equivalent amounts are indicated above for the Swiss franc and the Euro and below for the US dollar.

PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for the international filing fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from July 1, 2008)

Country/ Regional Office Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 31.03.08	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			
				Item 3(a) and (b)	Item 3(c)	Item 3(d)	
Reference currency Swiss franc		1'400 1'330	15 15	100 100	200 200	300 300	Current amount New amount
IE - Ireland Euro	1.5682612794	848 848	9 10	61 64	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
IS - Iceland Icelandic krona	0.0131112469	85'100 101'400	900 1'100	6'100 7'600	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount* New amount
IT - Italy Euro	1.5682612794	848 848	9 10	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
JP - Japan Japanese yen	0.0099666578	137'000 133'400	1'500 1'500	9'800 10'000	n.a. n.a.	29'400 30'100	Current amount New amount
KR - Republic of Korea Korean won	0.0010019659	1'221'000 1'327'000	13'000 15'000	87'000 100'000	n.a. n.a.	262'000 299'000	Current amount** New amount
LU - Luxembourg Euro	1.5682612794	848 848	9 10	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
MW - Malawi Malawian kwacha	0.0072895800	166'800 182'500	1'800 2'100	11'900 13'700	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NL - Netherlands Euro	1.5682612794	848 848	9 10	61 64	121 128	182 191	Current amount New amount
NO - Norway Norwegian krone	0.1950327169	6'590 6'820	70 80	470 510	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NZ - New Zealand New Zealand dollar	0.7806751918	1'597 1'704	17 19	114 128	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
PT - Portugal Euro	1.5682612794	848 848	9 10	61 64	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
SE - Sweden Swedish krona	0.1671770942	7'780 7'960	80 90	560 600	1'110 1'200	1'670 1'790	Current amount New amount
SG - Singapore Singapore dollar	0.7209389057	1'790 1'845	19 21	128 139	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
US - United States of America US dollar	0.9939583770	1'263 1'338	14 15	90 101	180 201	n.a. n.a.	Current amount* New amount
ZA - South Africa South African rand	0.1224791255	9'810 10'860	110 120	700 820	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount*** New amount

* Amounts applicable as from May 15, 2008.

** Amounts applicable as from May 1, 2008.

*** Amounts applicable as from June 1, 2008.



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

FI Finland

Agreement between the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 July 2008. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,700
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,700
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2008, is USD 2,665.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/export/sites/www/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_fi.pdf.

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2008, are EUR 1,700 for each of the fees.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2008, are CHF 2,726 and USD 2,496, respectively.

In addition, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), the equivalent amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)** will be USD 2,665 from 1 August 2008.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2008, is ISK 192,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES

SV El Salvador

The **National Center of Registries** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

<p>Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:</p>		<p>Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned</p>
<p>the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)</p>	<p>any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column</p>	
<p>None</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>To the extent available to the applicant, a description of the characteristics and an indication of the usefulness of the micro-organism and/or other biological material</p>

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the National Center of Registries with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES RECEIVING OFFICES

SV El Salvador

General information on **El Salvador** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **National Center of Registries** as receiving Office, is given in Annexes B1(SV) and C(SV), which are published on the following pages.

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Information on Contracting States

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General information

Name of Office:	Centro Nacional de Registros National Center of Registries
Location and mailing address:	1ª Calle Poniente y 43 Avenida Norte Número 2310, San Salvador, El Salvador
Telephone:	(503) 22 618 607, 22 618 602
Facsimile machine:	(503) 22 607 916
E-mail:	propiedad.intelectual@cnr.gob.sv
Internet:	www.cnr.gob.sv
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of El Salvador:	National Center of Registries or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if El Salvador is designated (or elected):	National Center of Registries (see National Phase)
May El Salvador be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of El Salvador concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if El Salvador is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if El Salvador is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
SV **NATIONAL CENTER OF REGISTRIES** **SV**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	El Salvador
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish ¹
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	Yes
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 200
International filing fee: ³	USD 1,263 (1,338) ⁴
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	USD 14 (15) ⁴
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY: ²	USD 90 (101) ⁴
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (ES)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 30
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in El Salvador Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney registered in El Salvador
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ Depending on the applicant's choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332, and No. 41/2006, page 19092, Schedule of Fees, item 3(a)).

³ This fee is reduced by 75% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)). For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 41/2006, page 19092, Schedule of Fees, item 4.

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 July 2008.



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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following consultation with interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), new Section 337 has been included in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT and is promulgated, as set out below, with effect from 1 July 2008.

Section 337 clarifies that the receiving Office is to transmit to the International Searching Authority any copy of the results of an earlier search which that Office has received from, or prepared on request of, the applicant, and will apply to international applications filed on or after 1 July 2008.

The consolidated text of the main body of the Administrative Instructions (PCT/AI/7) is available on the WIPO website.

TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Section 337

Transmittal of copy of results of earlier search

Where the applicant has

(i) submitted a copy of the results of an earlier search to the receiving Office under Rule 12*bis*.1(a) together with the international application; or

(ii) requested the receiving Office under Rule 12*bis*.1(c) to prepare and transmit a copy of the results of the earlier search, a copy of the earlier application concerned and/or a copy of any document cited in the results of the earlier search;

the receiving Office shall promptly transmit any such copy to the International Searching Authority, preferably together with the search copy.

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

AT Austria

Agreement between the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization** and the **President of the Austrian Patent Office**, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, have agreed to an amendment of Part II of Annex C thereof. This amendment will enter into force on 1 July 2008. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. [No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) and (2) [No change]

(3) Where an international application claims the priority of an earlier international application and where the Austrian Patent Office acting as International Searching Authority has established the international search report for this earlier international application, and where the Authority benefits from this earlier search to the full extent or to a substantially prevailing portion, 75% of the search fee shall be refunded.

(4) and (5) [No change]”

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex C

The **European Patent Organisation (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to footnote 2 in Part I of Annex C thereof. This amendment will enter into force on 1 July 2008. The amended footnote will read as follows:

“This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO’s Administrative Council of October 11, 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, 446)).”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_at.pdf.

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

JP Japan

Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization** and the **Commissioner of the Japan Patent Office**, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, have agreed to an amendment of Part II of Annex C thereof. This amendment will enter into force on 1 July 2008. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. [No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) [No change]

(2) The amount of 41,000 Japanese yen shall be refunded upon request where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

- (i) where the international application claims the priority of an earlier international application which has been the subject of an international search made by the Authority, the international search of the earlier international application;
- (ii) the earlier search of a Japanese national application for a patent or for a utility model registration which was filed by the same applicant as that of the international application.

(3) and (4) [No change]”

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁴ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization** and the **Commissioner of the Korean Intellectual Property Office**, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, have agreed to an amendment of Part II of Annex C thereof. This amendment will enter into force on 1 July 2008. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_jp.pdf.

⁴ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. [No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) and (2) [No change]

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority, 75% of the search fee paid shall be refunded upon request by the applicant.

(4) and (5) [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified a change to the conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable from 1 July 2008. The part which currently reads: “Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search to the full extent or to a substantially prevailing portion: refund of 75%” will be replaced as follows:

“Where the international application claims the priority of an earlier international application and where the Austrian Patent Office acting as International Searching Authority has established the international search report for this earlier international application, and where the Authority benefits from this earlier search to the full extent or to a substantially prevailing portion: refund of 75%.”

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

AU Australia

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in their national currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 September 2008, is CHF 1,594.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and in **US dollars (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2008, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 64	or	USD 101
Fee for priority document (PCT Rules 17.1(b) and 21.2):	EUR 32	or	USD 50
	Supplement for airmail:		
	EUR [no change]	or	USD 10

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israel shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office (transmittal fee and fee for priority document) and as designated (or elected) Office (national filing fee). These amounts, applicable from 1 July 2008, are ILS 503, ILS 80 and ILS 964, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) and of the National Chapter, Summary (IL), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a change to the conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable from 1 July 2008. The part which currently reads: "Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search to a considerable extent: refund of JPY 41,000, upon request" will be replaced as follows:

"Refund of JPY 41,000 upon request where the Authority benefits from one of the following earlier searches to a considerable extent:

- (i) where the international application claims the priority of an earlier international application which has been the subject of an international search made by the Authority, the international search of the earlier international application;
- (ii) the earlier search of a Japanese national application for a patent or for a utility model registration which was filed by the same applicant as that of the international application."

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change to the conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee payable for an international search carried out by the Office, applicable from 1 July 2008. The part which currently reads: “Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 75%” will be replaced as follows:

“Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority: refund of 75% upon request by the applicant.”

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 3 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2008, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 9,510
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 110
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	ZAR 720

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

DK Denmark

Following the promulgation of modifications to Sections 706 and 710 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT with effect from 1 July 2008 (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 April 2008, pages 45 *et seq.*), the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the replacement with effect from 1 July 2008, in its notification pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see PCT Gazette No. 35/2005, pages 22816 *et seq.*), of the part relating to the filing of backup copies by the following text relating to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format:

“As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.”

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Following the promulgation of modifications to Sections 706 and 710 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT with effect from 1 July 2008 (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 April 2008, pages 45 *et seq.*), the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the replacement with effect from 1 July 2008, in its first notification pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see PCT Gazette No. 47/2002, pages 23832 *et seq.*), of the part relating to the filing of backup copies by the following text relating to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format:

“As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in pre-conversion format under Section 706(a) and (f) of the Administrative Instructions under the conditions set out in Article 3 of the Decision of the President of the EPO dated 12 July 2007 (Special Edition No. 3 OJ EPO 2007, 17).

In particular, the files should be archived in ZIP format and contain either plain ASCII text or be created with one of the following word processing programs:

- Microsoft Word 97 and later releases
- Corel WordPerfect 6.1, 8 & 10 and later releases
- Writer of OpenOffice 2.0 and later releases (including the corresponding StarOffice products)

Any objects originating from other programs may be embedded into documents being generated by the word processing programs mentioned above as long as they can be viewed without loss of the information being contained in these objects.

Documents in a format other than those mentioned above may be attached in that format only if the applicant informs the EPO at the time of filing where it can within reason acquire the relevant software.”

IB International Bureau

Following the promulgation of modifications to Sections 706 and 710 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT with effect from 1 July 2008 (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 April 2008, pages 45 *et seq.*), the **International Bureau of WIPO**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the replacement with effect from 1 July 2008, in its first notification pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see PCT Gazette No. 34/2003, pages 19248 *et seq.*), of the part relating to the filing of backup copies by the following text relating to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format:

“As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.”

JP Japan

Following the promulgation of modifications to Sections 706 and 710 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT with effect from 1 July 2008 (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 April 2008, pages 45 *et seq.*), the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the replacement with effect from 1 July 2008, in its notification pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see PCT Gazette No. 50/2006, pages 19184 *et seq.*), of the part relating to the filing of backup copies by the following text relating to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format:

“As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept no filing of documents in pre-conversion format together with the international application.”

MY Malaysia

Following the promulgation of modifications to Sections 706 and 710 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT with effect from 1 July 2008 (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 April 2008, pages 45 *et seq.*), the **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the replacement with effect from 1 July 2008, in its notification pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see PCT Gazette No. 44/2006, pages 19118 *et seq.*), of the part relating to the filing of backup copies by the following text relating to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format:

“As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.”

SE Sweden

Following the promulgation of modifications to Sections 706 and 710 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT with effect from 1 July 2008 (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 April 2008, pages 45 *et seq.*), the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the replacement with effect from 1 July 2008, in its notification pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see PCT Gazette No. 47/2005, pages 31398 *et seq.*), of the part relating to the filing of backup copies by the following text relating to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format:

“As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.”

SK Slovakia

Following the promulgation of modifications to Sections 706 and 710 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT with effect from 1 July 2008 (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 24 April 2008, pages 45 *et seq.*), the **Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of the replacement with effect from 1 July 2008, in its notification pertaining to the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see PCT Gazette No. 46/2005, pages 30684 *et seq.*), of the part relating to the filing of backup copies by the following text relating to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format:

“As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.”

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS

CH Switzerland

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Article 22(1) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 July 2008.

The new time limit under PCT Article 22(1) will be 30 months from the priority date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CH), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 51bis.1(f)

CH Switzerland

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 51bis.1(f) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, page 2024), the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 July 2008. PCT Rule 51bis.1(e) will therefore apply from that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CH), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 51bis.2(c)

CH Switzerland

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 51bis.2(c) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, pages 2024 and 2026), the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 July 2008. PCT Rule 51bis.2(a)(i), (ii) and (iii) will therefore apply from that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CH), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 51bis.3(c)

CH Switzerland

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 51bis.3(c) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, page 2026), the **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 July 2008. PCT Rule 51bis.3(a) will therefore apply from that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CH), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 15 September 2008, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD 1,353
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	AUD 102
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD 204
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD 305

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 3 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 15 September 2008, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD 1,289
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD 15
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	CAD 97

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MZ Mozambique

The **Industrial Property Institute** informed the International Bureau that, on 1 July 2006, the currency unit in Mozambique was revalued at a rate of 1000:1, which effectively removed three zeros from the fee amounts. The amounts of fees, in **Mozambican meticals (MZM)**, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, and applicable since the same date, are as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:	MZM 4,300
Annual fee for the first year:	MZM 750
Annual fee for the second year:	MZM 1,050

For utility model:

Filing fee:	MZM 750
Annual fee for the first and second year, per year:	MZM 750

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MZ), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES RECEIVING OFFICES

MT Malta

General information on **Malta** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Division, Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment** as receiving Office, is given in Annexes B1(MT) and C(MT), which are published on the following pages.

B1

Information on Contracting States

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MT

MALTA

MT

General information

Name of Office:	Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Division, Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment
Location and mailing address:	Lascaris, Valletta, VLT 2000, Malta
Telephone:	(356) 2569 0230
Facsimile machine:	(356) 2569 0338
E-mail:	ipoffice@gov.mt
Internet:	www.mcmp.gov.mt/commerce_industrialproperty.asp
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Malta:	Industrial Property Registrations Directorate, Commerce Division, Ministry of Finance, Economy and Investment, European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Malta is designated (or elected):	European Patent Office (EPO) (see National Phase)
May Malta be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	European patents
Provisions of the law of Malta concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent (see European Patent Convention Articles 67, 150 and 158) and: (1) the international application is published in one of the EPO official languages: this gives the applicant the right to seek compensation reasonable in the circumstances for any infringement; or (2) the international application is published in a language which is not an EPO official language: then the protection referred to in paragraph (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages.

**Information of interest if Malta is designated (or elected)
See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2**

C **Receiving Offices** **C**

MT **INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY REGISTRATIONS** **MT**

DIRECTORATE, COMMERCE DIVISION,

MINISTRY OF FINANCE, ECONOMY

AND INVESTMENT

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Malta
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ¹	Yes
Types of physical media accepted by the receiving Office:	CD-R, DVD-R
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No, the Office only accepts PCT-EASY format
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentional” and the “due care” criteria to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	EUR 55
International filing fee:	EUR 848
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 10
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY: ¹	EUR 64
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)

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¹ Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332, and No. 41/2006, page 19092, Schedule of Fees, item 3(a)).

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Fees payable to the receiving Office (<i>cont'd</i>):	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 11.65
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26 <i>bis</i> .3(d)):	EUR 23.29
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in a State member of the European Union or a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in a State member of the European Union or a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.



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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 September 2008, is KRW 1,590,000.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

AT Austria

Agreement between the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2009. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act:

the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations, provided that the Republic of Austria, in accordance with its obligations undertaken within the framework of the European Patent Organisation, has concluded with those States an agreement for that purpose;

(ii) the following languages which it will accept:

English, French, German, Hungarian, Russian.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 March 2008, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	ISK 7,700
National fee:	
Basic fee:	ISK 39,500
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	ISK 1,900
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation:	[No change]
Annual fees for the first three years:	ISK 11,100

[Updating of Annex C(IS) and of the National Chapter, Summary (IS), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_at.pdf.

JP Japan
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2008, is CHF 926.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 October 2008, is USD 220.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2008, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 34.34
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 40.06
National fee:	
For patent and for utility model:	
Filing fee:	EUR 125.92
Examination fee:	EUR 228.93
Fee for submission of any document:	EUR 5.73

[Updating of Annex C(PT) and of the National Chapter, Summary (PT), of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

AO Angola

IB International Bureau

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Angolan Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau that it delegates its functions as receiving Office to the **International Bureau**, with effect since 27 December 2007.

The International Bureau acting for the Angolan Institute of Industrial Property has specified the Austrian Patent Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Angola with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect since 27 December 2007.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BH Bahrain

The **Directorate of Industrial Property** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Bahrain with the Directorate of Industrial Property as receiving Office, with effect since 18 March 2007.



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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AU Australia

Agreement between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 September 2008. The amended Annex A will read as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
Australia, New Zealand and
by arrangement, the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations; and
any State that the Authority will specify;
- (ii) the following language:
English.”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified an additional e-mail address, as follows:

pct@patentamt.at (for all PCT matters relating to specific international applications)

[Updating of Annex B1(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_au.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in their national currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 November 2008, is USD 314.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2008, is NZD 2,029.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 3 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2008, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 10,030
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	ZAR 750

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **pounds sterling (GBP)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2008, is GBP 1,352.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

AO Angola

General information on **Angola** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(AO), which is published on the following page.

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General information

Name of Office:	Instituto Angolano da Propriedade Industrial Angolan Institute of Industrial Property
Location and mailing address:	Rua Serqueira Lukoki No. 25, 6º Andar, Caixa Postal 3840, Luanda, Angola
Telephone:	(244-222) 33 29 74
Facsimile machine:	(244-222) 33 29 74
E-mail:	iapi@iapi.gv.ao
Internet:	www.iapi.gv.ao
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Angola:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Angola is designated (or elected):	Angolan Institute of Industrial Property
May Angola be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models, certificates of addition
Provisions of the law of Angola concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Angola is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Angola is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No



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FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CA Canada

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 13 August 2008, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 29 September 2008, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- ASCII (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d)) – the WASP is prepared using the PCT-SAFE software, however it is then uploaded and submitted to the receiving Office through the CIPO website (www.cipo.gc.ca)
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R, DVD-R or 3.5 inch diskette (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available through the PCT-SAFE software. Online payment by credit card is possible through the CIPO website (www.cipo.gc.ca).

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

For questions concerning the preparation of the international application in electronic format using the PCT-SAFE software, contact WIPO directly:

- by telephone at (+41-22) 338 95 23
- by facsimile at (+41-22) 338 80 40
- through the WIPO website (www.wipo.int/tools/en/contacts/index.jsp?area=pct-safe)

CIPO has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users relating to the uploading and submission of the international application through the CIPO website. The help desk will be available between 8:30 am and 4:30 pm Monday to Friday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at (866) 997 1936 (in Canada) or (+819) 934 0544 (international)
- by facsimile at (+819) 953 2476
- through the CIPO website:
<http://napoleon.ic.gc.ca/cipo/internet.nsf/EnglishCall?OpenForm>

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of documents in pre-conversion format (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of documents in any pre-conversion format together with the international application.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.cipo.gc.ca).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

CN China

Agreement between the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. This amendment has been effective since 27 December 2007. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
China, Angola, Ghana, India, Kenya, Liberia, Turkey, Zimbabwe
and any State that the Authority will specify;
- (ii) [no change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_cn.pdf.

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments enter into force on 25 September 2008. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

United States of America, Barbados, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Philippines, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago;

(ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America and,
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Barbados, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Egypt, Guatemala, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Philippines, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago;

(iii) [no change]”

RECEIVING OFFICES

AO Angola

IB International Bureau

The International Bureau acting for the **Angolan Institute of Industrial Property** has specified the State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Angola with the International Bureau as receiving Office, with effect since 27 December 2007.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

GT Guatemala

The **Registry of Intellectual Property** has specified the Austrian Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Guatemala with the Registry of Intellectual Property as receiving Office.

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

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CA Canada

Following the notification by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 29 September 2008 (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 4 September 2008, pages 115 *et seq.*), equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** have been established for two of the reductions under item 3 of the PCT Schedule of Fees, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 3):

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	CAD 194
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	CAD 291

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2008, is ISK 207,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2008, is ISK 207,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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AU Australia

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in their national currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 December 2008, is USD 1,302.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SG Singapore

New equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 3 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2008, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SGD 1,708
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SGD 19
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	SGD 128

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2009, is ZAR 10,540.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 3 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD 1,210
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD 14
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	USD 91
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	USD 91
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 182
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 273

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CO), C(CR), C(CU), C(DO), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(KE), C(KG), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(NI), C(PG), C(PH), C(RU), C(SC), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(US), C(UZ), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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AU Australia

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 December 2008, is EUR 919.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2009, is NZD 2,700.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 15 December 2008, is EUR 1,225.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 26bis.3(j)

PT Portugal

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 26bis.3(j) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, page 15988), the **National Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 1 October 2008. PCT Rule 26bis.3(a) to (i) therefore applies since that date.

[Updating of Annex C(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.1(g)

PT Portugal

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, page 15990), the **National Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 1 October 2008. PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (f) therefore applies since that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.2(h)

PT Portugal

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, page 15990), the **National Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect since 1 October 2008. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore applies since that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2009, is SGD 1,870.

Furthermore, the Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in their national currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 January 2009, is CHF 1,425.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organization

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2009, are USD 2,410 and ZAR 19,450, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2009, is USD 2,410.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2009, is USD 2,410.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has specified (subject to certain limitations) the Australian Patent Office as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as receiving Office, with effect from 1 November 2008.

The Australian Patent Office will act as an International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is being, or has been, performed by the Australian Patent Office.

The Australian Patent Office will not be a competent International Searching or International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as receiving Office where such applications contain one or more claims relating to mechanical engineering or analogous fields of technology.

The full list of excluded subject matter, as agreed between the Australian Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), is defined by International Patent Classification class, as follows:

- “A01- AGRICULTURE; FORESTRY; ANIMAL HUSBANDRY; HUNTING; TRAPPING; FISHING, all classes except A01H, A01N, A01P (ie new plants or processes of obtaining them thereof, Preservation of human, animals bodies or plants, biocidal, pest repellent, pest attractant or plant growth regulatory activity of chemical compounds or preparations)
- A21- BAKING; EQUIPMENT FOR MAKING OR PROCESSING DOUGHS; DOUGHS FOR BAKING all classes except A21D, (ie Treatment of flour or dough for baking)
- A22- BUTCHERING; MEAT TREATMENT; PROCESSING POULTRY OR FISH
- A23N- MACHINES OR APPARATUS FOR TREATING HARVESTED FRUIT, VEGETABLES OR FLOWER BULBS IN BULK
- A23P- SHAPING OR WORKING OF FOODSTUFFS
- A24- TOBACCO; CIGARS; CIGARETTES
- A41-47 PERSONAL AND DOMESTIC ARTICLES (eg. headgear (A42), footwear (A43), haberdashery (A44))
- A61- MEDICAL OR VETERINARY SCIENCE, all classes except A61K, A61L, A61P and A61Q (ie preparations for medical, dental or toilet purposes, methods, apparatus for sterilising materials or objects, chemical aspects of bandages, dressings, absorbent pads, or surgical articles, therapeutic activity of chemical compounds, use of cosmetics or similar toilet preparations)
- A62- LIFE-SAVING all classes except A62D (ie chemical means for extinguishing fires, processes for making harmful chemical substances

harmless, or less harmful, by effecting a chemical change, composition of materials for coverings or clothing for protecting against harmful chemical agents; composition of materials for transparent parts of gas-masks, respirators, breathing bags or helmets; composition of chemical materials for use in breathing apparatus)

- A63- SPORTS; GAMES; AMUSEMENTS
- B06- GENERATING OR TRANSMITTING MECHANICAL VIBRATIONS IN GENERAL
- B21, B23-B27 all except B23K (ie soldering or unsoldering; welding; cladding or plating by soldering or welding; cutting by applying heat locally, e.g. flame cutting; working by laser beam)
- B31- MAKING PAPER ARTICLE WORKING PAPER
- B60-B68 all except B60L, B60M and B60Q (ie electric equipment or propulsion of electrically-propelled vehicles; magnetic suspension or levitation for vehicles; electrodynamic brake systems for vehicles, in general, power supply lines, or devices along rails, for electrically-propelled vehicles, arrangement of signalling or lighting devices, the mounting or supporting thereof or circuits therefor, for vehicles in general)
- D01-D07 Textiles all except D06L, D06M, D06N, D06P, D06Q (ie bleaching, treatment of fabrics, dyeing or printing textiles, decorating textiles)
- E01-E06 FIXED CONSTRUCTION
- E21- EARTH OR ROCK DRILLING; MINING
- F01-F04 MACHINES
- F15-F17 ENGINEERING ELEMENTS, ACTUATORS, STORAGE OR DISTRIBUTION OF GASES OR LIQUIDS
- F41-F42 WEAPONS, AMMUNITION
- G04- HOROLOGY
- G06- COMPUTING; Calculating; Counting
- G10- MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS
- G11- INFORMATION STORAGE”

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**

BH Bahrain

General information on **Bahrain** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **National Patent Office** as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, is given in Annexes B1(BH) and C(BH) and in the Summary of the National Chapter (BH), which are published on the following pages.

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General information

Name of Office:	National Patent Office
Location:	Diplomatic Area, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 5479, Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain
Telephone:	(973-17) 53 03 35
Facsimile machine:	(973-17) 53 64 79
E-mail:	ip@commerce.gov.bh
Internet:	www.moic.gov.bh
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is Aramex, DHL, Federal Express or TNT
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Bahrain:	National Patent Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Bahrain is designated (or elected):	National Patent Office (see National Phase)
May Bahrain be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought in addition to a national patent)
Provisions of the law of Bahrain concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Bahrain is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Bahrain is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within two months from the date of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
BH **NATIONAL PATENT OFFICE** **BH**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Bahrain
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic or English ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic or English
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or the United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or the United States Patent and Trademark Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Bahraini dinar (BHD) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	BHD 70
International filing fee: ³	USD 1,338 (1,210) ⁴
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	USD 15 (14) ⁴
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (EP) or (US)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	BHD 2 for natural persons BHD 4 for legal persons
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Bahrain Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Bahrain
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3); currently Arabic is not accepted by any of the International Searching Authorities.

² Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332, and No. 41/2006, page 19092, Schedule of Fees, item 3(a)).

³ This fee is reduced by 90% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)). For further details, see *Official Notices (PCT Gazette)* dated 29 May 2008, page 69, Schedule of Fees, item 4.

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 January 2009.

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Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic or English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Request, description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Request, description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Bahraini dinar (BHD) For patent: Filing fee: ¹ BHD 80 (40) ² Second annual fee: BHD 80 (40) ² Publication fee: BHD 100 (50) ² Search fee: BHD 40 (20) ² Examination fee: According to actual cost For utility model: Filing fee: ¹ BHD ... ³
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² The amount in parentheses is payable in case of filing by an individual.

³ The amount of this fee is not yet known. It will be fixed in the near future. The Office should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):⁴

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application⁵

Statement justifying the applicant’s right to the patent where the applicant is not the inventor⁵

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not a resident of Bahrain
An instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) is required

International application and translation thereof to be furnished in two copies

Verification of translation of the international application

Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer registered in Bahrain

Does the Office accept requests for
restoration of the right of priority
(PCT Rule 49*ter.2*)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

⁵ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.



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CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Intellectual Property** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail addresses, and has added an Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office:	Registro de la Propiedad Industrial Registry of Industrial Property
Telephone:	(506) 2234 1537
Facsimile machine:	(506) 2234 1537
E-mail:	lalvarez@rnp.go.cr kquesada@rnp.go.cr
Internet:	www.rnp.go.cr

Furthermore, the time limit when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Costa Rica is designated (or elected) has been modified to 15 days following an invitation from the Office to the applicant to comply with the requirement.

[Updating of Annex B1(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Industrial Property** has notified a change in the amount of the national filing fee for a patent, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to the Registry as designated (or elected) Office. The new amount is USD 500.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a “small entity”. The new amounts, applicable since 2 October 2008, are as follows:

Basic national fee:	USD 330 (165)
Search fee:	
– IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):	[No change]

- International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA: [No change]
- Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO: USD 430 (215)
- All other situations: USD 540 (270)

Examination fee:

- IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4): [No change]
- All other situations: USD 220 (110)

For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium): USD 270 (135)

Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three: USD 220 (110)

Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20: USD 52 (26)

In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application: USD 390 (195)

Surcharge for paying any of the search fee, the examination fee, or filing the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage: [No change]

Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): [No change]

Furthermore, the Office has introduced the following footnote, which applies to the amounts of the fees listed above:

“The amounts listed reflect fees in the event that legislation extends the patent and trademark fee provisions of the Fiscal Year 2005 Consolidated Appropriations Act. See 73 Fed. Reg. 47534 (14 August 2008).”

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (US) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]



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AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 3 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD 1,510
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD 17
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	AUD 114
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD 227
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD 341

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the Swiss franc (CHF) is not the official currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 January 2009, is CHF 1,978.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

The **Nordic Patent Institute** has notified the International Bureau of a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2009, is ISK 207,000.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Japan Patent Office** has notified the deletion of the Institute for Fermentation (IFO) from the list of depositary institutions with which deposits of microorganisms may be made for the purposes of patent procedure.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2009, is KRW 1,331,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 January 2009, is SGD 267.

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2009. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	555.33
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	555.33
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the US dollar (USD) is not the official currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 February 2009, is USD 1,309.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)) in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2009, are EUR 555.33 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2009, is CHF 1,140.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the Swiss franc (CHF) is not the official currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 February 2009, is CHF 573.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified new time limits applicable for entry into the national phase, under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b), in the case where national protection by means of a utility model is being sought. The new time limits under both Articles, applicable from 1 December 2008, will be 31 months from the priority date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which the **International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2009, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
1 and 2 January 2009,
10 and 13 April 2009,
21 May 2009,
1 June 2009,
10 September 2009,
27 November 2009,
24, 25 and 31 December 2009.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other intergovernmental organizations.



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AT Austria

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the US dollar (USD) is not the official currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 February 2009, is USD 257.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the US dollar (USD) is not the official currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 February 2009, is USD 1,091.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CN China

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2009, is EUR 241.

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2009, is ISK 255,000.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2009, is USD 2,410.

Furthermore, also for the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2009, is CHF 2,525.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 3 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 129,500
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 1,500
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 9,700

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **euro (EUR)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the euro (EUR) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the euro (EUR) is not the official currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 February 2009, is EUR 390.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2009, is ISK 255,000.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Nordic Patent Institute**. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2009, is USD 2,410.

Furthermore, also for the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the Institute. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2009, is CHF 2,525.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 February 2009, is NZD 1,825.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 February 2009, is EUR 855.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified a change in the currency of payment of certain fees from **Estonian kroon (EEK)** to **Swiss franc (CHF)**, with effect from 1 January 2009. The amounts of these fees, payable to the Office as receiving Office, will be as follows:

International filing fee:	CHF	1,330
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CHF	15
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 3):		
PCT-EASY:	CHF	100

[Updating of Annex C(EE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 15 February 2009, is JPY 212,600.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 3 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 15 February 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 113,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,300
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	JPY 8,500
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY 25,500

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2009, is EUR 752.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2009, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) (in English language):	KRW 900,000
Search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) (in Korean language):	KRW 450,000
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)):	KRW 450,000

[Updating of Annexes D(KR) and E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 3 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 15 February 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	KRW 1,614,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	KRW 18,000
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	KRW 121,000
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	KRW 364,000

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a new amount of the transmittal fee, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 12 January 2009, is USD 240.

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 12 January 2009, are USD 2,080 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annexes C(US) and D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BH Bahrain

The **National Patent Office** has specified the Austrian Patent Office as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Bahrain with the National Patent Office as receiving Office.

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

EP European Patent Organisation

Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **European Patent Organisation** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Part I of Annex C thereof. The amendment consists of a revision of footnote 2 of the Agreement and will enter into force on 1 January 2009.

The revised footnote 2 will read as follows:

“This fee is reduced by 75% under certain conditions (see decision of the EPO’s Administrative Council of October 21, 2008 (OJ EPO 11/08, 521)).”

The effect of the amendment is that the 75% reduction of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)), additional fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)) is now available to nationals and residents of certain States depending on criteria revised periodically by the World Bank. The European Patent Organisation will maintain an updated list of States which meet such criteria. These States will be as follows on 1 January 2009 (PCT Contracting States are in bold print):

Afghanistan, **Albania**, **Algeria**, **Angola**, **Armenia**, **Azerbaijan**, Bangladesh, **Benin**, Bhutan, Bolivia, **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, **Burkina Faso**, Burundi, Cambodia, **Cameroon**, Cape Verde, **Central African Republic**, **Chad**, **China**, **Colombia**, **Comoros**, **Congo**, **Côte d’Ivoire**, **Democratic People’s Republic of Korea**, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, **Dominican Republic**, **Ecuador**, **Egypt**, **El Salvador**, Eritrea, Ethiopia, **Gambia**, **Georgia**, **Ghana**, **Guatemala**, **Guinea**, **Guinea-Bissau**, Guyana, Haiti, **Honduras**, **India**, **Indonesia**, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jordan, **Kenya**, Kiribati, **Kyrgyzstan**, **Lao People’s Democratic Republic**, **Lesotho**, **Liberia**, **Madagascar**, **Malawi**, Maldives, **Mali**, Marshall Islands, **Mauritania**, Micronesia (Federated States of), **Mongolia**, **Morocco**, **Mozambique**, Myanmar, **Namibia**, Nepal, **Nicaragua**, **Niger**, **Nigeria**, Pakistan, **Papua New Guinea**, Paraguay, Peru, **Philippines**, **Republic of Moldova**, Rwanda, Samoa, **Sao Tome and Principe**, **Senegal**, **Sierra Leone**, Solomon Islands, Somalia, **Sri Lanka**, **Sudan**, **Swaziland**, **Syrian Arab Republic**, **Tajikistan**, Thailand, Timor-Leste, **Togo**, Tonga, **Tunisia**, **Turkmenistan**, **Uganda**, **Ukraine**, **United Republic of Tanzania**, **Uzbekistan**, Vanuatu, **Viet Nam**, Yemen, **Zambia**, **Zimbabwe**.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

KR Republic of Korea

Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex C

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2009. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Korean won)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (in English language)	900,000
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) (in Korean language)	450,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	450,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

SE Sweden

Agreement between the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³ – Amendment

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has stated its preparedness to carry out supplementary international searches by agreeing with the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, amendments to the Agreement with effect from 1 January 2009. The Office has also simplified the operation of an existing agreement between the Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) and provided for a common search fee structure by adding a footnote to Annex C of the Agreement, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the said Agreement, with effect from the same date. The amended Agreement is set out on pages 168 to 174.

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

³ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_se.pdf.

US United States of America

Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁴ – Amendment to Annex C

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 12 January 2009. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (US dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,080
Additional search fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,080
Preparation of an international-type search report on a United States national application	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– where the international search fee has been paid on the international application to the Authority	[No change]
– where the international search was carried out by another Authority	[No change]
Additional examination fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2):	
– US patent, per copy	[No change]
– non-US patent document, per copy	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

⁴ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Agreement between the Nordic Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization⁵ – Amendment

The **Nordic Patent Institute** has stated its preparedness to carry out supplementary international searches by agreeing with the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(1) of the above-mentioned Agreement, amendments to the Agreement with effect from 1 January 2009. The Institute has also simplified the operation of an existing agreement between the Institute and the European Patent Office (EPO) and provided for a common search fee structure by adding a footnote to Annex C of the Agreement, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the said Agreement. The amended Agreement is set out on pages 175 to 181.

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (THIRTY-EIGHTH (22ND EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) during its thirty-eighth (22nd extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 22 to 30 September 2008 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Documents which were prepared for the PCT Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, as well as the report of the session, are available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=16034

The said amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force at two different times. The first set of amendments (set out on pages 162 to 165) will enter into force on 1 January 2009. The second set of amendments (set out on pages 166 and 167) will enter into force on 1 July 2009.

The amendments due to enter into force on 1 January 2009 provide for:

(i) the refund of the supplementary search handling fee and the supplementary search fee only if the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or if the request for supplementary international search is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted, before the transmittal of the documents referred to in PCT Rule 45*bis*.4(e)(i) to (iv) to the Authority specified for supplementary search (PCT Rules 45*bis*.2 and 45*bis*.3);

(ii) the appointment of an agent to practice before any International Authority specified to carry out a supplementary international search, the manner of such an appointment and procedures where the appointment is made in a general power of attorney (PCT Rules 90.1, 90.4 and 90.5);

(iii) the requirements and effects of a withdrawal of a request for supplementary international search (PCT Rules 90*bis*.3*bis*, 90*bis*.5 and 90*bis*.6).

⁵ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_xn.pdf.

The amendments due to enter into force on 1 July 2009 provide for:

(i) the invitation by the receiving Office to the applicant, where the receiving Office intends to issue a declaration under PCT Article 14(4), when notifying the applicant of its intent to issue such a declaration, to confirm that any missing element is incorporated by reference; the extension of the time limit for response to the notification of intent from one to two months so as to correspond to the time limit for response to an invitation to incorporate by reference any missing element or part; the clarification that receiving Offices having informed the International Bureau of the incompatibility of the provisions relating to the incorporation by reference with their national law are not required to issue the above-mentioned invitation (PCT Rule 29.4);

(ii) the submission by the applicant, in the case of amendments of the claims under PCT Articles 19 and 34, of a replacement sheet or sheets containing a complete set of claims in replacement of all the claims originally filed rather than, as at present, replacement sheets only for those sheets of claims which, on account of an amendment, differed from sheets previously filed; and the clarification of what needs to be annexed to the international preliminary examination report where the international application has been amended under PCT Articles 19 and/or 34 (PCT Rules 29.4, 46.5, 66.8 and 70.16).

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 January 2009)

Rule 45bis
Supplementary International Searches

45bis.1 [No change]

45bis.2 *Supplementary Search Handling Fee*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) The International Bureau shall refund the supplementary search handling fee to the applicant if, before the documents referred to in Rule 45bis.4(e)(i) to (iv) are transmitted to the Authority specified for supplementary search, the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted.

45bis.3 *Supplementary Search Fee*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) The International Bureau shall refund the supplementary search fee to the applicant if, before the documents referred to in Rule 45bis.4(e)(i) to (iv) are transmitted to the Authority specified for supplementary search, the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, or the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted.

(e) [No change]

45bis.4 to 45bis.9 [No change]

Rule 90 **Agents and Common Representatives**

90.1 *Appointment as Agent*

(a) A person having the right to practice before the national Office with which the international application is filed or, where the international application is filed with the International Bureau, having the right to practice in respect of the international application before the International Bureau as receiving Office may be appointed by the applicant as his agent to represent him before the receiving Office, the International Bureau, the International Searching Authority, any Authority specified for supplementary search and the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

(b) [No change]

(b-bis) A person having the right to practice before the national Office or intergovernmental organization which acts as the Authority specified for supplementary search may be appointed by the applicant as his agent to represent him specifically before that Authority.

(c) [No change]

(d) An agent appointed under paragraph (a) may, unless otherwise indicated in the document appointing him, appoint one or more sub-agents to represent the applicant as the applicant's agent:

(i) before the receiving Office, the International Bureau, the International Searching Authority, any Authority specified for supplementary search and the International Preliminary Examining Authority, provided that any person so appointed as sub-agent has the right to practice before the national Office with which the international application was filed or to practice in respect of the international application before the International Bureau as receiving Office, as the case may be;

(ii) specifically before the International Searching Authority, any Authority specified for supplementary search or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, provided that any person so appointed as sub-agent has the right to practice before the national Office or intergovernmental organization which acts as the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, as the case may be.

90.2 and 90.3 [No change]

90.4 *Manner of Appointment of Agent or Common Representative*

(a) [No change]

(b) Subject to Rule 90.5, a separate power of attorney shall be submitted to either the receiving Office or the International Bureau, provided that, where a power of attorney appoints an agent under Rule 90.1(b), (b-*bis*), (c) or (d)(ii), it shall be submitted to the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, as the case may be.

(c) [No change]

(d) Subject to paragraph (e), any receiving Office, any International Searching Authority, any Authority competent to carry out supplementary searches, any International Preliminary Examining Authority and the International Bureau may waive the requirement under paragraph (b) that a separate power of attorney be submitted to it, in which case paragraph (c) shall not apply.

(e) [No change]

90.5 *General Power of Attorney*

(a) [No change]

(b) The general power of attorney shall be deposited with the receiving Office, provided that, where it appoints an agent under Rule 90.1(b), (b-*bis*), (c) or (d)(ii), it shall be deposited with the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, as the case may be.

(c) Any receiving Office, any International Searching Authority, any Authority competent to carry out supplementary searches and any International Preliminary Examining Authority may waive the requirement under paragraph (a)(ii) that a copy of the general power of attorney is attached to the request, the demand or the separate notice, as the case may be.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), where the agent submits any notice of withdrawal referred to in Rules 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4 to the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, as the case may be, a copy of the general power of attorney shall be submitted to that Office or Authority.

90.6 [No change]

Rule 90*bis* Withdrawals

90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.3 [No change]

90*bis*.3*bis* *Withdrawal of Supplementary Search Request*

(a) The applicant may withdraw a supplementary search request at any time prior to the date of transmittal to the applicant and to the International Bureau, under Rule 45*bis*.8(a), of the supplementary international search report or the declaration that no such report will be established.

(b) Withdrawal shall be effective on receipt, within the time limit under paragraph (a), of a notice addressed by the applicant, at his option, to the Authority specified for supplementary search or to the International Bureau, provided that, where the notice does not reach the Authority specified for supplementary search in sufficient time to prevent the transmittal of the report or declaration referred to in paragraph (a), the communication of that report or declaration under Article 20(1), as applicable by virtue of Rule 45*bis*.8(b), shall nevertheless be effected.

90*bis*.4 [No change]

90*bis*.5 *Signature*

(a) [No change]

(b) Where two or more applicants file an international application which designates a State whose national law requires that national applications be filed by the inventor and where an applicant for that designated State who is an inventor could not be found or reached after diligent effort, a notice of withdrawal referred to in Rules 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4 need not be signed by that applicant (“the applicant concerned”) if it is signed by at least one applicant and

(i) a statement is furnished explaining, to the satisfaction of the receiving Office, the International Bureau, the Authority carrying out the supplementary international search or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, as the case may be, the lack of signature of the applicant concerned, or

(ii) in the case of a notice of withdrawal referred to in Rule 90*bis*.1(b), 90*bis*.2(d), 90*bis*.3(c) or 90*bis*.3*bis*(b), the applicant concerned did not sign the request but the requirements of Rule 4.15(b) were complied with, or

(iii) [no change]

90*bis*.6 *Effect of Withdrawal*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(b-*bis*) Where a supplementary search request is withdrawn under Rule 90*bis*.3*bis*, the supplementary international search by the Authority concerned shall be discontinued.

(c) [No change]

90*bis*.7 [No change]

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2009)

Rule 29
International Applications Considered Withdrawn

29.1 to 29.3 [No change]

29.4 *Notification of Intent to Make Declaration under Article 14(4)*

(a) Before the receiving Office issues any declaration under Article 14(4), it shall notify the applicant of its intent to issue such declaration and the reasons therefor. The applicant may, if he disagrees with the tentative finding of the receiving Office, submit arguments to that effect within two months from the date of the notification.

(b) Where the receiving Office intends to issue a declaration under Article 14(4) in respect of an element mentioned in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e), the receiving Office shall, in the notification referred to in paragraph (a) of this Rule, invite the applicant to confirm in accordance with Rule 20.6(a) that the element is incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18. For the purposes of Rule 20.7(a)(i), the invitation sent to the applicant under this paragraph shall be considered to be an invitation under Rule 20.3(a)(ii).

(c) Paragraph (b) shall not apply where the receiving Office has informed the International Bureau in accordance with Rule 20.8(a) of the incompatibility of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii) and 20.6 with the national law applied by that Office.

Rule 46
Amendment of Claims before the International Bureau

46.1 to 46.4 [No change]

46.5 *Form of Amendments*

(a) The applicant, when making amendments under Article 19, shall be required to submit a replacement sheet or sheets containing a complete set of claims in replacement of all the claims originally filed.

(b) The replacement sheet or sheets shall be accompanied by a letter which:

(i) shall identify the claims which, on account of the amendments, differ from the claims originally filed, and shall draw attention to the differences between the claims originally filed and the claims as amended;

(ii) shall identify the claims originally filed which, on account of the amendments, are cancelled.

Rule 66
Procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority

66.1 to 66.7 [No change]

66.8 *Form of Amendments*

(a) Subject to paragraph (b), when amending the description or the drawings, the applicant shall be required to submit a replacement sheet for every sheet of the international application which, on account of an amendment, differs from the sheet previously filed. The replacement sheet or sheets shall be accompanied by a letter which shall draw attention to the differences between the replaced sheets and the replacement sheets and shall preferably also explain the reasons for the amendment.

(b) [No change]

(c) When amending the claims, Rule 46.5 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*. The set of claims submitted under Rule 46.5 as applicable by virtue of this paragraph shall replace all the claims originally filed or previously amended under Articles 19 or 34, as the case may be.

66.9 [No change]

Rule 70
International Preliminary Report on Patentability
by the International Preliminary Examining Authority
(International Preliminary Examination Report)

70.1 to 70.15 [No change]

70.16 *Annexes to the Report*

(a) Each replacement sheet under Rule 66.8(a) or (b) shall, unless superseded by later replacement sheets under Rule 66.8(a) or (b) or amendments resulting in the cancellation of entire sheets under Rule 66.8(b), be annexed to the report.

(a-bis) Replacement sheets under Rule 46.5(a) shall, unless superseded or considered as reversed by replacement sheets under Rule 66.8(c), be annexed to the report. Replacement sheets under Rule 66.8(c) shall, unless superseded by later replacement sheets under Rule 66.8(c), be annexed to the report. Letters under Rule 46.5(b) or Rule 66.8(a) or (c) shall not be annexed to the report.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraphs (a) and (a-bis), each superseded or reversed replacement sheet referred to in those paragraphs shall also be annexed to the report where the International Preliminary Examining Authority considers that the relevant superseding or reversing amendment goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed and the report contains an indication referred to in Rule 70.2(c). In such a case, the superseded or reversed replacement sheet shall be marked as provided by the Administrative Instructions.

70.17 [No change]

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE SWEDISH PATENT AND REGISTRATION OFFICE
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the Swedish Patent and Registration Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Swedish Patent and Registration Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Swedish Patent and Registration Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

- (2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 **Basic Obligations**

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 **Competence of Authority**

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis*, covering at least the documentation referred to in Annex E to this Agreement, subject to any limitations and conditions set out in that Annex.

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2008.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications and information concerning supplementary international searches contained in Annex E to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the Swedish Patent and Registration Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or

- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Swedish Patent and Registration Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - (a) Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden;
 - (b) the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations, provided that Sweden, in accordance with its obligations undertaken within the framework of the European Patent Organisation, has concluded with those States an agreement for that purpose;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any State referred to in subparagraph (i)(a), above:
Danish, English, Finnish, Norwegian, Swedish;
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any State referred to in subparagraph (i)(b), above:
Danish, English, Finnish, French, Norwegian, Swedish.

Annex B Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

none.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Swedish kronor)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	... ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	... ¹
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	... ¹
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	5,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	5,000
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	4
Cost of copies in paper form (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), ² per document	50

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier international or international-type search, 50% or 100% of the search fee paid according to Part I shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) Where on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Danish Patent Office, the Icelandic Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland or the Norwegian Patent Office, and where the Authority benefits from that search report, the amount of SEK 1,400 shall be refunded in respect of the search fee paid according to Part I. Where on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, and where the Authority benefits from that search report, the amount of SEK 2,800 shall be refunded in respect of the search fee paid according to Part I.

(5) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the following amount of the preliminary examination fee shall be refunded:

- (a) refund of the full amount paid where Rule 54.4(a), 57.4(c) or 58.2(c) applies;

¹ Swedish kronor equivalent of the Euro amount of the search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) payable to the European Patent Office as International Searching Authority, as modified from time to time in accordance with the directives under Rule 16.1(d).

² The applicant will receive free of charge a copy of each document containing non-patent literature. Other documents are available electronically, free of charge, on the website www.prv.se.

- (b) refund of the amount paid less the current amount of transmittal fee, where Rule 60.1(c) applies.

(6) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(7) Where the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted before the start of the supplementary international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Danish, English, Finnish, French, Norwegian or Swedish, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated; however, English or Swedish may be used in all cases.

Annex E Supplementary International Search: Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international search based on international applications filed in – or with translations furnished into – English, Swedish, Norwegian or Danish.

(2) The supplementary international search shall cover, in addition to the PCT minimum documentation, at least the documents in Swedish, Danish, Norwegian and Finnish held in the search collection of the Authority.

(3) The Authority will notify the International Bureau if the demand for supplementary international search clearly exceeds the resources available and also when normal conditions have been reestablished.

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE NORDIC PATENT INSTITUTE
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the Nordic Patent Institute
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Nordic Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Nordic Patent Institute as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Nordic Patent Institute;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

- (2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 **Basic Obligations**

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 **Competence of Authority**

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4) The Authority shall conduct supplementary international searches in accordance with Rule 45*bis*, covering at least the documentation referred to in Annex E to this Agreement, subject to any limitations and conditions set out in that Annex.

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force one month after the date on which the Authority notifies the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and as an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement;
- (iv) amend the indications and information concerning supplementary international searches contained in Annex E to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:
- (i) if the Nordic Patent Institute gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement;
or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Nordic Patent Institute written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

Annex A
States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - (a) Denmark, Iceland, Norway;
 - (b) any other Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of Denmark, Iceland and Norway within the framework of the European Patent Organisation;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
Danish, English, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Danish, Icelandic and Norwegian Patent Laws.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Danish kroner)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	... ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	... ¹
Supplementary search fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .3(a))	12,670
Review fee (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .6(c))	8,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	5,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	5,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	8,000
Cost of copies in paper form (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	50
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	3.25

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier international or international-type search, 50% of the search fee paid according to Part I shall be refunded.

(4) Where on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by another Office, and where the Authority benefits from that search report, the amount of 25% shall be refunded in respect of the search fee paid according to Part I.

(5) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the following amount of the preliminary examination fee shall be refunded:

- (a) refund of the full amount paid where Rule 54.4, 54*bis*.1(b) or 58*bis*.1(b) applies;
- (b) refund of the amount paid less the current amount of transmittal fee, where Rule 60.1(c) applies.

(6) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee shall be fully refunded.

¹ Danish kroner equivalent of the euro amount of the search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) payable to the European Patent Office as International Searching Authority, as modified from time to time in accordance with the directives under Rule 16.1(d).

(7) The Authority shall refund the supplementary international search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45*bis*.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Danish, English, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated; however, English may be used in all cases.

Annex E
**Supplementary International Search:
Documentation Covered; Limitations and Conditions**

(1) The Authority will accept requests for supplementary international searches in the languages mentioned in Annex D.

(2) The supplementary international search shall, in addition to the PCT minimum documentation, cover at least the documents in Danish, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish held in the search collection of the Authority.

(3) The following limitation shall apply:
The Authority will conduct a maximum of 500 supplementary international searches per year.



World Intellectual Property Organization

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(PCT GAZETTE)**

18 December 2008

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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)

ME Montenegro

The Intellectual Property Office (Montenegro) has informed the International Bureau that it started operations on 28 May 2008. Whereas the Government of Montenegro has delegated, under PCT Rule 19.1(b), the functions of receiving Office under the PCT, in relation to international applications filed by nationals or residents of Montenegro, to the International Bureau (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 September 2007, page 128), the Intellectual Property Office (Montenegro) has taken up its functions as designated and elected Office under the PCT on 28 May 2008.

Application of the PCT in Montenegro

Following the adoption by the National Assembly of Montenegro of a declaration of independence on 3 June 2006, Montenegro deposited on 4 December 2006, with the Director General of WIPO, a declaration the effect of which is that the PCT continues to be applicable as far as Montenegro is concerned (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 20 September 2007, page 128).

Effect in Montenegro of International Applications under the PCT

(1) Pursuant to the deposit of the declaration of continuation referred to above, nationals and residents of Montenegro may file international applications, and Montenegro is automatically designated in all international applications filed on, or after, 3 June 2006.

(2) The conditions under which international applications under the PCT, or patents resulting from such applications, may continue to have effect in Montenegro are the following:

(a) any rights granted before 3 June 2006 by the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro on the basis of an international application shall have effect in Montenegro until the expiration of its term of protection, or the term for which maintenance fees have been paid, without any additional registration or payment of any additional fees;

(b) any rights granted by the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) on, or after, 3 June 2006 but prior to the commencement of operation of the Intellectual Property Office (Montenegro) on the basis of an international application shall have effect in Montenegro until the expiration of its term of protection, or the term for which maintenance fees have been paid, without any additional registration or payment of any additional fees;

(c) international applications which have entered the national phase and are pending before the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro, or the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia), at the time of the commencement of operation of the Intellectual Property Office (Montenegro) shall have effect in Montenegro as of the international filing date, provided that the applicant:

- (i) files with the Intellectual Property Office (Montenegro) a request for the grant of the right not later than one year after the commencement of operation of that Office;

- (ii) submits to the Intellectual Property Office (Montenegro) a copy of the application and of any attachment thereto, filed with the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro, or the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia), together with the certificate of receipt of the application by the Office with which it was previously filed; and
- (iii) pays the prescribed fee;

(d) international applications which have not entered the national phase before the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) and for which on 3 June 2006, the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) had not yet expired, shall have effect in Montenegro as of the international filing date, provided that the applicant:

- (i) files with the Intellectual Property Office (Montenegro) a request for the grant of the right not later than one year after the commencement of operation of that Office or within the time limit under Article 22 or 39(1), whichever time limit expires later;
- (ii) submits to the Intellectual Property Office (Montenegro), where applicable, a translation of the application; and
- (iii) pays the prescribed fee.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its facsimile machine number, which now read as follows:

Location and mailing address: 2, M. Cherkassky per., Moscow, 109012,
Russian Federation

Facsimile machine: (74-95) 621 24 23

[Updating of Annex B2(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a change in its telephone numbers. The numbers applicable from 1 January 2009 will read as follows:

(972-2) 5651 705, 5651 685

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ME Montenegro

General information on **Montenegro** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(ME), which is published on page 196.

OM Oman

General information on **Oman** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(OM), which is published on page 197.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 3 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD 1,645
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD 19
Reductions (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	AUD 124
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD 247
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD 371

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and **Singapore dollars (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. These amounts, applicable from 15 February 2009, are KRW 1,418,000 and SGD 1,650, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2009, are NOK 14,830, NZD 3,652 and ZAR 21,720, respectively.

Furthermore, also pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2009, is CHF 2,525.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2009, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	USD	91
Fee for priority document (PCT Rules 17.1(b) and 21.2):	USD	45
	Supplement for airmail:	
	USD	9

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified changes to the amounts of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)), in **new Israel shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amounts applicable from 1 January 2009 are ILS 517 and ILS 82, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified a change to the amount of the filing fee component of the national fee, in **new Israel shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amount applicable from 1 January 2009 is ILS 992.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Further to the announcement published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 December 2008, page 156, notifying new amounts of the search fee for a search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2009, are as follows:

Applications in English:	NZD 1,109	SGD 919	USD 609
Applications in Korean:	NZD 554	SGD 460	USD 304

Furthermore, the Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established new equivalent amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the Swiss franc (CHF) is not the official currency. The new amounts, applicable from 1 January 2009, are as follows:

Applications in English:	CHF	735
Applications in Korean:	CHF	367

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2009, are as follows:

Applications in English:	CHF	735	EUR	475
Applications in Korean:	CHF	367	EUR	237

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

New equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 3 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NOK	7,740
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NOK	90
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 3):		
PCT-EASY:	NOK	580

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for one of the reductions under item 3 of the PCT Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2009, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD	1,888
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	21
Reduction (under PCT Schedule of Fees, item 3):		
PCT-EASY:	NZD	142

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2009, is NOK 14,830.

Furthermore, the Office has notified the International Bureau of a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 March 2009, is CHF 2,525.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Further to the announcement published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 December 2008, page 157, notifying a new amount of the search fee for a search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, applicable from 12 January 2009, are NZD 3,808 and ZAR 20,434, respectively.

Furthermore, the Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment but in respect of which the Swiss franc (CHF) is not the official currency. The new amount, applicable from 12 January 2009, is CHF 2,467.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)** have been established for the search fee (PCT Rule 16) for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. These amounts, applicable from 12 January 2009, are CHF 2,467 and EUR 1,596, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

The **Nordic Patent Institute** has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16.1(a)) and of the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2(a)), in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** and **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2009, are, respectively, ISK 255,000 and NOK 14,830 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex D(XN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following the adoption by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union), at its thirty-eighth (22nd extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from 22 September to 30 September 2008, of amendments to the Regulations under the PCT which will enter into force on 1 January 2009 (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 11 December 2008, pages 161 *et seq.*), a number of modifications have been made to Sections 102, 204, 415, 420, 425 and 515 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. In addition to the modification of the existing Sections listed above, new Sections 204*bis*, 436, 519 and 520 have been included in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

All modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT will apply to international applications filed on or after 1 January 2009, although any modifications providing for supplementary international search will also apply to any international applications for which the time limit outlined in PCT Rule 45*bis*.1(a) expires on, or after, 1 January 2009.

The modifications involve:

(i) taking into account the amendments to the PCT Regulations adopted by the PCT Assembly which enter into force on January 1, 2009 and which provide for supplementary international search (Sections 102, 415, 420, 425, 436, 519 and 520);

(ii) the use of headings for certain parts of the description and the numbering of claims in the international application (Sections 204 and 204*bis*);

(iii) modifications intended to improve the alignment of Section 515 with PCT Rule 38 (Section 515).

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), the modifications to Sections 102, 204, 415, 420, 425 and 515, as well as the inclusion of new Sections 204*bis*, 436, 519 and 520 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out on the following pages are promulgated with effect from 1 January 2009.

TEXT OF THE MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
(to enter into force on 1 January 2009)

Section 102
Use of the Forms

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) to (i) and Section 103, the International Authorities shall use, or require the use of, the mandatory Forms specified below:

(i) Forms for use by the applicant:

PCT/RO/101 (request Form)
PCT/IPEA/401 (demand Form)

(ii) Forms for use by the receiving Offices:

PCT/RO/103	PCT/RO/112	PCT/RO/133	PCT/RO/154
PCT/RO/104	PCT/RO/113	PCT/RO/136	PCT/RO/155
PCT/RO/105	PCT/RO/114	PCT/RO/143	PCT/RO/156
PCT/RO/106	PCT/RO/115	PCT/RO/147	PCT/RO/157
PCT/RO/107	PCT/RO/117	PCT/RO/150	PCT/RO/158
PCT/RO/109	PCT/RO/118	PCT/RO/151	PCT/RO/159
PCT/RO/110	PCT/RO/123	PCT/RO/152	
PCT/RO/111	PCT/RO/126	PCT/RO/153	

(iii) Forms for use by the International Searching Authorities:

PCT/ISA/201	PCT/ISA/209	PCT/ISA/219	PCT/ISA/234
PCT/ISA/202	PCT/ISA/210	PCT/ISA/220	PCT/ISA/235
PCT/ISA/203	PCT/ISA/212	PCT/ISA/225	PCT/ISA/236
PCT/ISA/205	PCT/ISA/217	PCT/ISA/228	PCT/ISA/237
PCT/ISA/206	PCT/ISA/218	PCT/ISA/233	
PCT/SISA/501	PCT/SISA/504	PCT/SISA/507	
PCT/SISA/502	PCT/SISA/505	PCT/SISA/510	
PCT/SISA/503	PCT/SISA/506		

(iv) Forms for use by the International Bureau:

PCT/IB/301	PCT/IB/319	PCT/IB/345	PCT/IB/369
PCT/IB/304	PCT/IB/320	PCT/IB/346	PCT/IB/370
PCT/IB/305	PCT/IB/321	PCT/IB/349	PCT/IB/371
PCT/IB/306	PCT/IB/323	PCT/IB/350	PCT/IB/373
PCT/IB/307	PCT/IB/325	PCT/IB/351	PCT/IB/374
PCT/IB/308	PCT/IB/326	PCT/IB/353	PCT/IB/376
PCT/IB/310	PCT/IB/331	PCT/IB/354	PCT/IB/377
PCT/IB/311	PCT/IB/332	PCT/IB/356	PCT/IB/378
PCT/IB/313	PCT/IB/335	PCT/IB/357	PCT/IB/379
PCT/IB/314	PCT/IB/336	PCT/IB/358	PCT/IB/399
PCT/IB/315	PCT/IB/337	PCT/IB/360	
PCT/IB/316	PCT/IB/338	PCT/IB/366	
PCT/IB/317	PCT/IB/339	PCT/IB/367	
PCT/IB/318	PCT/IB/344	PCT/IB/368	

(v) Forms for use by the International Preliminary Examining Authorities:

PCT/IPEA/402	PCT/IPEA/409	PCT/IPEA/420	PCT/IPEA/440
PCT/IPEA/404	PCT/IPEA/412	PCT/IPEA/425	PCT/IPEA/441
PCT/IPEA/405	PCT/IPEA/414	PCT/IPEA/431	PCT/IPEA/442
PCT/IPEA/407	PCT/IPEA/415	PCT/IPEA/436	PCT/IPEA/443
PCT/IPEA/408	PCT/IPEA/416	PCT/IPEA/437	PCT/IPEA/444

(b) to (e) [No change]

(f) The notes attached to Forms PCT/RO/101 (request Form), PCT/IB/375 (supplementary search request Form) and PCT/IPEA/401 (demand Form) shall be distributed by the International Authorities concerned together with the printed versions of those Forms. The notes attached to Form PCT/ISA/220 shall accompany the Form when sent to the applicant.

(g) The use of Forms other than those referred to in paragraph (a) is optional.

(h) Where the request or the demand is presented as a computer print-out, such print-out shall be prepared as follows:

(i) the layout and contents of the request and the demand when presented as computer print-outs shall correspond to the format of Forms PCT/RO/101 (request Form) and PCT/IPEA/401 (demand Form) (“the printed Forms”), with the same information being presented on the corresponding pages;

(ii) all boxes shall be drawn by solid lines; double lines may be presented as single lines;

(iii) the box numbers and box titles shall be included even where no information is supplied therein;

(iv) the boxes for use by the International Authorities shall be at least as large as those on the printed Forms;

(v) all other boxes shall be within one cm in size of those on the printed Forms;

(vi) all text shall be 9 points or larger in size;

(vii) titles and other information shall be clearly distinguished;

(viii) explanatory notes presented in italics on the printed Forms may be omitted.

(i) [No change]

Section 204

Headings of the Parts of the Description

(a) The headings of the parts of the description shall preferably be as follows:

(i) and (ii) [No change]

(iii) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(iii), “Disclosure of Invention” or “Summary of Invention”;

(iv) [No change]

(v) for matter referred to in Rule 5.1(a)(v), “Best Mode for Carrying out the Invention,” or, where appropriate, “Mode(s) for Carrying out the Invention” or “Description of Embodiments”;

(vi) to (viii) [No change]

(b) The heading “Title of the Invention” shall preferably precede the title of the invention.

Section 204bis
Numbering of Claims

The number of each claim referred to in Rule 6.1(b) shall preferably be preceded by the expression “Claim” (for example, “Claim 1”, “Claim 2”, “Claim 3”).

Section 415
Notification of Withdrawal under Rule 90bis.1, 90bis.2, 90bis.3, 90bis.3bis or 90bis.4

(a) The fact of withdrawal by the applicant of the international application under Rule 90bis.1, of designations under Rule 90bis.2, or of a priority claim under Rule 90bis.3, together with the date on which the notice effecting withdrawal reached the International Bureau, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the receiving Office, shall be recorded by the International Bureau and promptly notified by it to the receiving Office, the applicant, the designated Offices affected by the withdrawal and, where the withdrawal concerns the international application or a priority claim and where the international search report, or the declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a), and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority have not yet issued, the International Searching Authority. However, where the withdrawal concerns the international application and where the notice effecting withdrawal was filed with the receiving Office before the sending of the record copy to the International Bureau, that Bureau shall send the notifications referred to in the preceding sentence and in Rule 24.2(a) to the receiving Office and the applicant only.

(b) If, at the time of the withdrawal of the international application under Rule 90bis.1, or of a priority claim under Rule 90bis.3, a demand has already been submitted and the international preliminary examination report has not yet issued, the International Bureau shall, unless the notice effecting withdrawal was submitted to the International Preliminary Examining Authority, promptly notify the fact of withdrawal to that Authority, together with the date on which the notice effecting withdrawal has reached the International Bureau or the receiving Office.

(c) If, at the time of the withdrawal of the international application under Rule 90bis.1, or of a priority claim under Rule 90bis.3, a supplementary search request has already been submitted and the supplementary international search report has not yet been established, the International Bureau shall promptly notify the fact of withdrawal to the Authority specified for supplementary search, together with the date on which the notice effecting withdrawal has reached the International Bureau or the receiving Office.

(d) The fact of withdrawal by the applicant of the supplementary search request under Rule 90bis.3bis, together with the date on which the notice effecting withdrawal was, or was considered to have been, submitted to the International Bureau, shall be promptly notified by that Bureau:

- (i) to the applicant, and
- (ii) to the Authority specified for supplementary search, unless the notice effecting withdrawal was submitted to that Authority.

(e) The fact of withdrawal by the applicant of the demand or of one or more elections under Rule 90bis.4, together with the date on which the notice effecting withdrawal was, or was considered to have been, submitted to the International Bureau, shall be promptly notified by that Bureau:

- (i) to the applicant,
- (ii) to each elected Office affected by the withdrawal, except where it has not yet been notified of its election, and

(iii) in the case of withdrawal of the demand or of all elections, to the International Preliminary Examining Authority, unless the notice effecting withdrawal was submitted to that Authority.

Section 420
Copy of International Application, International Search Report
and Supplementary International Search Report
for the International Preliminary Examining Authority

(a) Where the International Preliminary Examining Authority is not part of the same national Office or intergovernmental organization as the International Searching Authority, the International Bureau shall, promptly upon receipt of the international search report or, if the demand was received after the international search report, promptly upon receipt of the demand, send a copy of the international application, the international search report and, where applicable, a copy of the English translation of the said report to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. In cases where, instead of the international search report, a declaration under Article 17(2)(a) was issued, references in the preceding sentence to the international search report shall be considered references to the said declaration.

(b) Where an Authority specified for supplementary search has established a supplementary international search report under Rule 45*bis*.7, and the International Preliminary Examining Authority is not part of the same national Office or intergovernmental organization as the Authority specified for supplementary search, the International Bureau shall, promptly upon receipt of the supplementary international search report, send a copy of the supplementary international search report and, where applicable, a copy of the English translation of the said report to the International Preliminary Examining Authority (Rule 45*bis*.8(c)). In cases where, instead of the supplementary international search report, a declaration under Article 17(2)(a) was issued, references in the preceding sentence to the supplementary international search report shall be considered references to the said declaration.

Section 425
Notifications Concerning Representation

Where a power of attorney or a document containing the revocation or renunciation of an appointment is submitted to the International Bureau, the International Bureau shall immediately notify the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the Authority specified for supplementary search and the International Preliminary Examining Authority by sending them a copy of the power of attorney or document and shall record a change in the indications concerning the agent or common representative under Rule 92*bis*. In the case of a renunciation of an appointment, the International Bureau shall also notify the applicant. Where the International Bureau receives a notification concerning representation under Section 328, it shall immediately notify the Authority specified for supplementary search and the International Preliminary Examining Authority accordingly.

Section 436
Preparation, Identification and Transmittal
of the Copies of the Translation of the International Application

Where, for the purposes of a supplementary international search, a translation of the international application is furnished under Rule 45*bis*.1(c)(i), the International Bureau shall mark the words “TRANSLATION (RULE 45*bis*.1(c)(i))” in the upper left-hand corner of the first page of the translation and transmit a copy of that translation to the Authority specified for the supplementary search.

Section 515

Modification of Abstract in Response to Applicant's Comments

The International Searching Authority shall inform the applicant and the International Bureau of any modifications made by it to an abstract under Rule 38.3.

Section 519

**Notification of Receipt of Copy of International Application
for the Purposes of Supplementary International Search**

The Authority specified for supplementary search shall promptly notify the International Bureau and the applicant of the fact and the date of receipt of the copy of the international application for the purposes of the supplementary international search.

Section 520

Withdrawal by Applicant under Rule 90*bis.3bis*

The Authority specified for supplementary search shall promptly transmit to the International Bureau any notice from the applicant effecting withdrawal of the supplementary search request under Rule 90*bis.3bis* which has been filed with it. The Authority specified for supplementary search shall mark the notice with the date on which it was received.

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Information on Contracting States

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ME

MONTENEGRO

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General information

Name of Office:	Zavod za intelektualnu svojinu Intellectual Property Office (Montenegro)
Location and mailing address:	Bulevar Revolucije 5, Podgorica, Montenegro
Telephone:	(382) 20 246 499
Facsimile machine:	(382) 20 246 496
E-mail:	ziscg@cg.yu
Internet:	www.gov.me
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Montenegro:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C)
May Montenegro be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Montenegro concerning international-type search:	None

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Information on Contracting States

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OM

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General information

Name of Office: Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry

Location and mailing address: P.O. Box 550, Postal Code 113, Muscat, Oman

Telephone: (968) 2477 4126

Facsimile machine: (968) 2481 2030

E-mail: ummfahad2007@yahoo.com

Internet: www.mocioman.gov.om

Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)? No

Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)? Yes

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Oman: International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C)

Competent designated (or elected) Office if Oman is designated (or elected): Intellectual Property Department, Ministry of Commerce and Industry

May Oman be elected? Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)

Types of protection available via the PCT: Patents and utility models

Provisions of the law of Oman concerning international-type search: None

Provisional protection after international publication: None

Information of interest if Oman is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Oman is designated (or elected): Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material? Yes (see Annex L)



World Intellectual Property Organization

**OFFICIAL NOTICES
(PCT GAZETTE)**

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes relating to the fee for request for examination and to the annual fees from the first to the third year, per year, for patents and for utility models, respectively, payable to the Office as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Fee for request for examination:	[No change] KRW 32,000 for each claim

Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year:	[No change] KRW 18,000 for each claim
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For utility model:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Fee for request for examination:	[No change] KRW 14,000 for each claim

Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year:	[No change] KRW 5,000 for each claim
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[Updating of the National Chapter (KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (THIRTY-FIFTH (20TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

In addition to the amendments to the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations and to the modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT published in PCT Gazette No. 41/2006, of 12 October 2006, page 19092, a number of other amendments to the PCT Regulations and other changes affecting the PCT system were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) during its thirty-fifth (20th extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 25 September to 3 October 2006 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Documents which were prepared for the PCT Assembly as well as the report of the session are available on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_code=pct/a/35

The said amendments and changes are outlined below.

Appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

The Assembly approved the text of the draft Agreement between the Nordic Patent Institute and the International Bureau and appointed the Nordic Patent Institute as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) with effect from the entry into force of that Agreement until December 31, 2007, bringing the number of Offices which have been appointed as ISA/IPEA to 13. The said Agreement will be published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) in due course.

Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The Assembly adopted amendments to the PCT Regulations, further to those which were adopted in October 2005, which will enter into force on 1 April 2007¹ and will apply to international applications whose international filing date will be on or after that date. The amendments relate to:

i) minimum requirements for International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities (relating to the International Authorities' quality management systems and internal review arrangements);

ii) changes to physical requirements of the international application to assist optical character recognition (minimum text size requirements and procedure for making corrections);

iii) clarification of language-related requirements of the international application (relating to the language of indications in relation to deposited biological material, of corrections of defects in translations and of the international search report, and to the establishment of translations of international search reports, abstracts, etc.);

iv) clarifications and consequential amendments relating to amendments previously adopted by the Assembly.

The text of the amended Rules is reproduced on pages 4 to 9.

Together with the approval of amendments to the PCT Regulations, the Assembly also made decisions relating to entry into force and transitional arrangements, and agreed upon understandings relating to certain provisions. The text of both the decisions and the understandings may be found on page 10 and page 11, respectively.

PCT Reform

The Assembly agreed that there would be a further session of the Working Group on Reform of the PCT before the 2007 session of the Assembly to consider outstanding proposals for reform of the PCT including, in particular, options for applicants to request international publication in multiple languages and supplementary searches to be carried out by Authorities other than the main International Searching Authority, as well as proposals relating to declaration of the source of genetic resources and traditional knowledge in patent applications. The Assembly noted that there are only a few PCT reform-related items remaining on the agenda of the Working Group and that the next meeting of the Working Group would most likely be the last in the present reform exercise.

Quality management systems for PCT International Authorities, quality of international searches, PCT information systems report

The Assembly also received status reports on quality management systems for PCT International Authorities, on projects related to improving the quality of international searches and on PCT automation.

¹ For the amendments adopted in October 2005 which will enter into force on 1 April 2007, see PCT Gazette No. 08/2006, of 23 February 2006, pages 5496 to 5540.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 April 2007)

Rule 11
Physical Requirements of the International Application

11.1 to 11.8 [No change]

11.9 *Writing of Text Matter*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) All text matter shall be in characters the capital letters of which are not less than 0.28 cm high, and shall be in a dark, indelible color, satisfying the requirements specified in Rule 11.2, provided that any text matter in the request may be in characters the capital letters of which are not less than 0.21 cm high.

(e) [No change]

11.10 to 11.14 [No change]

Rule 12
Language of the International Application
and Translations for the Purposes of International Search
and International Publication

12.1 and 12.1*bis* [No change]

12.1*ter* *Language of Indications Furnished under Rule 13bis.4*

Any indication in relation to deposited biological material furnished under Rule 13*bis*.4 shall be in the language in which the international application is filed, provided that, where a translation of the international application is required under Rule 12.3(a) or 12.4(a), any such indication shall be furnished in both the language in which the application is filed and the language of that translation.

12.2 *Language of Changes in the International Application*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) Any correction under Rule 26 of a defect in the international application shall be in the language in which the international application is filed. Any correction under Rule 26 of a defect in a translation of the international application furnished under Rule 12.3 or 12.4, any correction under Rule 55.2(c) of a defect in a translation furnished under Rule 55.2(a), or any correction of a defect in a translation of the request furnished under Rule 26.3*ter*(c), shall be in the language of the translation.

12.3 and 12.4 [No change]

Rule 20 **International Filing Date**

20.1 to 20.7 [No change]

20.8 Incompatibility with National Laws

(a) [No change] If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

(a-bis) Where a missing element or part cannot be incorporated by reference in the international application under Rules 4.18 and 20.6 because of the operation of paragraph (a) of this Rule, the receiving Office shall proceed as provided for in Rule 20.3(b)(i), 20.5(b) or 20.5(c), as the case may be. Where the receiving Office proceeds as provided for in Rule 20.5(c), the applicant may proceed as provided for in Rule 20.5(e).

(b) [No change] If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

(c) Where an element or part is considered to have been incorporated by reference in the international application by virtue of a finding of the receiving Office under Rule 20.6(b), but that incorporation by reference does not apply to the international application for the purposes of the procedure before a designated Office because of the operation of paragraph (b) of this Rule, the designated Office may treat the application as if the international filing date had been accorded under Rule 20.3(b)(i) or 20.5(b), or corrected under Rule 20.5(c), as the case may be, provided that Rule 82^{ter}.1(c) and (d) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Rule 26 **Checking by, and Correcting before, the Receiving Office** **of Certain Elements of the International Application**

26.1 to 26.3^{ter} [No change]

26.4 Procedure

A correction of the request offered to the receiving Office may be stated in a letter addressed to that Office if the correction is of such a nature that it can be transferred from the letter to the request without adversely affecting the clarity and the direct reproducibility of the sheet on to which the correction is to be transferred; otherwise, and in the case of a correction of any element of the international application other than the request, the applicant shall be required to submit a replacement sheet embodying the correction and the letter accompanying

the replacement sheet shall draw attention to the differences between the replaced sheet and the replacement sheet.

26.5 and 26.6 [No change]

Rule 36
Minimum Requirements for International Searching Authorities

36.1 *Definition of Minimum Requirements*

The minimum requirements referred to in Article 16(3)(c) shall be the following:

(i) to (iii) [No change]

(iv) that Office or organization must have in place a quality management system and internal review arrangements in accordance with the common rules of international search;

(v) that Office or organization must hold an appointment as an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Rule 43
The International Search Report

43.1 to 43.3 [No change]

43.4 *Language*

Every international search report and any declaration made under Article 17(2)(a) shall be in the language in which the international application to which it relates is to be published, provided that:

(i) if a translation of the international application into another language was transmitted under Rule 23.1(b) and the International Searching Authority so wishes, the international search report and any declaration made under Article 17(2)(a) may be in the language of that translation;

(ii) if the international application is to be published in the language of a translation furnished under Rule 12.4 which is not accepted by the International Searching Authority and that Authority so wishes, the international search report and any declaration made under Article 17(2)(a) may be in a language which is both a language accepted by that Authority and a language of publication referred to in Rule 48.3(a).

43.5 to 43.10 [No change]

Rule 48
International Publication

48.1 and 48.2 [No change]

48.3 *Languages of Publication*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) If the international application is published in a language other than English, the international search report to the extent that it is published under Rule 48.2(a)(v), or the declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a), the title of the invention, the abstract and any text matter pertaining to the figure or figures accompanying the abstract shall be published both in that language and in English. The translations, if not furnished by the applicant under Rule 12.3, shall be prepared under the responsibility of the International Bureau.

48.4 to 48.6 [No change]

Rule 54bis
Time Limit for Making a Demand

54bis.1 *Time Limit for Making a Demand*

(a) A demand may be made at any time prior to the expiration of whichever of the following periods expires later:

(i) three months from the date of transmittal to the applicant of the international search report or the declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a), and of the written opinion established under Rule 43bis.1; or

(ii) 22 months from the priority date.

(b) [No change]

Rule 55
Languages (International Preliminary Examination)

55.1 [No change]

55.2 *Translation of International Application*

(a) [No change]

(a-bis) A translation of the international application into a language referred to in paragraph (a) shall include any element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) furnished by the applicant under Rule 20.3(b) or 20.6(a) and any part of the description, claims or drawings furnished by the applicant under Rule 20.5(b) or 20.6(a) which is considered to have been contained in the international application under Rule 20.6(b).

(a-ter) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall check any translation furnished under paragraph (a) for compliance with the physical requirements referred to in Rule 11 to the extent that compliance therewith is necessary for the purposes of the international preliminary examination.

(b) [No change]

(c) If a requirement referred to in paragraphs (a), (a-*bis*) and (a-*ter*) is not complied with and paragraph (b) does not apply, the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall invite the applicant to furnish the required translation or the required correction, as the case may be, within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances. That time limit shall not be less than one month from the date of the invitation. It may be extended by the International Preliminary Examining Authority at any time before a decision is taken.

(d) If the applicant complies with the invitation within the time limit under paragraph (c), the said requirement shall be considered to have been complied with. If the applicant fails to do so, the demand shall be considered not to have been submitted and the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall so declare.

55.3 [No change]

Rule 63
Minimum Requirements for
International Preliminary Examining Authorities

63.1 *Definition of Minimum Requirements*

The minimum requirements referred to in Article 32(3) shall be the following:

(i) to (iii) [No change]

(iv) that Office or organization must have in place a quality management system and internal review arrangements in accordance with the common rules of international preliminary examination;

(v) that Office or organization must hold an appointment as an International Searching Authority.

Rule 76
Translation of Priority Document;
Application of Certain Rules to Procedures before Elected Offices

76.1, 76.2 and 76.3 *[Remain deleted]*

76.4 [No change]

76.5 *Application of Certain Rules to Procedures before Elected Offices*

Rules 13^{ter}.3, 20.8(c), 22.1(g), 47.1, 49, 49^{bis}, 49^{ter} and 51^{bis} shall apply, provided that:

(i) to (v) [No change]

Rule 91
Rectification of Obvious Mistakes in the
International Application and Other Documents

91.1 and 91.2 [No change]

91.3 *Authorization and Effect of Rectifications*

(a) to (e) [No change]

(f) A designated Office may disregard a rectification that was authorized under Rule 91.1 only if it finds that it would not have authorized the rectification under Rule 91.1 if it had been the competent authority, provided that no designated Office shall disregard any rectification that was authorized under Rule 91.1 without giving the applicant the opportunity to make observations, within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances, on the Office's intention to disregard the rectification.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT AND
THE SCHEDULE OF FEES ANNEXED TO THOSE REGULATIONS:
DECISIONS RELATING TO ENTRY INTO FORCE
AND TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

1. The amendments of the Regulations under the PCT set out in Annex I shall enter into force on April 1, 2007, and shall apply to international applications whose international filing date is on or after April 1, 2007, provided that Rules 20.8(a-*bis*) and (c), 55.2(a-*bis*) and 76.5 as amended shall not apply to international applications in respect of which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office before April 1, 2007.
2. The amendments of the Regulations under the PCT set out in Annex I shall not apply to international applications whose international filing date is before April 1, 2007, provided that:
 - (a) Rule 43.4 as amended shall apply to any international application in respect of which an international search report is established on or after April 1, 2007, whether the international filing date is before, on or after April 1, 2007;
 - (b) Rule 48.3(c) as amended shall apply to any international application which is published under Article 21 on or after April 1, 2007, whether the international filing date is before, on or after April 1, 2007;
 - (c) Rules 54*bis*.1 and 55.2(a-*ter*), (c) and (d) as amended shall apply to any international application in respect of which a demand for international preliminary examination is made on or after April 1, 2007, whether the international filing date is before, on or after April 1, 2007.
3. The amendments of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations under the PCT set out in Annex II shall enter into force on October 12, 2006, and shall apply to international applications whose international filing date is on or after October 12, 2006, provided that the Schedule of Fees as worded before its amendment shall continue to apply to international applications which are received by the receiving Office before October 12, 2006, and are accorded an international filing date that is on or after October 12, 2006.
4. The amendments of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations under the PCT set out in Annex II shall not apply to international applications whose international filing date is before October 12, 2006.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT:
UNDERSTANDINGS RELATING TO CERTAIN PROVISIONS

1. In connection with the adoption of amended Rules 20.8(c) and 76.5, the Assembly noted that:

(a) where an element or part is considered to have been incorporated by reference in the international application by virtue of a finding of the receiving Office under Rule 20.6(b), but that incorporation by reference does not apply to the international application for the purposes of the procedure before a designated or elected Office because of the operation of Rule 20.8(b), the time limit for performing the acts referred to in Articles 22 and 39 before such designated or elected Office would be calculated on the basis of the priority date referred to in Article 2(xi) having due regard to the international filing date as accorded by the receiving Office; and

(b) the same should apply where that incorporation by reference does not apply to the international application for the purposes of the procedure before a designated or elected Office because of the operation of Rule 82*ter*.1(b) as adopted by the Assembly in October 2005 with effect from April 1, 2007.



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** of the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, has been established. This amount, applicable from 1 April 2007, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): EUR 1,050

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

AU Agreement between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 March 2007. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Australian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,600
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,600
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	[No change]
– in other cases	780
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	50
Cost of copies (Rule 94), per document	50

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_au.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

MT Malta

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Malta deposited, on 1 December 2006, its instrument of accession to the **European Patent Convention (EPC)** and will become bound by that Convention on 1 March 2007. Thus, as from 1 March 2007, it will be possible for applicants to designate Malta in their international applications also for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent, as at present.

Moreover, as from 1 March 2007, nationals and residents of Malta will be able to file international applications with the European Patent Office as receiving Office, in addition to the Patent Office of Malta or the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B2(EP) and C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority or as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2007, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): AUD 1,600

Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): AUD 1,600

Fee for copies of documents cited
in the international search report
(PCT Rule 44.3): AUD 50 per document

Preliminary examination fee
(PCT Rule 58): AUD [No change] (780)

The amount in parentheses is payable where the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office.

Additional preliminary examination
fee (PCT Rule 68.3): [No change]

Fee for copies of documents cited
in the international preliminary
examination report (PCT Rule 71.2): AUD 50 per document

Fee for copies of documents
contained in the file of the international
application (PCT Rule 94.2): AUD 50 per document

[Updating of Annexes D(AU) and E(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** have been established for the international filing fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2007, are as follows:

International filing fee:	SEK 7,950
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	SEK 570
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	SEK 1,140
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	SEK 1,700

[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Following the adoption by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union), at its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, of amendments to the Regulations under the PCT which will enter into force on 1 April 2007 (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2006 of 23 February 2006, pages 5496 to 5540), a number of modifications have been made to Sections 102, 113, 303, 307, 308, 309, 310, 324, 325, 410, 411, 413, 511, 607 and to Annexes D and E of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. In addition to the modification of the existing Sections listed above, new Sections 305*ter*, 308*bis*, 310*bis*, 310*ter*, 411*bis* and 413*bis* have been included in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

All modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT will apply to international applications filed on or after 1 April 2007.

The modifications involve:

(i) clarifications and simplifications which are not consequential to amendments of the Regulations with effect from 1 April 2007 (Sections 307 and 411);

(ii) referential updates and practical directives consequential to the amendment of PCT Rule 20 relating to the according of the international filing date in general but also providing for the according of the international filing date in cases where certain elements or parts of the application are, or appear to be, missing when the application papers are filed (Sections 102, 303, 305*ter*, 308, 308*bis*, 309, 310, 310*bis*, 310*ter*, 324, 410, 411*bis*, 413 and Annex D);

(iii) referential updates and practical directives consequential to the amendment of PCT Rule 26*bis* in general but with particular relevance to the addition of new PCT Rule 26*bis*.3 relating to restoration of the right of priority where the international application has an international filing date which is later than the date on which the priority period expired but within the period of two months from that date (Sections 102, 113 and Annexes D and E);

(iv) referential updates and practical directives consequential to the amendment of PCT Rule 91, the intention of which is to rationalize the operation of Rule 91 by introducing consistent practices in PCT Offices and Authorities (Sections 113, 325, 413, 413*bis*, 511, 607 and Annex D).

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), the modifications to Sections 102, 113, 303, 307, 308, 309, 310, 324, 325, 410, 411, 413, 511, 607 and to Annexes D and E, as well as the inclusion of new Sections 305*ter*, 308*bis*, 310*bis*, 310*ter*, 411*bis* and 413*bis* of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out on pages 20 to 32 are promulgated with effect from 1 April 2007.

TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

(to enter into force on 1 April 2007)

Section 102
Use of the Forms

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) to (i) and Section 103, the International Authorities shall use, or require the use of, the mandatory Forms specified below:

(i) Forms for use by the applicant:

PCT/RO/101 (request Form)
PCT/IPEA/401 (demand Form)

(ii) Forms for use by the receiving Offices:

PCT/RO/103	PCT/RO/112	PCT/RO/133	PCT/RO/154
PCT/RO/104	PCT/RO/113	PCT/RO/136	PCT/RO/155
PCT/RO/105	PCT/RO/114	PCT/RO/143	PCT/RO/156
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PCT/RO/110	PCT/RO/123	PCT/RO/152	
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(iii) Forms for use by the International Searching Authorities:

PCT/ISA/201	PCT/ISA/209	PCT/ISA/219	PCT/ISA/234
PCT/ISA/202	PCT/ISA/210	PCT/ISA/220	PCT/ISA/235
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PCT/ISA/205	PCT/ISA/217	PCT/ISA/228	PCT/ISA/237
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(iv) Forms for use by the International Bureau:

PCT/IB/301	PCT/IB/319	PCT/IB/345	PCT/IB/369
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PCT/IB/311	PCT/IB/332	PCT/IB/356	
PCT/IB/313	PCT/IB/335	PCT/IB/357	
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(v) Forms for use by the International Preliminary Examining Authorities:

PCT/IPEA/402	PCT/IPEA/412	PCT/IPEA/431	PCT/IPEA/443
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PCT/IPEA/409	PCT/IPEA/425	PCT/IPEA/442	

(b) Slight variations in layout necessary in view of the printing of the Forms referred to in paragraph (a) in various languages are permitted.

(c) Slight variations in layout in the Forms referred to in paragraph (a)(ii) to (v) are permitted to the extent necessary to meet the particular office requirements of the International Authorities, in particular in view of the production of the Forms by computer or of the use of window envelopes.

(d) Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority and/or the International Preliminary Examining Authority are each part of the same Office, the obligation to use the Forms referred to in paragraph (a) does not extend to communications within that same Office.

(e) The annexes to Forms PCT/RO/106, PCT/RO/118, PCT/ISA/201, PCT/ISA/205, PCT/ISA/206, PCT/ISA/210, PCT/ISA/219, PCT/IB/313, PCT/IB/336, PCT/IPEA/404, PCT/IPEA/405 and PCT/IPEA/415 may be omitted in cases where they are not used.

(f) The notes attached to Forms PCT/RO/101 (request Form) and PCT/IPEA/401 (demand Form) shall be distributed by the International Authorities concerned together with the printed versions of those Forms. The notes attached to Form PCT/ISA/220 shall accompany the Form when sent to the applicant.

(g) The use of Forms other than those referred to in paragraph (a) is optional.

(h) Where the request or the demand is presented as a computer print-out, such print-out shall be prepared as follows:

(i) the layout and contents of the request and the demand when presented as computer print-outs shall correspond to the format of Forms PCT/RO/101 (request Form) and PCT/IPEA/401 (demand Form) (“the printed Forms”), with the same information being presented on the corresponding pages;

(ii) all boxes shall be drawn by solid lines; double lines may be presented as single lines;

(iii) the box numbers and box titles shall be included even where no information is supplied therein;

(iv) the boxes for use by the International Authorities shall be at least as large as those on the printed Forms;

(v) all other boxes shall be within one cm in size of those on the printed Forms;

(vi) all text shall be 9 points or larger in size;

(vii) titles and other information shall be clearly distinguished;

(viii) explanatory notes presented in italics on the printed Forms may be omitted.

(i) Other formats permitted for the presentation of the request and the demand as computer print-outs may be determined by the Director General. Any such format shall be published in the Gazette.

Section 113

Special Fees Payable to the International Bureau

(a) The special publication fee provided for in Rule 48.4 shall be 200 Swiss francs.

(b) The special fee provided for in Rule 91.3(d) shall be payable to the International Bureau and shall be 50 Swiss francs plus 12 Swiss francs for each sheet in excess of one. Where that fee has not been paid prior to the expiration of the time limit under Rule 91.3(d), the request for rectification, the reasons for refusal by the authority and any further brief comments submitted by the applicant shall not be published. Where the last sentence of Rule 91.3(d) applies and the said fee has not been paid before the time of the communication of the international application under Article 20, a copy of the request for rectification shall not be included in that communication.

(c) The special fee provided for in Rule 26*bis*.2(e) shall be payable to the International Bureau and shall be 50 Swiss francs plus 12 Swiss francs for each sheet in excess of one.

Section 303

Deletion of Additional Matter in the Request

(a) Where, under Rule 4.19(b), the receiving Office deletes *ex officio* any matter contained in the request, it shall do so by enclosing such matter within square brackets and entering, in the margin, the words “DELETED BY RO” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application, and shall notify the applicant accordingly. If copies of the international application have already been sent to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority, the receiving Office shall also notify that Bureau and that Authority.

(b) The receiving Office shall not delete *ex officio* any indication made in declarations referred to in Rule 4.17 which are contained in the request.

Section 305*ter*

Identification and Transmittal of the Translation of an Earlier Application Furnished under Rule 20.6(a)(iii)

Where a translation of an earlier application is furnished under Rule 20.6(a)(iii), the receiving Office shall mark the words “TRANSLATION OF EARLIER APPLICATION (RULE 20.6(a)(iii))” in the upper left-hand corner of the first page of the translation and, after having made a finding under Rule 20.6(b) or (c), transmit the translation to the International Bureau.

Section 307
System of Numbering International Applications

Papers purporting to be an international application under Rule 20.1(a) shall be allocated an international application number, consisting of the letters “PCT,” a slant, the two-letter code referred to in Section 115, indicating the receiving Office, a four-digit indication of the year in which such papers were first received, a slant and a six-digit number, allotted in sequential order corresponding to the order in which the international applications are received (e.g., “PCT/SE2004/000001”). Where the International Bureau acts as receiving Office, the two-letter code “IB” shall be used.

Section 308
Marking of the Sheets
of the International Application and of the Translation Thereof

(a) Upon receipt of papers purporting to be an international application, the receiving Office shall indelibly mark the date of actual receipt on the request of each copy received.

(b) The receiving Office shall indelibly mark the international application number referred to in Section 307 in the upper right-hand corner of each sheet of each copy of the purported international application and of any translation of the international application furnished under Rules 12.3 or 12.4.

(c) If a positive determination is made under Rule 20.2, the receiving Office shall mark on the request the name of the receiving Office and the words “PCT International Application” or “Demande internationale PCT”. If the official language of the receiving Office is neither English nor French, the words “International Application” or “Demande internationale” may be accompanied by a translation of these words in the official language of the receiving Office.

(d) If a negative determination is made under Rule 20.4 or a declaration is made under Article 14(4), the letters “PCT” shall be deleted by the receiving Office from the indication of the international application number on any papers marked previously with that number, and the said number shall be used without such letters in any future correspondence relating to the purported international application.

Section 308bis
Marking of Later Submitted Sheets

The receiving Office shall indelibly mark any sheet containing an element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e), or a part referred to in Rule 20.5(a), received on a date later than the date on which sheets were first received (“later submitted sheet”), in the upper right-hand corner of each sheet, with the international application number referred to in Section 307 and the date of actual receipt of that sheet.

Section 309
Procedure in the Case of Later Submitted Sheets
Furnished for the Purposes of Incorporation by Reference

(a) This Section applies, subject to paragraph (f), to later submitted sheets which accompany a notice confirming under Rule 20.6 that an element or part embodied in those sheets was incorporated by reference.

(b) Where later submitted sheets as referred to in paragraph (a) are received within the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7 and the receiving Office makes a finding under Rule 20.6(b), the receiving Office shall:

(i) indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each later submitted sheet, the words “INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE (RULE 20.6)”, or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application;

(ii) notify the applicant that the element or part contained in the later submitted sheets is considered to have been contained in the international application or purported international application on the date when sheets were first received and that that date has been accorded or retained, as the case may be, as the international filing date;

(iii) keep in its files a copy of the later submitted sheets marked under item (i) and of the notice under Rule 20.6(a);

(iv) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have already been made, notify the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority accordingly, and transmit the later submitted sheets marked under item (i) to the said Bureau and a copy thereof to the said Authority;

(v) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have not yet been made, attach the later submitted sheets marked under item (i) and the notice under Rule 20.6(a) to the record copy and a copy thereof to the search copy.

(c) Where later submitted sheets referred to in paragraph (a) are received within the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7 and the receiving Office makes a finding under Rule 20.6(c), the receiving Office shall, subject to Section 310*bis*:

(i) effect the required correction of the international filing date or accord as the international filing date the date of receipt of the later submitted sheets;

(ii) notify the applicant that the content of the later submitted sheets is not considered to have been contained in the international application or purported international application on the date when sheets were first received and that the international filing date has been accorded as, or corrected to, as the case may be, the date on which the new sheets were received;

(iii) keep in its files a copy of the later submitted sheets and of the notice under Rule 20.6(a);

(iv) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have already been made, notify the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority accordingly and transmit a copy of the corrected first and last sheets of the request, the later submitted sheets and the notice under Rule 20.6(a) to the said Bureau and a copy thereof to the said Authority;

(v) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have not yet been made, attach the later submitted sheets and the notice under Rule 20.6(a) to the record copy and a copy thereof to the search copy.

(d) Where later submitted sheets referred to in paragraph (a) are received within the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7 but the purported international application still does not fulfill the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office shall proceed as provided in Rule 20.4, but not before the expiration of the time limit under Rule 20.7.

(e) Where later submitted sheets referred to in paragraph (a) are received after the expiration of the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7, the receiving Office shall proceed as provided in Section 310*ter*.

(f) Where later submitted sheets referred to in paragraph (a) are received but a missing element or part contained in those sheets cannot be incorporated by reference in the international application under Rules 4.18 and 20.6 because of the operation of Rule 20.8(a), the receiving Office shall:

(i) inform the applicant that the notice under Rule 20.6(a) confirming the incorporation by reference of the missing element or part has been disregarded;

(ii) proceed in accordance with Section 310(b), which shall apply *mutatis mutandis*, as if the notice under Rule 20.6(a) were a correction furnished under Rule 20.3(b)(i), or a missing part furnished under Rules 20.5(b) or (c), as the case may be; and

(iii) proceed in accordance with Section 310*bis*(b) where the applicant requests, within the time limit under Rule 20.5(e), that the missing part concerned be disregarded.

Section 310
Procedure in the Case of Later Submitted Sheets
Not Furnished for the Purposes of Incorporation by Reference

(a) This Section applies to later submitted sheets which do not accompany a notice confirming under Rule 20.6 that an element or part embodied in those sheets was incorporated by reference.

(b) Where later submitted sheets as referred to in paragraph (a) are received within the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7 and where the international filing date is to be accorded under Rules 20.3(b)(i) or 20.5(b), or corrected under Rule 20.5(c), the receiving Office shall, subject to Section 310*bis*:

(i) accord the international filing date in accordance with Rules 20.3(b)(i) or 20.5(b), or effect the required correction of the international filing date in accordance with Rule 20.5(c), as the case may be;

(ii) notify the applicant of the correction or the according of the international filing date effected under item (i);

(iii) keep in its files a copy of the later submitted sheets;

(iv) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have already been made, notify the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority accordingly and transmit a copy of the corrected first and last sheets of the request and the later submitted sheets to the said Bureau and a copy thereof to the said Authority;

(v) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have not yet been made, attach the later submitted sheets to the record copy and a copy thereof to the search copy.

(c) Where later submitted sheets referred to in paragraph (a) are received within the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7 but the purported international application still does not fulfill the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office shall proceed as provided in Rule 20.4.

(d) Where later submitted sheets referred to in paragraph (a) are received after the expiration of the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7, the receiving Office shall proceed as provided in Section 310*ter*.

Section 310*bis*
Procedure in the Case of Later Submitted Sheets
Resulting in the Correction of the International Filing Date under Rule 20.5(c)

(a) Where, following the receipt of later submitted sheets referred to in Sections 309(a) or 310(a) within the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7, the international filing date has been corrected under Rule 20.5(c), the receiving Office shall, in addition to proceeding under Sections 309(c)(i) to (iii), or 310(b)(i) to (iii), as the case may be:

- (i) draw the attention of the applicant to the procedure available under Rule 20.5(e);
- (ii) proceed under Sections 309(c)(iv) or (v), or 310(b)(iv) or (v), as the case may be, but only after the expiration of the time limit under Rule 20.5(e) and only where the applicant has not made a request under that Rule.

(b) Where the applicant requests within the time limit under Rule 20.5(e) that the missing part concerned be disregarded, the receiving Office shall:

(i) restore the international filing date to that which had applied prior to its correction under Rule 20.5(c);

(ii) indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each sheet containing the missing part concerned, the words “NOT TO BE CONSIDERED (RULE 20.5(e))”, or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application;

(iii) notify the applicant that the missing part is considered not to have been furnished and that the international filing date has been restored to that which had applied prior to its correction under Rule 20.5(c);

(iv) keep in its files a copy of the later submitted sheets marked under item (ii) and of the request made under Rule 20.5(e);

(v) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have already been made, notify the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority accordingly, and transmit a copy of the corrected first and last sheets of the request, the later submitted sheets marked under item (ii) and the request made under Rule 20.5(e) to the said Bureau and a copy thereof to the said Authority;

(vi) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have not yet been made, notify the International Bureau accordingly and attach the later submitted sheets marked under item (ii), the notice under Rule 20.6(a) and the request under Rule 20.5(e) to the record copy.

Section 310*ter*
Procedure in the Case of Later Submitted Sheets
Furnished after the Expiration of the Applicable Time Limit Referred to in Rule 20.7

Where later submitted sheets referred to in Sections 309(a) or 310(a) are received after the expiration of the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 20.7, the receiving Office shall:

- (i) notify the applicant of the fact and of the date of receipt of the later submitted sheets, and of the fact that they will not be considered for the PCT procedure;

(ii) indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each sheet containing the missing element or part concerned, the words “NOT TO BE CONSIDERED (RULE 20.7)”, or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application;

(iii) keep in its files a copy of the later submitted sheets marked under item (ii) and, where applicable, of the notice under Rule 20.6(a);

(iv) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have already been made, notify the International Bureau accordingly, and transmit the later submitted sheets marked under item (ii) and, where applicable, the notice under Rule 20.6(a) to the said Bureau;

(v) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have not yet been made, notify the International Bureau accordingly, and attach the later submitted sheets marked under item (ii) and, where applicable, the notice under Rule 20.6(a) to the record copy.

Section 324

Copy of Notification of the International Application Number and the International Filing Date under Rule 20.2(c)

The copy, sent to the International Bureau, of the notification of the international application number and the international filing date under Rule 20.2(c) shall also include, if the priority of an earlier application is claimed in the international application, the date of filing – as indicated in the international application – of that earlier application. If the priority of several earlier applications is claimed, the earliest filing date shall be indicated.

Section 325

Corrections of Defects under Rule 26.4, Rectifications of Obvious Mistakes under Rule 91, and Corrections under Rule 9.2

(a) Where the receiving Office receives a correction of defects under Rule 26.4 or authorizes a rectification of an obvious mistake under Rule 91, it shall:

(i) indelibly mark, in the upper right-hand corner of each replacement sheet, the international application number and the date on which that sheet was received;

(ii) indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each replacement sheet, the words “SUBSTITUTE SHEET (RULE 26)” (where the replacement sheet contains a correction of defects under Rule 26) or “RECTIFIED SHEET (RULE 91)” (where the replacement sheet contains the rectification of an obvious mistake under Rule 91) or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application;

(iii) indelibly mark on the letter containing the correction or rectification, or accompanying any replacement sheet, the date on which that letter was received;

(iv) keep in its files a copy of the letter containing the correction or rectification or, when the correction or rectification is contained in a replacement sheet, the replaced sheet, a copy of the letter accompanying the replacement sheet, and a copy of the replacement sheet;

(v) subject to item (vi), promptly transmit any letter and any replacement sheet to the International Bureau, and a copy thereof to the International Searching Authority;

(vi) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have not yet been made, transmit any letter and any replacement sheet to the International Bureau together with the record copy and, except where the international application is considered withdrawn and Rule 29.1(iii) applies, a copy of the said letter or replacement sheet to the International Searching Authority together with the search copy. The record copy and the search copy shall contain any replaced sheet.

(b) Where the receiving Office refuses to authorize the rectification of an obvious mistake under Rule 91, it shall proceed as indicated under paragraph (a)(i), (iii) and (iv) and promptly transmit any letter and any proposed replacement sheet to the International Bureau. If the record copy has not yet been sent to the International Bureau, any letter and any proposed replacement sheet shall be transmitted together with the record copy.

(c) Where the receiving Office receives corrections aimed at complying with Rule 9.1, paragraphs (a) and (b) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*, provided that, where a sheet is marked as indicated in paragraph (a)(ii), the words “SUBSTITUTE SHEET (RULE 9.2)” shall be used.

Section 410 **Numbering of Sheets for the Purposes of International Publication; Procedure in Case of Missing Sheets**

(a) In the course of preparing the international application for international publication, the International Bureau shall sequentially renumber the sheets to be published only when necessitated by the addition of any new sheet, the deletion of entire sheets or a change in the order of the sheets. Otherwise, the numbering provided under Section 207 shall be maintained.

(b) Where a sheet has not been filed or is not to be taken into consideration for the purposes of international processing under Section 310*bis* or 310*ter*, the International Bureau shall include an indication to that effect in the published international application.

Section 411 **Receipt of Priority Document**

(a) The International Bureau shall, in respect of any priority document received by it, record the date on which the priority document has been received by it, and notify the applicant and the designated Offices accordingly. The notification should indicate whether the priority document was or was not submitted or transmitted in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b), and with respect to the designated Offices, should preferably be made together with the notification under Rule 47.1(a-*bis*).

(b) Where the priority document has been submitted or transmitted but not in compliance with Rule 17.1(a) or (b), the International Bureau shall, in the notification under paragraph (a) of this Section, direct the attention of the applicant and the designated Offices to the provisions of Rule 17.1(c).

Section 411*bis* **Receipt of Translation of Earlier Application under Rule 20.6(a)(iii)**

The International Bureau shall indicate the words “TRANSLATION (RULE 20.6(a)(iii))”, or their equivalent in French, on any translation received under Rule 20.6(a)(iii).

Section 413

Incorporations by Reference under Rule 20, Corrections of Defects under Rule 26.4, Rectifications of Obvious Mistakes under Rule 91, and Corrections under Rule 9.2

(a) Where the International Bureau receives from the receiving Office a letter containing a correction of any defects under Rule 26.4, or a replacement sheet and the letter accompanying it, the International Bureau shall transfer the correction to the record copy, together with the indication of the date on which the receiving Office received the letter, or shall insert the replacement sheet in the record copy. Any letter and any replaced sheet shall be kept in the file of the international application.

(b) Paragraph (a) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to rectifications of obvious mistakes under Rule 91 authorized by the receiving Office, by the International Searching Authority or, where a demand has been made, by the International Preliminary Examining Authority and to corrections submitted by the applicant to the receiving Office or the International Searching Authority aimed at complying with the prescription of Rule 9.1 concerning certain expressions, drawings, statements or other matter.

(b-*bis*) Where the International Bureau receives from the receiving Office, under Sections 309(c)(iv), 310(b)(iv), or 310*bis*(b)(v), corrected sheets of the request or later submitted sheets, the International Bureau shall transfer any correction to the record copy and insert any later submitted sheets in the record copy.

(c) Where the International Bureau is notified by the International Searching Authority under Rule 43.6*bis*(b) that the rectification of an obvious mistake authorized under Rule 91 has not been taken into account for the purposes of the international search, the International Bureau shall notify the applicant, the designated Offices and, where a demand has been made, the International Preliminary Examining Authority accordingly.

(d) Where the International Bureau is notified by the International Preliminary Examining Authority under Rule 70.2(e) that the rectification of an obvious mistake authorized under Rule 91 has not been taken into account for the purposes of the international preliminary examination, the International Bureau shall notify the applicant and the elected Offices accordingly.

Section 413*bis*

Rectifications of Obvious Mistakes under Rule 91

(a) Where the International Bureau authorizes a rectification under Rule 91, it shall:

(i) indelibly mark, in the upper right-hand corner of each replacement sheet, the international application number and the date on which that sheet was received;

(ii) indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each replacement sheet, the words “RECTIFIED SHEET (RULE 91)” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application;

(iii) indelibly mark on the letter containing the rectification or accompanying any replacement sheet the date on which that letter was received;

(iv) keep in its files a copy of the letter containing the rectification or, when the rectification is contained in a replacement sheet, the replaced sheet, a copy of the letter accompanying the replacement sheet, and a copy of the replacement sheet.

(b) Where the International Bureau refuses to authorize a rectification under Rule 91, it shall proceed as indicated under paragraph (a)(i), (iii) and (iv).

(c) Where the International Bureau authorizes or refuses to authorize the rectification of an obvious mistake under Rule 91, it shall notify the applicant, the International Searching Authority, where a demand has been made, the International Preliminary Examining Authority, as well as the designated or elected Offices accordingly and, where the International Bureau refuses to authorize a rectification, the notification shall also include the reasons for the refusal.

Section 511 **Rectifications of Obvious Mistakes under Rule 91**

(a) Where the International Searching Authority authorizes a rectification under Rule 91, it shall:

(i) indelibly mark, in the upper right-hand corner of each replacement sheet, the international application number and the date on which that sheet was received;

(ii) indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each replacement sheet, the words “RECTIFIED SHEET (RULE 91)” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application as well as an indication of the International Searching Authority as provided for in Section 107(b);

(iii) indelibly mark on the letter containing the rectification or accompanying any replacement sheet the date on which that letter was received;

(iv) keep in its files a copy of the letter containing the rectification or, when the rectification is contained in a replacement sheet, the replaced sheet, a copy of the letter accompanying the replacement sheet, and a copy of the replacement sheet;

(v) promptly transmit any letter and any replacement sheet to the International Bureau and a copy thereof to the receiving Office.

(b) Where the International Searching Authority refuses to authorize a rectification under Rule 91, it shall proceed as indicated under paragraph (a)(i), (iii) and (iv) and promptly transmit any letter and any proposed replacement sheet to the International Bureau.

Section 607 **Rectifications of Obvious Mistakes under Rule 91**

Where the International Preliminary Examining Authority authorizes a rectification of an obvious mistake under Rule 91, Section 602(a)(i) to (iii) and (b) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*, provided that, where a sheet is marked as indicated in Section 602, the words “RECTIFIED SHEET (RULE 91)” shall be used.

ANNEX D
INFORMATION FROM FRONT PAGE OF PUBLISHED INTERNATIONAL
APPLICATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE GAZETTE UNDER RULE 86.1(i)

The following information shall be extracted from the front page of the publication of the international publication for each published international application and shall, in accordance with Rule 86.1(i), appear in the corresponding entry of the Gazette:

1. as to the international publication:
 - 1.1 the international publication number
 - 1.2 the date of the international publication
 - 1.3 an indication whether the following items were published in the published international application:
 - 1.31 international search report
 - 1.32 declaration under Article 17(2)
 - 1.33 claims amended under Article 19(1)
 - 1.34 statement under Article 19(1)
 - 1.35 *[Deleted]*
 - 1.36 request for rectification under the first sentence of Rule 91.3(d)
 - 1.37 information concerning the incorporation by reference of an element or part as referred to in Rule 48.2(b)(v)
 - 1.38 information concerning a priority claim under Rule 26bis.2(d)
 - 1.39 information concerning a request under Rule 26bis.3 for restoration of the right of priority
 - 1.40 information on copies of any declaration or other evidence furnished under Rule 26bis.3(f)

ANNEX E
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1. The time limits applicable under Articles 22 and 39 in respect of each Contracting State.
2. The list of the non-patent literature agreed upon by the International Searching Authorities for inclusion in the minimum documentation.
3. The names of the national Offices which do not wish to receive copies under Article 13(2)(c).
4. The provisions of the national laws of Contracting States concerning international-type search.
5. The text of the agreements entered into between the International Bureau and the International Searching Authorities or the International Preliminary Examining Authorities.
6. The names of the national Offices which entirely or in part waived their rights to any communication under Article 20.
7. The names of the Contracting States which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT.

8. Index of concordance of international application numbers and international publication numbers, listed according to international application numbers.
9. Index of applicants' names giving, for each name, the corresponding international publication number(s).
10. Index of international publication numbers, grouped according to the International Patent Classification symbols.
11. Indication of any subject matter that will not be searched or examined by the various International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities under Rules 39 and 67.
12. Requirements of designated and elected Offices under Rules 49.5 and 76.5 in relation to the furnishing of translations.
13. The dates defining the period referred to in Rule 32.1(b) during which the international application, whose effects may be extended to a successor State under Rule 32.1, must have been filed.
14. The criteria for restoration of the right of priority applied by receiving Offices under Rule 26*bis*.3 or designated Offices under Rule 49*ter*.2, and any subsequent changes in that respect.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CZ Czech Republic

The **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)** has notified a change in the currency of payment of the international filing fee, as well as of the reduction available under item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in “PCT-EASY mode”) is used. The consolidated list of currencies accepted by, and of all amounts of fees payable to, the Office as receiving Office, and applicable since 1 February 2007 is as follows:

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Czech koruna (CZK) and euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	CZK 1,500
International filing fee:	EUR 900
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 10
Additional component:	[No change]
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	EUR 64
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	CZK 600

[Updating of Annex C(CZ) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction under item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in “PCT-EASY mode”) is used. These amounts, applicable from 1 May 2007, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 8,230
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	ZAR 590

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IL Israel

In accordance with Section 102*bis*(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Israel Patent Office** as receiving Office has notified that it is prepared to receive, since 1 February 2007, any international application filed under Section 102*bis*(a) with a PCT-EASY request and one of the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R or CD-ROM.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 April 2007, are as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:	USD	250
Designation fee:	USD	75 per country
Annual fee for the first year:	[No change]	
Annual fee for the second year:	USD	60
Annual fee for the third year:	USD	80

For utility model: [No change]

[Updating of the National Chapter (AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. This amount, applicable as from 1 May 2007, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): USD 797

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** of the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**, has been established. This amount, applicable as from 1 May 2007, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): EUR 616

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction under item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in “PCT-EASY mode”) is used. These amounts, applicable as from 1 May 2007, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD 1,613
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD 17
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	NZD 115

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BZ Belize

The **Belize Intellectual Property Office** has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 March 2007 by nationals and residents of Belize with the Belize Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office. The consolidated list of competent International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities now reads as follows:

Competent International Searching Authority:	Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Canadian Intellectual Property Office, European Patent Office

[Updating of Annex C(BZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Further to the announcement published in Official Notices of 1 February 2007, page 16, notifying a new amount of the search fee for a search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)**, **Korean won (KRW)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, **US dollars (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 March 2007, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CHF	1,553
	EUR	962
	KRW	1,173,000
	NZD	1,794
	SGD	1,943
	USD	1,266
	ZAR	8,854

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **Russian roubles (RUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office (transmittal fee) and as designated (or elected) Office (national fee). These amounts, applicable since 1 February 2007, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	RUR	1,600
National fee:		
Unitary procedural fee (for filing, search, publication and other processing):	RUR	25,500
Claim fee for each claim in excess of five:	RUR	2,200
Examination fee:	RUR	25,500

[Updating of Annex C(EA) and of the National Chapter (EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified changes in its location and mailing addresses, as well as in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location: 205 Victoria Street, Marion Square,
Wellington 6141, New Zealand

Mailing address: P.O. Box 9241, Marion Square,
Wellington 6141, New Zealand

Telephone: 0508 447 669 (free calls)
(64-3) 962 26 07 (international calls)

Facsimile machine: (64-4) 978 36 91

[Updating of Annex B1(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

DO Dominican Republic

On 28 February 2007, the **Dominican Republic** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 28 May 2007, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 28 May 2007 will automatically include the designation of the Dominican Republic (country code: DO).

The Dominican Republic will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 28 May 2007. Furthermore, nationals and residents of the Dominican Republic will be entitled, as from 28 May 2007, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

MT Malta

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Since the publication of the deposit of Malta's instruments of accession to the PCT (see PCT Gazette No. 50/2006, of 14 December 2006, page 19170) and to the European Patent Convention (EPC) (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 1 February 2007, page 16), the **Industrial Property Office (Malta)** has notified the International Bureau that it will not be possible in an international application to designate Malta for a national patent. Therefore, in international applications filed on or after 1 March 2007, Malta – like Belgium, Cyprus, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Monaco, the Netherlands and Slovenia – may be designated only for a European patent and not for a national patent.

[Updating of Annexes B2(EP) and C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZW Zimbabwe

The **Zimbabwe Patent Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office, its location, its telephone numbers and its e-mail address, as follows:

Name of Office:	Zimbabwe Intellectual Property Office
Location:	Century House East, 38 N. Mandela Avenue, Harare, Zimbabwe
Telephone:	(263-4) 78 18 35, 77 55 44/45/46
E-mail:	fmaredza@yahoo.com

[Updating of Annex B1(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified a change in the amount of the transmittal fee in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 March 2007, is as follows:

Transmittal fee:	AUD 150
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Furthermore, new equivalent amounts in Australian dollars (AUD) have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 15 May 2007, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD 1,445
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	AUD 103
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD 206
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD 310

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 June 2007, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): JPY 255,300

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

New equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 June 2007, are as follows:

International filing fee: GBP 574

Fee per sheet in excess of 30: GBP 6

Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):

PCT-EASY: GBP 41

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format): GBP 82

Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format): GBP 123

[Updating of Annex C(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3 AND 49ter.2

AT Austria

New PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Austrian Patent Office**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criteria for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to such requests.
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to such requests.

Furthermore, under Rules 26bis.3(d) and 49ter.2(d), the Office has notified fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR 220
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria (PCT Rule 49ter.2(d)):	EUR 220

[Updating of Annex C(AT) and of the National Chapter (AT) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

BY Belarus

New PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criterion for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “unintentionality” criterion to such requests.
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?	Yes, the Office applies the “unintentionality” criterion to such requests.

[Updating of Annex C(BY) and of the National Chapter (BY) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

CA Canada

New PCT Rule 26bis.3 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rule 26bis.3(i), the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criteria for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to such requests.
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[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

New PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criteria for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to such requests.
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Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?	Yes, the Office applies the “unintentionality” criterion to such requests.
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Furthermore, under Rule 49ter.2(d), the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **Russian roubles (RUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “unintentionality” criterion (PCT Rule 49ter.2(d)):	RUR 16,000
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[Updating of Annex C(EA) and of the National Chapter (EA) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

EE Estonia

New PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Estonian Patent Office**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criterion for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “unintentionality” criterion to such requests.
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?	Yes, the Office applies the “unintentionality” criterion to such requests.

[Updating of Annex C(EE) and of the National Chapter (EE) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

FI Finland

New PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criterion for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.

Furthermore, under Rule 49ter.2(d), the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion (PCT Rule 49ter.2(d)):	EUR 250
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[Updating of Annex C(FI) and of the National Chapter (FI) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

IB International Bureau

New PCT Rule 26bis.3 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rule 26bis.3(i), the **International Bureau**, in its capacity as receiving Office, will apply both criteria for restoration of the right of priority, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to such requests.
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[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

KG Kyrgyzstan

New PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Kyrgyz Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criteria for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to such requests.
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Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?	Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to such requests.
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Furthermore, under Rules 26bis.3(d) and 49ter.2(d), the Office has notified fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD 100
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Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria (PCT Rule 49ter.2(d)):	USD 100
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[Updating of Annex C(KG) and of the National Chapter (KG) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

LT Lithuania

New PCT Rule 26bis.3 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rule 26bis.3(i), the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criterion for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.
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[Updating of Annex C(LT) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

New PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criterion for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.
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Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.
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[Updating of Annex C(RU) and of the National Chapter (RU) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

SE Sweden

New PCT Rule 26bis.3 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rule 26bis.3(i), the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criterion for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.
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[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

SK Slovakia

New PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criterion for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.
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Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.
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Furthermore, under Rules 26bis.3(d) and 49ter.2(d), the Office has notified fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **Slovak koruny (SKK)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	SKK 2,000
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Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion (PCT Rule 49ter.2(d)):	SKK 2,000
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[Updating of Annex C(SK) and of the National Chapter (SK) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

US United States of America

New PCT Rule 26bis.3 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rule 26bis.3(i), the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criterion for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “unintentionality” criterion to such requests.
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Furthermore, under Rule 26bis.3(d), the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “unintentionality” criterion (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	USD 400
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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT: MODIFICATIONS TO APPENDIX I OF ANNEX F

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(a), and as a result of the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (expedited consideration of change proposals), modifications of Appendix I of Annex F are promulgated with effect from 1 April 2007.

The text of Appendix I of Annex F as modified is not, due to its highly technical content, reproduced here but has been published, as document PCT/AI/DTD/4, dated 23 March 2007, on WIPO's website (see www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm).

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3 AND 49ter.2

AM Armenia

New PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criterion for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the "due care" criterion to such requests.
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?	Yes, the Office applies the "due care" criterion to such requests.

[Updating of Annex C(AM) and of the National Chapter (AM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AU Australia

New PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criteria for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)? Yes, the Office applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to such requests.

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)? Yes, the Office applies the requirements under the applicable national law to such requests.

Furthermore, the Office has notified fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, payable to it as receiving Office, under Rule 26bis.3(d), and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): AUD 200

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the requirements under the applicable national law: AUD 100 for a request on the basis of circumstances beyond the control of the person, regardless of the length of extension sought

AUD 100 for a request on other grounds, for each month or part of a month for which the extension is sought

[Updating of Annex C(AU) and of the National Chapter (AU) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

EG Egypt

New PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Egyptian Patent Office**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criterion for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)? Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)? Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.

Furthermore, under Rules 26bis.3(d) and 49ter.2(d), the Office has notified fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **Egyptian pounds (EGP)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EGP 800	for individuals
	EGP 1,500	for companies employing more than 10 persons
	EGP 1,000	for companies employing less than 10 persons
	EGP 800	for research institutions
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion (PCT Rule 49ter.2(d)):	EGP 800	for individuals
	EGP 1,500	for companies employing more than 10 persons
	EGP 1,000	for companies employing less than 10 persons
	EGP 800	for research institutions

[Updating of Annex C(EG) and of the National Chapter (EG) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

New PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Patent Office (United Kingdom)**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criterion for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “unintentionality” criterion to such requests.
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?	Yes, the Office applies the “unintentionality” criterion to such requests.

Furthermore, under Rule 49ter.2(d), the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **pounds sterling (GBP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “unintentionality” criterion (PCT Rule 49ter.2(d)):	GBP 150
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[Updating of Annex C(GB) and of the National Chapter (GB) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

HR Croatia

New PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Croatian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criterion for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.

Furthermore, under Rules 26bis.3(d) and 49ter.2(d), the Office has notified fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **Croatian kunas (HRK)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): HRK 150

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion (PCT Rule 49ter.2(d)): HRK 150

[Updating of Annex C(HR) and of the National Chapter (HR) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

IL Israel

New PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criterion for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) and of the National Chapter (IL) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

New PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **State Office of Industrial Property (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criterion for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.

Furthermore, under Rules 26bis.3(d) and 49ter.2(d), the Office has notified fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **Macedonian denars (MKD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): MKD 1,000

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion (PCT Rule 49ter.2(d)): MKD 1,000

[Updating of Annex C(MK) and of the National Chapter (MK) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

MY Malaysia

New PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criterion for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?

Yes, the Office applies the “unintentionality” criterion to such requests.

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?

Yes, the Office applies the “unintentionality” criterion to such requests.

[Updating of Annex C(MY) and of the National Chapter (MY) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

SI Slovenia

New PCT Rule 26bis.3 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rule 26bis.3(i), the **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criterion for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.
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Furthermore, under Rule 26bis.3(d), the Office has notified a fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	EUR 42
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[Updating of Annex C(SI) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

UA Ukraine

New PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 will enter into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **State Department of Intellectual Property (SDIP), Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criterion for restoration of the right of priority to be applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “unintentionality” criterion to such requests.
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Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?	Yes, the Office applies the “unintentionality” criterion to such requests.
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Furthermore, under Rules 26bis.3(d) and 49ter.2(d), the Office has notified fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **Ukrainian hryvnias (UAH)**, **euro (EUR)** or **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “unintentionality” criterion (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	UAH 10 (or equivalent amount in EUR or USD) for residents of States whose per capita national income is below USD 3,000
	EUR 50 (or equivalent amount in UAH or USD) for residents of States whose per capita national income is above USD 3,000

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “unintentionality” criterion (PCT Rule 49ter.2(d)):	UAH 10 (or equivalent amount in EUR or USD) for residents of States whose per capita national income is below USD 3,000
	EUR 50 (or equivalent amount in UAH or USD) for residents of States whose per capita national income is above USD 3,000

[Updating of Annex C(UA) and of the National Chapter (UA) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]



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LV Latvia

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that it is no longer possible in an international application to designate Latvia for a national patent since 1 March 2007. Therefore, in international applications filed on or after 1 March 2007, Latvia – like Belgium, Cyprus, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Malta, Monaco, the Netherlands and Slovenia – may be designated only for a European patent and not for a national patent.

[Updating of Annex B1(LV) and of the National Chapter (LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a change in the amount of the fee for priority document in **new Israel shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable since 1 April 2007, is as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ILS 78
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[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3 AND 49ter.2

DK Denmark

New PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 entered into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criterion for restoration of the right of priority applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.
Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.

Furthermore, under Rules 26bis.3(d) and 49ter.2(d), the Office has notified fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **Danish kroner (DKK)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): DKK 3,000

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion (PCT Rule 49ter.2(d)): DKK 3,000

[Updating of Annex C(DK) and of the National Chapter (DK) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

PL Poland

New PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 entered into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criterion for restoration of the right of priority applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.
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Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?	Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.
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Furthermore, under Rules 26bis.3(d) and 49ter.2(d), the Office has notified fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **Polish zlotys (PLZ)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): PLZ 70

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion (PCT Rule 49ter.2(d)): PLZ 70

[Updating of Annex C(PL) and of the National Chapter (PL) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

RS Serbia

New PCT Rules 26bis.3 and 49ter.2 entered into force on 1 April 2007. Under Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)**, in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau of the criterion for restoration of the right of priority applied by it, as follows:

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.

Does the Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 49ter.2)?

Yes, the Office applies the “due care” criterion to such requests.

Furthermore, under Rules 26bis.3(d) and 49ter.2(d), the Office has notified fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **Serbian dinars (RSD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively, as follows:

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)): RSD 900

Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority applying the “due care” criterion (PCT Rule 49ter.2(d)): RSD 900

[Updating of Annex C(RS) and of the National Chapter (RS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES RECEIVING OFFICES

LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya

General information on the **Libyan Arab Jamahiriya** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Libyan Industrial Property Office** as receiving Office, is given in Annexes B1(LY) and C(LY), which are published on the following pages.

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LIBYAN ARAB JAMAHIRIYA

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General information

Name of Office:	Libyan Industrial Property Office
Location and mailing address:	Industrial Research Center, Tajoura, P.O. Box 3633, Tripoli, Libya
Telephone:	(218) 21 369 15 12, 369 15 18
Facsimile machine:	(218) 21 369 00 28
E-mail:	lipo@irc.org.ly
Internet:	www.irc.org.ly
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Libya:	Libyan Industrial Property Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Libya is designated (or elected):	Libyan Industrial Property Office (see Volume II)
May Libya be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, patents of addition
Provisions of the law of Libya concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Libya is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Libya is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
LY **LIBYAN INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **LY**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Libyan Arab Jamahiriya
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic or English ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	Arabic or English
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	Yes
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office or European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office or European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Libyan dinar (LYD) and Swiss franc (CHF)
Transmittal fee:	LYD ... ³
International filing fee:	CHF 1,400
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CHF 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY: ²	CHF 100
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT) or (EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Libya Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332, and No. 41/2006, page 19092, Schedule of Fees, item 3(a)).

³ The amount of this fee is not yet known. It will be fixed in the near future. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GB United Kingdom

The **Patent Office (United Kingdom)** has notified changes in the name of the Office, its facsimile number and its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	United Kingdom Intellectual Property Office (an operating name of the Patent Office)
Facsimile machine:	(44-1633) 81 77 77
E-mail:	enquiries@ipo.gov.uk (for enquiries only) pct@ipo.gov.uk (for PCT enquiries only)
Internet:	www.ipo.gov.uk

[Updating of Annex B1(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

CN China

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 20 March 2007, the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 May 2007, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 9:00 am and 4:00 pm Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. It may be contacted:

- by telephone at +(86-10) 62 08 83 00
- by fax at +(86-10) 62 08 82 89
- by e-mail at safecontact@sipo.gov.cn

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper. Furthermore, the Office will not prepare a backup copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.sipo.gov.cn).

As to the certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”



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IL Israel

In accordance with Section 801(b), Annex C and Annex C-*bis* of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the **Israel Patent Office** as receiving Office has notified a change in the type of electronic medium that it is prepared to accept for the filing in electronic form of sequence listings and/or tables related thereto, as follows: CD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES

IL Israel – Corrigendum

The **Israel Patent Office** as receiving Office has notified the International Bureau of an error in the information published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 15 February 2007, page 34, concerning the PCT-EASY physical media that it is prepared to accept since 1 February 2007, which should read as follows: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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ID Indonesia

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has notified a change in the amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) in **Indonesian rupiah (IDR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amount applicable since 15 February 2007 is IDR 1,000,000.

[Updating of Annex C(ID) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **euro (EUR)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the euro (EUR) as a currency of payment or use the euro (EUR) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 July 2007, is EUR 222.

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount of the lower search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **euro (EUR)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, has been established. This amount, applicable from 1 July 2007, is EUR 222.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the higher search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 July 2007, is CHF 1,216.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has informed the International Bureau of a change concerning the kinds of documents which may be filed by means of telecommunications (PCT Rule 92.4); only documents not requiring the payment of any fees may now be so transmitted. The Office has also removed its requirement to furnish the original of the document in all cases.

Furthermore, the Office has made a clarification concerning the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Singapore is designated (or elected), as follows:

“Where an application is initiated on or after 1 April 2007 and enters the national phase on the express request of the applicant prior to the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), that is, an express request made under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2), the time limit to give the name and address of the inventor, where required, is the later of the following periods:

- (a) 16 months from the declared priority date, or where there is no declared priority date, the date of filing of the application; or
- (b) two months from the date of national phase entry.”

[Updating of Annex B1(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

REQUEST IN PCT-EASY FORMAT: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT FILINGS

EP European Patent Organization (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 April 2007, any PCT-EASY applications (filed on paper and accompanied by the request form data and abstract on a physical medium) filed with the Office will be processed as international applications filed on paper, and PCT-EASY physical media received by the Office will be disregarded. Moreover, from 1 April 2007, no international application filed with the EPO as receiving Office will benefit from the fee reduction applicable to PCT-EASY applications.

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a)

SG Singapore

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(a) (see PCT Gazette No. 26/2006, page 18992), the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 April 2007. PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 therefore apply from that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b)

SG Singapore

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(b) (see PCT Gazette No. 26/2006, page 18992), the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 April 2007. PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 therefore apply from that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 26bis.3(j)

SG Singapore

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 26bis.3(j) (see PCT Gazette No. 26/2006, page 18994), the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 April 2007. PCT Rule 26bis.3(a) to (i) therefore applies from that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.1(g)

SG Singapore

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 26/2006, page 18994), the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 April 2007. PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (f) therefore applies from that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.2(h)

SG Singapore

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 26/2006, page 18996), the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification from 1 April 2007 for international applications the international filing date of which is on or after 1 April 2007. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore applies from that date to the said international applications. The Office retains the above-mentioned notification of incompatibility for international applications the international filing date of which is prior to 1 April 2007.

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3 AND 49ter.2

SG Singapore

Under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, under PCT Rules 26bis.3(d) and 49ter.2(d), the Office has notified fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The amount of both fees is SGD 250.

[Updating of Annex C(SG) and of the National Chapter (SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified a change in the amount of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amount applicable since 1 March 2007 is AUD 100.

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)** has notified changes in the amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) and of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) in **Russian roubles (RUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amount applicable since 9 January 2007 is RUR 600 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex C(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the higher search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2007, is NZD 1,360.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified changes in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

E-mail: info@ipi.ch

Internet: www.ige.ch

Furthermore, the Office has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as well as in its telephone and facsimile numbers, applicable from 25 June 2007, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Stauffacherstrasse 65,
CH-3003 Bern, Switzerland

Telephone: (41-31) 377 77 77

Facsimile machine: (41-31) 377 77 78

[Updating of Annex B1(CH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 51bis.2(c)

CA Canada

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 51bis.2(c) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, page 2024), the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 2 June 2007. PCT Rule 51bis.2(a)(ii) will therefore apply as of that date.



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

RU Agreement between the Russian Agency for Patents and Trademarks and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 7 June 2007. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (US dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) ²	500
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) ³	500
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)): ³	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	[No change]
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)): ³	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	[No change]
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	[No change]
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)) ³	150

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ru.pdf.

² If payment is made to a receiving Office which accepts payments in Russian roubles, the applicant may, instead of paying the US dollar amount, pay the equivalent amount in Russian roubles at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.

³ The applicant may, instead of paying the US dollar amount, pay the equivalent amount in Russian roubles at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.

Cost of copies of cited documents (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):⁴

- patent document, per page [No change]
- non-patent document, per page [No change]

Cost of copies of document contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.2), per page⁴ 3.00

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)** has notified new amounts of fees, including a new late furnishing fee under PCT Rule 13^{ter}.1(c)), in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority or as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 7 June 2007, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16)	USD 500
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2)	USD 500
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c))	USD 150
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2)	USD 3.00 per page

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)**. These amounts, applicable from 7 June 2007, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16)	CHF 644
	EUR 369

[Updating of Annexes D(RU) and E(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁴ See footnote 3.



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EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **United States dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2007, is USD 2,197.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2007, is USD 2,197.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 August 2007, is USD 2,197.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS; NOTIFICATION UNDER PCT ARTICLE 22(3); NOTIFICATION UNDER PCT ARTICLE 39(1)(b)

SE Sweden

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Article 22(1) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 July 2007.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b), the Office has notified changes in the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase, with effect from the same date. The new time limit under both Articles will be 31 months from the priority date.

[Updating of the National Chapter (SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.1(g)

SE Sweden

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 09/2006, page 6384), the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 July 2007. PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (f) therefore applies from that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.2(h)

SE Sweden

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 09/2006, page 6384), the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 July 2007. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore applies from that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter (SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.2

SE Sweden

Under PCT Rule 49ter.2(g), the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority, with effect from 1 July 2007.

[Updating of the National Chapter (SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, which now reads: Engjateigi 3, 150 Reykjavik, Iceland.

[Updating of Annex B1(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified changes in its location address as well as in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Location address:	Patentlaan 2, 2288 EE Rijswijk (ZH), Netherlands
E-mail:	info@octrooicentrum.nl
Internet:	www.octrooicentrum.nl

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 August 2007, is USD 272.

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CA Canada

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, has been established. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2007, is USD 1,490.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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LK Sri Lanka

The **National Intellectual Property Office of Sri Lanka** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, in its telephone and facsimile numbers as well as in its Internet address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	“Samagam Medura”, 3 rd Floor, 400, D.R. Wijayawardana Mawatha, Colombo 10, Sri Lanka
Telephone:	(94-11) 268 93 68
Facsimile machine:	(94-11) 268 93 67
Internet:	www.nipo.lk

[Updating of Annex B1(LK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DK Denmark

New equivalent amounts in **Danish kroner (DKK)** have been established for the international filing fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2007, are as follows:

International filing fee:	DKK 6,340
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	DKK 450
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	DKK 910
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	DKK 1,360

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2007, is SGD 3,310.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
RECEIVING OFFICES**

MY Malaysia

General information on **Malaysia** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** as receiving Office, is given in Annexes B1(MY) and C(MY), which are published on the following pages.

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General information

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia
Location and mailing address:	32 nd Floor, Menara Dayabumi, Jalan Sultan Hishamuddin, 50623 Kuala Lumpur
Telephone:	(603) 2263 2100
Facsimile machine:	(603) 2274 1332
E-mail:	pct@myipo.gov.my
Internet:	www.myipo.gov.my
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL, Federal Express, Pos Laju or UPS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Malaysia:	Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant ¹ (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Malaysia is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia
May Malaysia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility innovations
Provisions of the law of Malaysia concerning international-type search:	Section 35B of the Patents Act 1983 (Act 291)

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¹ A resident of Malaysia must file an international application with the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia unless he has already obtained written authorization from the Registrar to file abroad or unless an application for the same invention has been filed with the Office not less than two months earlier and either no directions prohibiting or restricting publication have been issued by the Registrar under Section 30A of the Patents Act 1983 (Act 291) or all such directions have been revoked.

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Provisional protection after international publication:

After an international application is made available for public inspection, the applicant may in writing warn a person who has commercially or industrially worked the invention that a patent application for the invention has been filed. The applicant may demand from the person who has commercially or industrially worked the invention to pay as compensation to the applicant an amount equivalent to what the applicant would have normally received for the working of the invention from the time of the warning or, in the absence of a warning, from the time the international application has been made available for public inspection to the time of the grant of the patent. However, the right to demand that compensation shall be exercised only after the grant of the patent. See Section 34(5) and (6) of the Patents Act 1983 (Act 291).

Information of interest if Malaysia is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Malaysia is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
MY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CORPORATION MY
OF MALAYSIA

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Malaysia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ¹	No
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form? ²	Yes ³
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, the Office applies the “unintentional” criterion to such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Korean Intellectual Property Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Korean Intellectual Property Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Malaysian ringgit (MYR)
Transmittal fee:	MYR 375
	plus MYR 45 per sheet for each sheet in excess of 30
International filing fee: ⁴	Equivalent in MYR of Swiss francs 1,400
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁴	Equivalent in MYR of Swiss francs 15

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¹ Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332, and No. 41/2006, page 19092, Schedule of Fees, item 3(a)).

² Where the international application is filed in electronic form in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see *PCT Gazette* No. 41/2006, page 19092, Schedule of Fees, items 3(c) and (d)).

³ For the relevant notification by the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia, refer to *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2006, pages 19118 *et seq.*

⁴ This fee is reduced by 75% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)). For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 41/2006, page 19092, Schedule of Fees, item 4.

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Receiving Offices
MY INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CORPORATION MY
OF MALAYSIA

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Fees payable to the receiving Office (cont'd):	Currency: Malaysian ringgit (MYR)
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	Equivalent in MYR of Swiss francs 200
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	Equivalent in MYR of Swiss francs 300
Search fee:	See Annex D(AU), (EP) or (KR)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	MYR 100 per page for the first 5 pages
plus	MYR 2 per page in excess of 5
Fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3(d)):	None

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Malaysia Yes, if he is a non-resident
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Who can act as agent?	Any patent agent registered before the Office
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Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No



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BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified changes in the amounts of fees, in **Bulgarian leva (BGL)**, payable to it as receiving Office (transmittal fee) and as designated (or elected) Office, as well as in the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee. These changes, applicable since 1 May 2007, are as follows:

Transmittal fee: BGL 80

National fee:

Patent

Filing fee:¹ BGL 50

Publication of the application fee: BGL 80

Formal requirements examination fee: BGL 50

Preliminary examination and check of application admissibility fee:

– for one invention: BGL 160

– for a group of two inventions: BGL 200

– for each subsequent invention of the group in excess of two inventions: BGL 80

Search and examination fee:²

– for one invention: BGL 200

– for a group of two inventions: BGL 300

– for each subsequent invention of the group in excess of two inventions: BGL 80

Fee for priority claims, per priority: BGL 20

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee for patents:

The filing and all examination fees are reduced by 50% where the applicant is the inventor, a State educational institution, an academic research organization, a budgetary organization or a small or medium-sized enterprise.

Utility Model

Filing fee:¹ BGL 50

Formal examination fee: BGL 200

Fee for priority claims, per priority: BGL 20

Registration fee: BGL 100

¹ This fee must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirements within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Exemptions, reductions or refunds
of the national fee for utility models:

The filing fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is the inventor, a State educational institution, an academic research organization, a budgetary organization or a small or medium-sized enterprise.

[Updating of Annex C(BG) and of the National Chapter (BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2007, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 138,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,500
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	JPY 9,900
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	JPY 29,600

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

Under PCT Rules 26bis.3(d) and 49ter.2(d), the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The amount of both fees, applicable since 2 July 2007, is SEK 500.

[Updating of Annex C(SE) and of the National Chapter (SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified a change in the special requirements of the Office as designated (or elected) Office (PCT Rule 51bis). The deed of transfer where the applicant is not the inventor is no longer required since 1 July 2007.

[Updating of the National Chapter (SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3 AND 49ter.2

BZ Belize

Under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **Belize Intellectual Property Office**, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, under PCT Rules 26bis.3(d) and 49ter.2(d), the Office has notified fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **Belize dollars (BZD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The amount of both fees is BZD 150.

[Updating of Annex C(BZ) and of the National Chapter (BZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 51bis.2(c)

SE Sweden

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 51bis.2(c) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, page 2024), the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 July 2007. PCT Rule 51bis.2(a)(i) and (ii) therefore applies since that date.



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AM Armenia

The **Intellectual Property Agency of the Republic of Armenia** has notified changes in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

E-mail: armpat@aipa.am

Internet: www.aipa.am

[Updating of Annex B1(AM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** has notified two additional telephone numbers. The consolidated list of telephone numbers reads as follows:

Telephone: (263-4) 79 40 54, 79 40 65, 79 40 66,
79 40 68, 79 40 74

[Updating of Annex B1(AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Patent Office** has notified the discontinuance of the use of its teleprinter.

[Updating of Annex B1(HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NL Netherlands

The **Netherlands Patent Office** has notified a change with relation to the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4). The original of the document must be furnished in all cases.

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified changes in its location and its mailing address, as follows:

Location: 205 Victoria Street, Wellington,
New Zealand

Mailing address: P.O. Box 9241, Wellington, New Zealand

[Updating of Annex B1(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PL Poland

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Poland** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (48-22) 579 01 45, 579 01 27

Facsimile machine: (48-22) 579 03 63

[Updating of Annex B1(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2007, is CHF 2,668.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2007, is CHF 2,668.

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FI Finland

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** and in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2007 and from 1 September 2007, respectively, are USD 2,197 and CHF 2,668.

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Hungarian forint (HUF)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of fees is as follows:

National fee:

For a patent application:

– where the Office is a designated

Office:

HUF	34,000	plus
HUF	1,700	per claim for the 11 th to the 20 th claim
HUF	3,400	per claim for the 21 st to the 30 th claim
HUF	5,100	for each claim in excess of 30

– where the Office is an elected Office:

HUF	17,000	plus
HUF	850	per claim for the 11 th to the 20 th claim
HUF	1,700	per claim for the 21 st to the 30 th claim
HUF	2,550	for each claim in excess of 30

For a utility model application:

HUF	17,000	plus
HUF	1,100	for each claim in excess of 20

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction under item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in “PCT-EASY mode”) is used. These amounts, applicable from 1 September 2007, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK 70,500
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 800
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	ISK 5,000

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2007, is KRW 739,000.

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2007, is CHF 2,668.

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

HR Croatia

The **State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia)** has notified a change in its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office. The following persons can now act as such:

1. any natural or legal person entered in the Register of Representatives maintained by the Office, or
2. any attorney entered in the Register of Attorneys maintained by the Croatian Bar Association.

[Updating of Annex C(HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

MD Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Moldova)** has modified the time limit for furnishing a translation of the international application into Moldovan or Romanian, as well as the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase. This time limit is now three months from the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Standards, Metrology and Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified changes in the name of the Office, as well as in the location and mailing addresses, telephone and facsimile numbers, and e-mail and Internet addresses of its head office and its branch office, as follows:

Name of Office:	Institute for Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Location and mailing addresses:	Head Office: Kralja Petra Kresimira IV/8, 88000 Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina Branch Office: Hamdije Cemerlica 2/7, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
Telephone:	Head Office: (387-36) 33 43 81 Branch Office: (387-33) 65 27 65
Facsimile machine:	Head Office: (387-36) 31 84 20 Branch Office: (387-33) 65 27 57
E-mail:	Head Office: info@ipr.gov.ba mostar@ipr.gov.ba Branch Office: sarajevo@ipr.gov.ba
Internet:	www.ipr.gov.ba

[Updating of Annex B1(BA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PG Papua New Guinea

The **Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	3 rd Floor Credit Corporation Building, Cuthbertson Street, P.O. Box 1281, Port Moresby, N.C.D., Papua New Guinea
Telephone:	(675) 308 4444, 321 7311, 308 4434

[Updating of Annex B1(PG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CA Canada

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 September 2007, is EUR 1,112.

[Updating of Annex D(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office (transmittal fee and fee for priority document) and as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2007, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 67.89
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 27.16
National fee:	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	EUR 88.13
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	EUR 88.13

[Updating of Annex C(ES) and of the National Chapter, Summary (ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MD Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Moldova)** has notified changes in the amounts of fees, in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office (transmittal fee and fee for priority document) and as designated (or elected) Office, as well as in the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	USD 40
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 20
National fee:	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	USD 100
Examination fee:	USD 400
Annual fee for the 1 st to the 5 th year, per year:	[No change]

For utility model:	
Filing fee:	USD 100
Examination fee:	USD 200
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee for patents:	The examination fee is USD 250 where an international search report or an international preliminary examination report has been established.
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee for utility models:	The examination fee is USD 150 where an international search report or an international preliminary examination report has been established.

[Updating of Annex C(MD) and of the National Chapter, Summary (MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

SM San Marino

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified a change in the special requirements of the Office as designated (or elected) Office (PCT Rule 51*bis*). The translation of the international application must now be furnished in four copies instead of two.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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BG Bulgaria

The **Patent Office of the Republic of Bulgaria** has notified a change with relation to the national type of protection available via the PCT, which now reads as follows: “Patents, utility models registration (a utility model registration may be sought instead of a national patent or in parallel with a national patent).”

[Updating of Annex B1(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (632) 752 54 50 to 65 (extensions 401, 404)

Facsimile machine: (632) 890 48 62, 897 17 37

[Updating of Annex B1(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SY Syrian Arab Republic

The **Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic)** has notified changes in its telephone number and Internet address, as follows:

Telephone: (963-11) 516 1139

Internet: www.spo.gov.sy

[Updating of Annex B1(SY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) or the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) or the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2007, are CHF 1,663 and USD 1,372, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Japan Patent Office** has notified the deletion of the Institute of Applied Microbiology (IAM) from the list of depositary institutions with which deposits of microorganisms may be made for the purposes of patent procedure.

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26*bis*.3 AND 49*ter*.2

SY Syrian Arab Republic

Under PCT Rules 26*bis*.3(i) and 49*ter*.2(g), the **Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic)**, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(SY) and of the National Chapter, Summary (SY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified changes in its facsimile number and e-mail address, as follows:

Facsimile machine: (351-21) 887 85 08

E-mail: dripi@inpi.pt

[Updating of Annex B1(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

New equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2007, are as follows:

International filing fee: EUR 851

Fee per sheet in excess of 30: EUR 9

Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):

Electronic filing (the request in character coded format): EUR 122

Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format): EUR 182

[Updating of Annexes C(AT), C(BA), C(BE), C(CZ), C(DE), C(EP), C(ES), C(FI), C(FR), C(GR), C(IB), C(IE), C(IT), C(LT), C(LU), C(LV), C(MC), C(NL), C(PT), C(SI), and C(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office (transmittal fee and fee for priority document) and as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 July 2007, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 33.44
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 39.01
National fee:	
For patent and for utility model:	
Filing fee:	EUR 122.61
Examination fee:	EUR 222.91
Fee for submission of any document	EUR 5.58

[Updating of Annex C(PT) and of the National Chapter, Summary (PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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AU Australia

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2007, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD 1,347
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD 14
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	AUD 96
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	AUD 192
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	AUD 289

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** and in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. These amounts, also applicable from 1 October 2007, are KRW 1,266,000 and ZAR 9,560, respectively.

[Updating of Annexes C(AU) and D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction under item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in “PCT-EASY mode”) is used. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2007, are as follows:

International filing fee:	NZD 1,479
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	NZD 106

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 October 2007, is SGD 2,090.

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the lower search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. This amount, applicable from 15 October 2007, is NZD 380.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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A new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the reduction under item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees for the purposes of receiving Offices which have specified the euro (EUR) as a currency of payment and have notified the International Bureau that they are prepared to accept PCT-EASY applications (filed on paper and accompanied by the request form data and abstract on a physical medium), namely, the **International Bureau** as receiving Office and the Offices of the following States:

AT Austria
BA Bosnia and Herzegovina
BE Belgium
CZ Czech Republic
DE Germany
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FI Finland
FR France
GR Greece
IE Ireland
IT Italy
LT Lithuania
LU Luxembourg
LV Latvia
MC Monaco
NL Netherlands
PT Portugal
SI Slovenia
SM San Marino

The new amount, applicable from 1 October 2007, is EUR 61.

[Updating of Annexes C(AT), C(BA), C(BE), C(CZ), C(DE), C(ES), C(FI), C(FR), C(GR), C(IB), C(IE), C(IT), C(LT), C(LU), C(LV), C(MC), C(NL), C(PT), C(SI) and C(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** Office has notified that the search fee paid for an earlier search with a written opinion on a national application, made on behalf of the Office of France, the Netherlands or Turkey and refunded when the Authority benefits from that search in carrying out an international search, shall be refunded to the same extent in the case of national applications filed as from 1 January 2007 when the earlier search is made on behalf of the Office of Belgium or Luxembourg.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2007, is NZD 2,810.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 15 November 2007, are as follows:

International filing fee:	USD 1,163
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD 12
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	USD 83
Electronic filing (the request not in character coded format):	USD 83
Electronic filing (the request in character coded format):	USD 166
Electronic filing (the request, description, claims and abstract in character coded format):	USD 249

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BW), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CO), C(CR), C(CU), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(KE), C(KG), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(NI), C(PG), C(PH), C(RU), C(SC), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(US), C(UZ), C(ZM) and C(ZW) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has specified the European Patent Office and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Dominican Republic with the National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic) as receiving Office.



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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

ME Montenegro

Following the adoption by the National Assembly of Montenegro of a declaration of independence on 3 June 2006, Montenegro deposited on 4 December 2006 with the Director General of WIPO a declaration that the PCT continues to be applicable, as from 3 June 2006, in respect of the territory of Montenegro.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

ME Montenegro

IB International Bureau

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Government of Montenegro** has notified the International Bureau that it delegates the functions of receiving Office to the **International Bureau** until further notice.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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INFORMATION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 82.1(d), the **Japan Patent Office** will accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used, as from 1 October 2007. The delivery service must satisfy the prescribed criteria and be approved by the Japanese Minister for Internal Affairs and Communications, under the Japanese Law Concerning Correspondence Delivery Provided by Private-Sector-Operators.

[Updating of Annex B1(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

REQUEST IN PCT-EASY FORMAT: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT FILINGS

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified the International Bureau that, with effect from 1 January 2008, PCT-EASY applications (filed on paper and accompanied by the request form data and abstract on a physical medium) filed with the Office will no longer be accepted. Furthermore, from 1 January 2008, no international application filed with the Office as receiving Office will benefit from the fee reduction applicable to PCT-EASY applications.

[Updating of Annex C(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified that it will not require a fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)) for international applications filed with it as receiving Office on or after 31 August 2007.

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULE 26bis.3

CN China

Under PCT Rule 26bis.3(i), the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies both the “unintentionality” and the “due care” criteria to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

[Updating of Annex C(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BE Belgium

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified the deletion of fee stamps as a means of payment of the fee for the priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)). Consequently, the term “in fee stamps” has been changed to “in fiscal duties”.

[Updating of Annex C(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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CONTRACTING STATES

States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)

AO Angola

On 27 September 2007, **Angola** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 27 December 2007, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 27 December 2007 will automatically include the designation of Angola (country code: AO).

Angola will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 27 December 2007. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Angola will be entitled, as from 27 December 2007, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, in its telephone and facsimile numbers as well as in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	DIRPA/gabinete (Patent Directorate) Rua Mayrinck Veiga, No. 9 – 15° andar 20090-910 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil
	DIRPA/SEPPCT Praça Maua, No. 7, 8° andar 20083-900 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil
Telephone:	(55-21) 2139 35 92 (DIRPA) (55-21) 2139 33 18 (SEPPCT)
Facsimile machine:	(55-21) 2139 31 94
E-mail:	patente@inpi.gov.br
Internet:	www.inpi.gov.br

Furthermore, the Office has notified the discontinuance of the use of its teleprinter.

[Updating of Annex B1(BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (202) 2792 12 72
Facsimile machine: (202) 2792 12 73

[Updating of Annex B1(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified new amounts of fees, in **Brazilian reais (BRR)**, payable to it as receiving Office (transmittal fee and fee for priority document) and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	BRR 305
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	BRR 95
National fee:	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	BRR 140
First annual fee:	BRR 505 (if patent already issued) or BRR 195 (if patent not already issued)
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	BRR 140
First annual fee:	BRR 260 (if utility model already issued) or BRR 130 (if utility model not already issued)

[Updating of Annex C(BR) and of the National Chapter, Summary (BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES

BR Brazil

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified changes in the address and facsimile number of the Associação Brasileira dos Agentes de Propriedade Industrial – ABAPI (Brazilian Association of Industrial Property Agents) from which a list of qualified patent attorneys may be obtained, as follows:

Av. Rio Branco 100 – 7º Andar, 20040-007 Rio de Janeiro, RJ, Brazil
Facsimile No.: (55-21) 2224 59 42

[Updating of Annex C(BR) and of the National Chapter, Summary (BR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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DO Dominican Republic

General information on the **Dominican Republic** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **National Office of Industrial Property** as receiving Office, is given in Annexes B1(DO) and C(DO), which are published on the following pages.

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General information

Name of Office:	Oficina Nacional de la Propiedad Industrial National Office of Industrial Property
Location and mailing address:	Ave. Los Próceres, No. 11, Los Jardines del Norte, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic
Telephone:	(809) 567 74 74 (extensions 237, 262)
Facsimile machine:	(809) 732 77 58
E-mail:	Patentes@onapi.gob.do
Internet:	www.onapi.gob.do
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL, Federal Express, INPOSDOM or UPS
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Dominican Republic:	National Office of Industrial Property or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Dominican Republic is designated (or elected):	National Office of Industrial Property
May the Dominican Republic be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of the Dominican Republic concerning international-type search:	None

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DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

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Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if the Dominican Republic is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if the Dominican Republic is designated
(or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are
missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22
or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the
requirement within the time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Dominican Republic
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish
Language in which the request may be filed:	Spanish
Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ¹	Yes
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications in electronic form?	No
Does the receiving Office accept requests for restoration of the right of priority (PCT Rule 26bis.3)?	Yes, please refer to the Office for the applicable criteria and/or any fee payable for such requests
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Dominican peso (DOP) and United States dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 275
International filing fee: ²	Equivalent in USD of Swiss francs 1,400
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ²	Equivalent in USD of Swiss francs 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY: ¹	Equivalent in USD of Swiss francs 100
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (ES)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	DOP 800
	plus DOP 10 per sheet for certified copy
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in the Dominican Republic Yes, if he is a non-resident

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¹ Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332, and No. 41/2006, page 19092, Schedule of Fees, item 3(a)).

² This fee is reduced by 75% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)). For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 41/2006, page 19092, Schedule of Fees, item 4.

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DO **NATIONAL OFFICE OF INDUSTRIAL** **DO**
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Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in the Dominican Republic
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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

US Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 9 November 2007. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (US dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,800
Additional search fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,800
Preparation of an international-type search report on a United States national application	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– where the international search fee has been paid on the international application to the Authority	[No change]
– where the international search was carried out by another Authority	[No change]
Additional examination fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2):	
– US patent, per copy	[No change]
– non-US patent document, per copy	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified a change in the amount of the transmittal fee (PCT Rule 14) in **US dollars (USD)**, the equivalent of which is payable, in Mexican pesos (MXP), to it as receiving Office. The amount applicable since 13 September 2007 is USD 323.70.

[Updating of Annex C(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Under PCT Rule 26bis.3(d), the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a new amount of the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 9 November 2007 for international applications filed on or after 1 April 2007, is USD 1,410.

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of the search fee (PCT Rule 16) and the additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2) in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 9 November 2007, are USD 1,800 for each of the fees.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **euro (EUR)**. These amounts, also applicable from 9 November 2007, are CHF 2,136 and EUR 1,282, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

US Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments entered into force on 12 September 2007. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

United States of America, Brazil, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico, Israel, New Zealand, India, South Africa, Saint Lucia, Philippines, Egypt, Dominican Republic;

(ii) the following States, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America and,
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Brazil, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico, Israel, New Zealand, India, South Africa, Saint Lucia, Philippines, Egypt, Dominican Republic;

(iii) [no change]”

RECEIVING OFFICES

DO Dominican Republic

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic)** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in addition to the European Patent Office and the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Dominican Republic with the National Office of Industrial Property (Dominican Republic) as receiving Office.

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_us.pdf.



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

US United States of America

Further to the announcement published in Official Notices of 25 October 2007, page 143, notifying a new amount of the search fee for a search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**. These amounts, applicable from 9 November 2007, are NZD 2,370 and ZAR 12,340, respectively.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]



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CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to PCT Rule 12.1(a), it would, in addition to Spanish, accept English as a language in which international applications may be filed (when the European Patent Office (EPO) would be selected as the International Searching Authority).

[Updating of Annex C(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL: INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the address of the DSMZ–Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH (DSMZ), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

DSMZ–Deutsche Sammlung von Mikroorganismen und Zellkulturen GmbH (DSMZ)
Inhoffenstr. 7B
38124 Braunschweig
Germany

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 4.10(d)

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 4.10(d) (see PCT Gazette No. 48/1999, page 14448), the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 13 December 2007. PCT Rule 4.10(a) and (b) therefore applies from that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a)

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(a) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, page 15986), the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 13 December 2007. PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 therefore apply from that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b)

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 20.8(b) (see PCT Gazette No. 22/2006, page 15988), the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 13 December 2007. PCT Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 therefore apply from that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 26bis.3(j)

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 26bis.3(j) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2006, page 3178), the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 13 December 2007. PCT Rule 26bis.3(a) to (i) therefore applies from that date.

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49.6(f)

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49.6(f) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2003, page 2526), the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 13 December 2007. PCT Rule 49.6(a) to (e) therefore applies from that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.1(g)

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.1(g) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2006, page 3178), the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 13 December 2007. PCT Rule 49ter.1(a) to (f) therefore applies from that date.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 49ter.2(h)

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 49ter.2(h) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2006, page 3178), the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 13 December 2007. PCT Rule 49ter.2(a) to (g) therefore applies from that date.

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 51bis.1(f)

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Further to its notification of incompatibility with its national law under PCT Rule 51bis.1(f) (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, page 2024), the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 13 December 2007. PCT Rule 51bis.1(e) therefore applies from that date.

RESTORATION OF RIGHT OF PRIORITY UNDER PCT RULES 26bis.3 AND 49ter.2

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Under PCT Rules 26bis.3(i) and 49ter.2(g), the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, both in its capacities as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, has informed the International Bureau that it applies the “due care” criterion to requests for restoration of the right of priority.

Furthermore, the Office has notified fees for requesting restoration of the right of priority under PCT Rules 26bis.3(d) and 49ter.2(d), in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The amount of each of the fees is EUR 550.

[Updating of Annex C(EP) and of the National Chapter, Summary (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** and in **US dollars (USD)** have been established. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2008, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 61	or	USD 85
Fee for priority document (PCT Rules 17.1(b) and 21.2):	EUR 30	or	USD 43
	Supplement for airmail:		
	EUR [No change]	or	USD 9

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a new amount of fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. This amount, applicable from 30 September 2007, is as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	US patent: USD 3 per copy Non-US patent documents: none; the applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each non-US patent document cited therein.
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The Office, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has also informed that from 3 July 2007, it no longer mails paper copies of cited US patents and US patent application publications in international applications. However, electronic copies may be viewed at the USPTO's Internet website (<http://www.uspto.gov/patft/help/images.htm>). The copies can also be printed out free one page at a time. Copies can also be purchased online (<http://ebiz1.uspto.gov/oems25p/index.html>) or obtained from the USPTO Office of Public Records ((1-800) 972 63 82 or (571) 272 31 50) at the fee indicated above.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Furthermore, the Office has notified new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a "small entity." The new amounts, applicable from 30 September 2007, are as follows:

Basic national fee:	USD 310 (155)
Search fee:	
– IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):	[No change]
– International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA:	[No change]
– Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO:	USD 410 (205)
– All other situations:	USD 510 (255)
Examination fee:	
– IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):	[No change]
– All other situations:	USD 210 (105)
For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium):	USD 260 (130)
Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three:	USD 210 (105)
Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20:	[No change]
In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application:	USD 370 (185)

[Updating of the National Chapter, Summary (US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PCT Fees – Establishment of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the thirty-sixth (16th ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 24 September to 3 October 2007, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2008, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on pages 156 and 157.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in receiving offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, with effect from 1 January 2008, as indicated in the table published on page 158. It is to be noted, however, that pursuant to a change in the amount of the search fee and to consequent changes in the equivalent amounts of the said fee payable to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as International Searching Authority (see Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 25 October 2007, page 143 and of 8 November 2007, page 147), effective since 9 November 2007, the data relating to the USPTO has been superseded and is therefore no longer applicable.

In both tables, the new amounts are distinguished from currently applicable amounts by indicating them in bold print.

[Updating of Annexes C, D and E of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2008)

Country/ Regional Office	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 24.09.07	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees item 2
				Item 3(a) and (b)	Item 3(c)	Item 3(d)	
Currency							
Reference currency Swiss franc		1'400	15	100	200	300	Current amount
AT - Austria	1.6517	851 848	9	61	n.a.	n.a.	129 Current amount* 121 New amount
Euro			9	61	n.a.	n.a.	
AU - Australia	1.0186	1'347 1'374	14	96	192	289	205 Current amount* 196 New amount
Australian dollar			15	98	196	295	
BE - Belgium	1.6517	851 848	9	61	n.a.	n.a.	129 Current amount* 121 New amount
Euro			9	61	n.a.	n.a.	
CA - Canada	1.1702	1'273 1'196	14	91	n.a.	n.a.	182 Current amount 171 New amount
Canadian dollar			13	85	n.a.	n.a.	
CY - Cyprus	2.8329	516 494	6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	Current amount New amount
Cyprus pound			5	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
DE - Germany	1.6517	851 848	9	61	122	182	129 Current amount* 121 New amount
Euro			9	61	121	182	
DK - Denmark	0.2215	6'340 6'320	70	450	910	1'360	Current amount New amount
Danish krone			70	450	900	1'350	
EP - European Patent Office							
Euro	1.6517	851 848	9	n.a.	122	182	129 Current amount* 121 New amount
Euro			9	n.a.	121	182	
ES - Spain	1.6517	851 848	9	61	122	182	129 Current amount* 121 New amount
Euro			9	61	121	182	
FI - Finland	1.6517	851 848	9	61	122	182	129 Current amount* 121 New amount
Euro			9	n.a.	121	182	
FR - France	1.6517	851 848	9	61	122	182	129 Current amount* 121 New amount
Euro			9	61	121	182	
GB - United Kingdom	2.3701	574 591	6	41	82	123	Current amount New amount
Pound sterling			6	42	84	127	
GR - Greece	1.6517	851 848	9	61	n.a.	n.a.	129 Current amount* 121 New amount
Euro			9	61	n.a.	n.a.	
IB - International Bureau							
Swiss franc		***	***	***	***	***	***
Euro		***	***	***	***	***	***
US dollar	1.1728	***	***	***	***	***	***
							Current amount*** New amount

* Amounts applicable as from October 1, 2007 (except for the handling fee which remains unchanged since January 1, 2006)

** The corresponding equivalent amounts are indicated above for the Swiss franc and the Euro and below for the US dollar

*** Amounts applicable as from November 15, 2007

Table 1 - PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2008)

Country/ Regional Office	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 24.09.07	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	E-filing reductions according to Schedule of Fees			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a) Schedule of fees item 2
				Item 3(a) and (b)	Item 3(c)	Item 3(d)	
Currency Reference currency Swiss franc		1'400	15	100	200	300	200 Current amount
IE - Ireland Euro	1.6517	851 848	9 9	61 61	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	129 121 Current amount* New amount
IS - Iceland Icelandic krona	0.0189	70'500 74'100	800 800	5'000 5'300	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a. Current amount New amount
IT - Italy Euro	1.6517	851 848	9 9	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	129 121 Current amount* New amount
JP - Japan Japanese yen	0.0102	138'200 137'000	1'500 1'500	9'900 9'800	n.a. n.a.	29'600 29'400	17'400 19'600 Current amount New amount
KR - Republic of Korea Korean won	0.0013	1'096'000 1'099'000	12'000 12'000	78'000 79'000	n.a. n.a.	235'000 236'000	147'000 157'000 Current amount New amount
LU - Luxembourg Euro	1.6517	851 848	9 9	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	129 121 Current amount* New amount
MW - Malawi Malawian kwacha	0.0084	134'700 166'800	1'400 1'800	9'600 11'900	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a. Current amount New amount
NL - Netherlands Euro	1.6517	851 848	9 9	61 61	122 121	182 182	129 121 Current amount* New amount
NO - Norway Norwegian krone	0.2124	7030 6'590	80 70	500 470	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a. Current amount New amount
NZ - New Zealand New Zealand dollar	0.8765	1'479 1'597	16 17	106 114	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a. Current amount* New amount
PT - Portugal Euro	1.6517	851 848	9 9	61 61	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	129 121 Current amount* New amount
SE - Sweden Swedish krona	0.1800	7'950 7'780	90 80	570 560	1'140 1'110	1'700 1'670	1'210 1'110 Current amount New amount
SG - Singapore Singapore dollar	0.7820	1'720 1'790	18 19	123 128	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a. Current amount New amount
US - United States of America US dollar	1.1728	1'163 1'194	12 13	83 85	166 171	n.a. n.a.	155 171 Current amount*** New amount
ZA - South Africa South African rand	0.1679	8'230 8'340	90 90	590 600	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a. Current amount New amount

* Amounts applicable as from October 1, 2007 (except for the handling fee which remains unchanged since January 1, 2006).
*** Amounts applicable as from November 15, 2007.



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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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ES Spain

Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2008. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	544.44
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	544.44
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58.1(b)) and of the additional fee (PCT Rule 68.3(a)) in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2008, are EUR 544.44 for each of the fees.

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

**FURNISHING BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF COPIES OF THE
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT:
NOTIFICATION BY ELECTED OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 94.1(c)**

JP Japan

Under PCT Rule 94.1(c), the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as elected Office, has requested the International Bureau to furnish copies of the international preliminary examination report on its behalf, in accordance with PCT Rule 94.1(b).

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

Non-Working Days

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2008, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
1 and 2 January 2008,
21 and 24 March 2008,
1 and 12 May 2008,
11 September 2008,
8, 25 and 26 December 2008.

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other international organizations.



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

NO Norway

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Norway deposited, on 5 October 2007, its instrument of accession to the **European Patent Convention (EPC)** and will become bound by that Convention on 1 January 2008. Thus, as from 1 January 2008, it will be possible for applicants to designate Norway in their international applications also for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent, as at present.

Moreover, as from 1 January 2008, nationals and residents of Norway will be able to file international applications with the European Patent Office as receiving Office, in addition to the Norwegian Patent Office or the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B1(NO), B2(EP) and C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (THIRTY-SIXTH (16TH ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations, as well as the texts of the Agreements between the International Bureau of WIPO and Offices appointed as International Searching and/or Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT, were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) during its thirty-sixth (16th ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 24 September to 3 October 2007 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Documents which were prepared for the PCT Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, are available, and the report of the session will be available shortly, on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=13306

The said amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force at two different times. The first set of amendments (set out on pages 165 to 169) will enter into force on 1 July 2008. The second set of amendments (set out on pages 170 to 177) will enter into force on 1 January 2009.

The amendments due to enter into force on 1 July 2008 provide for:

(i) the use, in carrying out the international search, of the results of an earlier search carried out by an International Searching Authority or any national Office other than the Office acting as International Searching Authority (Rules 4.1, 4.11, 4.12, 12*bis*, 16.3 and 41.1),

(ii) the authority, by receiving Offices, to extend the time period for the applicant to pay the fee for requesting restoration of the right of priority (Rule 26*bis*.3(d)),

(iii) the clarification that international publication can only be reliably prevented by way of an express withdrawal under Rule 90*bis*.1 received by the International Bureau prior to completion of technical preparations for international publication. The intention is to avoid applicants' reliance on Rule 29.1 to have the international application "considered withdrawn" by the receiving Office for any of the reasons outlined in the said Rule (failure to pay the required fees being the most common), disregarding the substantial risk that, where the declaration by the receiving Office that the application is considered withdrawn reaches the International Bureau only after completion of technical preparations for international publication, the international application will be published, despite the fact that it is considered withdrawn (Rule 29.1).

The amendments due to enter into force on 1 January 2009 provide for:

(i) a system of supplementary international searches within the PCT, whereby an applicant has the option to request, in addition to the "main" international search, one or more supplementary searches to be carried out by International Authorities other than the International Searching Authority that carries out the main international search (Rule 45*bis* and Schedule of Fees),

(ii) the inclusion of the Korean and Portuguese languages in the list of official languages of publication in the PCT Regulations (Rule 48.3(a)).

The Agreements referred to above will be the subject of later publication.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 July 2008)

Rule 4
The Request (Contents)

4.1 *Mandatory and Optional Contents; Signature*

(a) [No change]

(b) The request shall, where applicable, contain:

(i) [no change]

(ii) indications relating to an earlier search as provided in Rules 4.12(i) and 12bis.1(c) and (f),

(iii) and (iv) [no change]

(c) The request may contain:

(i) to (iv) [no change]

(v) a request for restoration of the right of priority,

(vi) a statement as provided in Rule 4.12(ii).

(d) [No change]

4.2 to 4.10 [No change]

4.11 *Reference to Continuation or Continuation-in-Part, or Parent Application or Grant*

(a) If:

(i) the applicant intends to make an indication under Rule 49bis.1(a) or (b) of the wish that the international application be treated, in any designated State, as an application for a patent of addition, certificate of addition, inventor's certificate of addition or utility certificate of addition; or

(ii) the applicant intends to make an indication under Rule 49bis.1(d) of the wish that the international application be treated, in any designated State, as an application for a continuation or a continuation-in-part of an earlier application;

the request shall so indicate and shall indicate the relevant parent application or parent patent or other parent grant.

(b) The inclusion in the request of an indication under paragraph (a) shall have no effect on the operation of Rule 4.9.

4.12 *Taking into Account Results of Earlier Search*

If the applicant wishes the International Searching Authority to take into account, in carrying out the international search, the results of an earlier international, international-type or national search carried out by the same or another International Searching Authority or by a national Office (“earlier search”):

(i) the request shall so indicate and shall specify the Authority or Office concerned and the application in respect of which the earlier search was carried out;

(ii) the request may, where applicable, contain a statement to the effect that the international application is the same, or substantially the same, as the application in respect of which the earlier search was carried out, or that the international application is the same, or substantially the same, as that earlier application except that it is filed in a different language.

4.13 and 4.14 *[Remain deleted]*

4.14bis to 4.19 *[No change]*

Rule 12bis **Copy of Results of Earlier Search** **and of Earlier Application; Translation**

12bis.1 Copy of Results of Earlier Search and of Earlier Application; Translation

(a) Where the applicant has, under Rule 4.12, requested the International Searching Authority to take into account the results of an earlier search carried out by the same or another International Searching Authority or by a national Office, the applicant shall, subject to paragraphs (c) to (f), submit to the receiving Office, together with the international application, a copy of the results of the earlier search, in whatever form (for example, in the form of a search report, a listing of cited prior art or an examination report) they are presented by the Authority or Office concerned.

(b) The International Searching Authority may, subject to paragraphs (c) to (f), invite the applicant to furnish to it, within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances:

(i) a copy of the earlier application concerned;

(ii) where the earlier application is in a language which is not accepted by the International Searching Authority, a translation of the earlier application into a language which is accepted by that Authority;

(iii) where the results of the earlier search are in a language which is not accepted by the International Searching Authority, a translation of those results into a language which is accepted by that Authority;

(iv) a copy of any document cited in the results of the earlier search.

(c) Where the earlier search was carried out by the same Office as that which is acting as the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the copies referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b)(i) and (iv), indicate the wish that the receiving Office prepare and transmit them to the International Searching Authority. Such request shall be made in the request and may be subjected by the receiving Office to the payment to it, for its own benefit, of a fee.

(d) Where the earlier search was carried out by the same International Searching Authority, or by the same Office as that which is acting as the International Searching Authority, no copy or translation referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) shall be required to be submitted under those paragraphs.

(e) Where the request contains a statement under Rule 4.12(ii) to the effect that the international application is the same, or substantially the same, as the application in respect of which the earlier search was carried out, or that the international application is the same, or substantially the same, as that earlier application except that it is filed in a different language, no copy or translation referred to in paragraphs (b)(i) and (ii) shall be required to be submitted under those paragraphs.

(f) Where a copy or translation referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b) is available to the International Searching Authority in a form and manner acceptable to it, for example, from a digital library or in the form of the priority document, and the applicant so indicates in the request, no copy or translation shall be required to be submitted under those paragraphs.

Rule 16 **The Search Fee**

16.1 and 16.2 [No change]

16.3 *Partial Refund*

Where the International Searching Authority takes into account, under Rule 41.1, the results of an earlier search in carrying out the international search, that Authority shall refund the search fee paid in connection with the international application to the extent and under the conditions provided for in the agreement under Article 16(3)(b).

Rule 26bis **Correction or Addition of Priority Claim**

26bis.1 and 26bis.2 [No change]

26bis.3 *Restoration of Right of Priority by Receiving Office*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) The submission of a request under paragraph (a) may be subjected by the receiving Office to the payment to it, for its own benefit, of a fee for requesting restoration, payable within the time limit applicable under paragraph (e). The amount of that fee, if any, shall be fixed by the receiving Office. The time limit for payment of the fee may be extended, at the option of the receiving Office, for a period of up to two months from the expiration of the time limit applicable under paragraph (e).

(e) to (j) [No change]

Rule 29

International Applications Considered Withdrawn

29.1 Finding by Receiving Office

If the receiving Office declares, under Article 14(1)(b) and Rule 26.5 (failure to correct certain defects), or under Article 14(3)(a) (failure to pay the prescribed fees under Rule 27.1(a)), or under Article 14(4) (later finding of non-compliance with the requirements listed in items (i) to (iii) of Article 11(1)), or under Rule 12.3(d) or 12.4(d) (failure to furnish a required translation or, where applicable, to pay a late furnishing fee), or under Rule 92.4(g)(i) (failure to furnish the original of a document), that the international application is considered withdrawn:

(i) to (iii) [no change]

(iv) the International Bureau shall not be required to notify the applicant of the receipt of the record copy;

(v) no international publication of the international application shall be effected if the notification of the said declaration transmitted by the receiving Office reaches the International Bureau before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed.

29.2 [Remains deleted]

29.3 and 29.4 [No change]

Rule 41

Taking into Account Results of Earlier Search

41.1 Taking into Account Results of Earlier Search

Where the applicant has, under Rule 4.12, requested the International Searching Authority to take into account the results of an earlier search and has complied with Rule 12*bis*.1 and:

(i) the earlier search was carried out by the same International Searching Authority, or by the same Office as that which is acting as the International Searching

Authority, the International Searching Authority shall, to the extent possible, take those results into account in carrying out the international search;

(ii) the earlier search was carried out by another International Searching Authority, or by an Office other than that which is acting as the International Searching Authority, the International Searching Authority may take those results into account in carrying out the international search.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
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Rule 45bis
Supplementary International Searches

45bis.1 Supplementary Search Request

(a) The applicant may, at any time prior to the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, request that a supplementary international search be carried out in respect of the international application by an International Searching Authority that is competent to do so under Rule 45bis.9. Such requests may be made in respect of more than one such Authority.

(b) A request under paragraph (a) (“supplementary search request”) shall be submitted to the International Bureau and shall indicate:

(i) the name and address of the applicant and of the agent (if any), the title of the invention, the international filing date and the international application number;

(ii) the International Searching Authority that is requested to carry out the supplementary international search (“Authority specified for supplementary search”); and

(iii) where the international application was filed in a language which is not accepted by that Authority, whether any translation furnished to the receiving Office under Rule 12.3 or 12.4 is to form the basis of the supplementary international search.

(c) The supplementary search request shall, where applicable, be accompanied by:

(i) where neither the language in which the international application was filed nor that in which a translation (if any) has been furnished under Rule 12.3 or 12.4 is accepted by the Authority specified for supplementary search, a translation of the international application into a language which is accepted by that Authority;

(ii) preferably, a copy of a sequence listing in electronic form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions, if required by the Authority specified for supplementary search.

(d) Where the International Searching Authority has found that the international application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention, the supplementary search request may contain an indication of the wish of the applicant to limit the supplementary international search to one of the inventions as identified by the International Searching Authority other than the main invention referred to in Article 17(3)(a).

(e) The supplementary search request shall be considered not to have been submitted, and the International Bureau shall so declare:

(i) if it is received after the expiration of the time limit referred to in paragraph (a); or

(ii) if the Authority specified for supplementary search has not stated, in the applicable agreement under Article 16(3)(b), its preparedness to carry out such searches or is not competent to do so under Rule 45bis.9(b).

45bis.2 *Supplementary Search Handling Fee*

(a) The supplementary search request shall be subject to the payment of a fee for the benefit of the International Bureau (“supplementary search handling fee”) as set out in the Schedule of Fees.

(b) The supplementary search handling fee shall be paid in the currency in which the fee is set out in the Schedule of Fees or in any other currency prescribed by the International Bureau. The amount in such other currency shall be the equivalent, in round figures, as established by the International Bureau, of the amount as set out in the Schedule of Fees, and shall be published in the Gazette.

(c) The supplementary search handling fee shall be paid to the International Bureau within one month from the date of receipt of the supplementary search request. The amount payable shall be the amount applicable on the date of payment.

(d) The International Bureau shall refund the supplementary search handling fee to the applicant if, before the documents referred to in Rule 45bis.4(e)(i) to (iv) are transmitted to the Authority specified for supplementary search, the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted.

45bis.3 *Supplementary Search Fee*

(a) Each International Searching Authority carrying out supplementary international searches may require that the applicant pay a fee (“supplementary search fee”) for its own benefit for carrying out such a search.

(b) The supplementary search fee shall be collected by the International Bureau. Rules 16.1(b) to (e) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(c) As to the time limit for payment of the supplementary search fee and the amount payable, the provisions of Rule 45bis.2(c) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(d) The International Bureau shall refund the supplementary search fee to the applicant if, before the documents referred to in Rule 45bis.4(e)(i) to (iv) are transmitted to the Authority specified for supplementary search, the supplementary search request is withdrawn or considered not to have been submitted.

(e) The Authority specified for supplementary search shall, to the extent and under the conditions provided for in the applicable agreement under Article 16(3)(b), refund the supplementary search fee if, before it has started the supplementary international search in accordance with Rule 45bis.5(a), the supplementary search request is considered not to have been submitted.

45bis.4 Checking of Supplementary Search Request; Correction of Defects; Late Payment of Fees; Transmittal to International Searching Authority

(a) Promptly after receipt of a supplementary search request, the International Bureau shall check whether it complies with the requirements of Rule 45bis.1(b) and (c)(i) and shall invite the applicant to correct any defects within a time limit of one month from the date of the invitation.

(b) Where, by the time they are due under Rules 45bis.2(c) and 45bis.3(c), the International Bureau finds that the supplementary search handling fee and the supplementary search fee have not been paid in full, it shall invite the applicant to pay to it the amount required to cover those fees, together with the late payment fee under paragraph (c), within a time limit of one month from the date of the invitation.

(c) The payment of fees in response to an invitation under paragraph (b) shall be subject to the payment to the International Bureau, for its own benefit, of a late payment fee whose amount shall be 50% of the supplementary search handling fee.

(d) If the applicant does not furnish the required correction or does not pay the amount in full of the fees due, including the late payment fee, before the expiration of the time limit applicable under paragraph (a) or (b), respectively, the supplementary search request shall be considered not to have been submitted and the International Bureau shall so declare and shall inform the applicant accordingly.

(e) On finding that the requirements of Rule 45bis.1(b) and (c)(i), 45bis.2(c) and 45bis.3(c) have been complied with, the International Bureau shall promptly, but not before the date of receipt by it of the international search report or the expiration of 17 months from the priority date, whichever occurs first, transmit to the Authority specified for supplementary search a copy of each of the following:

- (i) the supplementary search request;
- (ii) the international application;
- (iii) any sequence listing furnished under Rule 45bis.1(c)(ii); and
- (iv) any translation furnished under Rule 12.3, 12.4 or 45bis.1(c)(i) which is to be used as the basis of the supplementary international search;

and, at the same time, or promptly after their later receipt by the International Bureau:

- (v) the international search report and the written opinion established under Rule 43bis.1;
- (vi) any invitation by the International Searching Authority to pay additional fees referred to in Article 17(3)(a); and
- (vii) any protest by the applicant under Rule 40.2(c) and the decision thereon by the review body constituted in the framework of the International Searching Authority.

(f) Upon request of the Authority specified for supplementary search, the written opinion referred to in paragraph (e)(v) shall, when not in English or in a language accepted by that Authority, be translated into English by or under the responsibility of the International Bureau. The International Bureau shall transmit a copy of the translation to that Authority within two months from the date of receipt of the request for translation, and shall at the same time transmit a copy to the applicant.

45bis.5 Start, Basis and Scope of Supplementary International Search

(a) The Authority specified for supplementary search shall start the supplementary international search promptly after receipt of the documents specified in Rule 45bis.4(e)(i) to (iv), provided that the Authority may, at its option, delay the start of the search until it has also received the documents specified in Rule 45bis.4(e)(v) or until the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever occurs first.

(b) The supplementary international search shall be carried out on the basis of the international application as filed or of a translation referred to in Rule 45bis.1(b)(iii) or 45bis.1(c)(i), taking due account of the international search report and the written opinion established under Rule 43bis.1 where they are available to the Authority specified for supplementary search before it starts the search. Where the supplementary search request contains an indication under Rule 45bis.1(d), the supplementary international search may be limited to the invention specified by the applicant under Rule 45bis.1(d) and those parts of the international application which relate to that invention.

(c) For the purposes of the supplementary international search, Article 17(2) and Rules 13ter.1, 33 and 39 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(d) Where the international search report is available to the Authority specified for supplementary search before it starts the search under paragraph (a), that Authority may exclude from the supplementary search any claims which were not the subject of the international search.

(e) Where the International Searching Authority has made the declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) and that declaration is available to the Authority specified for supplementary search before it starts the search under paragraph (a), that Authority may decide not to establish a supplementary international search report, in which case it shall so declare and promptly notify the applicant and the International Bureau accordingly.

(f) The supplementary international search shall cover at least the documentation indicated for that purpose in the applicable agreement under Article 16(3)(b).

(g) If the Authority specified for supplementary search finds that carrying out the search is excluded by a limitation or condition referred to in Rule 45bis.9(a), the supplementary search request shall be considered not to have been submitted, and the Authority shall so declare and shall promptly notify the applicant and the International Bureau accordingly.

45bis.6 *Unity of Invention*

(a) If the Authority specified for supplementary search finds that the international application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention, it shall:

(i) establish the supplementary international search report on those parts of the international application which relate to the invention first mentioned in the claims (“main invention”);

(ii) notify the applicant of its opinion that the international application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention and specify the reasons for that opinion; and

(iii) inform the applicant of the possibility of requesting, within the time limit referred to in paragraph (c), a review of the opinion.

(b) In considering whether the international application complies with the requirement of unity of invention, the Authority shall take due account of any documents received by it under Rule 45bis.4(e)(vi) and (vii) before it starts the supplementary international search.

(c) The applicant may, within one month from the date of the notification under paragraph (a)(ii), request the Authority to review the opinion referred to in paragraph (a). The request for review may be subjected by the Authority to the payment to it, for its own benefit, of a review fee whose amount shall be fixed by it.

(d) If the applicant, within the time limit under paragraph (c), requests a review of the opinion by the Authority and pays any required review fee, the opinion shall be reviewed by the Authority. The review shall not be carried out only by the person who made the decision which is the subject of the review. Where the Authority:

(i) finds that the opinion was entirely justified, it shall notify the applicant accordingly;

(ii) finds that the opinion was partially unjustified but still considers that the international application does not comply with the requirement of unity of invention, it shall notify the applicant accordingly and, where necessary, proceed as provided for in paragraph (a)(i);

(iii) finds that the opinion was entirely unjustified, it shall notify the applicant accordingly, establish the supplementary international search report on all parts of the international application and refund the review fee to the applicant.

(e) On the request of the applicant, the text of both the request for review and the decision thereon shall be communicated to the designated Offices together with the supplementary international search report. The applicant shall submit any translation thereof with the furnishing of the translation of the international application required under Article 22.

(f) Paragraphs (a) to (e) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* where the Authority specified for supplementary search decides to limit the supplementary international search in accordance

with the second sentence of Rule 45bis.5(b), provided that any reference in the said paragraphs to the “international application” shall be construed as a reference to those parts of the international application which relate to the invention specified by the applicant under Rule 45bis.1(d).

45bis.7 Supplementary International Search Report

(a) The Authority specified for supplementary search shall, within 28 months from the priority date, establish the supplementary international search report, or make the declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) as applicable by virtue of Rule 45bis.5(c) that no supplementary international search report will be established.

(b) Every supplementary international search report, any declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a) as applicable by virtue of Rule 45bis.5(c) and any declaration under Rule 45bis.5(e) shall be in a language of publication.

(c) For the purposes of establishing the supplementary international search report, Rules 43.1, 43.2, 43.5, 43.6, 43.6bis, 43.8 and 43.10 shall, subject to paragraphs (d) and (e), apply *mutatis mutandis*. Rule 43.9 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*, except that the references therein to Rules 43.3, 43.7 and 44.2 shall be considered non-existent. Article 20(3) and Rule 44.3 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(d) The supplementary international search report need not contain the citation of any document cited in the international search report, except where the document needs to be cited in conjunction with other documents that were not cited in the international search report.

(e) The supplementary international search report may contain explanations:

- (i) with regard to the citations of the documents considered to be relevant;
- (ii) with regard to the scope of the supplementary international search.

45bis.8 Transmittal and Effect of the Supplementary International Search Report

(a) The Authority specified for supplementary search shall, on the same day, transmit one copy of the supplementary international search report or the declaration that no supplementary international search report shall be established, as applicable, to the International Bureau and one copy to the applicant.

(b) Subject to paragraph (c), Article 20(1) and Rules 45.1, 47.1(d) and 70.7(a) shall apply as if the supplementary international search report were part of the international search report.

(c) A supplementary international search report need not be taken into account by the International Preliminary Examining Authority for the purposes of a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report if it is received by that Authority after it has begun to draw up that opinion or report.

45bis.9 International Searching Authorities Competent to Carry Out Supplementary International Search

(a) An International Searching Authority shall be competent to carry out supplementary international searches if its preparedness to do so is stated in the applicable agreement under Article 16(3)(b), subject to any limitations and conditions set out in that agreement.

(b) The International Searching Authority carrying out the international search under Article 16(1) in respect of an international application shall not be competent to carry out a supplementary international search in respect of that application.

(c) The limitations referred to in paragraph (a) may, for example, include limitations as to the subject matter for which supplementary international searches will be carried out, beyond those which would apply under Article 17(2) to the international search, and limitations as to the total number of supplementary international searches which will be carried out in a given period.

Rule 48
International Publication

48.1 and 48.2 [No change]

48.3 Languages of Publication

(a) If the international application is filed in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian or Spanish (“languages of publication”), that application shall be published in the language in which it was filed.

(b) and (c) [No change]

48.4 to 48.6 [No change]

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Fees	Amounts
1. International filing fee: (Rule 15.2)	1,400 Swiss francs plus 15 Swiss francs for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets
2. Supplementary search handling fee: (Rule 45 <i>bis</i> .2)	200 Swiss francs
3. Handling fee: (Rule 57.2)	200 Swiss francs

Reductions

4. The international filing fee is reduced by the following amount if the international application is, as provided for in the Administrative Instructions, filed:

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| (a) on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract: | 100 Swiss francs |
| (b) in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format: | 100 Swiss francs |
| (c) in electronic form, the request being in character coded format: | 200 Swiss francs |
| (d) in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format: | 300 Swiss francs |

5. The international filing fee under item 1 (where applicable, as reduced under item 4), the supplementary search handling fee under item 2 and the handling fee under item 3 are reduced by 75% if the international application is filed by:

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| (a) an applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below US\$3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997); or |
| (b) an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is classed as a least developed country by the United Nations; |

provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria set out in either sub-item (a) or (b).



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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

HR Croatia

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Croatia deposited, on 31 October 2007, its instrument of accession to the **European Patent Convention (EPC)** and will become bound by that Convention on 1 January 2008. Thus, as from 1 January 2008, it will be possible for applicants to designate Croatia in their international applications also for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent, as at present.

Moreover, as from 1 January 2008, nationals and residents of Croatia will be able to file international applications with the European Patent Office as receiving Office, in addition to the State Intellectual Property Office (Croatia) or the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of Annexes B1(HR), B2(EP) and C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **new Israel shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office (transmittal fee) and as designated (or elected) Office (national filing fee). These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2008, are ILS 490 and ILS 940, respectively.

[Updating of Annex C(IL) and of the National Chapter, Summary (IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY (THIRTY-SIXTH (16TH ORDINARY) SESSION)

NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU

In addition to the amendments to the PCT Regulations published in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 6 December 2007, pages 163 *et seq.*, the Assembly of the PCT Union approved at its thirty-sixth (16th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 24 September to 3 October 2007, in accordance with PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3), the texts of the Agreements between the International Bureau of WIPO and 15 Offices which were appointed, or the appointments of which were extended, as International Searching and/or Preliminary Examining Authorities under the PCT, i.e., the Offices of the following States and Organization and the following Institute:

AT	Austria
AU	Australia
BR	Brazil
CA	Canada
CN	People's Republic of China
EP	European Patent Organisation
ES	Spain
FI	Finland
IN	India
JP	Japan
KR	Republic of Korea
RU	Russian Federation
SE	Sweden
US	United States of America
XN	Nordic Patent Institute

The new Agreements will enter into force on 1 January 2008, subject to the following exceptions:

(i) the Government of Australia was not able to complete the necessary domestic legal and constitutional procedures to ratify a new Agreement in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office as International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT as from 1 January 2008. For this reason, the said Government and the International Bureau concluded an interim Agreement providing that the Agreement currently in force should be extended until 31 December 2008 or until the day before the entry into force of the new Agreement on the same subject matter, which was also approved by the PCT Assembly;

(ii) the date of entry into force of the Agreement between the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property and the International Bureau depends on the receipt of a notification from the Institute informing the International Bureau that it is ready to begin operation as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority;

(iii) the Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau enters into force on 13 December 2007;

(iv) the date of entry into force of the Agreement between the Government of India and the International Bureau depends on the receipt of a notification from the Indian Patent Office informing the International Bureau that it is ready to begin operation as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

The new Agreements, with the exception of the interim Agreement between the Australian Patent Office and the International Bureau, are effective until 31 December 2017, consistent with the periods for which the appointments were made.

The texts of the Agreements, including any amendments made since they were concluded, are reproduced on the following pages in the alphabetical order of the two-letter codes relating to the Offices concerned.

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE FEDERAL MINISTER OF TRANSPORT, INNOVATION
AND TECHNOLOGY OF THE REPUBLIC OF AUSTRIA
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the Austrian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Austrian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Austrian Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 **Basic Obligations**

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 **Competence of Authority**

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2008.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or

- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Federal Minister of Transport, Innovation and Technology of the Republic of Austria written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English and German languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Federal Minister of Transport,
Innovation and Technology of the Republic
of Austria by:

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations, provided that the Republic of Austria, in accordance with its obligations undertaken within the framework of the European Patent Organisation, has concluded with those States an agreement for that purpose;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
English, French, German.

Annex B Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Austrian Patent Law.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	200
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	200
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	200
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	200
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	220
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	0.95

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search to the full extent or to a substantially prevailing portion, 75% of the search fee shall be refunded.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English, French and German, noting that the language of correspondence shall be the language in which the international application is filed or translated, as the case may be.

EXTENSION OF THE AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the Agreement of December 7, 1997, under Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty was concluded for a period of 10 years from January 1, 1998 to December 31, 2007,

Considering that the said Agreement has been amended several times in 2001, 2002, 2003 and 2007, all these amendments having been published in PCT Gazette Nos. 04/2001, 33/2002, 49/2003 and 1 February 2007, respectively,

Considering that the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of WIPO have already started negotiations for the renewal of a new Agreement as provided under Article 10 therein,

Aware that the Government of Australia will not be able to complete the necessary domestic procedures to ratify a new Agreement in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, as from January 1, 2008,

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Extension of the Agreement

(1) The Agreement between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization signed on December 4, 1997, including its amendments and Annexes, in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, is hereby extended until December 31, 2008 or until the day before the entry into force of a new Agreement on the same subject matter in accordance with PCT Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3) and with the domestic legal and constitutional procedures of Australia, whichever is sooner.

(2) Consequently, the reference made to “December 31, 2007” under Articles 10 and 12 of the Agreement referred to above is amended, accordingly.

Article 2
Approval and entry into force

(1) According to Article 11 of the Agreement referred to above, this amendment shall be subject to the approval of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union.

(2) Without prejudice to the above, this amendment shall take effect on December 31, 2007.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English language.

For the Government of Australia by:

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF AUSTRALIA
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the Australian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Australian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Australian Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on [date].

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:
- (i) if the Government of Australia gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement;
or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Government of Australia written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English language.

For the Government of Australia by:

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

Annex A
States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
Australia, New Zealand and
by arrangement, the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations;
- (ii) the following language which it will accept:
English.

Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

subject matter which is searched or examined under Australian national grant procedure.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Australian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,600
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,600
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	550
– in other cases	780
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	550
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	50
Cost of copies (Rule 94), per document	50

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, 25% or 50% of the search fee shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:
English.

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE BRAZILIAN NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force one month after the date on which the Authority notifies the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and as an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or

- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English and Portuguese languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Brazilian National Institute
of Industrial Property by:

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following State for which it will act:
any Contracting State;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) for international applications filed with the Brazilian National Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office: English, Portuguese, Spanish;
 - (b) for international applications filed with any other receiving Office: Portuguese.

Annex B Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

all subject matter which is searched or examined under the Brazilian patent grant procedure.

Annex C Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Brazilian reais)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[...]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[...]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[...]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[...]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2)	[...]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, [*percentages to be determined*] of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English, Portuguese or Spanish, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CANADIAN COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Canadian Commissioner of Patents;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant, and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2008.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the Canadian Commissioner of Patents gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or

- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Canadian Commissioner of Patents written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English and French languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Canadian Commissioner of Patents For the International Bureau by:
by:

[signature]

[signature]

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - so far as Article 3(1) is concerned: Canada, and the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations;
 - so far as Article 3(2) is concerned: where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Canada, and the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - English, French.

Annex B Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

all subject matter which is searched or examined under the Canadian patent grant procedure.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Canadian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,600
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,600
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	800
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	800
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	1

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, 25% of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
English, French.

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE STATE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the State Intellectual Property Office
of the People's Republic of China
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) "Treaty" means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) "Regulations" means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) "Administrative Instructions" means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) "Article" (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) "Rule" means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) "Contracting State" means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) "the Authority" means the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China;
 - (h) "the International Bureau" means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 **Basic Obligations**

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 **Competence of Authority**

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2008.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:
- (i) if the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the Chinese and English languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the State Intellectual Property Office
of the People's Republic of China by:

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

Annex A
States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
China, Ghana, India, Kenya, Liberia, Turkey, Zimbabwe
and any State that the Authority will specify;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
Chinese, English.

Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

subject matter which is searched or examined in Chinese national applications.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Yuan renminbi)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,100
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,100
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,500
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,500
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	200
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2)	200
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	2

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search to the full extent or to a substantially prevailing portion, 75% of the search fee paid shall be refunded.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Chinese and English, noting that the language of correspondence shall be the language in which the international application is filed or translated, as the case may be.

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN PATENT ORGANISATION
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the European Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the European Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the European Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization;

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 **Basic Obligations**

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 **Competence of Authority**

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement, that such application is not an application of a kind specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement, that such application is not an application of a kind specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on December 13, 2007.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the European Patent Organisation gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement;
or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the European Patent Organisation written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English, French and German languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the European Patent Organisation by:

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

Annex A Languages and Kinds of Application

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following languages which it will accept:
English, French, German, and, where the receiving Office is the industrial property Office of Belgium or the Netherlands, Dutch;
- (ii) the following kinds of application for which it will not act:¹
as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, international applications where the international search is to be, or has been, performed by an International Searching Authority other than the European Patent Office or the industrial property Office of a State party to the European Patent Convention.

Annex B Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined under the European patent grant procedure in application of the equivalent provisions of the European Patent Convention.

¹ Under an existing notification under Article 3(4)(a)(ii) of the Agreement in force until 12 December 2007 between the European Patent Organization and the International Bureau, the European Patent Office is excluded, until March 1, 2009, from competence as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority with respect to international applications filed, by a national or a resident of the United States of America, with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the International Bureau as receiving Office where such applications contain one or more claims relating to business methods. The EPO has informed the International Bureau that this limitation will remain in force until March 2009 as foreseen in its notice dated July 27, 2006 (OJ EPO 10/2006, 555 and *PCT Gazette* No. 38/2006, page 19070); however, it will not be included in Annex A of this Agreement unless the EPO seeks to issue a fresh limitation in 2009, which will then be introduced in accordance with the procedure under this Agreement.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,615 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,615 ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,595 ²
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,595 ²
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,065
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2)	200
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	0.65

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall, upon request, be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search (including a privately commissioned “standard” search) already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application and depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from the earlier search in carrying out the international search and any other task entrusted to it, the search fee paid shall be refunded, to the extent provided for in a communication from the Authority to the International Bureau and published in the Gazette.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, 75% of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be refunded.

(6) The Authority may provide further refunds of the international preliminary examination fee under the conditions and to the extent laid down by it.

² This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations (see also corresponding footnote to the Annex C(IB) and *PCT Gazette* No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234), and in accordance with the decision of the EPO’s Administrative Council of October 11, 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, 446).

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
English, French or German, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE SPANISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2
Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3
Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2008.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:
- (i) if the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office For the International Bureau by:
by:

[signature]

[signature]

Annex A
Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language for which it will act:

Spanish.

Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined in Spanish national applications.

**Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,615 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,615 ¹
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	544.44
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	544.44
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)):	
– national documents, per document	4.69
– foreign documents, per document	4.69
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	0.23

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, 100% or 50% of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

¹ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person or a legal entity and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations (see also corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB) and *PCT Gazette* No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234), and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of October 11, 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, 446).

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:
Spanish.

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE NATIONAL BOARD OF PATENTS AND REGISTRATION
OF FINLAND
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of
the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 **Basic Obligations**

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(2) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 **Competence of Authority**

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2008.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12 Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:
- (i) if the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English language.

For the National Board of Patents and
Registration of Finland by:

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - (a) Finland;
 - (b) any other Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of the Authority within the framework of the European Patent Organisation;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
Finnish, Swedish, English.

Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Finnish Patent Law.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,615
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,615
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	550
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	550
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	0.60

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from:

- (i) an earlier national search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application: 100% of the national filing fee paid shall be refunded;
- (ii) an earlier international-type search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application: 50% or 100% of the international-type search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search;
- (iii) an earlier international search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application: 50% or 100% of the earlier international search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Finnish, Swedish or English, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the Indian Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Government of India and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Indian Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Indian Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force one month after the date on which the Authority notifies the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and as an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

**Article 12
Termination**

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:
- (i) if the Government of India gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Government of India written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English language.

For the Government of India by:

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following State for which it will act:
India;
- (ii) the following language which it will accept:
English.

**Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination**

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

all subject matter which is searched or examined under the Indian Patent Law administered by the Indian Patent Office.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Indian rupees)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[...]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)):	
– where the international search report was issued by the Authority	[...]
– in other cases	[...]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[...]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[...]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2)	[...]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search made by the Authority, 25% or 50% of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:
English.

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE JAPAN PATENT OFFICE
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the Japan Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Japan Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Japan Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 **Basic Obligations**

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 **Competence of Authority**

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2008.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:
- (i) if the Japan Patent Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Japan Patent Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English and Japanese languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Japan Patent Office by:

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

Annex A
States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan, Philippines, Republic of Korea;
- (iii) the following languages which it will accept:
 - (a) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Japan:
Japanese, English;
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Philippines:
English;
 - (c) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, Republic of Korea:
Japanese.

Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

subject matter which is searched or examined in Japanese national applications.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Japanese yen)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	97,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	78,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	36,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	21,000
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per document	1,400

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search to a considerable extent, the amount of 41,000 Japanese yen shall be refunded, upon request.

(3) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(4) As long as the refund of the search fee (in the case where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search) and the refund of the preliminary examination fee (in the case where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination) continue not to be compatible with the national law applicable to the Authority, the Authority may abstain from refunding those fees.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Japanese, English.

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE KOREAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the Korean Intellectual Property Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Korean Intellectual Property Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Korean Intellectual Property Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2008.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

**Article 12
Termination**

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:
- (i) if the Korean Intellectual Property Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Korean Intellectual Property Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English and Korean languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Korean Intellectual Property Office For the International Bureau by:
by:

[signature]

[signature]

**Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
Republic of Korea;
Indonesia, Malaysia, Mongolia, New Zealand, Philippines, Singapore, United States of America, Viet Nam; and
any country that the Authority will specify;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
Korean, English.

**Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination**

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

subject matter which is searched or examined in Korean national applications.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Korean won)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	225,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	225,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	225,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	225,000
Late payment fee for preliminary examination	[amount as set out in Rule 58 <i>bis</i>]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	11,000
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	112,500
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	100

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, 75% of the search fee paid shall be refunded upon request by the applicant.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
Korean, English.

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE RUSSIAN FEDERAL SERVICE
FOR INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY, PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the Russian Federal Service
for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2 Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3 Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2008.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

**Article 12
Termination**

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:
- (i) if the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English and Russian languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Russian Federal Service for
Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks
by:

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

**Annex A
Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
Russian, English.

**Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination**

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined under national patent law administered by the Russian Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (US dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)) ¹	500
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a)) ²	500
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)): ²	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	200
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	300
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a)): ²	
– if the international search report has been prepared by the Authority	200
– if the international search report has been prepared by another International Searching Authority	300
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c)) ²	150
Cost of copies of cited documents (except for documents transmitted to the applicant along with the international search report or preliminary examination report) (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)): ²	
– patent document, per page	0.30
– non-patent document, per page	1.20
Cost of copies of document contained in the file of the international application (Rule 94.2), per page ²	3.00

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), or Rules 90^{bis}.1(a) or 90^{bis}.2(c) before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier international, international-type or other search report prepared by it, the following amount of the search fee shall be refunded:

¹ If payment is made to a receiving Office which accepts payments in Russian roubles, the applicant may, instead of paying the US dollar amount, pay the equivalent amount in Russian roubles at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.

² The applicant may, instead of paying the US dollar amount, pay the equivalent amount in Russian roubles at the exchange rate applicable, on the date of payment, at the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.

- (i) 75%, if no additional search is required;
- (ii) 50%, if the additional search is confirmed by documents relating to one or two additional IPC subgroups;
- (iii) 25%, if the additional search is confirmed by documents relating to new aspects of the claimed invention.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D **Languages of Correspondence**

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Russian or English, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated, or at the applicant's choice.

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE SWEDISH PATENT AND REGISTRATION OFFICE
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the Swedish Patent and Registration Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Swedish Patent and Registration Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Swedish Patent and Registration Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2008.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the Swedish Patent and Registration Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or

- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Swedish Patent and Registration Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English language.

For the Swedish Patent and Registration
Office by:

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
- (a) Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway, Sweden;
 - (b) the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations, provided that Sweden, in accordance with its obligations undertaken within the framework of the European Patent Organisation, has concluded with those States an agreement for that purpose;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
- (a) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any State referred to in subparagraph (i)(a), above:
Danish, English, Finnish, Norwegian, Swedish;
 - (b) for international applications filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any State referred to in subparagraph (i)(b), above:
Danish, English, Finnish, French, Norwegian, Swedish.

Annex B Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

none.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Swedish kronor)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	15,230
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	15,230
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	5,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	5,000
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	4
Cost of copies in paper form (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), ¹ per document	50

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier international or international-type search, 50% or 100% of the search fee paid according to Part I shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) Where on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Danish Patent Office, the Icelandic Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland or the Norwegian Patent Office, and where the Authority benefits from that search report, the amount of SEK 1,400 shall be refunded in respect of the search fee paid according to Part I. Where on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, and where the Authority benefits from that search report, the amount of SEK 2,800 shall be refunded in respect of the search fee paid according to Part I.

(5) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the following amount of the preliminary examination fee shall be refunded:

- (a) refund of the full amount paid where Rule 54.4(a), 57.4(c) or 58.2(c) applies;
- (b) refund of the amount paid less the current amount of transmittal fee, where Rule 60.1(c) applies.

¹ The applicant will receive free of charge a copy of each document containing non-patent literature. Other documents are available electronically, free of charge, on the website www.prv.se.

(6) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Danish, English, Finnish, French, Norwegian or Swedish, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated; however, English or Swedish may be used in all cases.

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the United States Patent and Trademark Office
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The United States Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the United States Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the United States Patent and Trademark Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

The Authority shall indicate the International Patent Classification for the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b) and may also apply the United States Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force on January 1, 2008.

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Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:

- (i) if the United States Patent and Trademark Office gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or

- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the United States Patent and Trademark Office written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the English language.

For the United States Patent and Trademark Office by: For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

Annex A States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:
United States of America, Barbados, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Egypt, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Philippines, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago;
- (ii) the following States for which it will act, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:
United States of America and,
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Barbados, Brazil, Dominican Republic, Egypt, India, Israel, Mexico, New Zealand, Philippines, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Trinidad and Tobago;
- (iii) the following language which it will accept:
English.

Annex B Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

subject matter which is searched or examined in United States national applications.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (US dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,800
Additional search fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,800
Preparation of an international-type search report on a United States national application	40
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
– where the international search fee has been paid on the international application to the Authority	600
– where the international search was carried out by another Authority	750
Additional examination fee (Rule 68.3(a))	600
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2):	
– US patent, per copy	3
– non-US patent document, per copy	25

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the demand is considered, under Rule 54.4(a), 57.4(c), 58.2(c) or 60.1(c), as if it had not been submitted, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(4) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid, less a processing fee equivalent to the transmittal fee under Rule 14.1(b), shall be refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:
English.

AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE NORDIC PATENT INSTITUTE
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU
OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the Nordic Patent Institute
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Nordic Patent Institute and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the PCT Assembly, having heard the advice of the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation, has appointed the Nordic Patent Institute as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty and approved this Agreement in accordance with Articles 16(3) and 32(3),

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Nordic Patent Institute;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

Article 2

Basic Obligations

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement.

(2) In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(3) The Authority shall maintain a quality management system in compliance with the requirements set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(4) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

Article 3

Competence of Authority

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5
Fees and Charges

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force one month after the date on which the Authority notifies the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and as an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2017. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than July 2016, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2017:
- (i) if the Nordic Patent Institute gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement;
or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Nordic Patent Institute written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [city], this [date], in two originals in the Danish, English, Icelandic and Norwegian languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Nordic Patent Institute by:

For the International Bureau by:

[signature]

[signature]

Annex A
States and Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States for which it will act:
 - (a) Denmark, Iceland, Norway;
 - (b) any other Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of Denmark, Iceland and Norway within the framework of the European Patent Organisation;
- (ii) the following languages which it will accept:
Danish, English, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish.

Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Danish, Icelandic and Norwegian Patent Laws.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Danish kroner)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	12,040
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	12,040
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	5,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	5,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	8,000
Cost of copies in paper form (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	50
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	3.25

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier international or international-type search, 50% of the search fee paid according to Part I shall be refunded.

(4) Where on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Danish Patent Office, the Icelandic Patent Office, the Norwegian Patent Office or the Swedish Patent Office, and where the Authority benefits from that search report, the amount of 25% shall be refunded in respect of the search fee paid according to Part I.

(5) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the following amount of the preliminary examination fee shall be refunded:

- (a) refund of the full amount paid where Rule 54.4, 54*bis*.1(b) or 58*bis*.1(b) applies;
- (b) refund of the amount paid less the current amount of transmittal fee, where Rule 60.1(c) applies.

(6) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee shall be fully refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Danish, English, Icelandic, Norwegian and Swedish, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated; however, English may be used in all cases.



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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of fees, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2008, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 69.25
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 27.70
National fee:	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	EUR 89.89
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	EUR 89.89

[Updating of Annex C(ES) and of the National Chapter, Summary (ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

XN Nordic Patent Institute

Further to the publication in Official Notices (PCT Gazette) of 13 December 2007, pages 272 to 278, of the Agreement between the **Nordic Patent Institute** and the International Bureau in relation to the functioning of the Institute as an International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, due to enter into force on 1 January 2008, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)**. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2008, are CHF 2,667, EUR 1,615 and USD 2,274, respectively.

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(c), the equivalent amount of the handling fee has been established in **Danish kroner (DKK)**. This amount, also applicable from 1 January 2008, is DKK 900.

RECEIVING OFFICES

DK Denmark

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has specified the Nordic Patent Institute, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority as from 1 January 2008 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Denmark with the Danish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office.

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has specified the Nordic Patent Institute, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority as from 1 January 2008 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Iceland with the Icelandic Patent Office as receiving Office.

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau** acting for the **Department of Intellectual Property, Standardization and Metrology (Lao People's Democratic Republic)** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Lao People's Democratic Republic with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Patent Office** has specified the Nordic Patent Institute, in addition to the European Patent Office (EPO) and the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, as competent International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority as from 1 January 2008 for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Norway with the Norwegian Patent Office as receiving Office.

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

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KR Republic of Korea
RU Russian Federation

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, amongst others, an amendment to Rule 4.9 of the PCT Regulations concerning an automatic and all-inclusive coverage of all designations available under the PCT. This amended Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2006.

The amended Rule 4.9(b) states that: “Notwithstanding paragraph (a)(i), if, on October 5, 2005, the national law of a Contracting State provides that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of that State and claims the priority of an earlier national application having effect in that State shall have the result that the earlier national application ceases to have effect with the same consequences as the withdrawal of the earlier national application, any request in which the priority of an earlier national application filed in that State is claimed may contain an indication that the designation of that State is not made, provided that the designated Office notifies the International Bureau by January 5, 2006, that this paragraph shall apply in respect of designations of that State and that the notification is still in force on the international filing date. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Office (in its capacity as designated Office) of each of the two following States has notified the International Bureau that Rule 4.9(b), as so amended, shall apply in respect of the designation of the State concerned:

KR Republic of Korea
RU Russian Federation

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has informed the International Bureau that the code for the representation of the Cuban currency changed from “CUP” to “CUC”, although the name of the currency remains the “Cuban convertible peso”.

The amounts of fees in **Cuban convertible pesos (CUC)**, payable to the Cuban Industrial Property Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, now read as follows:

Transmittal fee:	CUC 200
International filing fee:	CUC 1,086
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CUC 12
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	CUC 78
Search fee:	[No change]
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	CUC 80
National fee:	
Filing fee (including publication fee and the annual fee for the 1 st and the 2 nd years):	CUC 460

[Updating of Annex C(CU) and of the National Chapter (CU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'APPLICABILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 4.9.b) DU PCT

KR République de Corée
RU Fédération de Russie

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une modification de la règle 4.9 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant une couverture automatique et générale de toutes les désignations disponibles selon le traité. Cette règle modifiée entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2006.

La règle 4.9.b) modifiée stipule que : “Nonobstant l'alinéa a)i), si, le 5 octobre 2005, la législation nationale d'un État contractant prévoit que le dépôt d'une demande internationale qui contient la désignation de cet État et revendique la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure produisant ses effets dans cet État a pour résultat que la demande nationale antérieure cesse de produire ses effets avec les mêmes conséquences que le retrait de ladite demande, toute requête dans laquelle la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure déposée dans cet État est revendiquée peut contenir une indication selon laquelle la désignation de cet État n'est pas faite, à condition que l'office en question notifie au Bureau international le 5 janvier 2006 au plus tard que le présent alinéa s'applique aux désignations de cet État et que la notification soit toujours en vigueur à la date du dépôt international. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues.”

L'office (en sa qualité d'office désigné) de chacun des deux États suivants a notifié au Bureau international que la règle 4.9.b), ainsi modifiée, s'applique en ce qui concerne la désignation de l'État concerné :

KR République de Corée
RU Fédération de Russie

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

CU Cuba

L'Office cubain de la propriété industrielle a informé le Bureau international que le code pour la représentation de la monnaie cubaine est désormais “CUP” au lieu de “CUC”, bien que le nom de la monnaie reste le “peso cubain convertible”.

Les montants des taxes en **pesos cubains convertibles (CUC)**, payables à l'Office cubain de la propriété industrielle en sa qualité d'office récepteur et en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu) sont désormais les suivants :

Taxe de transmission :	CUC	200
Taxe internationale de dépôt :	CUC	1.086
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	CUC	12
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :		
PCT-EASY :	CUC	78
Taxe de recherche :	[Sans changement]	
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	CUC	80
Taxe nationale :		
Taxe de dépôt (y compris taxe de publication et taxe annuelle pour la première et la deuxième années) :	CUC	460

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(CU) et du chapitre national (CU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**JP Japan**

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. The new amount, applicable as from 1 March 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): USD 810

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**NG Nigeria**

General information on **Nigeria** as a Contracting State is reproduced in Annex B1(NG), on the following pages.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**JP Japon**

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets du Japon** aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le dollar des États-Unis (USD) comme monnaie de paiement ou utilisent le dollar des États-Unis (USD) comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} mars 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : USD 810

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(JP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**NG Nigéria**

Des informations de caractère général concernant le **Nigéria** en tant qu'État contractant sont reproduites dans l'annexe B1(NG), aux pages suivantes.

B1 **Information on Contracting States****B1****NG****NIGERIA****NG****General information**

Name of Office: Commercial Law Department (Trademarks, Patents and Designs)
(Nigeria)

Location and mailing address: Federal Ministry of Commerce, Commercial Law Department,
Area 1, P.M.B. 88, Garki, Abuja, Nigeria

Telephone: (234 9) 234 02 82, 234 47 99

Facsimile machine: (234 9) 234 15 41

Teleprinter: —

E-mail: iponigeria@yahoo.com

Internet: —

Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)? Yes, by facsimile machine

Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted? All kinds of documents

Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases? Yes, within a time limit fixed in the invitation

Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)? Yes

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Nigeria: International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C)

Competent designated (or elected) Office if Nigeria is designated (or elected): Commercial Law Department (Trademarks, Patents and Designs) (Nigeria) (see Volume II)

May Nigeria be elected? Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)

Types of protection available via the PCT: Patents

Provisions of the law of Nigeria concerning international-type search: None

Provisional protection after international publication: None

Information of interest if Nigeria is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Nigeria is designated (or elected): Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material? No

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Informations générales

Nom de l'office :	Département du droit commercial (marques, brevets et dessins et modèles) (Nigéria)
Siège et adresse postale :	Ministère fédéral du commerce, Département du droit commercial, Area 1, P.M.B. 88, Garki, Abuja, Nigéria
Téléphone :	(234 9) 234 02 82, 234 47 99
Télécopieur :	(234 9) 234 15 41
Téléimprimeur :	–
Courrier électronique :	iponigeria@yahoo.com
Internet :	–
L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT)?	Oui, par télécopieur
Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens?	Tous types de documents
L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas?	Oui, dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation
L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT)?	Oui
Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux du Nigéria et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées :	Bureau international de l'OMPI (voir l'annexe C)
Office désigné (ou élu) compétent si le Nigéria est désigné (ou élu) :	Département du droit commercial (marques, brevets et dessins et modèles) (Nigéria) (voir le volume II)
Le Nigéria peut-il être élu?	Oui (lié par le chapitre II du PCT)
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Brevets
Dispositions de la législation du Nigéria relatives à la recherche de type international :	Néant
Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :	Néant

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Informations utiles si le Nigéria est désigné (ou élu)

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si le Nigéria est désigné (ou élu):

Doivent figurer dans la requête. S'ils n'ont pas été communiqués dans le délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office invitera le déposant à faire le nécessaire dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de l'invitation.

Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique?

Non

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NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF APPLICABILITY OF PCT RULE 4.9(b)**DE Germany**

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, amongst others, an amendment to Rule 4.9 of the PCT Regulations concerning an automatic and all-inclusive coverage of all designations available under the PCT. This amended Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2006.

The amended Rule 4.9(b) states that: “Notwithstanding paragraph (a)(i), if, on October 5, 2005, the national law of a Contracting State provides that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of that State and claims the priority of an earlier national application having effect in that State shall have the result that the earlier national application ceases to have effect with the same consequences as the withdrawal of the earlier national application, any request in which the priority of an earlier national application filed in that State is claimed may contain an indication that the designation of that State is not made, provided that the designated Office notifies the International Bureau by January 5, 2006, that this paragraph shall apply in respect of designations of that State and that the notification is still in force on the international filing date. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that Rule 4.9(b), as so amended, shall apply in respect of the designation of Germany.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**BE Belgium**

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (32-2) 277 51 11

Facsimile machine: (32-2) 277 52 62

[Updating of Annex B1(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**JP Japan**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 15 March 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): KRW 841,000

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'APPLICABILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 4.9.b) DU PCT**DE Allemagne**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une modification de la règle 4.9 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant une couverture automatique et générale de toutes les désignations disponibles selon le traité. Cette règle modifiée entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2006.

La règle 4.9.b) modifiée stipule que : "Nonobstant l'alinéa a)i), si, le 5 octobre 2005, la législation nationale d'un État contractant prévoit que le dépôt d'une demande internationale qui contient la désignation de cet État et revendique la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure produisant ses effets dans cet État a pour résultat que la demande nationale antérieure cesse de produire ses effets avec les mêmes conséquences que le retrait de ladite demande, toute requête dans laquelle la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure déposée dans cet État est revendiquée peut contenir une indication selon laquelle la désignation de cet État n'est pas faite, à condition que l'office en question notifie au Bureau international le 5 janvier 2006 au plus tard que le présent alinéa s'applique aux désignations de cet État et que la notification soit toujours en vigueur à la date du dépôt international. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'**Office allemand des brevets et des marques** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international que la règle 4.9.b), ainsi modifiée, s'applique en ce qui concerne la désignation de l'Allemagne.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**BE Belgique**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Belgique)** a notifié des changements relatifs à ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Téléphone : (32-2) 277 51 11

Télécopieur : (32-2) 277 52 62

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(BE) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**JP Japon**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **won coréens (KRW)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets du Japon**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 mars 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : KRW 841.000

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(JP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

RECEIVING OFFICES**US United States of America**

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 January 2006 by nationals and residents of the United States of America with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office. The consolidated list of competent International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities now reads as follows:

Competent International
Searching Authority:

European Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office
or United States Patent and Trademark Office

Competent International Preliminary
Examining Authority:

European Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office
or United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

L'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** a spécifié l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées le 1^{er} janvier 2006 ou à une date ultérieure par les nationaux des États-Unis d'Amérique et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays auprès de l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis en sa qualité d'office récepteur. La liste récapitulative des administrations compétentes chargées de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international est désormais la suivante :

Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale :

Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle, Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis ou Office européen des brevets

Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international :

Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle, Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis ou Office européen des brevets

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(US) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

SECTION IV

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During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 26bis.3 of the PCT Regulations concerning restoration of the right of priority by a receiving Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 26bis.3(j) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (i) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility.

NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 49ter.1 WITH NATIONAL LAWS**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 49ter.1 of the PCT Regulations concerning the effect of restoration of the right of priority by a receiving Office on a designated Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 49ter.1(g) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility.

NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 49ter.2 WITH NATIONAL LAWS**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 49ter.2 of the PCT Regulations concerning restoration of the right of priority by a designated Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 49ter.2(h) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (g) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

The **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility.

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 26bis.3 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 26bis.3 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant la restauration du droit de priorité par un office récepteur. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 26bis.3.j) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à i) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office récepteur, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**, en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité.

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 49ter.1 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 49ter.1 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant l'effet de la restauration du droit de priorité par un office récepteur sur un office désigné. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 49ter.1.g) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à d) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**, en sa qualité d'office désigné, a notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité.

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 49ter.2 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 49ter.2 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant la restauration du droit de priorité par un office désigné. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 49ter.2.h) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à g) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**, en sa qualité d'office désigné, a notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité.

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****PL Poland**

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 6 January 2006, the **Polish Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 March 2006, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R, DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1 and Appendix III, section 2(e), and Appendix IV, sections 4.2 to 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Document; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- *epoline*® software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2, and Appendix III, section 2(i))
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****PL Pologne**

Depuis le 7 janvier 2002, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques appropriés est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F des Instructions administratives du PCT qui contiennent, respectivement, le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires à la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement sous forme électronique des demandes internationales prévus à la règle 89*bis*.1 du PCT.

Le 6 janvier 2006, l'**Office polonais des brevets**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international, selon la règle 89*bis*.1.d) et l'instruction administrative 710.a) du PCT, qu'il est disposé à recevoir et à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 1^{er} mars 2006, comme suit :

“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- XML (en général; voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- Norme OMPI ST.25 (pour les listages des séquences; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F et l'annexe C)
- PDF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.2 de l'annexe F)
- TIFF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :

- dépôt en ligne (voir la section 5 de l'annexe F et la section 2.d) de l'appendice III de l'annexe F)
- dépôt effectué sur l'un des supports matériels suivants : CD-R, DVD-R (voir la section 5.2.1 de l'annexe F, la section 2.e) de l'appendice III et les sections 4.2 à 4.5 de l'appendice IV de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne l'emballage électronique des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l'annexe F)
- WAD (documents constitutifs de la demande compactés; voir la section 4.1.1 de l'annexe F) uniquement aux fins du dépôt sur un support matériel

En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- logiciel *epoline*®
- logiciel PCT-SAFE

En ce qui concerne les types de signature électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- signature en fac-similé et signature composée d'une chaîne de caractères (voir les sections 3.3.1 et 3.3.2 de l'annexe F et la section 2.i) de l'appendice III)
- signature électronique renforcée (voir la section 3.3.4 de l'annexe F)

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****PL Poland (cont'd)****As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):**

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 and 16:00 Monday to Friday excluding official holidays. It may be contacted:

- by e-mail at colfsupport@uprp.pl

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will not accept the filing of backup copies of the application on paper. Furthermore, the Office will not prepare a backup copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of online filing systems on its web site (www.uprp.pl).

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES: NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**PL Pologne (suite)****En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures ayant trait à la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)ii) :**

L'accusé de réception de tout ce qui est supposé constituer une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique auprès de l'office contiendra, outre les informations exigées au titre de l'instruction 704.a)i) à iv), les noms des fichiers électroniques reçus (voir l'instruction 704.a)v)).

L'office fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique. Ce n'est que dans les cas où la demande n'est pas envoyée conformément au protocole sur l'interopérabilité en matière de dépôt électronique (voir la section 5.1 de l'annexe F) qu'un accusé de réception ne sera pas généré. D'autres erreurs, telles que l'utilisation de certificats caduques (voir la section 4.4.7 de l'appendice II de l'annexe F), des demandes contaminées par des virus ou d'autres formes d'éléments malveillants (voir l'instruction 708.b)) ou des fichiers manquants, sont notifiées au déposant dans l'accusé de réception.

Lorsqu'il s'avère que l'accusé de réception envoyé au déposant par des moyens électroniques n'a pas été transmis avec succès, l'office le renverra à bref délai par le même moyen ou par un autre moyen (voir l'instruction 709.b)).

En ce qui concerne les moyens de paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a)ii) :

Le paiement en ligne n'est pas disponible.

En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d'assistance (instruction 710.a)ii) :

L'office a mis en place un service d'assistance pour répondre aux questions des utilisateurs du service. Le service d'assistance est ouvert du lundi au vendredi, mis à part les vacances officielles, de 8 heures à 16 heures. Il peut être contacté :

- par courriel, à l'adresse électronique suivante : eolfsupport@uprp.pl

En ce qui concerne les types de documents qui peuvent être transmis à l'office sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)iii) :

- demandes internationales

En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :

L'office n'acceptera aucun dépôt de copies de sauvegarde de la demande sur papier. Par ailleurs, l'office ne préparera aucune copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sur papier à la demande du déposant.

En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :

Dans le cas où les systèmes informatiques ne seraient plus en état de marche au moment où une demande internationale est déposée auprès de lui, l'office mettra en œuvre tous les moyens dont il dispose pour informer le déposant des procédures de remplacement à suivre.

L'office fournira les informations relatives aux disponibilités des systèmes de dépôt électronique sur son site Internet (www.uprp.pl).

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****PL Poland (cont'd)**

As to the certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- European Patent Office (www.epoline.org)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

**FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****US United States of America**

In accordance with Section 102*bis*(b) of the Administrative Instructions, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** as receiving Office has notified that it is prepared to receive, since 1 January 2006, any international application filed under Section 102*bis*(a) with a PCT-EASY request and one of the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R or DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES****IT Italy**

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes concerning the language in which international applications may be filed with it as receiving Office (only the reference to the national law has been changed), as follows:

Language in which international applications may be filed:

English, French, German or Italian. An international application filed in English, French or German by a resident of Italy must be accompanied by a translation into Italian of the description, the claims and any text matter of drawings (for the purposes of Article 198(1) of Decree-Law No. 30 of 10 February 2005) if no priority of an earlier national (Italian) application is claimed or, where such priority is claimed, if the international application is filed prior to the expiration of 90 days from the filing date of that earlier national application.

[Updating of Annex C(IT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES: NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**PL Pologne (suite)**

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office et les adresses électroniques des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés (instruction 710.a)vi) :

- Office européen des brevets (www.epoline.org)
- Autorité de certification de l'OMPI pour les utilisateurs (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/fr/certificates.htm)

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou archivées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible."

DÉPÔT DE REQUÊTES PCT-EASY ACCOMPAGNÉES DE SUPPORTS MATÉRIELS PCT-EASY : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

Conformément à l'instruction administrative 102*bis*.b), l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** en sa qualité d'office récepteur a notifié qu'il était disposé à recevoir, depuis le 1^{er} janvier 2006, toute demande internationale déposée en vertu de l'instruction 102*bis*.a) avec une requête PCT-EASY et l'un des supports matériels PCT-EASY suivants : disquette de 3,5 pouces, CD-R ou DVD-R.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(US) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS
OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)****IT Italie**

L'**Office italien des brevets et des marques** a notifié des changements relatifs à la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur (seule la référence à la législation nationale a été changée), comme suit :

Langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée :

Allemand, anglais, français ou italien. La demande internationale déposée en allemand, anglais ou français par une personne domiciliée en Italie doit être accompagnée d'une traduction en italien de la description, des revendications et du texte éventuel des dessins (pour l'application des dispositions de l'article 198.1) du décret-loi n° 30, du 10 février 2005) si aucune priorité d'une demande nationale (italienne) antérieure n'est revendiquée ou, lorsqu'une telle priorité est revendiquée, si la demande internationale est déposée avant l'expiration d'un délai de 90 jours à compter de la date de dépôt de la demande nationale antérieure.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(IT) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES (cont'd)****US United States of America**

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has modified details on how to obtain the list of agents qualified to practice before the Office as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?

Patent attorneys and patent agents registered to practice before the Office. A list of registered patent attorneys and agents may be obtained on the Internet at www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/olia/oed/roster/index.html.

[Updating of Annex C(US) and of the National Chapter (US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS
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L'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** a modifié des détails relatifs à la manière d'obtenir la liste des mandataires habilités à exercer auprès de l'office agissant en qualité d'office récepteur ou en qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?

Les conseils en brevets et agents de brevets habilités à exercer auprès de l'office. Une liste des conseils en brevets et agents de brevets agréés peut être obtenue sur l'Internet à l'adresse suivante :

www.uspto.gov/web/offices/dcom/olia/oed/roster/index.html.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(US) et du chapitre national (US) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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Further to the announcement published in PCT Gazette No. 04/2006, of January 26, 2006, page 2776, that the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), the equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): USD 218

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has modified details on how to obtain the list of agents qualified to practice before the Office as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent? Any professional representative entered on the relevant list maintained by the EPO (the directory of professional representatives can be ordered at the EPO, Vienna, or consulted on the EPO website)

[No change]

[Updating of the National Chapter (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**KR République de Corée**

Suite à l'annonce publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 04/2006, du 26 janvier 2006, page 2777, informant que l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO) a spécifié l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international, le montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.b) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle**, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : USD 218

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a modifié des détails relatifs à la manière d'obtenir la liste des mandataires habilités à exercer auprès de l'office agissant en qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire? Tout mandataire agréé inscrit sur la liste tenue par l'OEB (le répertoire des mandataires agréés peut être commandé auprès de l'OEB, Vienne, ou consulté sur le site Internet de l'OEB)

[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) during its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Documents which were prepared for the PCT Assembly as well as the report of the session are available on the PCT website, at:

www.wipo.int/patentscope/en/meetings.html

The amendments to the PCT Regulations approved by the Assembly will enter into force at two different times. The first set of amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2006. The second set of amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2007. The text of the amended Rules is set out on pages 5486 to 5540.

The amendments due to enter into force on 1 April 2006 provide for:

- (i) the publication of international applications in electronic form (Rules 13*bis*.4, 26*bis*.2, 47.1, 48.1, 48.2, 86.1(a), 87.1, 87.2 and 91.1),
- (ii) the PCT Gazette in electronic form (Rules 86.1(b) and 86.2),
- (iii) the addition of Arabic as a language of publication (Rule 48.3),
- (iv) certain limited exceptions to the all-inclusive designation system (Rule 4.9),

The amendments due to enter into force on 1 April 2007 provide for:

- (i) missing elements and parts of the international application (Rules 4.1(c)(iv), 4.18, 4.19, 12.1*bis*, 12.3, 20.1 to 20.8, 21.2, 22.1, 26.1, 26.2, 26.3*ter*, 26.5, 26.6, 48.2(b)(v), 51.1, 51.2, 51*bis*.1, 55.2 and 82*ter*.1)(b) to (d),
- (ii) the restoration of the right of priority (Rules 2.4, 4.1(c)(v), 4.10, 26*bis*.2(a) to (d), 26*bis*.3, 48.2(a)(ix) and (xi), 48.2(b)(iv), (vi), (vii) and (viii), 48.2(j), 49*ter*.1, 49*ter*.2, 64.1, 76.5 and 82*ter*.1(a)),
- (iii) the rectification of obvious mistakes (Rules 11.14, 12.2, 26*bis*.1, 26*bis*.2(e), 38.2, 38.3, 43.6*bis*, 43*bis*.1, 48.2(a)(vii), 48.2(i), 48.2(k), 66.1, 66.4*bis*, 66.5, 70.2(e), 70.16, 91.1, 91.2 and 91.3),
- (iv) the addition of patent documents of the Republic of Korea to PCT minimum documentation (Rule 34.1).

Together with the approval of amendments to the PCT Regulations, the Assembly also made decisions relating to the entry into force and transitional arrangements, and agreed upon understandings relating to certain provisions. The text of both the decisions and the understandings may be found on pages 5542 and 5544, and pages 5546 and 5548, respectively.

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ASSEMBLÉE (TRENTE-QUATRIÈME SESSION (15^e SESSION ORDINAIRE))****NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**

Un certain nombre de modifications du règlement d'exécution du PCT ont été approuvées par l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève, du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, dans le cadre des réunions des Assemblées des États membres de l'OMPI.

Les documents qui ont été établis pour l'Assemblée du PCT ainsi que le rapport de la session sont disponibles sur le site Web du PCT à l'adresse suivante :

www.wipo.int/patentscope/fr/meetings.html

Les modifications précitées du règlement d'exécution du PCT entreront en vigueur à deux dates différentes. La première série de modifications entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2006. La deuxième série de modifications entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007. Le texte des règles modifiées figure aux pages 5487 à 5541.

Les modifications qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2006 portent sur :

- i) la publication des demandes internationales sous forme électronique (règles 13*bis*.4, 26*bis*.2, 47.1, 48.1, 48.2, 86.1.a), 87.1, 87.2 et 91.1),
- ii) la Gazette du PCT sous forme électronique (règles 86.1.b) et 86.2),
- iii) l'adjonction de l'arabe comme langue de publication (règle 48.3),
- iv) certaines exceptions au système de désignation général (règle 4.9).

Les modifications qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007 portent sur :

- i) les éléments manquants et parties manquantes de la demande internationale (règles 4.1.c)iv), 4.18, 4.19, 12.1*bis*, 12.3, 20.1 à 20.8, 21.2, 22.1, 26.1, 26.2, 26.3*ter*, 26.5, 26.6, 48.2.b)v), 51.1, 51.2, 51*bis*.1, 55.2 et 82*ter*.1.b) à d)),
- ii) la restauration du droit de priorité (règles 2.4, 4.1.c)v), 4.10, 26*bis*.2.a) à d), 26*bis*.3, 48.2.a)ix) et xi), 48.2.b)iv), vi), vii) et viii), 48.2.j), 49*ter*.1, 49*ter*.2, 64.1, 76.5 and 82*ter*.1.a)),
- iii) la rectification d'erreurs évidentes (règles 11.14, 12.2, 26*bis*.1, 26*bis*.2.e), 38.2, 38.3, 43.6*bis*, 43*bis*.1, 48.2.a)vii), 48.2.i), 48.2.k), 66.1, 66.4*bis*, 66.5, 70.2.e), 70.16, 91.1, 91.2 et 91.3),
- iv) l'adjonction des documents de brevet de la République de Corée à la documentation minimale du PCT (règle 34.1).

Lors de l'approbation des modifications du règlement d'exécution du PCT, l'Assemblée a également pris des décisions concernant l'entrée en vigueur et les dispositions transitoires, et a convenu des accords de principe relatifs à certaines dispositions du règlement modifié. Le texte des décisions ainsi que celui des accords figure aux pages 5543 et 5545, ainsi qu'aux pages 5547 et 5549, respectivement.

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(THIRTY-FOURTH (15TH ORDINARY) SESSION) (cont'd)****AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 1 April 2006)¹****Rule 4²
The Request (Contents)**

4.1 to 4.8 [No change]

4.9 *Designation of States; Kinds of Protection; National and Regional Patents*

(a) [No change]

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a)(i), if, on October 5, 2005, the national law of a Contracting State provides that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of that State and claims the priority of an earlier national application having effect in that State shall have the result that the earlier national application ceases to have effect with the same consequences as the withdrawal of the earlier national application, any request in which the priority of an earlier national application filed in that State is claimed may contain an indication that the designation of that State is not made, provided that the designated Office notifies the International Bureau by January 5, 2006, that this paragraph shall apply in respect of designations of that State and that the notification is still in force on the international filing date. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

4.10 to 4.18 [No change]

**Rule 13bis
Inventions Relating to Biological Material**

13bis.1 to 13bis.3 [No change]

13bis.4 *References: Time Limit for Furnishing Indications*

(a) to (c) [No change]

¹ See pages 5542 and 5544 for details concerning entry into force and transitional arrangements.

² See pages 5496 to 5540 for further amendments entering into force on April 1, 2007.

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MODIFICATIONS DU RÈGLEMENT D'EXÉCUTION DU PCT
(dont l'entrée en vigueur est fixée au 1^{er} avril 2006)¹

Règle 4²
Requête (contenu)

4.1 à 4.8 [Sans changement]

4.9 *Désignation d'États, titres de protection, brevets nationaux et régionaux*

a) [Sans changement]

b) Nonobstant l'alinéa a)i), si, le 5 octobre 2005, la législation nationale d'un État contractant prévoit que le dépôt d'une demande internationale qui contient la désignation de cet État et revendique la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure produisant ses effets dans cet État a pour résultat que la demande nationale antérieure cesse de produire ses effets avec les mêmes conséquences que le retrait de ladite demande, toute requête dans laquelle la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure déposée dans cet État est revendiquée peut contenir une indication selon laquelle la désignation de cet État n'est pas faite, à condition que l'office en question notifie au Bureau international le 5 janvier 2006 au plus tard que le présent alinéa s'applique aux désignations de cet État et que la notification soit toujours en vigueur à la date du dépôt international. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues.

4.10 à 4.18 [Sans changement]

Règle 13bis
Inventions relatives à du matériel biologique

13bis.1 à 13bis.3 [Sans changement]

13bis.4 *Références : délai pour donner les indications*

a) à c) [Sans changement]

¹ Voir les pages 5543 et 5545 pour plus de détails concernant l'entrée en vigueur et les dispositions transitoires.

² Voir les pages 5497 à 5541 pour d'autres modifications qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

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(d) The International Bureau shall notify the applicant of the date on which it received any indication furnished under paragraph (a), and:

(i) if the indication was received before the technical preparations for international publication have been completed, publish the indication furnished under paragraph (a), and an indication of the date of receipt, together with the international application;

(ii) [No change]

13bis.5 to 13bis.7 [No change]

**Rule 26bis³
Correction or Addition of Priority Claim**

26bis.1 [No change]

26bis.2 *Invitation to Correct Defects in Priority Claims*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) Where the receiving Office or the International Bureau has made a declaration under paragraph (b), the International Bureau shall, upon request made by the applicant and received by the International Bureau prior to the completion of the technical preparations for international publication, and subject to the payment of a special fee whose amount shall be fixed in the Administrative Instructions, publish, together with the international application, information concerning the priority claim which was considered not to have been made. A copy of that request shall be included in the communication under Article 20 where the international application is not published by virtue of Article 64(3).

**Rule 47
Communication to Designated Offices**

47.1 *Procedure*

(a) and (a-bis) [No change]

(a-ter) [Deleted]

(b) to (e) [No change]

47.2 to 47.4 [No change]

**Rule 48³
International Publication**

48.1 *Form and Means*⁴

The form in which and the means by which international applications are published shall be governed by the Administrative Instructions.

³ See pages 5496 to 5540 for further amendments entering into force on April 1, 2007.

⁴ The text of amended Rule 48.1 derives from present Rule 48.1(b); present Rule 48.1(a) is deleted.

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d) Le Bureau international notifie au déposant la date à laquelle il a reçu toute indication donnée conformément à l'alinéa a) et,

i) si l'indication a été reçue avant l'achèvement de la préparation technique de la publication internationale, publie l'indication donnée conformément à l'alinéa a) et sa date de réception, en même temps que la demande internationale;

ii) [Sans changement]

13bis.5 à 13bis.7 [Sans changement]

Règle 26bis³**Correction ou adjonction de revendications de priorité**

26bis.1 [Sans changement]

26bis.2 *Invitation à corriger des irrégularités dans les revendications de priorité*

a) et b) [Sans changement]

c) Lorsque l'office récepteur ou le Bureau international a fait une déclaration en vertu de l'alinéa b), le Bureau international, si la requête en est faite par le déposant et lui parvient avant l'achèvement de la préparation technique de la publication internationale, et sous réserve du paiement d'une taxe spéciale dont le montant est fixé dans les instructions administratives, publie avec la demande internationale des renseignements concernant la revendication de priorité considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée. Une copie de cette requête est insérée dans la communication selon l'article 20 lorsque, en vertu de l'article 64.3), la demande internationale n'est pas publiée.

Règle 47**Communication aux offices désignés**

47.1 *Procédure*

a) et a-bis) [Sans changement]

a-ter) [*Supprimé*]

b) à e) [Sans changement]

47.2 à 47.4 [Sans changement]

Règle 48³**Publication internationale**

48.1 *Forme et moyen*⁴

La forme sous laquelle et le moyen par lequel les demandes internationales sont publiées sont fixés dans les instructions administratives.

³ Voir les pages 5497 à 5541 pour d'autres modifications qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

⁴ Le libellé de la règle 48.1 modifiée s'inspire de celui de la règle 48.1.b) actuelle; la règle 48.1.a) actuelle est supprimée.

**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY
(THIRTY-FOURTH (15TH ORDINARY) SESSION) (cont'd)****AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**48.2 *Contents*⁵

(a) The publication of the international application shall contain:

(i) a standardized front page;

(ii) the description;

(iii) the claims;

(iv) the drawings, if any;

(v) subject to paragraph (g), the international search report or the declaration under Article 17(2)(a);

(vi) any statement filed under Article 19(1), unless the International Bureau finds that the statement does not comply with the provisions of Rule 46.4;

(vii) any request for rectification referred to in the third sentence of Rule 91.1(f);

(viii) the indications in relation to deposited biological material furnished under Rule 13*bis* separately from the description, together with an indication of the date on which the International Bureau received such indications;

(ix) any information concerning a priority claim considered not to have been made under Rule 26*bis*.2(b), the publication of which is requested under Rule 26*bis*.2(c);

(x) any declaration referred to in Rule 4.17, and any correction thereof under Rule 26*ter*.1, which was received by the International Bureau before the expiration of the time limit under Rule 26*ter*.1.

(b) to (e) [No change]

(f) If the claims have been amended under Article 19, the publication of the international application shall contain the full text of the claims both as filed and as amended. Any statement referred to in Article 19(1) shall be included as well, unless the International Bureau finds that the statement does not comply with the provisions of Rule 46.4. The date of receipt of the amended claims by the International Bureau shall be indicated.

(g) If, at the time of the completion of the technical preparations for international publication, the international search report is not yet available, the front page shall contain an indication to the effect that that report was not available and that the international search report (when it becomes available) will be separately published together with a revised front page.

(h) If, at the time of the completion of the technical preparations for international publication, the time limit for amending the claims under Article 19 has not expired, the front page shall refer to that fact and indicate that, should the claims be amended under Article 19, then, promptly after receipt by the International Bureau of such amendments within the time limit under Rule 46.1, the full text of the claims as amended will be published together with a revised front page. If a statement under Article 19(1) has been filed, that statement shall be published as well, unless the International Bureau finds that the statement does not comply with the provisions of Rule 46.4.

(i) [*Deleted*]

⁵ Rule 48.2(a)(i) to (iv), (vi), (vii) and (ix) are amended in the English text only.

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a) La publication de la demande internationale contient :

i) à iv) [Sans changement]

v) sous réserve de l'alinéa g), le rapport de recherche internationale ou la déclaration mentionnée à l'article 17.2a);

vi) et vii) [Sans changement]

viii) les indications relatives à du matériel biologique déposé, données en vertu de la règle 13*bis* indépendamment de la description, et l'indication de la date à laquelle le Bureau international les a reçues;

ix) [Sans changement]

x) toute déclaration visée à la règle 4.17, et toute correction de celle-ci en vertu de la règle 26*ter*.1, qui ont été reçues par le Bureau international avant l'expiration du délai prévu à la règle 26*ter*.1.

b) à e) [Sans changement]

f) Si les revendications ont été modifiées conformément à l'article 19, la publication de la demande internationale contient le texte intégral des revendications telles que déposées et telles que modifiées. Toute déclaration visée à l'article 19.1) est également incluse, à moins que le Bureau international n'estime que la déclaration n'est pas conforme aux dispositions de la règle 46.4. La date de réception par le Bureau international des revendications modifiées doit être indiquée.

g) Si, à la date d'achèvement de la préparation technique de la publication internationale, le rapport de recherche internationale n'est pas encore disponible, la page de couverture contient l'indication que ce rapport n'est pas encore disponible et que le rapport de recherche internationale (lorsqu'il sera disponible) sera publié séparément avec une page de couverture révisée.

h) Si, à la date d'achèvement de la préparation technique de la publication internationale, le délai de modification des revendications prévu à l'article 19 n'est pas expiré, la page de couverture indique ce fait et précise que, si les revendications devaient être modifiées selon l'article 19, le texte intégral des revendications modifiées sera publié avec une page de couverture révisée à bref délai après réception par le Bureau international de ces modifications dans le délai visé à la règle 46.1. Si une déclaration selon l'article 19.1) est déposée, cette déclaration est également publiée, à moins que le Bureau international n'estime que la déclaration n'est pas conforme aux dispositions de la règle 46.4.

i) [*Supprimé*]

⁵ La règle 48.2.a)i) à iv), vi), vii) et ix) est modifiée dans la version anglaise seulement.

**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY
(THIRTY-FOURTH (15TH ORDINARY) SESSION) (cont'd)****AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)***48.3 Languages of Publication*

(a) If the international application is filed in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Russian or Spanish (“languages of publication”), that application shall be published in the language in which it was filed.

(b) and (c) [No change]

48.4 to 48.6 [No change]

**Rule 86
The Gazette***86.1 Contents⁶*

The Gazette referred to in Article 55(4) shall contain:

(i) for each published international application, the data specified by the Administrative Instructions taken from the front page of the publication of the international application, the drawing (if any) appearing on the said front page, and the abstract;

(ii) the schedule of all fees payable to the receiving Offices, the International Bureau, and the International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities;

(iii) notices the publication of which is required under the Treaty or these Regulations;

(iv) information, if and to the extent furnished to the International Bureau by the designated or elected Offices, on the question whether the requirements provided for in Articles 22 or 39 have been complied with in respect of the international applications designating or electing the Office concerned;

(v) [No change]

86.2 Languages; Form and Means of Publication; Timing

(a) The Gazette shall be published in English and French at the same time. The translations shall be ensured by the International Bureau in English and French.

(b) [No change]

(c) The form in which and the means by which the Gazette is published shall be governed by the Administrative Instructions.

(d) The International Bureau shall ensure that, for each published international application, the information referred to in Rule 86.1(i) is published in the Gazette on, or as soon as possible after, the date of publication of the international application.

86.3 to 86.6 [No change]

⁶ The text of amended Rule 86.1 derives from present Rule 86.1(a); present Rule 86.1(b) is deleted. Rule 86.1(ii) to (iv) are amended in the English text only.

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a) Si la demande internationale est déposée en allemand, en anglais, en arabe, en chinois, en espagnol, en français, en japonais ou en russe ("langues de publication"), elle est publiée dans la langue dans laquelle elle a été déposée.

b) et c) [Sans changement]

48.4 à 48.6 [Sans changement]

**Règle 86
Gazette***86.1 Contenu⁶*

La gazette mentionnée à l'article 55.4) contient :

i) pour chaque demande internationale publiée, les indications fixées par les instructions administratives reprises de la page de couverture de la publication de la demande internationale, le dessin (s'il y en a) figurant sur ladite page de couverture et l'abrégé;

ii) à v) [Sans changement]

86.2 Langues; forme et moyen de publication; délai

a) La gazette est publiée simultanément en français et en anglais. Le Bureau international assure les traductions en français et en anglais.

b) [Sans changement]

c) La forme et le moyen de publication de la gazette sont fixés dans les instructions administratives.

d) Le Bureau international veille à ce que, pour chaque demande internationale publiée, les renseignements visés à la règle 86.1.i) soient publiés dans la gazette à la date de la publication de la demande internationale, ou aussitôt que possible après cette date.

86.3 à 86.6 [Sans changement]

⁶ Le libellé de la règle 86.1 modifiée s'inspire de celui de la règle 86.1.a) actuelle; la règle 86.1.b) actuelle est supprimée. La règle 86.1.ii) à iv) est modifiée dans la version anglaise seulement.

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Communication of Publications****87.1 *Communication of Publications on Request***

The International Bureau shall communicate, free of charge, every published international application, the Gazette and any other publication of general interest published by the International Bureau in connection with the Treaty or these Regulations, to International Searching Authorities, International Preliminary Examining Authorities and national Offices upon request by the Authority or Office concerned. Further details concerning the form in which and the means by which publications are communicated shall be governed by the Administrative Instructions.

87.2 *[Deleted]***Rule 91⁷
Obvious Errors in Documents****91.1 *Rectification***

(a) to (e) [No change]

(f) Any authority which authorizes or refuses any rectification shall promptly notify the applicant of the authorization or refusal and, in the case of refusal, of the reasons therefor. The authority which authorizes a rectification shall promptly notify the International Bureau accordingly. Where the authorization of the rectification was refused, the International Bureau shall, upon request made by the applicant prior to the time relevant under paragraph (g-bis), (g-ter) or (g-quater) and subject to the payment of a special fee whose amount shall be fixed in the Administrative Instructions, publish the request for rectification together with the international application. A copy of the request for rectification shall be included in the communication under Article 20 where the international application is not published by virtue of Article 64(3).

(g) to (g-quater) [No change]

⁷ See pages 5496 to 5540 for further amendments entering into force on April 1, 2007.

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Le Bureau international communique gratuitement chaque demande internationale publiée, la gazette et toute autre publication d'intérêt général publiée par le Bureau international en relation avec le traité ou le présent règlement d'exécution aux administrations chargées de la recherche internationale, aux administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international et aux offices nationaux sur demande de l'administration ou de l'office intéressé. D'autres détails relatifs à la forme et au moyen de communication des publications sont fixés dans les instructions administratives.

87.2 *[Supprimée]***Règle 91⁷****Erreurs évidentes contenues dans des documents****91.1 *Rectification***

a) à e) [Sans changement]

f) Toute administration qui autorise ou refuse une rectification le notifie à bref délai au déposant, en motivant sa décision s'il s'agit d'un refus. L'administration qui autorise une rectification le notifie à bref délai au Bureau international. Lorsque l'autorisation de rectifier a été refusée, le Bureau international, si la requête en est faite par le déposant avant le moment pertinent selon l'alinéa *g-bis*), *g-ter*) ou *g-quater*) et sous réserve du paiement d'une taxe spéciale dont le montant est fixé dans les instructions administratives, publie la requête en rectification avec la demande internationale. Une copie de la requête en rectification est insérée dans la communication selon l'article 20 lorsque, en vertu de l'article 64.3), la demande internationale n'est pas publiée.

g) à *g-quater*) [Sans changement]

⁷ Voir les pages 5497 à 5541 pour d'autres modifications qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

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Interpretation of Certain Words**

2.1 to 2.3 [No change]

2.4 “*Priority Period*”

(a) Whenever the term “priority period” is used in relation to a priority claim, it shall be construed as meaning the period of 12 months from the filing date of the earlier application whose priority is so claimed. The day of filing of the earlier application shall not be included in that period.

(b) Rule 80.5 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the priority period.

**Rule 4⁹
The Request (Contents)**

4.1 *Mandatory and Optional Contents; Signature*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) The request may contain:

(i) and (ii) [No change]

(iii) declarations as provided in Rule 4.17,

(iv) a statement as provided in Rule 4.18,

(v) a request for restoration of the right of priority.

(d) [No change]

4.2 to 4.9 [No change]

4.10 *Priority Claim*

(a) Any declaration referred to in Article 8(1) (“priority claim”) may claim the priority of one or more earlier applications filed either in or for any country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or in or for any Member of the World Trade Organization that is not party to that Convention. Any priority claim shall be made in the request; it shall consist of a statement to the effect that the priority of an earlier application is claimed and shall indicate:

(i) the date on which the earlier application was filed;

(ii) to (v) [No change]

(b) to (d) [No change]

4.11 to 4.17 [No change]

⁸ See pages 5542 and 5544 for details concerning entry into force and transitional arrangements.

⁹ See pages 5486 to 5494 for further amendments entering into force earlier, on April 1, 2006.

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Règle 2
Interprétation de certains mots

2.1 à 2.3 [Sans changement]

2.4 “*Délai de priorité*”

a) Le terme “délai de priorité” lorsqu’il est utilisé en relation avec une revendication de priorité doit être compris comme signifiant la période de 12 mois à compter de la date du dépôt de la demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée. Le jour du dépôt de la demande antérieure n’est pas compris dans ce délai.

b) La règle 80.5 s’applique *mutatis mutandis* au délai de priorité.

Règle 4⁹
Requête (contenu)

4.1 *Contenu obligatoire et contenu facultatif; signature*

a) et b) [Sans changement]

c) La requête peut comporter :

i) et ii) [Sans changement]

iii) les déclarations prévues à la règle 4.17;

iv) une déclaration prévue à la règle 4.18;

v) une requête en restauration du droit de priorité.

d) [Sans changement]

4.2 à 4.9 [Sans changement]

4.10 *Revendication de priorité*

a) Toute déclaration visée à l’article 8.1) (“revendication de priorité”) peut revendiquer la priorité d’une ou de plusieurs demandes antérieures déposées soit dans ou pour tout pays partie à la Convention de Paris pour la protection de la propriété industrielle, soit dans ou pour tout membre de l’Organisation mondiale du commerce qui n’est pas partie à ladite convention. Toute revendication de priorité doit figurer dans la requête; elle consiste à revendiquer la priorité d’une demande antérieure et elle doit indiquer :

i) la date à laquelle la demande antérieure a été déposée;

ii) à v) [Sans changement]

b) à d) [Sans changement]

4.11 à 4.17 [Sans changement]

⁸ Voir les pages 5543 et 5545 pour plus de détails concernant l’entrée en vigueur et les dispositions transitoires.

⁹ Voir les pages 5487 à 5495 pour les modifications qui entreront en vigueur plus tôt, le 1^{er} avril 2006.

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Where the international application, on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, claims the priority of an earlier application, the request may contain a statement that, where an element of the international application referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) or a part of the description, claims or drawings referred to in Rule 20.5(a) is not otherwise contained in the international application but is completely contained in the earlier application, that element or part is, subject to confirmation under Rule 20.6, incorporated by reference in the international application for the purposes of Rule 20.6. Such a statement, if not contained in the request on that date, may be added to the request if, and only if, it was otherwise contained in, or submitted with, the international application on that date.

4.19 *Additional Matter*

(a) The request shall contain no matter other than that specified in Rules 4.1 to 4.18, provided that the Administrative Instructions may permit, but cannot make mandatory, the inclusion in the request of any additional matter specified in the Administrative Instructions.

(b) If the request contains matter other than that specified in Rules 4.1 to 4.18 or permitted under paragraph (a) by the Administrative Instructions, the receiving Office shall *ex officio* delete the additional matter.

Rule 11**Physical Requirements of the International Application**

11.1 to 11.13 [No change]

11.14 *Later Documents*

Rules 10, and 11.1 to 11.13, also apply to any document – for example, replacement sheets, amended claims, translations – submitted after the filing of the international application.

Rule 12**Language of the International Application
and Translation for the Purposes of International Search
and International Publication**

12.1 [No change]

12.1bis *Language of Elements and Parts Furnished under Rule 20.3, 20.5 or 20.6*

An element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) furnished by the applicant under Rule 20.3(b) or 20.6(a) and a part of the description, claims or drawings furnished by the applicant under Rule 20.5(b) or 20.6(a) shall be in the language of the international application as filed or, where a translation of the application is required under Rule 12.3(a) or 12.4(a), in both the language of the application as filed and the language of that translation.

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Lorsque la demande internationale, à la date à laquelle un ou plusieurs des éléments mentionnés à l'article 11.1)iii) ont été initialement reçus par l'office récepteur, revendique la priorité d'une demande antérieure, la requête peut comporter une déclaration selon laquelle, lorsqu'un élément de la demande internationale visé à l'article 11.1)iii)d) ou e) ou une partie de la description, des revendications ou des dessins visée à la règle 20.5.a) n'est pas contenu dans la demande internationale mais figure intégralement dans la demande antérieure, cet élément ou cette partie est, sous réserve d'une confirmation selon la règle 20.6, incorporé par renvoi dans la demande internationale aux fins de la règle 20.6. Dans le cas où elle ne figure pas dans la requête à cette date, une telle déclaration peut y être ajoutée si, et seulement si, elle était par ailleurs contenue dans la demande internationale à cette date, ou présentée avec celle-ci.

4.19 Éléments supplémentaires

a) La requête ne doit pas contenir d'autres éléments que ceux qui sont mentionnés aux règles 4.1 à 4.18; toutefois, les instructions administratives peuvent permettre, mais ne peuvent pas rendre obligatoire, l'inclusion dans la requête d'éléments supplémentaires qui sont mentionnés dans les instructions administratives.

b) Si la requête contient d'autres éléments que ceux qui sont mentionnés aux règles 4.1 à 4.18 ou permis par les instructions administratives en vertu de l'alinéa a), l'office récepteur supprime d'office les éléments supplémentaires.

Règle 11**Conditions matérielles de la demande internationale**

11.1 à 11.13 [Sans changement]

11.14 Documents ultérieurs

Les règles 10 et 11.1 à 11.13 s'appliquent également à tous documents – par exemple : feuilles de remplacement, revendications modifiées, traductions – présentés après le dépôt de la demande internationale.

Règle 12**Langue de la demande internationale et traduction aux fins de la recherche internationale et de la publication internationale**

12.1 [Sans changement]

12.1bis Langue des éléments et parties remis en vertu de la règle 20.3, 20.5 ou 20.6

Un élément visé à l'article 11.1)iii)d) ou e) remis par le déposant en vertu de la règle 20.3.b) ou 20.6.a) ou une partie de la description, des revendications ou des dessins remise par le déposant en vertu de la règle 20.5.b) ou 20.6.a) doit être rédigé dans la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale a été déposée ou, lorsqu'une traduction de la demande est exigée en vertu de la règle 12.3.a) ou 12.4.a), à la fois dans la langue dans laquelle la demande a été déposée et dans la langue de cette traduction.

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(a) [No change]

(b) Any rectification under Rule 91.1 of an obvious mistake in the international application shall be in the language in which the application is filed, provided that:

(i) where a translation of the international application is required under Rule 12.3(a), 12.4(a) or 55.2(a), rectifications referred to in Rule 91.1(b)(ii) and (iii) shall be filed in both the language of the application and the language of that translation;

(ii) where a translation of the request is required under Rule 26.3ter(c), rectifications referred to in Rule 91.1(b)(i) need only be filed in the language of that translation.

(c) [No change]

12.3 Translation for the Purposes of International Search

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) Where, by the time the receiving Office sends to the applicant the notification under Rule 20.2(c), the applicant has not furnished a translation required under paragraph (a), the receiving Office shall, preferably together with that notification, invite the applicant:

(i) and (ii) [No change]

(d) and (e) [No change]

*12.4 [No change]***Rule 20¹⁰
International Filing Date***20.1 Determination under Article 11(1)*

(a) Promptly after receipt of the papers purporting to be an international application, the receiving Office shall determine whether the papers fulfill the requirements of Article 11(1).

(b) For the purposes of Article 11(1)(iii)(c), it shall be sufficient to indicate the name of the applicant in a way which allows the identity of the applicant to be established even if the name is misspelled, the given names are not fully indicated, or, in the case of legal entities, the indication of the name is abbreviated or incomplete.

(c) For the purposes of Article 11(1)(ii), it shall be sufficient that the part which appears to be a description (other than any sequence listing part thereof) and the part which appears to be a claim or claims be in a language accepted by the receiving Office under Rule 12.1(a).

(d) If, on October 1, 1997, paragraph (c) is not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, paragraph (c) shall not apply to that receiving Office for as long as it continues not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by December 31, 1997. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

¹⁰ The text of Rule 20 is replaced in its entirety by that shown here.

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a) [Sans changement]

b) Toute rectification d'une erreur évidente contenue dans la demande internationale faite en vertu de la règle 91.1 doit être rédigée dans la langue dans laquelle la demande a été déposée; toutefois,

i) lorsqu'une traduction de la demande internationale est requise en vertu des règles 12.3.a), 12.4.a) ou 55.2.a), les rectifications visées à la règle 91.1.b)ii) et iii) doivent être déposées à la fois dans la langue dans laquelle la demande a été déposée et dans la langue de cette traduction;

ii) lorsqu'une traduction de la requête est requise en vertu de la règle 26.3ter.c), les rectifications visées à la règle 91.1.b)i) peuvent n'être déposées que dans la langue de cette traduction.

c) [Sans changement]

12.3 Traduction aux fins de la recherche internationale

a) et b) [Sans changement]

c) Lorsque, au moment où l'office récepteur envoie au déposant la notification prévue à la règle 20.2.c), le déposant n'a pas remis une traduction requise en vertu de l'alinéa a), l'office récepteur invite le déposant, de préférence en même temps qu'il adresse cette notification,

i) et ii) [Sans changement]

d) et e) [Sans changement]

*12.4 [Sans changement]***Règle 20¹⁰****Date du dépôt international***20.1 Constatation en vertu de l'article 11.1)*

a) À bref délai après réception des documents supposés constituer une demande internationale, l'office récepteur détermine si ces documents remplissent les conditions énoncées à l'article 11.1).

b) Aux fins de l'article 11.1)iii)c), il suffit d'indiquer le nom du déposant de manière à permettre d'en établir l'identité, même si ce nom est mal orthographié, si les prénoms ne sont pas complets ou, dans le cas d'une personne morale, si l'indication du nom est abrégée ou incomplète.

c) Aux fins de l'article 11.1)ii), il suffit que la partie qui semble constituer une description (à l'exception de la partie de celle-ci réservée au listage des séquences) et la partie qui semble constituer une ou des revendications soient rédigées dans une langue acceptée par l'office récepteur en vertu de la règle 12.1.a).

d) Si, le 1^{er} octobre 1997, l'alinéa c) n'est pas compatible avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office récepteur, il ne s'applique pas à celui-ci tant qu'il reste incompatible avec ladite législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 31 décembre 1997 au plus tard. Celui-ci publie à bref délai dans la gazette les renseignements reçus.

¹⁰ Le libellé de la règle 20 est entièrement remplacé par celui qui figure ici.

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(a) If the receiving Office determines that, at the time of receipt of the papers purporting to be an international application, the requirements of Article 11(1) were fulfilled, the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date of receipt of the international application.

(b) The receiving Office shall stamp the request of the international application which it has accorded an international filing date as prescribed by the Administrative Instructions. The copy whose request has been so stamped shall be the record copy of the international application.

(c) The receiving Office shall promptly notify the applicant of the international application number and the international filing date. At the same time, it shall send to the International Bureau a copy of the notification sent to the applicant, except where it has already sent, or is sending at the same time, the record copy to the International Bureau under Rule 22.1(a).

20.3 Defects under Article 11(1)

(a) Where, in determining whether the papers purporting to be an international application fulfill the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office finds that any of the requirements of Article 11(1) are not, or appear not to be, fulfilled, it shall promptly invite the applicant, at the applicant's option:

- (i) to furnish the required correction under Article 11(2); or
- (ii) where the requirements concerned are those relating to an element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e), to confirm in accordance with Rule 20.6(a) that the element is incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18;

and to make observations, if any, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7. If that time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of any application whose priority is claimed, the receiving Office shall call that circumstance to the attention of the applicant.

(b) Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise:

(i) the applicant furnishes to the receiving Office the required correction under Article 11(2) after the date of receipt of the purported international application but on a later date falling within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7, the receiving Office shall accord that later date as the international filing date and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c);

(ii) an element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) is, under Rule 20.6(b), considered to have been contained in the international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c).

(c) If the receiving Office later discovers, or on the basis of the applicant's reply realizes, that it has erred in issuing an invitation under paragraph (a) since the requirements of Article 11(1) were fulfilled when the papers were received, it shall proceed as provided in Rule 20.2.

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a) Si l'office récepteur constate que, au moment de la réception des documents supposés constituer une demande internationale, les conditions énoncées à l'article 11.1) sont remplies, il attribue comme date du dépôt international la date de réception de la demande internationale.

b) L'office récepteur appose son timbre sur la requête de la demande internationale à laquelle il a attribué une date de dépôt international conformément aux prescriptions des instructions administratives. L'exemplaire sur la requête duquel ce timbre a été apposé constitue l'exemplaire original de la demande internationale.

c) L'office récepteur notifie à bref délai au déposant le numéro de la demande internationale et la date du dépôt international. En même temps, il envoie au Bureau international une copie de la notification envoyée au déposant, sauf s'il a déjà envoyé ou envoie en même temps l'exemplaire original au Bureau international en vertu de la règle 22.1.a).

20.3 Irrégularités en vertu de l'article 11.1)

a) Lorsque, au moment de déterminer si les documents supposés constituer une demande internationale remplissent les conditions énoncées à l'article 11.1), l'office récepteur constate qu'une exigence visée à l'article 11.1) n'est pas ou ne semble pas être remplie, il invite à bref délai le déposant, au choix de ce dernier :

- i) à remettre la correction requise en vertu de l'article 11.2); ou
- ii) lorsque les conditions visées se rapportent à un élément mentionné à l'article 11.1)iii)d) ou e), à confirmer, conformément à la règle 20.6.a), que l'élément a été incorporé par renvoi en vertu de la règle 4.18;

et à présenter des observations, le cas échéant, dans le délai visé à la règle 20.7. Si ce délai expire plus de 12 mois après la date du dépôt de toute demande dont la priorité est revendiquée, l'office récepteur porte cette circonstance à l'attention du déposant.

b) Lorsque, à la suite d'une invitation selon l'alinéa a) ou pour une autre raison :

i) le déposant remet à l'office récepteur la correction requise en vertu de l'article 11.2) à une date ultérieure à la date de réception de ce qui est supposé constituer la demande internationale mais avant l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de la règle 20.7, l'office récepteur attribue comme date du dépôt international cette date ultérieure et prend les mesures prévues à la règle 20.2.b) et c);

ii) un élément visé à l'article 11.1)iii)d) ou e) est, en vertu de la règle 20.6.b), considéré comme ayant figuré dans la demande internationale à la date à laquelle un ou plusieurs des éléments mentionnés à l'article 11.1)iii) ont été initialement reçus par l'office récepteur, ce dernier attribue comme date de dépôt international la date à laquelle toutes les conditions énoncées à l'article 11.1) sont remplies et prend les mesures prévues à la règle 20.2.b) et c).

c) Si, ultérieurement, l'office récepteur découvre, ou constate sur la base de la réponse du déposant, qu'il a commis une erreur en adressant une invitation selon l'alinéa a), puisque les conditions énoncées à l'article 11.1) étaient remplies lors de la réception des documents, il procède de la manière prévue à la règle 20.2.

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If the receiving Office does not receive, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7, a correction or confirmation referred to in Rule 20.3(a), or if a correction or confirmation has been received but the application still does not fulfill the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office shall:

(i) promptly notify the applicant that the application is not and will not be treated as an international application and shall indicate the reasons therefor;

(ii) notify the International Bureau that the number it has marked on the papers will not be used as an international application number;

(iii) keep the papers constituting the purported international application and any correspondence relating thereto as provided in Rule 93.1; and

(iv) send a copy of the said papers to the International Bureau where, pursuant to a request by the applicant under Article 25(1), the International Bureau needs such a copy and specially asks for it.

20.5 Missing Parts

(a) Where, in determining whether the papers purporting to be an international application fulfill the requirements of Article 11(1), the receiving Office finds that a part of the description, claims or drawings is or appears to be missing, including the case where all of the drawings are or appear to be missing but not including the case where an entire element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) is or appears to be missing, it shall promptly invite the applicant, at the applicant's option:

(i) to complete the purported international application by furnishing the missing part; or

(ii) to confirm, in accordance with Rule 20.6(a), that the part was incorporated by reference under Rule 4.18;

and to make observations, if any, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7. If that time limit expires after the expiration of 12 months from the filing date of any application whose priority is claimed, the receiving Office shall call that circumstance to the attention of the applicant.

(b) Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, the applicant furnishes to the receiving Office, on or before the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled but within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7, a missing part referred to in paragraph (a) so as to complete the international application, that part shall be included in the application and the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c).

(c) Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, the applicant furnishes to the receiving Office, after the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) were fulfilled but within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7, a missing part referred to in paragraph (a) so as to complete the international application, that part shall be included in the application, and the receiving Office shall correct the international filing date to the date on which the receiving Office received that part, notify the applicant accordingly and proceed as provided for in the Administrative Instructions.

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Si l'office récepteur ne reçoit pas, dans le délai applicable en vertu de la règle 20.7, une correction ou une confirmation en vertu de la règle 20.3.a), ou si une correction ou une confirmation a été reçue mais que la demande ne remplit toujours pas les conditions énoncées à l'article 11.1), l'office récepteur :

i) notifie à bref délai au déposant que la demande n'est pas une demande internationale et ne sera pas instruite comme telle et lui en indique les raisons;

ii) notifie au Bureau international que le numéro qu'il a apposé sur les documents ne sera pas utilisé en tant que numéro de demande internationale;

iii) conserve les documents constituant ce qui est supposé constituer la demande internationale et toute correspondance y relative conformément à la règle 93.1; et

iv) adresse une copie desdits documents au Bureau international si, en raison d'une requête du déposant selon l'article 25.1), ce Bureau a besoin d'une telle copie et en demande expressément une.

20.5 Parties manquantes

a) Lorsque, au moment de déterminer si les documents supposés constituer une demande internationale remplissent les conditions énoncées à l'article 11.1), l'office récepteur constate qu'une partie de la description, des revendications ou des dessins manque ou semble manquer, y compris lorsque tous les dessins manquent ou semblent manquer, mais à l'exclusion du cas où un élément entier visé à l'article 11.1)iii)d) ou e) manque ou semble manquer, il invite à bref délai le déposant, au choix de ce dernier :

i) à compléter ce qui est supposé constituer la demande internationale en remettant la partie manquante; ou

ii) à confirmer, conformément à la règle 20.6.a), que la partie a été incorporée par renvoi en vertu de la règle 4.18;

et à présenter des observations, le cas échéant, dans le délai visé à la règle 20.7. Si ce délai expire plus de 12 mois après la date du dépôt de toute demande dont la priorité est revendiquée, l'office récepteur porte cette circonstance à l'attention du déposant.

b) Lorsque, à la suite d'une invitation selon l'alinéa a) ou pour une autre raison, le déposant remet à l'office récepteur, au plus tard à la date à laquelle toutes les conditions visées à l'article 11.1) sont remplies mais avant l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de la règle 20.7, une partie manquante visée à l'alinéa a) destinée à compléter la demande internationale, cette partie est incorporée à la demande et l'office récepteur attribue comme date du dépôt international la date à laquelle toutes les conditions énoncées à l'article 11.1) sont remplies et prend les mesures prévues à la règle 20.2.b) et c).

c) Lorsque, à la suite d'une invitation selon l'alinéa a) ou pour une autre raison, le déposant remet à l'office récepteur, après la date à laquelle toutes les conditions énoncées à l'article 11.1) sont remplies mais avant l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de la règle 20.7, une partie manquante visée à l'alinéa a) destinée à compléter la demande internationale, cette partie est incorporée à la demande et l'office récepteur corrige la date du dépôt international pour qu'elle devienne la date à laquelle il a reçu cette partie, notifie ce fait au déposant et prend les mesures prévues dans les instructions administratives.

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(d) Where, following an invitation under paragraph (a) or otherwise, a part referred to in paragraph (a) is, under Rule 20.6(b), considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office, the receiving Office shall accord as the international filing date the date on which all of the requirements of Article 11(1) are fulfilled and proceed as provided in Rule 20.2(b) and (c).

(e) Where the international filing date has been corrected under paragraph (c), the applicant may, in a notice submitted to the receiving Office within one month from the date of the notification under paragraph (c), request that the missing part concerned be disregarded, in which case the missing part shall be considered not to have been furnished and the correction of the international filing date under that paragraph shall be considered not to have been made, and the receiving Office shall proceed as provided for in the Administrative Instructions.

20.6 Confirmation of Incorporation by Reference of Elements and Parts

(a) The applicant may submit to the receiving Office, within the applicable time limit under Rule 20.7, a written notice confirming that an element or part is incorporated by reference in the international application under Rule 4.18, accompanied by:

(i) a sheet or sheets embodying the entire element as contained in the earlier application or embodying the part concerned;

(ii) where the applicant has not already complied with Rule 17.1(a), (b) or (b-bis) in relation to the priority document, a copy of the earlier application as filed;

(iii) where the earlier application is not in the language in which the international application is filed, a translation of the earlier application into that language or, where a translation of the international application is required under Rule 12.3(a) or 12.4(a), a translation of the earlier application into both the language in which the international application is filed and the language of that translation; and

(iv) in the case of a part of the description, claims or drawings, an indication as to where that part is contained in the earlier application and, where applicable, in any translation referred to in item (iii).

(b) Where the receiving Office finds that the requirements of Rule 4.18 and paragraph (a) have been complied with and that the element or part referred to in paragraph (a) is completely contained in the earlier application concerned, that element or part shall be considered to have been contained in the purported international application on the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office.

(c) Where the receiving Office finds that a requirement under Rule 4.18 or paragraph (a) has not been complied with or that the element or part referred to in paragraph (a) is not completely contained in the earlier application concerned, the receiving Office shall proceed as provided for in Rule 20.3(b)(i), 20.5(b) or 20.5(c), as the case may be.

20.7 Time Limit

(a) The applicable time limit referred to in Rules 20.3(a) and (b), 20.4, 20.5(a), (b) and (c), and 20.6(a) shall be:

(i) where an invitation under Rule 20.3(a) or 20.5(a), as applicable, was sent to the applicant, two months from the date of the invitation;

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d) Lorsque, à la suite d'une invitation selon l'alinéa a) ou pour une autre raison, une partie visée à l'alinéa a) est, en vertu de la règle 20.6.b), considérée comme ayant été contenue dans ce qui est supposé constituer la demande internationale à la date à laquelle un ou plusieurs des éléments visés à l'article 11.1)iii) ont été initialement reçus par l'office récepteur, ce dernier attribue comme date du dépôt international la date à laquelle toutes les conditions énoncées à l'article 11.1) sont remplies et prend les mesures prévues à la règle 20.2.b) et c).

e) Lorsque la date du dépôt international a été corrigée en vertu de l'alinéa c), le déposant peut, dans une communication adressée à l'office récepteur dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de la notification en vertu de l'alinéa c), demander qu'il ne soit pas tenu compte de la partie manquante concernée, auquel cas cette dernière est considérée comme n'ayant pas été remise et la correction de la date du dépôt international en vertu de cet alinéa est considérée comme n'ayant pas été effectuée, et l'office récepteur prend les mesures prévues dans les instructions administratives.

20.6 Confirmation de l'incorporation par renvoi d'éléments ou de parties

a) Le déposant peut adresser à l'office récepteur, dans le délai applicable en vertu de la règle 20.7, une communication écrite confirmant qu'un élément ou une partie est incorporé par renvoi dans la demande internationale en vertu de la règle 4.18, accompagnée

i) de la ou des feuilles dans lesquelles figure l'intégralité de l'élément tel qu'il apparaît dans la demande antérieure ou dans lesquelles figure la partie concernée;

ii) si le déposant ne s'est pas encore conformé aux dispositions de la règle 17.1.a), b) ou b-bis) relatives au document de priorité, d'une copie de la demande antérieure telle qu'elle a été déposée;

iii) lorsque la demande antérieure n'a pas été établie dans la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale a été déposée, d'une traduction de la demande antérieure dans cette langue, ou, lorsqu'une traduction de la demande internationale est exigée en vertu de la règle 12.3.a) ou 12.4.a), d'une traduction de la demande antérieure à la fois dans la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale a été déposée et dans la langue de cette traduction; et

iv) dans le cas d'une partie de la description, des revendications ou des dessins, d'une indication de l'endroit où cette partie figure dans la demande antérieure et, le cas échéant, dans toute traduction visée au point iii).

b) Lorsque l'office récepteur constate que les conditions énoncées à la règle 4.18 et à l'alinéa a) ont été remplies et que l'élément ou la partie mentionné à l'alinéa a) figure intégralement dans la demande antérieure concernée, cet élément ou cette partie est considéré comme ayant été contenu dans ce qui est supposé constituer la demande internationale à la date à laquelle un ou plusieurs des éléments visés à l'article 11.1)iii) ont été initialement reçus par l'office récepteur.

c) Lorsque l'office récepteur constate qu'une des conditions énoncées à la règle 4.18 ou à l'alinéa a) n'a pas été remplie, ou que l'élément ou la partie mentionné à l'alinéa a) ne figure pas intégralement dans la demande antérieure concernée, il procède de la manière prévue à la règle 20.3.b)i), 20.5.b) ou 20.5.c), selon le cas.

20.7 Délai

a) Le délai applicable visé aux règles 20.3.a) et b), 20.4, 20.5.a), b) et c), et 20.6.a) est :

i) lorsqu'une invitation en vertu de la règle 20.3.a) ou 20.5.a), selon le cas, a été envoyée au déposant, de deux mois à compter de la date de l'invitation;

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(ii) where no such invitation was sent to the applicant, two months from the date on which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office.

(b) Where a correction under Article 11(2) or a notice under Rule 20.6(a) confirming the incorporation by reference of an element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) is received by the receiving Office after the expiration of the applicable time limit under paragraph (a) but before that Office sends a notification to the applicant under Rule 20.4(i), that correction or notice shall be considered to have been received within that time limit.

20.8 *Incompatibility with National Laws*

(a) If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

(b) If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

**Rule 21
Preparation of Copies**

21.1 [No change]

21.2 *Certified Copy for the Applicant*

Against payment of a fee, the receiving Office shall furnish to the applicant, on request, certified copies of the international application as filed and of any corrections thereto.

**Rule 22
Transmittal of the Record Copy and Translation****22.1 *Procedure***

(a) [No change]

(b) If the International Bureau has received a copy of the notification under Rule 20.2(c) but is not, by the expiration of 13 months from the priority date, in possession of the record copy, it shall remind the receiving Office that it should transmit the record copy to the International Bureau promptly.

(c) If the International Bureau has received a copy of the notification under Rule 20.2(c) but is not, by the expiration of 14 months from the priority date, in possession of the record copy, it shall notify the applicant and the receiving Office accordingly.

(d) to (h) [No change]

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ii) lorsqu'il n'a pas été envoyé d'invitation au déposant, de deux mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur a reçu initialement au moins l'un des éléments indiqués à l'article 11.1)iii).

b) Lorsqu'une correction selon l'article 11.2) ou une communication visée à la règle 20.6.a) confirmant l'incorporation par renvoi d'un élément mentionné à l'article 11.1)iii)d) ou e) est reçue par l'office récepteur après l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'alinéa a) mais avant que cet office ait envoyé au déposant une notification en vertu de la règle 20.4.i), cette correction ou communication est considérée comme ayant été reçue dans ce délai.

20.8 Incompatibilité avec les législations nationales

a) Si, le 5 octobre 2005, l'une quelconque des règles 20.3.a)ii) et b)ii), 20.5.a)ii) et d), et 20.6 n'est pas compatible avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office récepteur, la règle concernée ne s'applique pas à une demande internationale déposée auprès de cet office récepteur tant qu'elle reste incompatible avec cette législation, à condition que l'office en question en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues.

b) Si, le 5 octobre 2005, l'une quelconque des règles 20.3.a)ii) et b)ii), 20.5.a)ii) et d), et 20.6 n'est pas compatible avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, la règle concernée ne s'applique pas à cet office en rapport avec une demande internationale à l'égard de laquelle les actes visés à l'article 22 ont été accomplis auprès de cet office tant qu'elle reste incompatible avec cette législation, à condition que l'office en question en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues.

**Règle 21
Préparation de copies**

21.1 [Sans changement]

21.2 Copie certifiée conforme pour le déposant

Contre paiement d'une taxe, l'office récepteur fournit au déposant, sur demande, des copies certifiées conformes de la demande internationale, telle qu'elle a été déposée, ainsi que de toutes corrections y relatives.

**Règle 22
Transmission de l'exemplaire original et de la traduction****22.1 Procédure**

a) [Sans changement]

b) Si le Bureau international a reçu une copie de la notification selon la règle 20.2.c) mais n'est pas, à l'expiration du treizième mois à compter de la date de priorité, en possession de l'exemplaire original, il rappelle à l'office récepteur qu'il doit lui transmettre l'exemplaire original à bref délai.

c) Si le Bureau international a reçu une copie de la notification selon la règle 20.2.c) mais n'est pas, à l'expiration du quatorzième mois à compter de la date de priorité, en possession de l'exemplaire original, il le notifie au déposant et à l'office récepteur.

d) à h) [Sans changement]

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22.2 [Remains deleted]

22.3 [No change]

Rule 26**Checking by, and Correcting before, the Receiving Office
of Certain Elements of the International Application**

26.1 *Invitation under Article 14(1)(b) to Correct*¹¹

The receiving Office shall issue the invitation to correct provided for in Article 14(1)(b) as soon as possible, preferably within one month from the receipt of the international application. In the invitation, the receiving Office shall invite the applicant to furnish the required correction, and give the applicant the opportunity to make observations, within the time limit under Rule 26.2.

26.2 *Time Limit for Correction*

The time limit referred to in Rule 26.1 shall be two months from the date of the invitation to correct. It may be extended by the receiving Office at any time before a decision is taken.

26.2bis to 26.3bis [No change]

26.3ter *Invitation to Correct Defects under Article 3(4)(i)*

(a) Where the abstract or any text matter of the drawings is filed in a language which is different from the language of the description and the claims, the receiving Office shall, unless

(i) and (ii) [No change]

invite the applicant to furnish a translation of the abstract or the text matter of the drawings into the language in which the international application is to be published. Rules 26.1, 26.2, 26.3, 26.3bis, 26.5 and 29.1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(b) [No change]

(c) Where the request does not comply with Rule 12.1(c), the receiving Office shall invite the applicant to file a translation so as to comply with that Rule. Rules 3, 26.1, 26.2, 26.5 and 29.1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(d) [No change]

26.4 [No change]

26.5 *Decision of the Receiving Office*

The receiving Office shall decide whether the applicant has submitted the correction within the applicable time limit under Rule 26.2, and, if the correction has been submitted within that time limit, whether the international application so corrected is or is not to be considered withdrawn, provided that no international application shall be considered withdrawn for lack of compliance with the physical requirements referred to in Rule 11 if it complies with those requirements to the extent necessary for the purpose of reasonably uniform international publication.

26.6 [Deleted]

¹¹ The text of amended Rule 26.1 derives from present Rule 26.1(a); present Rule 26.1(b) is deleted.

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22.2 [Reste supprimée]

22.3 [Sans changement]

Règle 26
Contrôle et correction de certains éléments
de la demande internationale auprès de l'office récepteur

26.1 *Invitation à corriger en vertu de l'article 14.1)b)*¹¹

L'office récepteur adresse l'invitation à corriger, prévue à l'article 14.1)b), dès que possible et de préférence dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la réception de la demande internationale. Il y invite le déposant à remettre la correction requise, et lui donne la possibilité de formuler des observations, dans le délai prescrit à la règle 26.2.

26.2 *Délai pour la correction*

Le délai prévu à la règle 26.1 est de deux mois à compter de la date de l'invitation à corriger. Il peut être prorogé par l'office récepteur à tout moment avant qu'une décision ait été prise.

26.2bis à 26.3bis [Sans changement]

26.3ter *Invitation à corriger des irrégularités en vertu de l'article 3.4)i)*

a) Lorsque l'abrégé ou tout texte contenu dans les dessins est déposé dans une langue qui est différente de celle de la description et des revendications, l'office récepteur, sauf

i) et ii) [Sans changement]

invite le déposant à remettre une traduction de l'abrégé ou du texte contenu dans les dessins dans la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale doit être publiée. Les règles 26.1, 26.2, 26.3, 26.3bis, 26.5 et 29.1 s'appliquent *mutatis mutandis*.

b) [Sans changement]

c) Lorsque la requête n'est pas conforme à la règle 12.1.c), l'office récepteur invite le déposant à déposer une traduction de façon à satisfaire aux exigences énoncées à cette règle. Les règles 3, 26.1, 26.2, 26.5 et 29.1 s'appliquent *mutatis mutandis*.

d) [Sans changement]

26.4 [Sans changement]

26.5 *Décision de l'office récepteur*

L'office récepteur décide si le déposant a présenté la correction dans le délai applicable selon la règle 26.2 et, au cas où la correction a été présentée dans ce délai, si la demande internationale ainsi corrigée doit ou non être considérée comme retirée, étant entendu qu'aucune demande internationale ne doit être considérée comme retirée pour inobservation des conditions matérielles mentionnées à la règle 11 si elle remplit ces conditions dans la mesure nécessaire aux fins d'une publication internationale raisonnablement uniforme.

26.6 [Supprimée]

¹¹ Le libellé de la règle 26.1 modifiée s'inspire de celui de la règle 26.1.a) actuelle; la règle 26.1.b) actuelle est supprimée.

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Correction or Addition of Priority Claim***26bis.1 Correction or Addition of Priority Claim*

(a) The applicant may correct a priority claim or add a priority claim to the request by a notice submitted to the receiving Office or the International Bureau within a time limit of 16 months from the priority date or, where the correction or addition would cause a change in the priority date, 16 months from the priority date as so changed, whichever 16-month period expires first, provided that such a notice may be submitted until the expiration of four months from the international filing date. The correction of a priority claim may include the addition of any indication referred to in Rule 4.10.

(b) and (c) [No change]

26bis.2 Defects in Priority Claims

(a) Where the receiving Office or, if the receiving Office fails to do so, the International Bureau, finds in relation to a priority claim:

- (i) that the international application has an international filing date which is later than the date on which the priority period expired and that a request for restoration of the right of priority under Rule 26bis.3 has not been submitted;
- (ii) that the priority claim does not comply with the requirements of Rule 4.10; or
- (iii) that any indication in the priority claim is inconsistent with the corresponding indication appearing in the priority document;

the receiving Office or the International Bureau, as the case may be, shall invite the applicant to correct the priority claim. In the case referred to in item (i), where the international filing date is within two months from the date on which the priority period expired, the receiving Office or the International Bureau, as the case may be, shall also notify the applicant of the possibility of submitting a request for the restoration of the right of priority in accordance with Rule 26bis.3, unless the receiving Office has notified the International Bureau under Rule 26bis.3(j) of the incompatibility of Rule 26bis.3(a) to (i) with the national law applied by that Office.

(b) If the applicant does not, before the expiration of the time limit under Rule 26bis.1(a), submit a notice correcting the priority claim, that priority claim shall, subject to paragraph (c), for the purposes of the procedure under the Treaty, be considered not to have been made (“considered void”) and the receiving Office or the International Bureau, as the case may be, shall so declare and shall inform the applicant accordingly. Any notice correcting the priority claim which is received before the receiving Office or the International Bureau, as the case may be, so declares and not later than one month after the expiration of that time limit shall be considered to have been received before the expiration of that time limit.

(c) A priority claim shall not be considered void only because:

- (i) the indication of the number of the earlier application referred to in Rule 4.10(a)(ii) is missing;
- (ii) an indication in the priority claim is inconsistent with the corresponding indication appearing in the priority document; or

¹² See pages 5486 to 5494 for further amendments entering into force earlier, on April 1, 2006.

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a) Le déposant peut corriger une revendication de priorité ou ajouter à la requête une revendication de priorité par communication soumise à l'office récepteur ou au Bureau international dans un délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité ou, au cas où la correction ou l'adjonction entraînerait un changement de date de priorité, dans un délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité ainsi modifiée, le délai de 16 mois qui expire en premier devant être appliqué, étant entendu que ladite communication peut être soumise jusqu'à l'expiration d'un délai de quatre mois à compter de la date du dépôt international. La correction d'une revendication de priorité peut comporter l'adjonction de toute indication visée à la règle 4.10.

b) et c) [Sans changement]

26bis.2 Irrégularités dans les revendications de priorité

a) Lorsque l'office récepteur ou, à défaut, le Bureau international, constate à propos d'une revendication de priorité

- i) que la demande internationale a une date de dépôt international qui est postérieure à la date d'expiration du délai de priorité et qu'une requête en restauration du droit de priorité selon la règle 26bis.3 n'a pas été présentée;
- ii) que la revendication de priorité ne satisfait pas aux conditions énoncées à la règle 4.10; ou
- iii) que l'une quelconque des indications figurant dans la revendication de priorité n'est pas conforme à l'indication correspondante figurant dans le document de priorité;

l'office récepteur ou le Bureau international, selon le cas, invite le déposant à corriger la revendication de priorité. Dans le cas visé au point i), lorsque la date du dépôt international s'inscrit dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date d'expiration du délai de priorité, l'office récepteur ou le Bureau international, selon le cas, notifie également au déposant la possibilité de présenter une requête en restauration du droit de priorité selon la règle 26bis.3, à moins que l'office récepteur n'ait avisé le Bureau international en vertu de la règle 26bis.3.j) de l'incompatibilité de la règle 26bis.3.a) à i) avec la législation nationale appliquée par cet office.

b) Si le déposant ne soumet pas, avant l'expiration du délai fixé à la règle 26bis.1.a), de communication visant à corriger la revendication de priorité, cette revendication de priorité est, sous réserve de l'alinéa c), aux fins de la procédure prévue par le traité, considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée ("considérée comme nulle"), et l'office récepteur ou le Bureau international, selon le cas, le déclare et en informe le déposant. Toute communication visant à corriger la revendication de priorité reçue avant que l'office récepteur ou le Bureau international, selon le cas, le déclare et au plus tard un mois après l'expiration de ce délai est considérée comme ayant été reçue avant l'expiration de ce délai.

c) Une revendication de priorité n'est pas considérée comme nulle seulement :

- i) parce que l'indication du numéro de la demande antérieure visé à la règle 4.10.a)ii) est manquante;
- ii) parce qu'une indication figurant dans la revendication de priorité n'est pas conforme à l'indication correspondante figurant dans le document de priorité; ou

¹² Voir les pages 5487 à 5495 pour les modifications qui entreront en vigueur plus tôt, le 1^{er} avril 2006.

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(iii) the international application has an international filing date which is later than the date on which the priority period expired, provided that the international filing date is within the period of two months from that date.

(d) Where the receiving Office or the International Bureau has made a declaration under paragraph (b) or where the priority claim has not been considered void only because paragraph (c) applies, the International Bureau shall publish, together with the international application, information concerning the priority claim as prescribed by the Administrative Instructions, as well as any information submitted by the applicant concerning such priority claim which is received by the International Bureau prior to the completion of the technical preparations for international publication. Such information shall be included in the communication under Article 20 where the international application is not published by virtue of Article 64(3).

(e) Where the applicant wishes to correct or add a priority claim but the time limit under Rule 26bis.1 has expired, the applicant may, prior to the expiration of 30 months from the priority date and subject to the payment of a special fee whose amount shall be fixed in the Administrative Instructions, request the International Bureau to publish information concerning the matter, and the International Bureau shall promptly publish such information.

26bis.3 Restoration of Right of Priority by Receiving Office

(a) Where the international application has an international filing date which is later than the date on which the priority period expired but within the period of two months from that date, the receiving Office shall, on the request of the applicant, and subject to paragraphs (b) to (g) of this Rule, restore the right of priority if the Office finds that a criterion applied by it (“criterion for restoration”) is satisfied, namely, that the failure to file the international application within the priority period:

- (i) occurred in spite of due care required by the circumstances having been taken; or
- (ii) was unintentional.

Each receiving Office shall apply at least one of those criteria and may apply both of them.

(b) A request under paragraph (a) shall:

- (i) be filed with the receiving Office within the time limit applicable under paragraph (e);
- (ii) state the reasons for the failure to file the international application within the priority period; and
- (iii) preferably be accompanied by any declaration or other evidence required under paragraph (f).

(c) Where a priority claim in respect of the earlier application is not contained in the international application, the applicant shall submit, within the time limit applicable under paragraph (e), a notice under Rule 26bis.1(a) adding the priority claim.

(d) The submission of a request under paragraph (a) may be subjected by the receiving Office to the payment to it, for its own benefit, of a fee for requesting restoration, payable within the time limit applicable under paragraph (e). The amount of that fee, if any, shall be fixed by the receiving Office.

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iii) parce que la demande internationale a une date de dépôt international qui est postérieure à la date d'expiration du délai de priorité, à condition que la date du dépôt international s'inscrive dans un délai de deux mois à compter de cette date.

d) Lorsque l'office récepteur ou le Bureau international a fait une déclaration en vertu de l'alinéa b) ou lorsque la revendication de priorité n'a pas été considérée comme nulle uniquement par suite de l'application de l'alinéa c), le Bureau international publie avec la demande internationale des renseignements concernant la revendication de priorité conformément aux prescriptions des instructions administratives, ainsi que tous renseignements communiqués par le déposant concernant cette revendication de priorité qui parviennent au Bureau international avant l'achèvement de la préparation technique de la publication internationale. Ces renseignements sont insérés dans la communication selon l'article 20 lorsque, en vertu de l'article 64.3), la demande internationale n'est pas publiée.

e) Lorsque le déposant souhaite corriger ou ajouter une revendication de priorité mais que le délai prévu à la règle 26bis.1 est expiré, il peut, avant l'expiration d'un délai de 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité et sous réserve du paiement d'une taxe spéciale dont le montant est fixé dans les instructions administratives, demander au Bureau international de publier des informations à ce sujet, ce qu'il fait à bref délai.

26bis.3 Restauration du droit de priorité par l'office récepteur

a) Lorsque la demande internationale a une date de dépôt international qui est postérieure à la date d'expiration du délai de priorité mais qui s'inscrit dans un délai de deux mois à compter de cette date, l'office récepteur, sur requête du déposant, et sous réserve des alinéas b) à g) de la présente règle, restaure le droit de priorité s'il constate qu'il est satisfait à un critère appliqué par lui ("critère de restauration"), c'est-à-dire que la demande internationale n'a pas été déposée dans le délai de priorité

- i) bien que la diligence requise en l'espèce ait été exercée, ou
- ii) bien que l'inobservation du délai n'ait pas été intentionnelle.

Chaque office récepteur applique au moins un de ces critères et peut appliquer les deux.

b) Une requête selon l'alinéa a)

- i) est présentée auprès de l'office récepteur dans le délai applicable selon l'alinéa e),
- ii) expose les motifs pour lesquels la demande internationale n'a pas été déposée dans le délai de priorité, et,
- iii) de préférence, est assortie de toute déclaration ou autres preuves exigées selon l'alinéa f).

c) Lorsque la demande internationale ne contient pas de revendication de priorité de la demande antérieure, le déposant doit soumettre, dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'alinéa e), une communication selon la règle 26bis.1.a) visant à ajouter cette revendication de priorité.

d) La présentation d'une requête selon l'alinéa a) peut être subordonnée par l'office récepteur au paiement, à son profit, d'une taxe pour requête en restauration, payable dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'alinéa e). Le montant de cette taxe éventuelle est fixé par l'office récepteur.

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(e) The time limit referred to in paragraphs (b)(i), (c) and (d) shall be two months from the date on which the priority period expired, provided that, where the applicant makes a request for early publication under Article 21(2)(b), any request under paragraph (a) or any notice referred to in paragraph (c) submitted, or any fee referred to in paragraph (d) paid, after the technical preparations for international publication have been completed shall be considered as not having been submitted or paid in time.

(f) The receiving Office may require that a declaration or other evidence in support of the statement of reasons referred to in paragraph (b)(iii) be filed with it within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances. The applicant may furnish to the International Bureau a copy of any such declaration or other evidence filed with the receiving Office, in which case the International Bureau shall include such copy in its files.

(g) The receiving Office shall not refuse, totally or in part, a request under paragraph (a) without giving the applicant the opportunity to make observations on the intended refusal within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances. Such notice of intended refusal by the receiving Office may be sent to the applicant together with any invitation to file a declaration or other evidence under paragraph (f).

(h) The receiving Office shall promptly:

(i) notify the International Bureau of the receipt of a request under paragraph (a);

(ii) make a decision upon the request;

(iii) notify the applicant and the International Bureau of its decision and the criterion for restoration upon which the decision was based.

(i) Each receiving Office shall inform the International Bureau of which of the criteria for restoration it applies and of any subsequent changes in that respect. The International Bureau shall promptly publish such information in the Gazette.

(j) If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (i) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

**Rule 34
Minimum Documentation****34.1 Definition**

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) Subject to paragraphs (d) and (e), the “national patent documents” shall be the following:

(i) [No change]

(ii) the patents issued by the Federal Republic of Germany, the Republic of Korea and the Russian Federation,

(iii) to (vi) [No change]

(d) [No change]

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e) Le délai visé aux alinéas b)i), c) et d) est de deux mois à compter de la date d'expiration du délai de priorité; toutefois, lorsque le déposant a présenté une demande de publication anticipée conformément à l'article 21.2)b), toute requête selon l'alinéa a) ou toute communication visée à l'alinéa c) qui a été soumise ou encore toute taxe visée à l'alinéa d) qui a été acquittée après l'achèvement de la préparation technique de la publication internationale est considérée comme n'ayant pas été soumise ou acquittée à temps.

f) L'office récepteur peut exiger qu'une déclaration ou d'autres preuves à l'appui de l'exposé des motifs visé à l'alinéa b)iii) lui soient remises dans un délai raisonnable en l'espèce. Le déposant peut remettre au Bureau international, qui l'insère dans ses dossiers, une copie de toute déclaration ou d'autres preuves remises à l'office récepteur.

g) L'office récepteur ne peut pas rejeter, en totalité ou en partie, une requête visée à l'alinéa a) sans donner au déposant la possibilité de présenter, dans un délai raisonnable en l'espèce, des observations sur le rejet envisagé. L'avis de rejet envisagé par l'office récepteur peut être envoyé au déposant en même temps qu'une invitation à remettre une déclaration ou d'autres preuves selon l'alinéa f).

h) À bref délai, l'office récepteur

i) notifie au Bureau international la réception d'une requête présentée selon l'alinéa a);

ii) se prononce sur la requête;

iii) notifie au déposant et au Bureau international sa décision et indique le critère de restauration sur lequel se fonde la décision.

i) Chaque office récepteur indique au Bureau international le ou les critères de restauration qu'il applique et tout changement ultérieur à cet égard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai cette information dans la gazette.

j) Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à i) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office récepteur, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues.

**Règle 34
Documentation minimale****34.1 Définition**

a) et b) [Sans changement]

c) Sous réserve des alinéas d) et e), sont considérés comme "documents nationaux de brevets" :

i) [Sans changement]

ii) les brevets délivrés par la Fédération de Russie, la République de Corée et la République fédérale d'Allemagne;

iii) à vi) [Sans changement]

d) [Sans changement]

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(e) Any International Searching Authority whose official language, or one of whose official languages, is not Japanese, Korean, Russian or Spanish is entitled not to include in its documentation those patent documents of Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation and the former Soviet Union as well as those patent documents in the Spanish language, respectively, for which no abstracts in the English language are generally available. English abstracts becoming generally available after the date of entry into force of these Regulations shall require the inclusion of the patent documents to which the abstracts refer no later than six months after such abstracts become generally available. In case of the interruption of abstracting services in English in technical fields in which English abstracts were formerly generally available, the Assembly shall take appropriate measures to provide for the prompt restoration of such services in the said fields.

(f) [No change]

**Rule 38
Missing or Defective Abstract**

38.1 [No change]

38.2 *Establishment of Abstract*

If the international application does not contain an abstract and the International Searching Authority has not received a notification from the receiving Office to the effect that the applicant has been invited to furnish an abstract, or if the said Authority finds that the abstract does not comply with Rule 8, it shall itself establish an abstract. Such abstract shall be established in the language in which the international application is to be published or, if a translation into another language was transmitted under Rule 23.1(b) and the International Searching Authority so wishes, in the language of that translation.

38.3 *Modification of Abstract*¹³

The applicant may, until the expiration of one month from the date of mailing of the international search report, submit to the International Searching Authority:

- (i) proposed modifications of the abstract; or
- (ii) where the abstract has been established by the Authority, proposed modifications of, or comments on, that abstract, or both modifications and comments;

and the Authority shall decide whether to modify the abstract accordingly. Where the Authority modifies the abstract, it shall notify the modification to the International Bureau.

**Rule 43
The International Search Report**

43.1 to 43.6 [No change]

43.6bis *Consideration of Rectifications of Obvious Mistakes*

(a) A rectification of an obvious mistake that is authorized under Rule 91.1 shall, subject to paragraph (b), be taken into account by the International Searching Authority for the purposes of the international search and the international search report shall so indicate.

¹³ The text of amended Rule 38.2 derives from present Rule 38.2(a); the text of new Rule 38.3 derives from present Rule 38.2(b).

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e) Chaque administration chargée de la recherche internationale dont la langue officielle ou l'une des langues officielles n'est pas le coréen, l'espagnol, le japonais ou le russe est autorisée à ne pas faire figurer dans sa documentation les éléments de la documentation de brevets de la République de Corée, les éléments de la documentation de brevets en espagnol, les éléments de la documentation de brevets du Japon et les éléments de la documentation de brevets de la Fédération de Russie et de l'ex-Union soviétique, respectivement, pour lesquels des abrégés anglais ne sont pas généralement disponibles. Si des abrégés anglais deviennent généralement disponibles après la date d'entrée en vigueur du présent règlement d'exécution, les éléments que ces abrégés concernent seront insérés dans la documentation dans les six mois suivant la date à laquelle ces abrégés deviennent généralement disponibles. En cas d'interruption de services d'abrégés anglais dans les domaines techniques où des abrégés anglais étaient généralement disponibles, l'Assemblée prend les mesures appropriées en vue de rétablir promptement de tels services dans ces domaines techniques.

f) [Sans changement]

Règle 38
Abrégé manquant ou défectueux

38.1 [Sans changement]

38.2 *Établissement de l'abrégé*

Si la demande internationale ne contient pas d'abrégé et que l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale n'a pas reçu de l'office récepteur une notification selon laquelle le déposant a été invité à fournir un abrégé, ou si ladite administration constate que l'abrégé n'est pas conforme aux dispositions de la règle 8, elle établit elle-même un abrégé. Cet abrégé est établi dans la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale doit être publiée ou, si une traduction dans une autre langue a été transmise en vertu de la règle 23.1.b) et que l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale le souhaite, dans la langue de cette traduction.

38.3 *Modification de l'abrégé*¹³

Le déposant peut, jusqu'à l'expiration d'un délai d'un mois à compter de la date d'expédition du rapport de recherche internationale, présenter à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale

- i) des propositions de modification de l'abrégé, ou
- ii) lorsque l'abrégé a été établi par cette administration, des propositions de modification de cet abrégé, des observations au sujet de cet abrégé ou à la fois des modifications et des observations,

et l'administration décide s'il y a lieu de modifier l'abrégé. Lorsque l'administration modifie l'abrégé, elle notifie la modification au Bureau international.

Règle 43
Rapport de recherche internationale

43.1 à 43.6 [Sans changement]

43.6bis *Prise en considération des rectifications d'erreurs évidentes*

a) La rectification d'une erreur évidente autorisée en vertu de la règle 91.1 doit, sous réserve de l'alinéa b), être prise en considération par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale aux fins de la recherche internationale et le rapport de recherche internationale l'indique.

¹³ Le libellé de la règle 38.2 modifiée s'inspire de celui de la règle 38.2.a) actuelle; le libellé de la nouvelle règle 38.3 s'inspire de celui de la règle 38.2.b) actuelle.

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(b) A rectification of an obvious mistake need not be taken into account by the International Searching Authority for the purposes of the international search if it is authorized by or notified to that Authority, as applicable, after it has begun to draw up the international search report, in which case the report shall, if possible, so indicate, failing which the International Searching Authority shall notify the International Bureau accordingly and the International Bureau shall proceed as provided for in the Administrative Instructions.

43.7 to 43.10 [No change]

Rule 43bis
Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority

43bis.1 *Written Opinion*

(a) [No change]

(b) For the purposes of establishing the written opinion, Articles 33(2) to (6) and 35(2) and (3) and Rules 43.4, 43.6bis, 64, 65, 66.1(e), 66.7, 67, 70.2(b) and (d), 70.3, 70.4(ii), 70.5(a), 70.6 to 70.10, 70.12, 70.14 and 70.15(a) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(c) [No change]

Rule 48¹⁴
International Publication

48.1 [No change]

48.2 *Contents*¹⁵

(a) The publication of the international application shall contain:

(i) to (vi) [No change]

(vii) where the request for publication under Rule 91.3(d) was received by the International Bureau before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication, any request for rectification of an obvious mistake, any reasons and any comments referred to in Rule 91.3(d);

(viii) [No change]

(ix) any information concerning a priority claim referred to in Rule 26bis.2(d);

(x) any declaration referred to in Rule 4.17, and any correction thereof under Rule 26ter.1, which was received by the International Bureau before the expiration of the time limit under Rule 26ter.1;

(xi) any information concerning a request under Rule 26bis.3 for restoration of the right of priority and the decision of the receiving Office upon such request, including information as to the criterion for restoration upon which the decision was based.

¹⁴ See pages 5486 to 5494 for further amendments entering into force earlier, on April 1, 2006.

¹⁵ Rule 48.2(b)(i) to (iii) are amended in the English text only.

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b) La rectification d'une erreur évidente n'a pas à être prise en considération par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale aux fins de la recherche internationale si elle est autorisée par l'administration ou, le cas échéant, si elle lui est notifiée, après qu'elle a commencé de rédiger le rapport de recherche internationale, auquel cas le rapport l'indique, dans la mesure du possible, faute de quoi l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale notifie cette information au Bureau international et celui-ci procède de la manière prévue dans les instructions administratives.

43.7 à 43.10 [Sans changement]

Règle 43bis**Opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale***43bis.1 Opinion écrite*

a) [Sans changement]

b) Aux fins de l'établissement de l'opinion écrite, les articles 33.2) à 6) et 35.2) et 3) et les règles 43.4, 43.6bis, 64, 65, 66.1.e), 66.7, 67, 70.2.b) et d), 70.3, 70.4.ii), 70.5.a), 70.6 à 70.10, 70.12, 70.14 et 70.15.a) s'appliquent *mutatis mutandis*.

c) [Sans changement]

Règle 48¹⁴**Publication internationale**

48.1 [Sans changement]

48.2 Contenu¹⁵

a) La publication de la demande internationale contient :

i) à vi) Sans changement]

vii) lorsque la demande de publication selon la règle 91.3.d) a été reçue par le Bureau international avant l'achèvement de la préparation technique de la publication internationale, toute requête en rectification d'une erreur évidente, tous motifs et toutes observations visés à la règle 91.3.d);

viii) [Sans changement]

ix) tous renseignements concernant une revendication de priorité visée à la règle 26bis.2.d);

x) toute déclaration visée à la règle 4.17, et toute correction de celle-ci en vertu de la règle 26ter.1, qui ont été reçues par le Bureau international avant l'expiration du délai prévu à la règle 26ter.1;

xi) tous renseignements concernant une requête en restauration du droit de priorité présentée en vertu de la règle 26bis.3 et la décision de l'office récepteur relative à cette requête, y compris des renseignements quant au critère de restauration sur lequel se fonde la décision.

¹⁴ Voir les pages 5487 à 5495 pour les modifications qui entreront en vigueur plus tôt, le 1^{er} avril 2006.

¹⁵ La règle 48.2.b)i) à iii) est modifiée dans la version anglaise seulement.

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(b) Subject to paragraph (c), the front page shall include:

(i) data taken from the request sheet and such other data as are prescribed by the Administrative Instructions;

(ii) a figure or figures where the international application contains drawings, unless Rule 8.2(b) applies;

(iii) the abstract; if the abstract is both in English and in another language, the English text shall appear first;

(iv) where applicable, an indication that the request contains a declaration referred to in Rule 4.17 which was received by the International Bureau before the expiration of the time limit under Rule 26*ter*.1;

(v) where the international filing date has been accorded by the receiving Office under Rule 20.3(b)(ii) or 20.5(d) on the basis of the incorporation by reference under Rules 4.18 and 20.6 of an element or part, an indication to that effect, together with an indication as to whether the applicant, for the purposes of Rule 20.6(a)(ii), relied on compliance with Rule 17.1(a), (b) or (b-*bis*) in relation to the priority document or on a separately submitted copy of the earlier application concerned;

(vi) where applicable, an indication that the published international application contains information under Rule 26*bis*.2(d);

(vii) where applicable, an indication that the published international application contains information concerning a request under Rule 26*bis*.3 for restoration of the right of priority and the decision of the receiving Office upon such request;

(viii) where applicable, an indication that the applicant has, under Rule 26*bis*.3(f), furnished copies of any declaration or other evidence to the International Bureau.

(c) to (h) [No change]

(i) If the authorization of a rectification of an obvious mistake in the international application referred to in Rule 91.1 is received by or, where applicable, given by the International Bureau after completion of the technical preparations for international publication, a statement reflecting all the rectifications shall be published, together with the sheets containing the rectifications, or the replacement sheets and the letter furnished under Rule 91.2, as the case may be, and the front page shall be republished.

(j) If, at the time of completion of the technical preparations for international publication, a request under Rule 26*bis*.3 for restoration of the right of priority is still pending, the published international application shall contain, in place of the decision by the receiving Office upon that request, an indication to the effect that such decision was not available and that the decision, when it becomes available, will be separately published.

(k) If a request for publication under Rule 91.3(d) was received by the International Bureau after the completion of the technical preparations for international publication, the request for rectification, any reasons and any comments referred to in that Rule shall be promptly published after the receipt of such request for publication, and the front page shall be republished.

48.3 to 48.6 [No change]

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b) Sous réserve de l'alinéa c), la page de couverture comprend :

i) à iii) [Sans changement]

iv) le cas échéant, une indication selon laquelle la requête contient une déclaration visée à la règle 4.17 qui a été reçue par le Bureau international avant l'expiration du délai prévu à la règle 26*ter*.1;

v) lorsque la date du dépôt international a été attribuée par l'office récepteur en vertu de la règle 20.3.b)ii) ou 20.5.d) sur la base de l'incorporation par renvoi selon les règles 4.18 et 20.6 d'un élément ou d'une partie, une indication à cet effet, ainsi qu'une indication sur le point de savoir si le déposant, aux fins de la règle 20.6.a)ii), s'est fondé sur la conformité avec les dispositions de la règle 17.1.a), b) ou b-*bis*) relatives au document de priorité ou sur une copie présentée séparément de la demande antérieure concernée;

vi) le cas échéant, une indication selon laquelle la demande internationale publiée contient des renseignements selon la règle 26*bis*.2.d);

vii) le cas échéant, une indication selon laquelle la demande internationale publiée contient des renseignements relatifs à une requête en restauration du droit de priorité présentée selon la règle 26*bis*.3 et la décision de l'office récepteur en ce qui concerne cette requête;

viii) le cas échéant, une indication selon laquelle le déposant a remis, en vertu de la règle 26*bis*.3.f), la copie de toute déclaration ou d'autres preuves au Bureau international.

c) à h) [Sans changement]

i) Si l'autorisation de rectifier une erreur évidente dans la demande internationale visée à la règle 91.1 est reçue ou, le cas échéant, donnée par le Bureau international après l'achèvement de la préparation technique de la publication internationale, une déclaration indiquant toutes les rectifications est publiée avec les feuilles contenant les rectifications ou les feuilles de remplacement et la lettre fournie en vertu de la règle 91.2, selon le cas, et la page de couverture fait l'objet d'une nouvelle publication.

j) Si, à la date d'achèvement de la préparation technique de la publication internationale, une requête en restauration du droit de priorité selon la règle 26*bis*.3 est encore en instance, la demande internationale publiée contient, à la place de la décision rendue par l'office récepteur en ce qui concerne cette requête, une indication selon laquelle cette décision n'est pas disponible mais sera publiée séparément lorsqu'elle le deviendra.

k) Si une demande de publication selon la règle 91.3.d) est reçue par le Bureau international après l'achèvement de la préparation technique de la publication internationale, la requête en rectification, tous motifs et toutes observations visés à cette règle sont publiés à bref délai après la réception de cette demande de publication, et la page de couverture fait l'objet d'une nouvelle publication.

48.3 à 48.6 [Sans changement]

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(THIRTY-FOURTH (15TH ORDINARY) SESSION) (cont'd)****AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)****Rule 49ter****Effect of Restoration of Right of Priority by Receiving Office;
Restoration of Right of Priority by Designated Office***49ter.1 Effect of Restoration of Right of Priority by Receiving Office*

(a) Where the receiving Office has restored a right of priority under Rule 26bis.3 based on a finding by it that the failure to file the international application within the priority period occurred in spite of due care required by the circumstances having been taken, that restoration shall, subject to paragraph (c), be effective in each designated State.

(b) Where the receiving Office has restored a right of priority under Rule 26bis.3 based on a finding by it that the failure to file the international application within the priority period was unintentional, that restoration shall, subject to paragraph (c), be effective in any designated State whose applicable national law provides for restoration of the right of priority based on that criterion or on a criterion which, from the viewpoint of applicants, is more favorable than that criterion.

(c) A decision by the receiving Office to restore a right of priority under Rule 26bis.3 shall not be effective in a designated State where the designated Office, a court or any other competent organ of or acting for that designated State finds that a requirement under Rule 26bis.3(a), (b)(i) or (c) was not complied with, taking into account the reasons stated in the request submitted to the receiving Office under Rule 26bis.3(a) and any declaration or other evidence filed with the receiving Office under Rule 26bis.3(b)(iii).

(d) A designated Office shall not review the decision of the receiving Office unless it may reasonably doubt that a requirement referred to in paragraph (c) was complied with, in which case the designated Office shall notify the applicant accordingly, indicating the reasons for that doubt and giving the applicant an opportunity to make observations within a reasonable time limit.

(e) No designated State shall be bound by a decision of the receiving Office refusing a request under Rule 26bis.3 for restoration of the right of priority.

(f) Where the receiving Office has refused a request for the restoration of the right of priority, any designated Office may consider that request to be a request for restoration submitted to that designated Office under Rule 49ter.2(a) within the time limit under that Rule.

(g) If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

49ter.2 Restoration of Right of Priority by Designated Office

(a) Where the international application claims the priority of an earlier application and has an international filing date which is later than the date on which the priority period expired but within the period of two months from that date, the designated Office shall, on the request of the applicant in accordance with paragraph (b), restore the right of priority if the Office finds that a criterion applied by it (“criterion for restoration”) is satisfied, namely, that the failure to file the international application within the priority period:

- (i) occurred in spite of due care required by the circumstances having been taken; or
- (ii) was unintentional.

Each designated Office shall apply at least one of those criteria and may apply both of them.

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ASSEMBLÉE (TRENTE-QUATRIÈME SESSION (15^e SESSION ORDINAIRE)) (suite)****MODIFICATIONS DU RÈGLEMENT D'EXÉCUTION DU PCT (suite)****Règle 49ter****Effet de la restauration du droit de priorité par l'office récepteur;
restauration du droit de priorité par l'office désigné***49ter.1 Effet de la restauration du droit de priorité par l'office récepteur*

a) Lorsque l'office récepteur a restauré un droit de priorité en vertu de la règle 26bis.3 après avoir constaté que la demande internationale n'a pas été déposée dans le délai de priorité bien que la diligence requise en l'espèce ait été exercée, cette restitution produit ses effets dans chaque État désigné, sous réserve de l'alinéa c).

b) Lorsque l'office récepteur a restauré un droit de priorité en vertu de la règle 26bis.3 après avoir constaté que la demande internationale n'a pas été déposée dans le délai de priorité et que l'inobservation du délai n'a pas été intentionnelle, cette restauration produit ses effets, sous réserve de l'alinéa c), dans tous les États désignés dont la législation nationale applicable prévoit la restauration du droit de priorité en fonction de ce critère ou d'un critère qui, du point de vue des déposants, est plus favorable que ce critère.

c) Une décision de l'office récepteur à l'effet de restaurer un droit de priorité en vertu de la règle 26bis.3 est sans effet dans un État désigné lorsque l'office désigné, les tribunaux ou tous autres organes compétents de l'État désigné ou agissant pour ce dernier constatent qu'une exigence visée à la règle 26bis.3.a), b)i) ou c) n'a pas été observée, compte tenu des raisons indiquées dans la requête présentée à l'office récepteur conformément à la règle 26bis.3.a) et de toute déclaration ou autres preuves communiquées à l'office récepteur conformément à la règle 26bis.3.b)iii).

d) Un office désigné ne peut réexaminer la décision de l'office récepteur que s'il a des raisons de douter qu'une exigence visée à l'alinéa c) n'a pas été observée. Dans ce cas, l'office désigné notifie au déposant les raisons de ce doute et lui donne la possibilité de présenter des observations dans un délai raisonnable.

e) Aucun État désigné n'est lié par la décision prise par l'office récepteur de rejeter une requête en restauration du droit de priorité en vertu de la règle 26bis.3.

f) Lorsque l'office récepteur a rejeté une requête en restauration du droit de priorité, tout office désigné peut considérer cette requête comme une requête en restauration qui lui a été présentée en vertu de la règle 49ter.2.a) dans le délai prescrit par cette règle.

g) Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à d) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues.

49ter.2 Restauration du droit de priorité par l'office désigné

a) Lorsque la demande internationale revendique la priorité d'une demande antérieure et a une date de dépôt international qui est postérieure à la date d'expiration du délai de priorité mais qui s'inscrit dans un délai de deux mois à compter de cette date, l'office désigné, sur requête du déposant, restaure le droit de priorité conformément à l'alinéa b) s'il constate qu'il est satisfait à un critère appliqué par lui ("critère de restauration"), c'est-à-dire que la demande internationale n'a pas été déposée dans le délai de priorité

i) bien que la diligence requise en l'espèce ait été exercée, ou

ii) bien que l'inobservation du délai n'ait pas été intentionnelle.

Chaque office désigné applique au moins un de ces critères et peut appliquer les deux.

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(b) A request under paragraph (a) shall:

(i) be filed with the designated Office within a time limit of one month from the applicable time limit under Article 22;

(ii) state the reasons for the failure to file the international application within the priority period and preferably be accompanied by any declaration or other evidence required under paragraph (c); and

(iii) be accompanied by any fee for requesting restoration required under paragraph (d).

(c) The designated Office may require that a declaration or other evidence in support of the statement of reasons referred to in paragraph (b)(ii) be filed with it within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances.

(d) The submission of a request under paragraph (a) may be subjected by the designated Office to the payment to it, for its own benefit, of a fee for requesting restoration.

(e) The designated Office shall not refuse, totally or in part, a request under paragraph (a) without giving the applicant the opportunity to make observations on the intended refusal within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances. Such notice of intended refusal may be sent by the designated Office to the applicant together with any invitation to file a declaration or other evidence under paragraph (c).

(f) Where the national law applicable by the designated Office provides, in respect of the restoration of the right of priority, for requirements which, from the viewpoint of applicants, are more favorable than the requirements provided for under paragraphs (a) and (b), the designated Office may, when determining the right of priority, apply the requirements under the applicable national law instead of the requirements under those paragraphs.

(g) Each designated Office shall inform the International Bureau of which of the criteria for restoration it applies, of the requirements, where applicable, of the national law applicable in accordance with paragraph (f), and of any subsequent changes in that respect. The International Bureau shall promptly publish such information in the Gazette.

(h) If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (g) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

**Rule 51
Review by Designated Offices****51.1 *Time Limit for Presenting the Request to Send Copies***

The time limit referred to in Article 25(1)(c) shall be two months computed from the date of the notification sent to the applicant under Rule 20.4(i), 24.2(c) or 29.1(ii).

51.2 *Copy of the Notification*

Where the applicant, after having received a negative determination under Article 11(1), requests the International Bureau, under Article 25(1), to send copies of the file of the purported international application to any of the named Offices he has attempted to designate, he shall attach to his request a copy of the notification referred to in Rule 20.4(i).

51.3 [No change]

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b) La requête visée à l'alinéa a)

i) est présentée auprès de l'office désigné dans un délai d'un mois à compter du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22;

ii) expose les motifs pour lesquels la demande internationale n'a pas été déposée dans le délai de priorité et, de préférence, est assortie de toute déclaration ou autres preuves exigées selon l'alinéa c); et

iii) est accompagnée du paiement de toute taxe requise en vertu de l'alinéa d) au titre de la requête en restauration.

c) L'office désigné peut exiger qu'une déclaration ou d'autres preuves à l'appui de l'exposé des motifs visé à l'alinéa b)ii) lui soient remises dans un délai raisonnable en l'espèce.

d) La présentation d'une requête selon l'alinéa a) peut être subordonnée par l'office désigné au paiement, à son profit, d'une taxe pour requête en restauration.

e) L'office désigné ne peut pas rejeter, en totalité ou en partie, une requête visée à l'alinéa a) sans donner au déposant la possibilité de présenter, dans un délai raisonnable en l'espèce, des observations sur le rejet envisagé. L'avis de rejet envisagé peut être envoyé au déposant par l'office désigné en même temps qu'une invitation à fournir une déclaration ou d'autres preuves selon l'alinéa c).

f) Lorsque la législation nationale applicable par l'office désigné prévoit, pour la restauration du droit de priorité, des conditions qui, du point de vue des déposants, sont plus favorables que celles énoncées aux alinéas a) et b), l'office désigné peut appliquer, au moment de déterminer le droit de priorité, les conditions prévues dans la législation nationale applicable au lieu de celles énoncées à ces alinéas.

g) Chaque office désigné indique au Bureau international le ou les critères de restauration qu'il applique, les conditions, le cas échéant, énoncées dans la législation nationale applicable conformément à l'alinéa f) et toute modification ultérieure y relative. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai ces informations dans la gazette.

h) Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à g) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues.

Règle 51**Révision par des offices désignés****51.1 *Délai pour présenter la requête d'envoi de copies***

Le délai visé à l'article 25.1)c) est de deux mois à compter de la date de la notification adressée au déposant conformément à la règle 20.4.i), 24.2.c) ou 29.1.ii).

51.2 *Copie de la notification*

Lorsque le déposant, après réception d'une notification de constatation négative en vertu de l'article 11.1), demande au Bureau international, conformément à l'article 25.1), d'adresser des copies du dossier de la prétendue demande internationale à un office indiqué par lui qui était désigné dans cette dernière, il doit joindre à cette demande copie de la notification visée à la règle 20.4.i).

51.3 [Sans changement]

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(a) to (d) [No change]

(e) The national law applicable by the designated Office may, in accordance with Article 27, require the applicant to furnish a translation of the priority document, provided that such a translation may only be required:

(i) where the validity of the priority claim is relevant to the determination of whether the invention concerned is patentable; or

(ii) where the international filing date has been accorded by the receiving Office under Rule 20.3(b)(ii) or 20.5(d) on the basis of the incorporation by reference under Rules 4.18 and 20.6 of an element or part, for the purposes of determining under Rule 82^{ter}.1(b) whether that element or part is completely contained in the priority document concerned, in which case the national law applicable by the designated Office may also require the applicant to furnish, in the case of a part of the description, claims or drawings, an indication as to where that part is contained in the translation of the priority document.

(f) [No change]

51bis.2 and 51bis.3 [No change]

Rule 55**Languages (International Preliminary Examination)**

55.1 [No change]

55.2 Translation of International Application

(a) [No change]

(a-bis) A translation of the international application into a language referred to in paragraph (a) shall include any element referred to in Article 11(1)(iii)(d) or (e) furnished by the applicant under Rule 20.3(b) or 20.6(a) and any part of the description, claims or drawings furnished by the applicant under Rule 20.5(b) or 20.6(a).

(b) [No change]

(c) If the requirements of paragraphs (a) and (a-bis) are not complied with and paragraph (b) does not apply, the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall invite the applicant to furnish the required translation within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances. That time limit shall not be less than one month from the date of the invitation. It may be extended by the International Preliminary Examining Authority at any time before a decision is taken.

(d) If the applicant complies with the invitation within the time limit under paragraph (c), the said requirements shall be considered to have been complied with. If the applicant fails to do so, the demand shall be considered not to have been submitted and the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall so declare.

55.3 [No change]

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a) à d) [Sans changement]

e) La législation nationale applicable par l'office désigné peut, conformément à l'article 27, exiger que le déposant remette une traduction du document de priorité, étant entendu que cette traduction ne peut être exigée que

i) lorsque la validité de la revendication de priorité est pertinente pour ce qui est de déterminer si l'invention en cause est brevetable, ou

ii) lorsque la date du dépôt international a été attribuée par l'office récepteur en vertu de la règle 20.3.b)ii) ou 20.5.d) sur la base de l'incorporation par renvoi selon les règles 4.18 et 20.6 d'un élément ou d'une partie, afin de déterminer, conformément à la règle 82^{ter}.1.b), si cet élément ou cette partie figure intégralement dans le document de priorité concerné, auquel cas la législation nationale applicable par l'office désigné peut également exiger du déposant qu'il fournisse, dans le cas d'une partie de la description, des revendications ou des dessins, une indication de l'endroit où cette partie figure dans la traduction du document de priorité.

f) [Sans changement]

*51bis.2 et 51bis.3 [Sans changement]***Règle 55****Langues (examen préliminaire international)***55.1 [Sans changement]**55.2 Traduction de la demande internationale*

a) [Sans changement]

a-bis) Une traduction de la demande internationale dans une langue visée à l'alinéa a) doit comprendre tout élément mentionné à l'article 11.1)iii)d) ou e) remis par le déposant en vertu de la règle 20.3.b) ou 20.6.a) et toute partie de la description, des revendications ou des dessins remise par le déposant en vertu de la règle 20.5.b) ou 20.6.a).

b) [Sans changement]

c) S'il n'est pas satisfait aux exigences énoncées aux alinéas a) et *a-bis*) et que l'alinéa b) ne s'applique pas, l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international invite le déposant à remettre la traduction requise dans un délai qui doit être raisonnable en l'espèce. Ce délai est d'au moins un mois à compter de la date de l'invitation. Il peut être prorogé par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international à tout moment avant qu'une décision ait été prise.

d) Si le déposant donne suite à l'invitation dans le délai visé à l'alinéa c), il est réputé avoir satisfait aux exigences en question. Dans le cas contraire, la demande d'examen préliminaire international est considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée et l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international le déclare.

55.3 [Sans changement]

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(a) [No change]

(b) For the purposes of paragraph (a), the relevant date shall be:

(i) subject to items (ii) and (iii), the international filing date of the international application under international preliminary examination;

(ii) where the international application under international preliminary examination claims the priority of an earlier application and has an international filing date which is within the priority period, the filing date of such earlier application, unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority considers that the priority claim is not valid;

(iii) where the international application under international preliminary examination claims the priority of an earlier application and has an international filing date which is later than the date on which the priority period expired but within the period of two months from that date, the filing date of such earlier application, unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority considers that the priority claim is not valid for reasons other than the fact that the international application has an international filing date which is later than the date on which the priority period expired.

64.2 and 64.3 [No change]

Rule 66**Procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority**66.1 *Basis of the International Preliminary Examination*

(a) to (d) [No change]

(d-*bis*) A rectification of an obvious mistake that is authorized under Rule 91.1 shall, subject to Rule 66.4*bis*, be taken into account by the International Preliminary Examining Authority for the purposes of the international preliminary examination.

(e) [No change]

66.1*bis* to 66.4 [No change]66.4*bis* *Consideration of Amendments, Arguments and Rectifications of Obvious Mistakes*

Amendments, arguments and rectifications of obvious mistakes need not be taken into account by the International Preliminary Examining Authority for the purposes of a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report if they are received by, authorized by or notified to that Authority, as applicable, after it has begun to draw up that opinion or report.

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a) [Sans changement]

b) Aux fins de l'alinéa a), la date pertinente est :

i) sous réserve des points ii) et iii), la date du dépôt international de la demande internationale faisant l'objet de l'examen préliminaire international;

ii) lorsque la demande internationale faisant l'objet de l'examen préliminaire international revendique la priorité d'une demande antérieure et a une date de dépôt international qui s'inscrit dans le délai de priorité, la date du dépôt de cette demande antérieure, sauf si l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international considère que la revendication de priorité n'est pas valable;

iii) lorsque la demande internationale faisant l'objet de l'examen préliminaire international revendique la priorité d'une demande antérieure et a une date de dépôt international qui est postérieure à la date d'expiration du délai de priorité mais qui s'inscrit dans un délai de deux mois à compter de cette date, la date du dépôt de cette demande antérieure, à moins que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international considère que la revendication de priorité n'est pas valable pour des raisons autres que le fait que la demande internationale a une date de dépôt international qui est postérieure à la date d'expiration du délai de priorité.

64.2 et 64.3 [Sans changement]

Règle 66**Procédure au sein de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international**66.1 *Base de l'examen préliminaire international*

a) à d) [Sans changement]

d-bis) La rectification d'une erreur évidente autorisée en vertu de la règle 91.1 doit, sous réserve de la règle 66.4bis, être prise en considération par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international.

e) [Sans changement]

66.1bis à 66.4 [Sans changement]

66.4bis *Prise en considération des modifications, des arguments et des rectifications d'erreurs évidentes*

Les modifications, les arguments et les rectifications d'erreurs évidentes n'ont pas à être pris en considération par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international aux fins d'une opinion écrite ou du rapport d'examen préliminaire international s'ils sont reçus ou autorisés par cette administration, ou s'ils lui sont notifiés, le cas échéant, après qu'elle a commencé de rédiger cette opinion ou ce rapport.

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Any change, other than the rectification of an obvious mistake, in the claims, the description, or the drawings, including cancellation of claims, omission of passages in the description, or omission of certain drawings, shall be considered an amendment.

66.6 to 66.9 [No change]

**Rule 70
International Preliminary Report on Patentability
by the International Preliminary Examining Authority
(International Preliminary Examination Report)**

70.1 [No change]

70.2 *Basis of the Report*

(a) to (d) [No change]

(e) If a rectification of an obvious mistake is taken into account under Rule 66.1, the report shall so indicate. If a rectification of an obvious mistake is not taken into account pursuant to Rule 66.4*bis*, the report shall, if possible, so indicate, failing which the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall notify the International Bureau accordingly and the International Bureau shall proceed as provided for in the Administrative Instructions.

70.3 to 70.15 [No change]

70.16 *Annexes to the Report*

(a) Each replacement sheet under Rule 66.8(a) or (b) and each replacement sheet containing amendments under Article 19 shall, unless superseded by later replacement sheets or amendments resulting in the cancellation of entire sheets under Rule 66.8(b), be annexed to the report. Replacement sheets containing amendments under Article 19 which have been considered as reversed by an amendment under Article 34 and letters under Rule 66.8 shall not be annexed.

(b) [No change]

70.17 [No change]

**Rule 76
Translation of Priority Document;
Application of Certain Rules to Procedures before Elected Offices**76.1, 76.2 and 76.3 [*Remain deleted*]

76.4 [No change]

76.5 *Application of Certain Rules to Procedures before Elected Offices*

Rules 13*ter*.3, 22.1(g), 47.1, 49, 49*bis*, 49*ter* and 51*bis* shall apply, provided that:

(i) to (v) [No change]

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Tout changement – autre que la rectification d'une erreur évidente – apporté aux revendications, à la description ou aux dessins, y compris toute suppression de revendications, de passages de la description ou de dessins, est considéré comme une modification.

66.6 à 66.9 [Sans changement]

Règle 70**Rapport préliminaire international sur la brevetabilité établi
par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international
(rapport d'examen préliminaire international)**

70.1 [Sans changement]

70.2 *Base du rapport*

a) à d) [Sans changement]

e) Si la rectification d'une erreur évidente est prise en considération en vertu de la règle 66.1, le rapport l'indique. Si la rectification d'une erreur évidente n'est pas prise en considération conformément à la règle 66.4*bis*, le rapport l'indique, dans la mesure du possible, faute de quoi l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international le notifie au Bureau international et celui-ci procède de la manière prévue dans les instructions administratives.

70.3 à 70.15 [Sans changement]

70.16 *Annexes du rapport*

a) Chaque feuille de remplacement visée à la règle 66.8.a) ou b) et chaque feuille de remplacement contenant des modifications effectuées en vertu de l'article 19 est annexée au rapport, sauf si d'autres feuilles de remplacement lui ont été substituées ultérieurement ou si les modifications entraînent la suppression de feuilles entières comme il est prévu à la règle 66.8.b). Les feuilles de remplacement contenant des modifications effectuées en vertu de l'article 19 qui ont été considérées comme écartées par une modification effectuée en vertu de l'article 34 et les lettres visées à la règle 66.8 ne sont pas annexées.

b) [Sans changement]

70.17 [Sans changement]

Règle 76**Traduction du document de priorité;
application de certaines règles aux procédures au sein des offices élus**

76.1, 76.2 et 76.3 [*Restent supprimées*]

76.4 [Sans changement]

76.5 *Application de certaines règles aux procédures au sein des offices élus*

Les règles 13*ter*.3, 22.1.g), 47.1, 49, 49*bis*, 49*ter* et 51*bis* s'appliquent étant entendu que :

i) à v) [Sans changement]

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Rectification of Errors Made
by the Receiving Office or by the International Bureau***82ter.1 Errors Concerning the International Filing Date and the Priority Claim*

(a) If the applicant proves to the satisfaction of any designated or elected Office that the international filing date is incorrect due to an error made by the receiving Office or that the priority claim has been erroneously considered void by the receiving Office or the International Bureau, and if the error is an error such that, had it been made by the designated or elected Office itself, that Office would rectify it under the national law or national practice, the said Office shall rectify the error and shall treat the international application as if it had been accorded the rectified international filing date or as if the priority claim had not been considered void.

(b) Where the international filing date has been accorded by the receiving Office under Rule 20.3(b)(ii) or 20.5(d) on the basis of the incorporation by reference under Rules 4.18 and 20.6 of an element or part but the designated or elected Office finds that:

- (i) the applicant has not complied with Rule 17.1(a), (b) or (b-bis) in relation to the priority document;
- (ii) a requirement under Rule 4.18, 20.6(a)(i) or 51 bis.1(e)(ii) has not been complied with; or
- (iii) the element or part is not completely contained in the priority document concerned;

the designated or elected Office may, subject to paragraph (c), treat the international application as if the international filing date had been accorded under Rule 20.3(b)(i) or 20.5(b), or corrected under Rule 20.5(c), as applicable, provided that Rule 17.1(c) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(c) The designated or elected Office shall not treat the international application under paragraph (b) as if the international filing date had been accorded under Rule 20.3(b)(i) or 20.5(b), or corrected under Rule 20.5(c), without giving the applicant the opportunity to make observations on the intended treatment, or to make a request under paragraph (d), within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances.

(d) Where the designated or elected Office, in accordance with paragraph (c), has notified the applicant that it intends to treat the international application as if the international filing date had been corrected under Rule 20.5(c), the applicant may, in a notice submitted to that Office within the time limit referred to in paragraph (c), request that the missing part concerned be disregarded for the purposes of national processing before that Office, in which case that part shall be considered not to have been furnished and that Office shall not treat the international application as if the international filing date had been corrected.

**Rule 91¹⁶
Rectification of Obvious Mistakes
in the International Application and Other Documents***91.1 Rectification of Obvious Mistakes*

(a) An obvious mistake in the international application or another document submitted by the applicant may be rectified in accordance with this Rule if the applicant so requests.

¹⁶ See pages 5486 to 5494 for amendments entering into force earlier, on April 1, 2006. The text of Rule 91 is replaced in its entirety by that shown here with entry into force on April 1, 2007.

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Rectification d'erreurs commises
par l'office récepteur ou par le Bureau international***82ter.1 Erreurs concernant la date du dépôt international et la revendication de priorité*

a) Si le déposant prouve à la satisfaction de tout office désigné ou élu que la date du dépôt international est inexacte en raison d'une erreur commise par l'office récepteur ou que la revendication de priorité a par erreur été considérée comme nulle par l'office récepteur ou par le Bureau international, et si l'erreur est une erreur telle que, au cas où elle aurait été commise par l'office désigné ou élu lui-même, cet office la rectifierait en vertu de la législation nationale ou de la pratique nationale, ledit office rectifie l'erreur et instruit la demande internationale comme si la date du dépôt international rectifiée lui avait été accordée ou comme si la revendication de priorité n'avait pas été considérée comme nulle.

b) Lorsque la date du dépôt international a été attribuée par l'office récepteur en vertu de la règle 20.3.b)ii) ou 20.5.d) sur la base de l'incorporation par renvoi d'un élément ou d'une partie en vertu des règles 4.18 et 20.6, mais que l'office désigné ou élu constate

- i) que le déposant ne s'est pas conformé aux dispositions de la règle 17.1.a), b) ou b-bis) relatives au document de priorité,
- ii) qu'une condition visée à la règle 4.18, 20.6.a)i) ou 51bis.1.e)ii) n'a pas été remplie, ou
- iii) que cet élément ou cette partie ne figure pas intégralement dans le document de priorité en question,

cet office peut, sous réserve de l'alinéa c), instruire la demande internationale comme si la date du dépôt international avait été attribuée en vertu de la règle 20.3.b)i) ou 20.5.b), ou corrigée en vertu de la règle 20.5.c), selon le cas, à condition que la règle 17.1.c) s'applique *mutatis mutandis*.

c) L'office désigné ou élu n'instruit pas la demande internationale visée à l'alinéa b) comme si la date du dépôt international avait été attribuée en vertu de la règle 20.3.b)i) ou 20.5.b), ou avait été corrigée en vertu de la règle 20.5.c), sans donner au déposant la possibilité de formuler des observations sur l'instruction ainsi envisagée, ou de présenter une requête conformément à l'alinéa d), dans un délai qui doit être raisonnable en l'espèce.

d) Lorsque l'office désigné ou élu, conformément à l'alinéa c), a notifié au déposant qu'il a l'intention d'instruire la demande internationale comme si la date du dépôt international avait été corrigée en vertu de la règle 20.5.c), le déposant peut, dans une communication adressée à l'office dans le délai prévu à l'alinéa c), demander qu'il ne soit pas tenu compte de la partie manquante concernée aux fins du traitement national auprès de cet office, auquel cas ladite partie est considérée comme n'ayant pas été remise et cet office n'instruit pas la demande internationale comme si la date du dépôt international avait été corrigée.

**Règle 91¹⁶
Rectification d'erreurs évidentes figurant
dans la demande internationale ou dans d'autres documents***91.1 Rectification d'erreurs évidentes*

a) Une erreur évidente figurant dans la demande internationale ou dans un autre document présenté par le déposant peut être rectifiée conformément à la présente règle si le déposant le demande.

¹⁶ Voir les pages 5487 à 5495 pour les modifications qui entreront en vigueur plus tôt, le 1^{er} avril 2006. Le libellé de la règle 91 est entièrement remplacé par celui qui figure ici, qui entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

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(b) The rectification of a mistake shall be subject to authorization by the “competent authority”, that is to say:

(i) in the case of a mistake in the request part of the international application or in a correction thereof – by the receiving Office;

(ii) in the case of a mistake in the description, claims or drawings or in a correction thereof, unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority is competent under item (iii) – by the International Searching Authority;

(iii) in the case of a mistake in the description, claims or drawings or in a correction thereof, or in an amendment under Article 19 or 34, where a demand for international preliminary examination has been made and has not been withdrawn and the date on which international preliminary examination shall start in accordance with Rule 69.1 has passed – by the International Preliminary Examining Authority;

(iv) in the case of a mistake in a document not referred to in items (i) to (iii) submitted to the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau, other than a mistake in the abstract or in an amendment under Article 19 – by that Office, Authority or Bureau, as the case may be.

(c) The competent authority shall authorize the rectification under this Rule of a mistake if, and only if, it is obvious to the competent authority that, as at the applicable date under paragraph (f), something else was intended than what appears in the document concerned and that nothing else could have been intended than the proposed rectification.

(d) In the case of a mistake in the description, claims or drawings or in a correction or amendment thereof, the competent authority shall, for the purposes of paragraph (c), only take into account the contents of the description, claims and drawings and, where applicable, the correction or amendment concerned.

(e) In the case of a mistake in the request part of the international application or a correction thereof, or in a document referred to in paragraph (b)(iv), the competent authority shall, for the purposes of paragraph (c), only take into account the contents of the international application itself and, where applicable, the correction concerned, or the document referred to in paragraph (b)(iv), together with any other document submitted with the request, correction or document, as the case may be, any priority document in respect of the international application that is available to the authority in accordance with the Administrative Instructions, and any other document contained in the authority’s international application file at the applicable date under paragraph (f).

(f) The applicable date for the purposes of paragraphs (c) and (e) shall be:

(i) in the case of a mistake in a part of the international application as filed – the international filing date;

(ii) in the case of a mistake in a document other than the international application as filed, including a mistake in a correction or an amendment of the international application – the date on which the document was submitted.

(g) A mistake shall not be rectifiable under this Rule if:

(i) the mistake lies in the omission of one or more entire elements of the international application referred to in Article 3(2) or one or more entire sheets of the international application;

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b) La rectification d'une erreur est subordonnée à l'autorisation de l'"administration compétente", à savoir :

i) en cas d'erreur dans la requête de la demande internationale ou dans une correction apportée à celle-ci – l'office récepteur;

ii) en cas d'erreur dans la description, les revendications ou les dessins, ou dans une correction apportée à ceux-ci – l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, sauf si l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international est compétente en vertu du point iii);

iii) en cas d'erreur dans la description, les revendications ou les dessins, dans une correction apportée à ceux-ci ou dans une modification en vertu de l'article 19 ou 34, lorsqu'une demande d'examen préliminaire international a été présentée et n'a pas été retirée et que la date à laquelle l'examen préliminaire international doit être entrepris en vertu de la règle 69.1 est révolue – l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international;

iv) en cas d'erreur dans un document non visé aux points i) à iii), soumis à l'office récepteur, à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ou au Bureau international, autre qu'une erreur dans l'abrégé ou dans une modification en vertu de l'article 19 – cet office, cette administration ou le Bureau international, selon le cas.

c) L'administration compétente autorise la rectification d'une erreur en vertu de la présente règle si, et seulement si, il lui semble évident que, à la date applicable en vertu de l'alinéa f), le document considéré contient autre chose que ce qui était voulu et que la rectification proposée s'impose d'emblée.

d) En cas d'erreur dans la description, les revendications ou les dessins, ou dans une correction ou une modification apportée à ceux-ci, l'administration compétente ne prend en considération, aux fins de l'alinéa c), que le contenu de la description, des revendications et des dessins et, le cas échéant, la correction ou la modification en question.

e) En cas d'erreur dans la requête de la demande internationale, dans une correction apportée à celle-ci ou dans un document visé à l'alinéa b)iv), l'administration compétente ne prend en considération, aux fins de l'alinéa c), que le contenu de la demande internationale proprement dite et, le cas échéant, la correction ou le document en question, ainsi que tout autre document soumis avec la requête, la correction ou le document, selon le cas, tout document de priorité à l'égard de la demande internationale qui peut être consulté par l'administration conformément aux instructions administratives et tout autre document figurant dans le dossier de la demande internationale détenu par l'administration à la date applicable en vertu de l'alinéa f).

f) Aux fins des alinéas c) et e), la date applicable est la suivante :

i) en cas d'erreur dans une partie de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée – la date du dépôt international;

ii) en cas d'erreur dans un document autre que la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée, y compris dans une correction ou une modification apportée à la demande internationale – la date à laquelle le document a été remis.

g) Une erreur n'est pas rectifiable en vertu de la présente règle

i) si elle consiste en l'omission d'un ou plusieurs éléments entiers de la demande internationale visés à l'article 3.2) ou d'une ou plusieurs feuilles entières de la demande internationale;

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- (ii) the mistake is in the abstract;
- (iii) the mistake is in an amendment under Article 19, unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority is competent to authorize the rectification of such mistake under paragraph (b)(iii); or
- (iv) the mistake is in a priority claim or in a notice correcting or adding a priority claim under Rule 26bis.1(a), where the rectification of the mistake would cause a change in the priority date;

provided that this paragraph shall not affect the operation of Rules 20.4, 20.5, 26bis and 38.3.

(h) Where the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau discovers what appears to be a rectifiable obvious mistake in the international application or another document, it may invite the applicant to request rectification under this Rule.

91.2 Requests for Rectification

A request for rectification under Rule 91.1 shall be submitted to the competent authority within 26 months from the priority date. It shall specify the mistake to be rectified and the proposed rectification, and may, at the option of the applicant, contain a brief explanation. Rule 26.4 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* as to the manner in which the proposed rectification shall be indicated.

91.3 Authorization and Effect of Rectifications

(a) The competent authority shall promptly decide whether to authorize or refuse to authorize a rectification under Rule 91.1 and shall promptly notify the applicant and the International Bureau of the authorization or refusal and, in the case of refusal, of the reasons therefor. The International Bureau shall proceed as provided for in the Administrative Instructions, including, as required, notifying the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority and the designated and elected Offices of the authorization or refusal.

(b) Where the rectification of an obvious mistake has been authorized under Rule 91.1, the document concerned shall be rectified in accordance with the Administrative Instructions.

(c) Where the rectification of an obvious mistake has been authorized, it shall be effective:

- (i) in the case of a mistake in the international application as filed, from the international filing date;
- (ii) in the case of a mistake in a document other than the international application as filed, including a mistake in a correction or an amendment of the international application, from the date on which that document was submitted.

(d) Where the competent authority refuses to authorize a rectification under Rule 91.1, the International Bureau shall, upon request submitted to it by the applicant within two months from the date of the refusal, and subject to the payment of a special fee whose amount shall be fixed in the Administrative Instructions, publish the request for rectification, the reasons for refusal by the authority and any further brief comments that may be submitted by the applicant, if possible together with the international application. A copy of the request, reasons and comments (if any) shall if possible be included in the communication under Article 20 where the international application is not published by virtue of Article 64(3).

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- ii) si elle figure dans l'abrégé;
- iii) si elle figure dans une modification en vertu de l'article 19, à moins que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ne soit compétente pour autoriser la rectification de l'erreur en vertu de l'alinéa b)iii); ou
- iv) si elle figure dans une revendication de priorité ou une communication tendant à corriger ou compléter une revendication de priorité en vertu de la règle 26bis.1.a), lorsque la rectification de l'erreur entraînerait un changement de date de priorité;

sous réserve que cet alinéa n'affecte pas l'application des règles 20.4, 20.5, 26bis et 38.3.

h) Lorsque l'office récepteur, l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ou le Bureau international découvre ce qui semble constituer une erreur évidente rectifiable dans la demande internationale ou dans un autre document, il peut inviter le déposant à demander une rectification en vertu de la présente règle.

91.2 Requêtes en rectification

Une requête en rectification en vertu de la règle 91.1 doit être présentée à l'administration compétente dans un délai de 26 mois à compter de la date de priorité. Elle doit préciser l'erreur à rectifier et la rectification proposée et peut, au choix du déposant, contenir une explication succincte. La règle 26.4 s'applique, *mutatis mutandis*, à la procédure à suivre pour indiquer la rectification proposée.

91.3 Autorisation et effet des rectifications

a) L'administration compétente décide à bref délai soit d'autoriser soit de refuser d'autoriser une rectification en vertu de la règle 91.1 et notifie à bref délai sa décision au déposant et au Bureau international, en la motivant s'il s'agit d'un refus. Le Bureau international procède de la manière prévue dans les instructions administratives, y compris, le cas échéant, en notifiant son autorisation ou son refus à l'office récepteur, à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international et aux offices désignés et élus.

b) Lorsque la rectification d'une erreur évidente a été autorisée en vertu de la règle 91.1, le document considéré est corrigé conformément aux instructions administratives.

c) Lorsque la rectification d'une erreur évidente a été autorisée, elle prend effet :

i) en cas d'erreur dans la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée, à la date du dépôt international;

ii) en cas d'erreur dans un document autre que la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée, y compris dans une correction ou une modification apportée à la demande internationale, à la date à laquelle ce document a été remis.

d) Lorsque l'autorité compétente refuse d'autoriser une rectification en vertu de la règle 91.1, le Bureau international, si le déposant lui en fait la demande dans les deux mois suivant la date du refus et sous réserve du paiement d'une taxe spéciale dont le montant est fixé dans les instructions administratives, publie la requête en rectification, les motifs du refus de l'administration et toutes autres observations succinctes éventuellement formulées par le déposant, si possible avec la demande internationale. Une copie de la requête, des motifs et des observations (éventuelles) est, si possible, insérée dans la communication selon l'article 20 lorsque, en vertu de l'article 64.3), la demande internationale n'est pas publiée.

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(e) The rectification of an obvious mistake need not be taken into account by any designated Office in which the processing or examination of the international application has already started prior to the date on which that Office is notified under Rule 91.3(a) of the authorization of the rectification by the competent authority.

(f) A designated Office may disregard a rectification that was authorized under Rule 91.1 if it finds that it would not have authorized the rectification if it had been the competent authority.

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e) La rectification d'une erreur évidente n'a pas à être prise en considération par un office désigné dans lequel le traitement ou l'examen de la demande internationale a déjà commencé avant la date à laquelle cet office a été informé selon la règle 91.3.a) de l'autorisation de rectification donnée par l'administration compétente.

f) Un office désigné peut ne pas tenir compte d'une rectification autorisée en vertu de la règle 91.1 s'il constate qu'il ne l'aurait pas autorisée s'il avait été l'administration compétente.

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TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS**

1. The amendments set out on pages 5486 to 5494:

(a) shall enter into force on April 1, 2006, and shall apply to international applications whose international filing date is on or after April 1, 2006;

(b) shall not apply to international applications whose international filing date is before April 1, 2006, provided that:

(i) Rules 13*bis*.4, 47.1, 48.1 and 48.2 as amended shall apply to international applications whose international filing date is before April 1, 2006, and which are published under Article 21 on or after April 1, 2006;

(ii) Rules 26*bis*.2 and 91.1 as amended shall apply to international applications whose international filing date is before April 1, 2006, and whose communication under Article 20 is on or after April 1, 2006;

(iii) Rules 86.1 and 86.2 as amended shall apply to issues of the Gazette published on or after April 1, 2006, regardless of the international filing dates of the international applications to which those issues relate;

(iv) Rules 87.1 and 87.2 as amended shall apply to the communication of international applications, the Gazette and other publications on or after April 1, 2006, regardless, where applicable, of the international filing dates of the international applications concerned.

2. The amendments set out on pages 5496 to 5540:

(a) shall enter into force on April 1, 2007, and shall apply to international applications whose international filing date is on or after April 1, 2007, provided that Rules 4.1(c)(iv), 4.18, 4.19, 12.1*bis*, 12.3, 20.1 to 20.9, 21.2, 22.1, 26.1, 26.2, 26.3*ter*, 26.5, 26.6, 48.2(b)(v), 51.1, 51.2, 51*bis*.1, 55.2 and 82*ter*.1 as amended shall not apply to international applications in respect of which one or more elements referred to in Article 11(1)(iii) were first received by the receiving Office before April 1, 2007;

(b) shall not apply to international applications whose international filing date is before April 1, 2007, provided that:

(i) Rule 34.1 as amended shall apply to any international search carried out on or after April 1, 2007;

(ii) Rules 43.6*bis*, 43*bis*.1(b), 66.1, 66.4*bis* and 70.2(e) as amended shall apply to international search reports, written opinions and international preliminary examination reports established on or after April 1, 2007, in respect of international applications whose international filing date is before April 1, 2007, as though the references in those Rules to rectifications of obvious mistakes authorized under Rule 91.1 as amended were references to rectifications of obvious errors authorized under existing Rule 91.1;

(iii) Rule 49*ter*.2 as amended shall apply to international applications whose international filing date is before April 1, 2007, and in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22(1) are performed on or after April 1, 2007;

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1. Les modifications proposées aux pages 5487 à 5495

a) entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2006 et seront applicables aux demandes internationales dont la date de dépôt international est le 1^{er} avril 2006 ou une date postérieure;

b) ne seront pas applicables aux demandes internationales dont la date de dépôt international est antérieure au 1^{er} avril 2006, à condition que

i) les règles 13*bis*.4, 47.1, 48.1 et 48.2 telles qu'elles ont été modifiées soient applicables aux demandes internationales dont la date de dépôt international est antérieure au 1^{er} avril 2006 et qui sont publiées, en vertu de l'article 21, le 1^{er} avril 2006 ou à une date postérieure;

ii) les règles 26*bis*.2 et 91.1 telles qu'elles ont été modifiées soient applicables aux demandes internationales dont la date de dépôt international est antérieure au 1^{er} avril 2006 et dont la communication selon l'article 20 est faite le 1^{er} avril 2006 ou à une date postérieure;

iii) les règles 86.1 et 86.2 telles qu'elles ont été modifiées soient applicables aux numéros de la gazette publiés le 1^{er} avril 2006 ou après cette date, quelles que soient les dates de dépôt international des demandes internationales auxquelles se rapportent ces numéros;

iv) les règles 87.1 et 87.2 telles qu'elles ont été modifiées soient applicables à la communication des demandes internationales, de la gazette et des autres publications le 1^{er} avril 2006 ou à une date postérieure, quelles que soient, le cas échéant, les dates de dépôt international des demandes internationales concernées.

2. Les modifications proposées aux pages 5497 à 5541

a) entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007 et seront applicables aux demandes internationales dont la date de dépôt international est le 1^{er} avril 2007 ou une date postérieure, à condition que les règles 4.1.c)iv), 4.18, 4.19, 12.1*bis*, 12.3, 20.1 à 20.9, 21.2, 22.1, 26.1, 26.2, 26.3*ter*, 26.5, 26.6, 48.2.b)v), 51.1, 51.2, 51*bis*.1, 55.2 et 82*ter*.1 telles qu'elles ont été modifiées ne soient pas applicables aux demandes internationales à l'égard desquelles un ou plusieurs éléments visés à l'article 11.1)iii) ont été initialement reçus par l'office récepteur avant le 1^{er} avril 2007;

b) ne seront pas applicables aux demandes internationales dont la date de dépôt international est antérieure au 1^{er} avril 2007, à condition que

i) la règle 34.1 telle qu'elle a été modifiée soit applicable à toute recherche internationale qui est effectuée le 1^{er} avril 2007 ou à une date postérieure;

ii) les règles 43.6*bis*, 43*bis*.1.b), 66.1, 66.4*bis* et 70.2.e) telles qu'elles ont été modifiées soient applicables aux rapports de recherche internationale, aux opinions écrites et aux rapports d'examen préliminaire international établis le 1^{er} avril 2007 ou à une date postérieure, à l'égard des demandes internationales dont la date de dépôt international est antérieure au 1^{er} avril 2007, comme si les renvois dans ces règles aux rectifications d'erreurs évidentes autorisées en vertu de la règle 91.1 telle qu'elle a été modifiée étaient des renvois aux rectifications d'erreurs évidentes autorisées en vertu de l'actuelle règle 91.1;

iii) la règle 49*ter*.2 telle qu'elle a été modifiée soit applicable aux demandes internationales dont la date de dépôt international est antérieure au 1^{er} avril 2007 et à l'égard desquelles les actes visés à l'article 22.1) sont effectués le 1^{er} avril 2007 ou à une date postérieure;

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(iv) Rule 76.5 as amended, to the extent that it has the effect of making Rule 49^{ter}.2 applicable, shall apply to international applications whose international filing date is before April 1, 2007, and in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 39(1)(a) are performed on or after April 1, 2007.

3. Furthermore, in relation to the amendments set out on pages 5496 to 5540:

(a) information as to incompatibility given to the International Bureau under existing Rule 20.4(d) shall be considered to remain effective under Rule 20.1(d) as amended;

(b) information as to incompatibility given to the International Bureau under Rule 51^{bis}.1(f) in relation to existing Rule 51^{bis}.1(e) shall be considered to remain effective under Rule 51^{bis}.1(f) in relation to Rule 51^{bis}.1(e) as amended.

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iv) la règle 76.5 telle qu'elle a été modifiée, dans la mesure où elle a pour effet de rendre la règle 49^{ter}.2 applicable, soit applicable aux demandes internationales dont la date de dépôt international est antérieure au 1^{er} avril 2007 et à l'égard desquelles les actes visés à l'article 39.1)a) sont effectués le 1^{er} avril 2007 ou à une date postérieure.

3. Par ailleurs, en ce qui concerne les modifications proposées aux pages 5497 à 5541,

a) la notification au Bureau international de la réserve formulée en vertu de l'actuelle règle 20.4.d) est considérée comme restant en vigueur en vertu de la règle 20.1.d) telle qu'elle a été modifiée;

b) la notification au Bureau international de la réserve formulée en vertu de la règle 51^{bis}.1.f) en rapport avec l'actuelle règle 51^{bis}.1.e) est considérée comme restant en vigueur en vertu de la règle 51^{bis}.1.f) en rapport avec la règle 51^{bis}.1.e) telle qu'elle a été modifiée.

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1. In connection with the adoption of amended Rule 4.9(b) (see page 5486), the Assembly noted that, in order to avoid the need for complicated transitional provisions, notifications of incompatibility under amended Rule 4.9(b) will be required to be given by all affected designated Offices, even if they have already given notifications under the existing Rule.
2. In connection with the adoption of amended Rule 20.8(a) (see page 5508), the Assembly noted that the availability of the procedure under that Rule depends on the existence of an incompatibility with the Rules referred to in that Rule of the national law applicable to a national Office in its capacity as a PCT receiving Office, as distinct from its capacity as a designated Office, and that such incompatibility might arise either from express national law provisions dealing with the subject matter in question or from the more general operation of the national law.
3. In connection with the adoption of amended Rule 26bis.3(a) (see page 5514), the Assembly noted that a receiving Office may, if it wishes, apply both criteria for restoration and leave the choice to the applicant as to which criterion is sought to be applied in a specific case, noting that it would be advantageous for the applicant to obtain a positive finding by the receiving Office on the stricter criterion of “due care” since such a finding would in general be effective in all designated States, unlike a finding on the less strict “unintentionality” criterion. Furthermore, a receiving Office will be free to apply, upon request of the applicant, first the “due care” criterion and then, if the receiving Office finds that that criterion is not complied with, the “unintentionality” criterion.
4. In connection with the adoption of amended Rule 26bis.3(f) (see page 5516), the Assembly noted that the question of what information or evidence each receiving Office is entitled to require in support of a request for restoration of the right of priority under Rule 26bis.3(f) is a matter left to national law and practice.
5. In connection with the adoption of amended Rule 48.2(a)(xi) (see page 5520), the Assembly noted that information as to the criterion for restoration upon which the decision by the Office was based (“due care” criterion, “unintentionality” criterion, or both criteria) will be included in the publication of the international application under new Rule 48.2(a)(xi).
6. In connection with the adoption of amended Rule 49ter.1(g) (see page 5524), the Assembly noted that the giving of a notification of incompatibility under Rule 49ter.1(g) will have both procedural and substantive effects; for example, there will be consequences both in terms of calculating the time limit for national phase entry before the designated Office concerned and in terms of the assessment of novelty and inventive step during the national search and examination.
7. In connection with the adoption of amended Rule 49ter.2(a) (see page 5524), the Assembly noted that a designated Office may, if it wishes, apply both criteria for restoration and leave the choice to the applicant as to which criterion is sought to be applied in a specific case. Furthermore, a designated Office will be free to apply, upon request of the applicant, first the “due care” criterion and then, if the designated Office finds that that criterion is not complied with, the “unintentionality” criterion.
8. In connection with the adoption of amended Rule 49ter.2(b)(i) (see page 5526), the Assembly noted that, where the effect of the international application provided for in Article 11(3) ceases because the applicant fails to perform the acts referred to in Article 22 or 39(1) within the applicable time limit but the designated Office reinstates the rights of the applicant with respect to that international application in accordance with Rule 49.6 or 76.5(ii), respectively, such reinstatement will extend to all time limits calculated on the basis of the applicable time limit under Article 22 or 39(1), respectively, including the time limit under Rule 49ter.2(b)(i).

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1. En adoptant la règle 4.9.b) modifiée (voir la page 5487), l'assemblée a pris note du fait que, afin d'éviter des dispositions transitoires compliquées, les réserves formulées en vertu de la règle 4.9.b) modifiée devront l'être par tous les offices désignés concernés, même s'ils les ont déjà formulées en vertu de la règle en vigueur.
2. En adoptant la règle 20.8.a) modifiée (voir la page 5509), l'assemblée a pris note du fait que la possibilité d'utiliser la procédure prévue par la règle 20.8.a) dépendra de l'existence d'une incompatibilité avec les règles mentionnées dans cette règle de la législation nationale applicable à un office national en sa qualité d'office récepteur du PCT, par opposition à sa qualité d'office désigné, et que cette incompatibilité peut découler soit de dispositions expresses de législation nationale traitant de l'objet en question, soit du fonctionnement plus général de la législation nationale.
3. En adoptant la règle 26bis.3.a) modifiée (voir la page 5515), l'assemblée a pris note du fait qu'un office récepteur peut, s'il le souhaite, appliquer les deux critères de restauration et laisser au déposant le choix du critère à appliquer dans un cas déterminé, et qu'il serait intéressant pour le déposant d'obtenir une réponse positive de l'office récepteur fondée sur le critère plus strict de la "diligence requise" car cette décision serait valable dans tous les États désignés, alors que tel ne serait pas le cas si l'office récepteur fondait sa décision sur le critère moins strict du "caractère non intentionnel". En outre, un office récepteur sera libre d'appliquer, à la demande du déposant, tout d'abord le critère de la "diligence requise" et, si l'office récepteur constate qu'il n'est pas satisfait à ce critère, le critère du "caractère non intentionnel".
4. En adoptant la règle 26bis.3.f) modifiée (voir la page 5517), l'assemblée a pris note du fait que la question de savoir quelles informations ou preuves chaque office récepteur est en droit d'exiger à l'appui d'une requête en restauration du droit de priorité selon la règle 26bis.3.f) demeure du ressort de la législation et de la pratique nationales.
5. En adoptant la règle 48.2.a).xi) modifiée (voir la page 5521), l'assemblée a pris note du fait qu'il sera fait mention du critère de restauration sur lequel s'est fondée la décision de l'office (critère de la "diligence requise" ou critère du "caractère non intentionnel", ou l'un et l'autre de ces critères) dans la publication de la demande internationale en vertu de la nouvelle règle 48.2.a).xi).
6. En adoptant la règle 49ter.1.g) modifiée (voir la page 5525), l'assemblée a pris note du fait qu'une réserve formulée en vertu de la règle 49ter.1.g) aurait des effets tant sur la procédure que sur le fond. Par exemple, elle aurait des répercussions en ce qui concerne tant le calcul du délai pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale devant l'office désigné intéressé que l'évaluation de la nouveauté et de l'activité inventive pendant la recherche et l'examen réalisés au niveau national.
7. En adoptant la règle 49ter.2.a) modifiée (voir la page 5525), l'assemblée a pris note du fait qu'un office désigné pourrait, s'il le souhaite, appliquer les deux critères de restauration et laisser au déposant le choix du critère applicable dans un cas déterminé. En outre, un office désigné serait libre d'appliquer, à la demande du déposant, tout d'abord le critère de la "diligence requise" et, si l'office désigné constate qu'il n'a pas été satisfait à ce critère, le critère du "caractère non intentionnel".
8. En adoptant la règle 49ter.2.b)i) modifiée (voir la page 5527), l'assemblée a pris note du fait que, lorsque la demande internationale ne produit plus ses effets en vertu de l'article 11.3) parce que le déposant n'a pas accompli les actes mentionnés dans l'article 22 ou 39.1) dans le délai applicable, mais que l'office désigné rétablit les droits du déposant en ce qui concerne cette demande internationale conformément à la règle 49.6 ou 76.5.ii), respectivement, ce rétablissement s'étendra à tous les délais calculés à partir du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1), respectivement, y compris le délai prévu à la règle 49ter.2.b)i).

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9. In connection with the adoption of amended Rule 49*ter*.2(h) (see page 5526), the Assembly noted that any designated Office whose national law provides for a criterion more stringent than the “due care” criterion or does not provide for restoration of the right of priority at all may make use of the reservation provision in Rule 49*ter*.2(h). Designated Offices whose applicable national law provides for the restoration of the right of priority based on requirements similar but not identical to the requirements under Rule 49*ter*.2(a) and (b) will not need to make use of the reservation provision if the requirements under the applicable national law are, from the viewpoint of applicants, at least as favorable as the requirements under Rule 49*ter*.2(a) and (b).

10. In connection with the adoption of amended Rule 91.3(f) (see page 5540), the Assembly noted that, where a designated Office has given a notification of incompatibility under Rule 20.8(b) in respect of the application of provisions relating to the incorporation by reference of missing elements or parts, that Office will not be obliged, in determining for the purposes of Rule 91.3(f) whether it would have authorized the rectification, to take into account the contents of any description, claims or drawings incorporated by reference under Rule 20.6.

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9. En adoptant la règle 49*ter*.2.h) modifiée (voir la page 5527), l'assemblée a pris note du fait que tout office désigné dont la législation nationale prévoit un critère plus restrictif que celui de la "diligence requise" ou ne prévoit pas la restauration du droit de priorité pourra faire usage de la disposition de réserve prévue à la règle 49*ter*.2.h). Les offices désignés dont la législation nationale applicable prévoit la restauration du droit de priorité dans des conditions comparables mais non identiques aux conditions prévues à la règle 49*ter*.2.a) et b) n'auront pas besoin de faire usage de la disposition de réserve, sous réserve que les conditions énoncées dans la législation nationale applicable soient, du point de vue des déposants, au moins aussi favorables que les conditions énoncées à la règle 49*ter*.2.a) et b).

10. En adoptant la règle 91.3.f) modifiée (voir la page 5541), l'assemblée a pris note du fait que, lorsqu'un office désigné a formulé une réserve en vertu de la règle 20.8.b) en ce qui concerne l'application de dispositions relatives à l'incorporation par renvoi d'éléments manquants ou de parties manquantes, cet office ne sera pas tenu, lorsqu'il décide en vertu de la règle 91.3.f) s'il aurait autorisé ou non la rectification, de prendre en considération le contenu de toute description, revendication ou dessin incorporé par renvoi selon la règle 20.6.

SECTION IV

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NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 49ter.1 WITH NATIONAL LAWS**SE Sweden**

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 49ter.1 of the PCT Regulations concerning the effect on a designated Office of restoration of the right of priority by a receiving Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 49ter.1(g) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility.

NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 49ter.2 WITH NATIONAL LAWS**SE Sweden**

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 49ter.2 of the PCT Regulations concerning restoration of the right of priority by a designated Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 49ter.2(h) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (g) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility.

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF AMENDED PCT RULE 51bis WITH NATIONAL LAWS**KR Republic of Korea**

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Rule 51bis.1(e) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, page 2024), the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 January 2006. PCT Rule 51bis.1(e) therefore applies since that date.

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 49ter.1 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES**SE Suède**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 49ter.1 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant l'effet sur un office désigné de la restauration du droit de priorité par un office récepteur. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 49ter.1.g) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à d) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'**Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement**, en sa qualité d'office désigné, a notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité.

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 49ter.2 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES**SE Suède**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 49ter.2 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant la restauration du droit de priorité par un office désigné. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 49ter.2.h) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à g) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'**Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement**, en sa qualité d'office désigné, a notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité.

RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE LA RÈGLE 51bis DU PCT MODIFIÉE**KR République de Corée**

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de la règle 51bis.1.e) du PCT (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 05/2001, page 225), l'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle**, en sa qualité d'office désigné, a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2006. La règle 51bis.1.e) du PCT s'applique donc depuis cette date.

INFORMATION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a modification in its requirements as to the acceptability of evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used, as follows:

Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?

Yes, provided that the delivery service is Chronopost, Deutsche Post Express, DHL, Federal Express, Flexpress, LTA, SkyNet, TNT or UPS

[Updating of Annex B2(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES**SG Singapore**

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 2 June 2006 by nationals and residents of Singapore with the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as receiving Office. As from 2 June 2006, the consolidated list of competent International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities will read as follows:

Competent International Searching Authority:

Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Korean Intellectual Property Office

Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:

Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Korean Intellectual Property Office

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a notifié une modification de ses exigences quant à l'acceptation, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, de la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale, comme suit :

L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT)?

Oui, à condition que l'entreprise d'acheminement soit Chronopost, Deutsche Post Express, DHL, Federal Express, Flexpress, LTA, SkyNet, TNT ou UPS

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B2(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**SG Singapour**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Singapour** a spécifié l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale et administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées le 2 juin 2006 ou à une date ultérieure par les nationaux de Singapour et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays auprès de l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Singapour en sa qualité d'office récepteur. À compter du 2 juin 2006, la liste récapitulative des administrations chargées de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international compétentes sera la suivante :

Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale :

Office australien des brevets, Office autrichien des brevets, Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle ou Office européen des brevets

Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international :

Office australien des brevets, Office autrichien des brevets, Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle ou Office européen des brevets

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(SG) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has introduced a new condition under which the search fee shall be refunded, together with the extent of the refund, applicable since 1 January 2006, and has made an editorial modification to another condition already appearing in the list, as follows:

Conditions for refund and amount of
refund of the search fee:

[No change]

[No change]

[No change]

Extent to which the search fee shall be refunded when the Authority benefits from an earlier search in carrying out international search:

– [No change]

– [No change]

– [No change]

– for a search with written opinion on a national application made on behalf of a national Office (FR):
 (full benefit) EUR 1,550
 (partial benefit) EUR 387.50

– [No change]

– [No change]

– [No change]

– for a search without written opinion on a national application made on behalf of a national Office (BE, FR, LU, NL, TR):
 [No change]
 [No change]

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a introduit une nouvelle condition de remboursement de la taxe de recherche, avec la mesure dans laquelle cette taxe est remboursée, applicable depuis le 1^{er} janvier 2006, et a apporté un changement de rédaction à une autre condition figurant déjà sur la liste, comme suit :

Conditions de remboursement
et montant du remboursement
de la taxe de recherche :

[Sans changement]

[Sans changement]

[Sans changement]

Mesure dans laquelle la taxe de recherche est remboursée
quand l'administration tire parti d'une recherche antérieure
lorsqu'elle effectue la recherche internationale :

– [Sans changement]

– [Sans changement]

– [Sans changement]

– pour une recherche avec opinion écrite sur une demande
nationale effectuée pour le compte d'un office national (FR) :
(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 1.550
(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 387,50

– [Sans changement]

– [Sans changement]

– [Sans changement]

– pour une recherche sans opinion écrite sur une
demande nationale effectuée pour le compte d'un office
national (BE, FR, LU, NL, TR) :

[Sans changement]

[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**MD Republic of Moldova**

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified new provisions of the law of the Republic of Moldova concerning international-type search, as follows:

Provisions of the law of the Republic of Moldova concerning international-type search:

Reduced examination fees (for substantive examination) in the case of submission of the international-type search report

[Updating of Annex B1(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 15 April 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): KRW 885,000

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**MD République de Moldova**

L'**Office d'État pour la propriété intellectuelle (République de Moldova)** a notifié de nouvelles dispositions de la législation de la République de Moldova relatives à la recherche de type international, comme suit :

Dispositions de la législation de
la République de Moldova relatives
à la recherche de type international :

Taxes d'examen réduites (pour l'examen quant au fond)
en cas de présentation du rapport de recherche de type
international

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(MD) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **won coréens (KRW)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 avril 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : KRW 885.000

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(AU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified a change in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. The consolidated table of requirements reads as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	None	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
The deposit may be made with a depositary institution designated by the Government or with institutions which have the status of international depositary authority not later than the filing date of the international application.		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE :
EXIGENCES DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS ET ÉLUS**

MD République de Moldova

L'Office d'État pour la propriété intellectuelle (République de Moldova) a notifié un changement dans ses exigences relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique. Le tableau récapitulatif des exigences est le suivant :

Délai (éventuel) inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, dans lequel le déposant doit fournir :		Indications (éventuelles) qui doivent figurer outre celles exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii) selon les notifications des offices intéressés
les indications exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii)	toute indication supplémentaire spécifiée dans la colonne adjacente de droite	
Aucun	Aucun	Dans la mesure où ils sont accessibles au déposant, renseignements se rapportant aux caractéristiques du micro-organisme
Le dépôt peut être effectué auprès d'une institution de dépôt désignée par le Gouvernement ou auprès d'institutions ayant acquis le statut d'autorité de dépôt internationale, au plus tard à la date de dépôt de la demande internationale.		

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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The **European Patent Organisation** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2006. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges****Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges**

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,615
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,615
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,595
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,595
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,065
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	0.65

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO web site at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

EP Accord entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Organisation européenne des brevets a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord susmentionné, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à la partie I de l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2006. L'annexe C modifiée aura la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euros)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	1.615
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	1.615
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	1.595
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	1.595
Taxe de réserve (règles 40.2.e) et 68.3.e))	1.065
Taxe pour remise tardive (règle 13ter.1.c) et 13ter.2)	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b), 71.2.b) et 94.2), par page	0,65

Partie II. [Sans changement]”

¹ Disponible (en anglais) sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority and designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable as from 1 April 2006, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	105	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	35	
Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	EUR	1,615	
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	EUR	1,615	
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	For applicants: For designated Offices:		[No change] EUR 0.65 per page
Fee for translation into English of the international application (PCT Rule 48.3(b)):	Per 100 words of the original text:	EUR	25
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR	1,065	
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	EUR	1,595	
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	EUR	1,595	
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	For applicants: For elected Offices:		[No change] EUR 0.65 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94):	Per A4 page or smaller (delivery charge should be added if the copies are to be sent by air mail):	EUR	0.65 per page
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR	1,065	
National fee, comprising:			
– national basic fee:			
– where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online:	EUR	95	
– where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed on paper:	EUR	170	
– designation fee for each EPO Contracting State designated and for the joint designation of Switzerland and Liechtenstein; paying seven times the amount of this fee is deemed payment for all EPC Contracting States:	EUR	80	

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international et d'office désigné (ou élu). Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} avril 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe de transmission :	EUR	105	
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	EUR	35	
Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	EUR	1.615	
Taxe de recherche additionnelle (règle 40.2 du PCT) :	EUR	1.615	
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport de recherche internationale (règle 44.3 du PCT) :	Pour les déposants :		[Sans changement]
	Pour les offices désignés :	EUR	0,65 par page
Taxe pour la traduction en anglais de la demande internationale (règle 48.3.b) du PCT) :	Pour 100 mots du texte original :	EUR	25
Taxe de réserve (règle 40.2.e) du PCT) :	EUR	1.065	
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58 du PCT) :	EUR	1.595	
Taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle (règle 68.3 du PCT) :	EUR	1.595	
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport d'examen préliminaire international (règle 71.2 du PCT) :	Pour les déposants :		[Sans changement]
	Pour les offices élus :	EUR	0,65 par page
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents contenus dans le dossier de la demande internationale (règle 94 du PCT) :	Par page A4 ou plus petite (s'y ajoutent les frais d'expédition si les copies doivent être expédiées par avion) :	EUR	0,65 par page
Taxe de réserve (règle 68.3.e) du PCT) :	EUR	1.065	
Taxe nationale, composée :			
– d'une taxe nationale de base :			
– quand le formulaire pour l'ouverture de la phase européenne (formulaire OEB 1200) est déposé en ligne :	EUR	95	
– quand le formulaire pour l'ouverture de la phase européenne (formulaire OEB 1200) est déposé sous forme papier :	EUR	170	
– d'une taxe de désignation pour chaque État membre de l'OEB désigné et pour la désignation conjointe de la Suisse et du Liechtenstein; le fait de payer sept fois le montant de cette taxe est considéré comme un paiement pour tous les États parties à la CBE :	EUR	80	

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO) (cont'd)**

– extension fee (for extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro or the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia):	[No change]
Claims fee for the 11 th and each subsequent claim:	EUR 45
Search fee:	
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR 720
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR 1,000
Surcharge for late filing of either the translation of the international application or the request for examination, or for late payment of the national basic fee, the search fee, the examination fee or the designation fees:	50% of the relevant fees but at least EUR 520 for late filing of the translation, up to a maximum of EUR 1,820
Examination fee:	
– for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005:	EUR 1,490
– for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up:	EUR 1,490
– for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005:	EUR 1,335
Renewal fee for the third year:	EUR 400

[Updating of Annexes C(EP), D(EP) and E(EP) and of the National Chapter (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB) (suite)**

– d'une taxe d'extension (pour l'extension des effets du brevet européen à l'Albanie, la Bosnie-Herzégovine, la Croatie, l'ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine ou la Serbie-et-Monténégro) :	[Sans changement]
Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication à compter de la 11 ^e :	EUR 45
Taxe de recherche :	
– pour les demandes (internationales) déposées avant le 1 ^{er} juillet 2005 :	EUR 720
– pour les demandes (internationales) déposées le 1 ^{er} juillet 2005 ou ultérieurement :	EUR 1.000
Surtaxe pour remise tardive de la traduction de la demande internationale, pour présentation tardive de la requête en examen ou pour retard de paiement de la taxe nationale de base, de la taxe de recherche, de la taxe d'examen ou des taxes de désignation :	50% des taxes concernées, sans que le montant puisse être inférieur à EUR 520 en cas de remise tardive de la traduction et sans que le montant total puisse dépasser EUR 1.820
Taxe d'examen :	
– pour les demandes (internationales) déposées avant le 1 ^{er} juillet 2005 :	EUR 1.490
– pour les demandes (internationales) déposées le 1 ^{er} juillet 2005 ou ultérieurement pour lesquelles aucun rapport complémentaire de recherche européenne n'a été établi :	EUR 1.490
– pour toutes les autres demandes (internationales) déposées le 1 ^{er} juillet 2005 ou ultérieurement :	EUR 1.335
Taxe annuelle pour la troisième année :	EUR 400

[Mise à jour des annexes C(EP), D(EP) et E(EP) et du chapitre national (EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**ES Spain**

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office (transmittal fee and fee for priority document) and as designated (or elected) Office (national fee). These amounts, applicable since 1 January 2006, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 66.56
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 26.63
National fee:	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	EUR 86.40
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	EUR 86.40

[Updating of Annex C(ES) and of the National Chapter (ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Further to the announcement published in PCT Gazette No. 09/2006, of 2 March 2006, page 6386, that the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), an equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 2 June 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	SGD 380
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[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**ES Espagne**

L'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur (taxe de transmission et taxe pour le document de priorité) et d'office désigné (ou élu) (taxe nationale). Ces montants, applicables depuis le 1^{er} janvier 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe de transmission :	EUR 66,56
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	EUR 26,63
Taxe nationale :	
Pour un brevet :	
Taxe de dépôt :	EUR 86,40
Pour un modèle d'utilité :	
Taxe de dépôt :	EUR 86,40

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(ES) et du chapitre national (ES) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

KR République de Corée

Suite à l'annonce publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 09/2006, du 2 mars 2006, page 6387, informant que l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Singapour a spécifié l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international, un montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars de Singapour (SGD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.b) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 2 juin 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	SGD 380
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[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(KR) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**IS Iceland**

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Icelandic Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it has waived since 27 February 2006 the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. The corresponding heading now reads as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RENONCIATIONS EN VERTU DES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**IS Islande**

Selon les règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office islandais des brevets**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il a renoncé depuis le 27 février 2006 aux exigences en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon lesquelles un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. La rubrique correspondante est désormais la suivante :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt

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ES Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2006. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,615 ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,615 ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b))	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

INFORMATION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has informed of a change in the area code for Moscow. The list of telephone and facsimile machine numbers now reads as follows:

Telephone: (74-95) 411 61 50

Facsimile machine: (74-95) 616 22 53

[Updating of Annex B2(EA) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO web site at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

² This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations (see also corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB) and PCT Gazette No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234), and in accordance with the decision of the EPO’s Administrative Council of 11 October 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, 446).

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

ES Accord entre l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord susmentionné, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à la partie I de l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2006. L'annexe C modifiée aura la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euros)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	1.615 ²
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	1.615 ²
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b) et 71.2.b))	
– documents nationaux, par document	[Sans changement]
– documents étrangers, par document	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règle 94.2), par page	[Sans changement]

Partie II. [Sans changement]”

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES

EA Organisation eurasiennne des brevets (OEAB)

L'Office eurasienn des brevets (OEAB) a informé d'un changement relatif à l'indicatif de Moscou. La liste des numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur est désormais la suivante :

Téléphone : (74-95) 411 61 50

Télécopieur : (74-95) 616 22 53

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B2(EA) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

¹ Disponible (en anglais) sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

² Cette taxe est réduite de 75 % lorsque le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux, est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et qui est domiciliée dans un État, qui n'est pas partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen et qui remplit les conditions applicables à la réduction correspondante de certaines taxes du PCT telles qu'elles figurent dans le barème de taxes annexé au Règlement d'exécution du PCT (voir également la note de bas de page correspondante de l'annexe C(IB) et la Gazette du PCT n° 50/1995, pages 19267 et 19268), et conformément à la décision du Conseil d'administration de l'OEB du 11 octobre 2000 (JO OEB 2000, 446).

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**BZ Belize**

The **Belize Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Habet Building (2nd Floor), P.O. Box 592,
Constitution Drive, Belmopan, Belize

[Updating of Annex B1(BZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TZ United Republic of Tanzania

The **Business Registrations and Licensing Agency, Ministry of Industry and Trade (United Republic of Tanzania)** has notified a change in its e-mail address and has introduced two additional e-mail addresses, as follows:

E-mail: usajili@cats-net.com
brela@cats-net.com
ipo@cats-net.com

[Updating of Annex B1(TZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa)** has notified a change in its e-mail address, as follows:

E-mail: ezdravkova@cipro.gov.za

[Updating of Annex B1(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**ES Spain**

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable as from 1 April 2006, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): EUR 1,615

Additional search fee
(PCT Rule 40.2): EUR 1,615

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**BZ Belize**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Belize** a notifié des changements relatifs à l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale : Habet Building (2nd Floor), P.O. Box 592,
Constitution Drive, Belmopan, Belize

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(BZ) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TZ République-Unie de Tanzanie

Le **Service d'enregistrement des sociétés et des licences commerciales, Ministère de l'industrie et du commerce (République-Unie de Tanzanie)** a notifié un changement relatif à son adresse électronique et a introduit deux adresses électroniques supplémentaires, comme suit :

Courrier électronique : usajili@cats-net.com
brela@cats-net.com
ipo@cats-net.com

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(TZ) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

ZA Afrique du Sud

L'**Office de l'enregistrement des sociétés et de la propriété intellectuelle (Afrique du Sud)** a notifié un changement relatif à son adresse électronique, comme suit :

Courrier électronique : ezdravkova@cipro.gov.za

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(ZA) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**ES Espagne**

L'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale. Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} avril 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : EUR 1.615

Taxe de recherche additionnelle
(règle 40.2 du PCT) : EUR 1.615

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(ES) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT**NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

Following the adoption by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union), at its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, of amendments to the Regulations under the PCT which will enter into force on 1 April 2006 (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2006 of 23 February 2006, pages 5486 to 5494), a number of modifications have been made to Sections 209, 211, 212, 213, 215, 404, 406, 407, 408, 410, 422, 433 and to Annexes D and E of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. In addition to the modification of the existing Sections listed above, new Sections 319, 424 and 435 have been included in the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

All modified Sections of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT will apply to international applications filed on or after 1 April 2006. However, Sections 209, 404, 406, 407, 408, 410, 422, 433, 435 and Annexes D and E will apply to international applications as from 1 April 2006 irrespective of their international filing date.

The modifications involve:

(i) clarifications and simplifications which are not consequential to amendments of the Regulations with effect from 1 April 2006 (Sections 209 and 433):

– Section 209 is modified in order to avoid having to refer to specific designated Offices whose applicable national law requires that indications relating to deposited biological material be included in the description; the relevant information is available in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Annex L;

– the title of Section 433 is modified since PCT Rule 90.5(c) does not provide for the International Bureau to make a waiver;

(ii) the amendment to PCT Rule 48.2(a)(x) which was designed to avoid the operational complexity of having to communicate declarations made under PCT Rule 4.17 to specific designated Offices chosen by the applicant; by including the declarations in the published international application, all Offices will automatically receive them as part of the published international application; the requirement for the applicant to indicate the designated Offices for which any of the possible declarations is made has been deleted (Sections 211, 212, 213, 215 and Annex D);

(iii) guidance to receiving Offices and the International Bureau, respectively, for cases where an applicant made an indication under PCT Rule 4.9(b) but did not claim the priority of an earlier application filed in the State the designation of which is not made (Sections 319 and 424);

(iv) harmonization of the nomenclature of certain Administrative Instructions with that of the PCT Regulations, namely the replacement of the term “pamphlet” by “published international application” wherever appropriate throughout the Administrative Instructions; with reference to Section 406, paragraph (c) has been modified to reflect the current practice of the International Bureau to consult on details of the publication, and of the form and content of the front page (Sections 404, 406, 408, 410 and 422);

(v) the consequences of the amendments to PCT Rules 48 and 86, and in the case of Section 407, the addition of new paragraph (d) to reflect the current practice of the International Bureau to consult on details concerning the form and content of the Gazette (Section 407 and Annex E);

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT**NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**

Suite à l'adoption par l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT), lors de sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, de modifications du règlement d'exécution du PCT qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2006 (voir la Gazette du PCT n^o 08/2006 du 23 février 2006, pages 5487 à 5495), un certain nombre de modifications ont été apportées aux instructions 209, 211, 212, 213, 215, 404, 406, 407, 408, 410, 422, 433 et aux annexes D et E des Instructions administratives du PCT. En plus des modifications des instructions existantes mentionnées ci-dessus, les nouvelles instructions 319, 424 et 435 ont été ajoutées aux Instructions administratives du PCT.

La totalité des instructions administratives modifiées s'appliquera aux demandes internationales déposées le 1^{er} avril 2006 ou ultérieurement. Cependant, les instructions 209, 404, 406, 407, 408, 410, 422, 433, 435 et les annexes D et E s'appliqueront à compter du 1^{er} avril 2006 à toutes les demandes internationales, quelle que soit leur date de dépôt international.

Les modifications comportent :

i) des clarifications et des simplifications qui ne sont pas consécutives aux modifications du Règlement d'exécution qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2006 (instructions 209 et 433) :

– l'instruction 209 est modifiée pour éviter de devoir indiquer spécifiquement certains offices désignés dont la législation nationale exige que les références relatives à du matériel biologique déposé soient mentionnées dans la description; les informations pertinentes sont publiées dans l'annexe L du *Guide du déposant du PCT*;

– le titre de l'instruction 433 est modifié puisque la règle 90.5.c) du PCT ne prévoit pas la possibilité pour le Bureau international de procéder à une renonciation;

ii) la modification de la règle 48.2.a)x) du PCT qui était destinée à éviter la complexité opérationnelle qui consiste à devoir communiquer les déclarations faites en vertu de la règle 4.17 du PCT aux offices désignés spécifiquement choisis par le déposant; suite à l'inclusion des déclarations dans la demande internationale publiée, tous les offices recevront automatiquement ces déclarations en tant que partie de la demande internationale publiée; l'exigence selon laquelle le déposant doit indiquer pour quels offices désignés chaque déclaration est faite a été supprimée (instructions 211, 212, 213, 215 et annexe D);

iii) une procédure pour les offices récepteurs et le Bureau international, respectivement, dans les cas où le déposant a donné une indication selon la règle 4.9.b) du PCT sans revendiquer la priorité d'une demande antérieure déposée dans l'État dont la désignation n'est pas faite (instructions 319 et 424);

iv) l'harmonisation de la terminologie de certaines instructions administratives avec celle du Règlement d'exécution du PCT, à savoir, le remplacement, le cas échéant, du mot "brochure" par "demande internationale publiée" dans la totalité des instructions administratives; dans l'instruction 406, l'alinéa c) a été modifié pour refléter la pratique actuelle du Bureau international qui consiste à consulter pour tout détail concernant la publication et la forme ou le contenu de la page de couverture (instructions 404, 406, 408, 410, et 422);

v) les conséquences des modifications des règles 48 et 86 du PCT, et, dans le cas de l'instruction 407, l'adjonction d'un nouvel alinéa d) pour refléter la pratique actuelle du Bureau international qui consiste à consulter pour tout détail concernant la forme et le contenu de la gazette (instruction 407 et annexe E);

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU (cont'd)**

(vi) the specification that publications and documents are communicated to Authorities and Offices under PCT Rules 87.1 and 93*bis*.1, respectively, via the International Bureau's electronic data exchange services (such as Communication on Request and PCT Electronic Data Interchange), provided that, if so agreed between the International Bureau and the Office or Authority concerned, publications and documents may be communicated in other forms and by other means (for example, documents may be communicated on paper) (Section 435).

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), the modifications to Sections 209, 211, 212, 213, 215, 404, 406, 407, 408, 410, 422, 433 and to Annexes D and E, as well as the inclusion of new Sections 319, 424 and 435 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, as set out on pages 9296 to 9312 are promulgated with effect from 1 April 2006.

TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**Section 209****Indications as to Deposited Biological Material on a Separate Sheet**

(a) To the extent that any indication with respect to deposited biological material is not contained in the description, it may be given on a separate sheet. Where any such indication is so given, it shall preferably be on Form PCT/RO/134 and, if furnished at the time of filing, the said Form shall, subject to paragraph (b), preferably be attached to the request and referred to in the check list referred to in Rule 3.3(a)(ii).

(b) For the purposes of designated Offices which have so notified the International Bureau under Rule 13*bis*.7(a), paragraph (a) applies only if the said Form or sheet is included as one of the sheets of the description of the international application at the time of filing.

Section 211**Declaration as to the Identity of the Inventor**

(a) Any declaration as to the identity of the inventor, referred to in Rule 4.17(i), shall be worded as follows:

“Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51*bis*.1(a)(i)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) of ... (*address*) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application”

(b) This declaration need not be made if the name and address of the inventor are otherwise indicated in the request.

(c) This declaration may, where applicable, be combined, in accordance with Section 212(b), with the declaration referred to in Section 212(a).

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT (suite)**NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL (suite)**

vi) la précision selon laquelle les publications et les documents sont communiqués aux administrations et aux offices selon les règles 87.1 et 93*bis*.1 du PCT, respectivement, au moyen des services électroniques d'échange de données du Bureau international (tels que la Communication sur demande et le système d'échange électronique de données), étant entendu que si un accord à cet effet est intervenu entre le Bureau international et l'office ou l'administration considéré, les publications et les documents peuvent être communiqués sous d'autres formes ou par d'autres moyens (par exemple, sur papier en ce qui concerne les documents) (instruction 435).

Après consultation des offices et administrations intéressés conformément à la règle 89.2.b) du PCT, les modifications des instructions 209, 211, 212, 213, 215, 404, 406, 407, 408, 410, 422, 433 et des annexes D et E, ainsi que l'inclusion des nouvelles instructions 319, 424 et 435 des Instructions administratives du PCT, figurant aux pages 9297 à 9313, sont promulguées avec effet à partir du 1^{er} avril 2006.

TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES**Instruction 209****Indications figurant sur une feuille séparée et concernant du matériel biologique déposé**

a) Dans la mesure où une indication concernant du matériel biologique déposé ne figure pas dans la description, elle peut être donnée sur une feuille séparée. Une indication donnée de cette façon doit figurer de préférence sur le formulaire PCT/RO/134; lorsque l'indication est donnée au moment du dépôt de la demande, le formulaire en question doit de préférence, sous réserve de l'alinéa b) ci-après, être joint à la requête et être mentionné sur le bordereau visé à la règle 3.3.a)ii).

b) Pour les besoins des offices désignés qui ont adressé au Bureau international une notification à cet effet selon la règle 13*bis*.7.a), l'alinéa a) ci-dessus s'applique uniquement si le formulaire ou la feuille constitue, lors du dépôt, l'une des feuilles de la description de la demande internationale.

Instruction 211**Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur**

a) Toute déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur, visée à la règle 4.17.i), doit être libellée comme suit:

“Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51*bis*.1.a)i) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*), ... (*adresse*), est l'inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection est demandée dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale”

b) Il n'est pas nécessaire de faire cette déclaration si le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur sont indiqués ailleurs dans la requête.

c) Cette déclaration peut, le cas échéant, être combinée, conformément à l'instruction 212.b), avec la déclaration visée à l'instruction 212.a).

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)****Section 212
Declaration as to the Applicant's Entitlement
to Apply for and Be Granted a Patent**

(a) Any declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent, referred to in Rule 4.17(ii), shall be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement:

"Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) is entitled to apply for and be granted a patent by virtue of the following:

- (i) ... (*name*) of ... (*address*) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application
- (ii) ... (*name*) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (*inventor's name*)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (*name*) and ... (*name*), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (*name*) in favor of ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vi) a court order issued by ... (*name of court*), effecting a transfer from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) by way of ... (*specify kind of transfer*), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant's name changed from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) on ... (*date*)"

(b) The declaration referred to in paragraph (a) may, where applicable, be combined with the declaration referred to in Section 211(a), in which case the introductory phrase shall be worded as follows and the remainder of the combined declaration shall be worded as prescribed in paragraph (a):

"Combined declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)) and as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:"

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 212****Déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d'obtenir un brevet**

a) Toute déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet, visée à la règle 4.17.ii), doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à viii) nécessaire aux fins de motiver le droit du déposant :

“Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n'est pas appropriée :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*) a le droit de demander et d'obtenir un brevet en vertu :

- i) du fait que ... (*nom*), ... (*adresse*), est l'inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection est demandée dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale
- ii) du fait que ... (*nom*) [possède] [possédait] ce droit en qualité d'employeur de l'inventeur, ... (*nom de l'inventeur*)
- iii) d'un contrat conclu entre ... (*nom*) et ... (*nom*), daté du ...
- iv) d'une cession de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- v) d'une autorisation consentie par ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vi) d'une décision de justice rendue par ... (*nom du tribunal*), ordonnant un transfert de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vii) d'un transfert de droits de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), sous la forme de ... (*préciser le type de transfert*), daté du ...
- viii) du changement de nom du déposant de ... (*nom*) en ... (*nom*), le ... (*date*)”

b) La déclaration visée à l'alinéa a) peut, le cas échéant, être combinée avec la déclaration visée à l'instruction 211.a), auquel cas le texte introductif est libellé comme suit et le reste de la déclaration combinée est libellé conformément aux prescriptions de l'alinéa a) :

“Déclaration combinée relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii)) et relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)i)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n'est pas appropriée :”

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**

Section 213
Declaration as to the Applicant's Entitlement
to Claim Priority of Earlier Application

Any declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim priority of the earlier application, referred to in Rule 4.17(iii), shall be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement:

"Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) is entitled to claim priority of earlier application No. ... by virtue of the following:

- (i) the applicant is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection was sought by way of the earlier application
- (ii) ... (*name*) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (*inventor's name*)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (*name*) and ... (*name*), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (*name*) in favor of ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vi) a court order, issued by (*name of court*), effecting a transfer from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) by way of ... (*specify kind of transfer*), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant's name changed from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) on ... (*date*)"

Section 215
Declaration as to Non-Prejudicial Disclosures
or Exceptions to Lack of Novelty

Any declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty shall be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (iv) as is necessary:

"Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty (Rules 4.17(v) and 51bis.1(a)(v)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) declares that the subject matter claimed in [the] [this] international application was disclosed as follows:

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 213****Déclaration relative au droit du déposant
de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure**

Toute déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure, visée à la règle 4.17.iii), doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à viii) nécessaire aux fins de motiver le droit du déposant :

“Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure indiquée ci-dessous si le déposant n’est pas celui qui a déposé la demande antérieure ou si son nom a changé depuis le dépôt de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51bis.1.a)iii) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*) a le droit de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure n° ... en vertu :

- i) du fait que le déposant est l’inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection a été demandée dans la demande antérieure
- ii) du fait que ... (*nom*) [possède] [possédait] ce droit en qualité d’employeur de l’inventeur, ... (*nom de l’inventeur*)
- iii) d’un contrat conclu entre ... (*nom*) et ... (*nom*), daté du ...
- iv) d’une cession de ... (*nom*) à (*nom*), datée du ...
- v) d’une autorisation consentie par ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vi) d’une décision de justice rendue par ... (*nom du tribunal*), ordonnant un transfert de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vii) d’un transfert de droits de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), sous la forme de ... (*préciser le type de transfert*), daté du ...
- viii) du changement de nom du déposant de ... (*nom*) en ... (*nom*), le ... (*date*)”

Instruction 215**Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables
ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté**

Toute déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à iv) qui s’avérerait nécessaire :

“Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règles 4.17.v) et 51bis.1.a)v) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*) déclare que l’objet revendiqué dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale a été divulgué comme suit :

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)****Section 215 (cont'd)**

- (i) kind of disclosure (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) international exhibition
 - (b) publication
 - (c) abuse
 - (d) other: ... (*specify*)
- (ii) date of disclosure: ...
- (iii) title of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...
- (iv) place of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...”

Section 319**Procedure under Rule 4.9(b)**

(a) Where the receiving Office finds that the request contains an indication under Rule 4.9(b) that the designation of a State is not made but the request does not contain a priority claim to an earlier national application filed in that State, the receiving Office shall promptly notify the applicant accordingly and shall draw the applicant's attention to Rule 26*bis*.

(b) If the receiving Office does not, before the expiration of the time limit under Rule 26*bis*.1(a), receive a notice correcting or adding a priority claim to an earlier national application filed in the State, the designation of which is not made, it shall cancel *ex officio* the indication under Rule 4.9(b), shall enclose that indication in square brackets, draw a line between the square brackets while still leaving the indication legible, enter, in the margin, the words “CANCELLED EX OFFICIO BY RO” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application, and promptly notify the applicant accordingly. If the record copy has already been sent to the International Bureau, the receiving Office shall also notify that Bureau.

Section 404**International Publication Number of International Application**

The International Bureau shall assign to each published international application an international publication number which shall be different from the international application number. The international publication number shall be used on the published international application and in the Gazette entry. It shall consist of the two-letter code “WO” followed by a four-digit indication of the year of publication, a slant, and a serial number consisting of six digits (e.g., “WO 2004/123456”).

Section 406**Publication of International Applications**

- (a) International applications shall be published on a given day of the week.
- (b) International applications may be published, for the purposes of Article 21, on paper or wholly or partly in electronic form.
- (c) Details concerning the publication of international applications, and the form and particulars of the front page of each published international application, shall be decided by the Director General, after consultation with the Offices or Authorities which have a direct interest in those details.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 215 (suite)**

- i) nature de la divulgation (*préciser selon le cas*) :
 - a) exposition internationale
 - b) publication
 - c) utilisation abusive
 - d) autre : ... (*préciser*)
- ii) date de la divulgation : ...
- iii) intitulé de la divulgation (*s'il y a lieu*) : ...
- iv) lieu de la divulgation (*s'il y a lieu*) : ...”

Instruction 319**Procédure selon la règle 4.9.b)**

a) Lorsque l'office récepteur constate que la requête contient, selon la règle 4.9.b), une indication selon laquelle la désignation d'un État n'est pas faite, mais qu'elle ne contient pas la revendication de priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure déposée dans cet État, l'office récepteur le notifie à bref délai au déposant et attire son attention sur la règle 26bis.

b) Si l'office récepteur ne reçoit pas, avant l'expiration du délai prescrit selon la règle 26bis.1.a), une communication visant à corriger ou à ajouter une revendication de priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure déposée dans l'État dont la désignation n'est pas faite, il annule d'office l'indication selon la règle 4.9.b), place cette indication entre crochets, la biffe tout en la laissant lisible, inscrit dans la marge la mention "ANNULÉ D'OFFICE PAR RO" ou son équivalent dans la langue de publication de la demande internationale, et en avise à bref délai le déposant. Si l'exemplaire original de la demande internationale a déjà été transmis au Bureau international, l'office récepteur en avise aussi ce dernier.

Instruction 404**Numéro de publication internationale de la demande internationale**

Le Bureau international attribue à chaque demande internationale publiée un numéro de publication internationale qui est différent de celui de la demande internationale. Le numéro de publication internationale doit être utilisé sur la demande internationale publiée et dans l'avis inséré dans la gazette. Ce numéro se compose du code à deux lettres "WO" suivi des quatre chiffres de l'année de publication, d'une barre oblique et d'un numéro d'ordre à six chiffres (par exemple, "WO 2004/123456").

Instruction 406**Publication des demandes internationales**

- a) Les demandes internationales font l'objet d'une publication à jour fixe.
- b) Les demandes internationales peuvent être publiées, aux fins de l'article 21, sur papier ou entièrement ou partiellement sous forme électronique.
- c) Les détails concernant la publication des demandes internationales et la forme et les détails de la page de couverture de chaque demande internationale publiée sont arrêtés par le Directeur général après consultation des offices et administrations qui ont un intérêt direct dans ces détails.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)****Section 407
The Gazette**

(a) The Gazette referred to in Rule 86.1 shall be published in electronic form on the Internet. It may be made available by any other electronic means as determined by the Director General after consultation with the Offices and Authorities which have a direct interest in the means by which the Gazette is published.

(b) In addition to the contents specified in Rule 86.1, the Gazette shall contain, in respect of each published international application, the data indicated in Annex D.

(c) The information referred to in Rule 86.1(v) shall be that which is indicated in Annex E.

(d) Details concerning the form and further particular content of the Gazette shall be decided by the Director General after consultation with Offices and Authorities which have a direct interest in those details.

**Section 408
Priority Application Number**

(a) *[Deleted]*

(b) If the number of the earlier application referred to in Rule 4.10(a)(ii) (“priority application number”) is furnished after the expiration of the prescribed time limit, the International Bureau shall inform the applicant and the designated Offices of the date on which the said number was furnished. It shall indicate the said date in the international publication by including on the front page of the published international application next to the priority application number the words “FURNISHED LATE ON ... (date),” and the equivalent of such words in the language in which the international application is published if that language is other than English.

(c) If the priority application number has not been furnished at the time of the completion of the technical preparations for international publication, the International Bureau shall indicate that fact by including on the front page of the published international application in the space provided for the priority application number the words “NOT FURNISHED” and the equivalent of such words in the language in which the international application is published if that language is other than English.

**Section 410
Numbering of Sheets for the Purposes of International Publication;
Procedure in Case of Missing Sheets or Drawings**

(a) In the course of preparing the international application for international publication, the International Bureau shall sequentially renumber the sheets to be published only when necessitated by the addition of any new sheet, the deletion of entire sheets or a change in the order of the sheets. Otherwise, the numbering provided under Section 207 shall be maintained.

(b) Where a sheet or a drawing has not been filed or is not to be taken into consideration for the purposes of international processing under Section 309(c) or Section 310(d), the International Bureau shall include an indication to that effect in the published international application.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 407****La gazette**

a) La gazette mentionnée à la règle 86.1 est publiée sous forme électronique sur l'Internet. Elle peut être mise à disposition par tout autre moyen électronique déterminé par le Directeur général après consultation des offices et administrations qui ont un intérêt direct en ce qui concerne le moyen par lequel la gazette est publiée.

b) Outre le contenu indiqué à la règle 86.1, la gazette contient, pour chaque demande internationale publiée, les renseignements indiqués à l'annexe D.

c) Les informations visées à la règle 86.1.v) doivent être conformes aux indications figurant à l'annexe E.

d) Les détails concernant la forme et tout contenu ultérieur particulier de la gazette sont arrêtés par le Directeur général après consultation des offices et administrations qui ont un intérêt direct dans les détails considérés.

Instruction 408**Numéro de la demande établissant la priorité**

a) *[Supprimé]*

b) Si le numéro de la demande antérieure visé à la règle 4.10.a)ii) ("numéro de la demande établissant la priorité") est communiqué après l'expiration du délai prescrit, le Bureau international informe le déposant et les offices désignés de la date à laquelle il a été communiqué. Il indique cette date dans la publication internationale en apposant sur la page de couverture de la demande internationale publiée, à côté du numéro de la demande établissant la priorité, la mention "FURNISHED LATE ON ... (date)" et son équivalent dans la langue de publication de la demande internationale si celle-ci n'est pas l'anglais.

c) Si le numéro de la demande établissant la priorité n'a pas été communiqué à la date d'achèvement de la préparation technique de la publication internationale, le Bureau international indique ce fait en apposant sur la page de couverture de la demande internationale publiée, dans l'espace prévu pour le numéro de la demande établissant la priorité, la mention "NOT FURNISHED" et son équivalent dans la langue de publication de la demande internationale si celle-ci n'est pas l'anglais.

Instruction 410**Numérotation des feuilles aux fins de la publication internationale;
procédure à suivre lorsque des pages ou des dessins sont manquants**

a) Lors de la préparation de la demande internationale aux fins de la publication internationale, le Bureau international ne renumérote de manière continue les feuilles qui doivent être publiées que lorsque cela est rendu nécessaire par l'adjonction d'une nouvelle feuille, la suppression de feuilles entières ou une modification dans l'ordre des feuilles. Dans les autres cas, la numérotation prévue à l'instruction 207 doit être conservée.

b) Si une feuille ou un dessin n'a pas été déposé ou si, en vertu de l'instruction 309.c) ou de l'instruction 310.d), il n'y a pas lieu d'en tenir compte pour la procédure internationale, le Bureau international fait figurer dans la demande internationale publiée une mention en ce sens.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)****Section 422****Notifications Concerning Changes Recorded under Rule 92bis.1**

(a) The International Bureau shall give notifications concerning changes recorded by it under Rule 92bis.1(a), except changes which are the subject of notifications under Section 425:

(i) to the receiving Office;

(ii) as long as the international search report, or the declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a), and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority have not been established, to the International Searching Authority;

(iii) to the designated Offices unless the change can be duly reflected in the published international application used for the purposes of the communication under Article 20;

(iv) as long as the international preliminary examination report has not been established, to the International Preliminary Examining Authority;

(v) to the elected Offices, unless the change can be duly reflected in the published international application used for the purposes of the communication under Article 20;

(vi) to the applicant; where the change consists of a change in the person of the applicant, the notification shall be sent to the earlier applicant and the new applicant, provided that, where the earlier applicant and the new applicant are represented by the same agent, one notification only shall be sent to the said agent.

(b) Where Rule 92bis.1(b) applies, the International Bureau shall notify the applicant accordingly and, if the change was requested by the receiving Office, that Office.

Section 424**Procedure under Rule 4.9(b)**

(a) Where the International Bureau finds, if the Receiving Office has failed to do so, that the request contains an indication under Rule 4.9(b) that the designation of a State is not made but the request does not contain a priority claim to an earlier national application filed in that State, the International Bureau shall promptly notify the applicant accordingly and shall draw the applicant's attention to Rule 26bis.

(b) If the International Bureau does not, before the expiration of the time limit under Rule 26bis.1(a), receive a notice correcting or adding a priority claim to an earlier national application filed in the State, the designation of which is not made, it shall cancel *ex officio* the indication under Rule 4.9(b), shall enclose that indication in square brackets, draw a line between the square brackets while still leaving the indication legible, enter, in the margin, the words "CANCELLED EX OFFICIO BY IB" or their equivalent in French, and notify the applicant and the receiving Office accordingly.

Section 433**Waivers under Rule 90.4(d)**

(a) Where, in accordance with Rule 90.4(d), the International Bureau waives the requirement under Rule 90.4(b) that a separate power of attorney be submitted to it, the International Bureau shall publish a notice of this fact in the Gazette.

(b) The International Bureau may require a separate power of attorney in particular instances even if the International Bureau has waived the requirement in general.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 422****Notifications concernant les changements enregistrés en vertu de la règle 92bis.1**

a) Le Bureau international notifie les changements qu'il a enregistrés en vertu de la règle 92bis.1.a), à l'exception des changements qui font l'objet de l'instruction 425,

i) à l'office récepteur;

ii) tant que le rapport de recherche internationale ou la déclaration visée à l'article 17.2.a) et l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale n'ont pas été établis, à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale;

iii) aux offices désignés, sauf s'il peut être dûment rendu compte du changement dans la demande internationale publiée utilisée aux fins de la communication selon l'article 20;

iv) tant que le rapport d'examen préliminaire international n'a pas été établi, à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international;

v) aux offices élus, sauf s'il peut être dûment rendu compte du changement dans la demande internationale publiée utilisée aux fins de la communication selon l'article 20;

vi) au déposant; si le changement est un changement de la personne du déposant, la notification est envoyée au déposant antérieur et au nouveau déposant, étant entendu toutefois que, si le déposant antérieur et le nouveau déposant sont représentés par le même mandataire, une seule notification est envoyée à ce mandataire.

b) En cas d'application de la règle 92bis.1.b), le Bureau international en avise le déposant et, si le changement a été requis par l'office récepteur, ce dernier.

Instruction 424**Procédure selon la règle 4.9.b)**

a) Lorsque le Bureau international constate, si l'office récepteur n'a pas fait, que la requête contient, selon la règle 4.9.b), une indication selon laquelle la désignation d'un État n'est pas faite, mais qu'elle ne contient pas la revendication de priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure déposée dans cet État, le Bureau international le notifie à bref délai au déposant et attire son attention sur la règle 26bis.

b) Si le Bureau international ne reçoit pas, avant l'expiration du délai prescrit selon la règle 26bis.1.a), une communication visant à corriger ou à ajouter une revendication de priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure déposée dans l'État dont la désignation n'est pas faite, il annule d'office l'indication selon la règle 4.9.b), place cette indication entre crochets, la biffe tout en la laissant lisible, inscrit dans la marge la mention "ANNULÉ D'OFFICE PAR IB" ou son équivalent en anglais, et en avise le déposant et l'office récepteur.

Instruction 433**Renonciations en vertu de la règle 90.4.d)**

a) Lorsque, en vertu de la règle 90.4.d), le Bureau international renonce à l'exigence, en vertu de la règle 90.4.b), qu'un pouvoir distinct lui soit remis, le Bureau international doit publier un avis concernant ce fait dans la gazette.

b) Le Bureau international peut néanmoins, dans des cas particuliers, exiger la remise d'un pouvoir distinct, même s'il a renoncé d'une manière générale à une telle exigence.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)****Section 435
Communication of Publications and Documents**

(a) Subject to paragraph (b), publications under Rule 87.1 and documents under Rule 93*bis*.1 shall be communicated in electronic form via the International Bureau's electronic data exchange services.

(b) Where so agreed between the International Bureau and the Authority or Office concerned, publications under Rule 87.1 and documents under Rule 93*bis*.1 may be communicated in other forms and by other means.

(c) Pursuant to Rule 93*bis*.1(b), where so agreed between the International Bureau and the Office concerned, the communication of documents under Rule 93*bis*.1 shall be considered to be effected at the time when the International Bureau makes the document available to that Office in electronic form via the International Bureau's electronic data exchange services.

(d) Technical details concerning the communication of publications under Rule 87.1 and of documents under Rule 93*bis*.1 shall be agreed between the International Bureau and the Authority or Office concerned.

**ANNEX D
INFORMATION FROM FRONT PAGE OF PUBLISHED INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION
TO BE INCLUDED IN THE GAZETTE UNDER RULE 86.1(i)**

The following information shall be extracted from the front page of the publication of the international publication for each published international application and shall, in accordance with Rule 86.1(i), appear in the corresponding entry of the Gazette:

1. as to the international publication:
 - 1.1 the international publication number
 - 1.2 the date of the international publication
 - 1.3 an indication whether the following items were published in the published international application:
 - 1.31 international search report
 - 1.32 declaration under Article 17(2)
 - 1.33 claims amended under Article 19(1)
 - 1.34 statement under Article 19(1)
 - 1.35 *[Deleted]*
 - 1.36 request for rectification under the third sentence of Rule 91.1(f)
 - 1.37 information concerning a priority claim which was considered not to have been made, published upon request made under Rule 26*bis*.2(c)
 - 1.4 the language in which the international application was filed
 - 1.5 the language of publication of the international application
2. as to the international application:
 - 2.1 the title of the invention
 - 2.2 the symbol(s) of the International Patent Classification (IPC)
 - 2.3 the international application number
 - 2.4 the international filing date

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 435
Communication des publications et des documents**

a) Sous réserve de l'alinéa b), la communication des publications selon la règle 87.1 et des documents selon la règle 93*bis*.1 est effectuée sous forme électronique au moyen des services électroniques d'échange de données du Bureau international.

b) Lorsqu'un accord à cet effet est intervenu entre le Bureau international et l'administration ou l'office concerné, la communication des publications selon la règle 87.1 et des documents selon la règle 93*bis*.1 peut être effectuée sous d'autres formes ou par d'autres moyens.

c) En vertu de la règle 93*bis*.1.b), lorsqu'un accord à cet effet est intervenu entre le Bureau international et l'office concerné, la communication des documents selon la règle 93*bis*.1 est considérée comme effectuée à la date à laquelle le Bureau international met le document à disposition de l'office sous forme électronique au moyen des services électroniques d'échange de données du Bureau international.

d) Les détails techniques concernant la communication des publications selon la règle 87.1 et des documents selon la règle 93*bis*.1 font l'objet d'un accord entre le Bureau international et l'administration ou l'office concerné.

ANNEXE D
INFORMATIONS MENTIONNÉES
SUR LA PAGE DE COUVERTURE DE LA DEMANDE INTERNATIONALE PUBLIÉE
ET À FAIRE FIGURER DANS LA GAZETTE SELON LA RÈGLE 86.1.i)

Pour chaque demande internationale publiée, les informations ou renseignements suivants seront extraits de la page de couverture de la publication de la demande internationale et figureront dans la gazette, sous la rubrique correspondante, selon la règle 86.1.i) :

1. informations concernant la publication internationale :
 - 1.1 le numéro de la publication internationale
 - 1.2 la date de la publication internationale
 - 1.3 une indication de la publication éventuelle des pièces suivantes dans la demande internationale publiée :
 - 1.31 rapport de recherche internationale
 - 1.32 déclaration selon l'article 17.2)
 - 1.33 revendications modifiées en vertu de l'article 19.1)
 - 1.34 déclaration selon l'article 19.1)
 - 1.35 *[Supprimé]*
 - 1.36 requête en rectification selon la troisième phrase de la règle 91.1.f)
 - 1.37 renseignements concernant une revendication de priorité qui a été considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée, publiés sur requête faite en vertu de la règle 26*bis*.2.c)
 - 1.4 la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale a été déposée
 - 1.5 la langue de publication de la demande internationale
2. informations concernant la demande internationale :
 - 2.1 le titre de l'invention
 - 2.2 le(s) symbole(s) de la classification internationale des brevets (CIB)
 - 2.3 le numéro de la demande internationale
 - 2.4 la date du dépôt international

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**

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3. as to any priority claim:
 - 3.1 the application number of the earlier application
 - 3.2 the date on which the earlier application was filed
 - 3.3 where the earlier application is:
 - 3.31 a national application: the country in which the earlier application was filed
 - 3.32 a regional application: the authority entrusted with the granting of regional patents under the applicable regional patent treaty and, in the case referred to in Rule 4.10(b)(ii), a country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property for which that earlier application was filed
 - 3.33 an international application: the receiving Office with which it was filed
4. as to the applicant, inventor and agent:
 - 4.1 their name(s)
 - 4.2 their mailing address(es)
5. as to the designated States:
 - 5.1 their names
 - 5.2 the indication of any wish for a regional patent
 - 5.3 the indication that every kind of protection available is sought, unless otherwise indicated
6. as to a statement concerning non-prejudicial disclosure or exception to lack of novelty:
 - 6.1 the date of the disclosure
 - 6.2 the place of the disclosure
 - 6.3 the kind of the disclosure (e.g., exhibition, scientific publication, conference reports, etc.)
 - 6.4 the title of the exhibition, publication or conference
7. as to any indication in relation to deposited biological material furnished under Rule 13*bis* separately from the description:
 - 7.1 the fact that such indication is published
 - 7.2 the date on which the International Bureau received such indication
8. as to any declaration referred to in Rule 4.17 which was received by the International Bureau before the expiration of the time limit under Rule 26*ter*.1:
 - 8.1 the fact that such a declaration was made and a reference to the applicable item in Rule 4.17 under which it was made.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**

ANNEXE D (suite)

3. informations concernant une revendication de priorité éventuelle :
 - 3.1 le numéro de la demande antérieure
 - 3.2 la date à laquelle la demande antérieure a été déposée
 - 3.3 lorsque la demande antérieure est :
 - 3.31 une demande nationale : le pays dans lequel la demande antérieure a été déposée
 - 3.32 une demande régionale : l'administration chargée de la délivrance de brevets régionaux en vertu du traité régional sur les brevets applicable et, dans le cas visé à la règle 4.10.b)ii), un pays partie à la Convention de Paris pour la protection de la propriété industrielle pour lequel cette demande antérieure a été déposée
 - 3.33 une demande internationale : l'office récepteur auprès duquel elle a été déposée
4. informations concernant le déposant, l'inventeur et le mandataire :
 - 4.1 son (leur) nom
 - 4.2 son (leur) adresse postale
5. informations concernant les États désignés :
 - 5.1 leur nom
 - 5.2 l'indication du souhait d'obtenir un brevet régional
 - 5.3 l'indication selon laquelle tout titre de protection disponible est recherché, sauf indication contraire
6. informations concernant une déclaration relative à une divulgation non opposable ou à une exception au défaut de nouveauté :
 - 6.1 la date de la divulgation
 - 6.2 le lieu de la divulgation
 - 6.3 le type de divulgation (par exemple, exposition, publication scientifique, rapports de conférence, etc.)
 - 6.4 le titre de l'exposition, de la publication ou de la conférence
7. informations concernant une indication relative à du matériel biologique déposé qui, en vertu de la règle 13*bis*, n'a pas été donnée en même temps que la description mais séparément :
 - 7.1 le fait que cette indication est publiée
 - 7.2 la date à laquelle le Bureau international a reçu cette indication
8. informations concernant une déclaration visée à la règle 4.17 qui a été reçue par le Bureau international avant l'expiration du délai prévu à la règle 26*ter*.1 :
 - 8.1 le fait que cette déclaration a été faite et la référence au point applicable de la règle 4.17 selon lequel elle a été faite.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**ANNEX E
INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE UNDER RULE 86.1(v)

1. The time limits applicable under Articles 22 and 39 in respect of each Contracting State.
 2. The list of the non-patent literature agreed upon by the International Searching Authorities for inclusion in the minimum documentation.
 3. The names of the national Offices which do not wish to receive copies under Article 13(2)(c).
 4. The provisions of the national laws of Contracting States concerning international-type search.
 5. The text of the agreements entered into between the International Bureau and the International Searching Authorities or the International Preliminary Examining Authorities.
 6. The names of the national Offices which entirely or in part waived their rights to any communication under Article 20.
 7. The names of the Contracting States which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT.
 8. Index of concordance of international application numbers and international publication numbers, listed according to international application numbers.
 9. Index of applicants' names giving, for each name, the corresponding international publication number(s).
 10. Index of international publication numbers, grouped according to the International Patent Classification symbols.
 11. Indication of any subject matter that will not be searched or examined by the various International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities under Rules 39 and 67.
 12. Requirements of designated and elected Offices under Rules 49.5 and 76.5 in relation to the furnishing of translations.
 13. The dates defining the period referred to in Rule 32.1(b) during which the international application, whose effects may be extended to a successor State under Rule 32.1, must have been filed.
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MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**

ANNEXE E
INFORMATIONS À PUBLIER DANS LA GAZETTE SELON LA RÈGLE 86.1.v)

1. Les délais applicables à chaque État contractant selon les articles 22 et 39.
 2. La liste de documents de la littérature autre que celle des brevets établie par les administrations chargées de la recherche internationale, à inclure dans la documentation minimale.
 3. Le nom des offices nationaux qui ne désirent pas recevoir de copies selon l'article 13.2)c).
 4. Les dispositions des législations nationales des États contractants relatives à la recherche de type international.
 5. Le texte des accords conclus entre le Bureau international et les administrations chargées de la recherche internationale, ou les administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international.
 6. Le nom des offices nationaux ayant renoncé à la communication prévue à l'article 20, en totalité ou en partie.
 7. Le nom des États contractants liés par le chapitre II du PCT.
 8. L'index de concordance des numéros de demande internationale et des numéros de publication internationale, établi en fonction des numéros de demande internationale.
 9. L'index des noms de déposants, chaque nom étant accompagné du ou des numéros correspondants de publication internationale.
 10. L'index des numéros de publication internationale groupés selon les symboles de la classification internationale des brevets.
 11. La désignation de tout objet à l'égard duquel les administrations chargées de la recherche internationale et les administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international ne procéderont à aucune recherche ni à aucun examen en vertu des règles 39 et 67.
 12. Les exigences des offices désignés et des offices élus relatives à la remise des traductions visées aux règles 49.5 et 76.5.
 13. Les dates délimitant la période définie à la règle 32.1.b) et pendant laquelle doit avoir été déposée la demande internationale dont les effets peuvent être étendus à un État successeur conformément à la règle 32.1, doivent avoir été indiquées.
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

SE Agreement between the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2006. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Swedish kronor)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	15,230
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	15,230
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]
Cost of copies in paper form (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), ² per document	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

GB United Kingdom

The Patent Office (United Kingdom) has notified an additional e-mail address to which all PCT enquiries should be addressed. The list of e-mail addresses now reads as follows :

E-mail: enquiries@patent.gov.uk (for enquiries only)
pct@patent.gov.uk (for PCT enquiries only)

[Updating of Annex B1(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO web site at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_se.pdf.

² The applicant will receive free of charge a copy of each document containing non-patent literature. Other documents are available electronically, free of charge, on the website www.prv.se.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (cont'd)**IN India**

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified changes in the location and mailing addresses and e-mail addresses of its main office in Kolkata and its branch offices, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	The Patent Office Kolkata, Intellectual Property Office Building, CP-2, Sector-V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700091, India
	The Patent Office Dehli, Intellectual Property Office Building, Plot. No-32, Sector-14, Dwarka, New Delhi 110075, India
	The Patent Office Chennai, Intellectual Property Office Building, G.S.T. Road, Guindy, Chennai 600032, India
	The Patent Office Mumbai, Intellectual Property Office Building, S.M. Road, Antophill, Mumbai 400037, India
E-mail:	Kolkata: kolkata-patent@nic.in New Delhi: delhi-patent@nic.in Chennai: chennai-patent@nic.in Mumbai: mumbai-patent@nic.in

[Updating of Annex B1(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LT Lithuania

The **Lithuanian Patent Office** has notified a change in its Internet address, as follows:

Internet: www.vpb.gov.lt/en/

[Updating of Annex B1(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**IN Inde**

L'**Office des brevets (Inde)** a notifié des changements relatifs aux adresses postales et électroniques de son siège de Kolkata et de ses agences, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale :	The Patent Office Kolkata, Intellectual Property Office Building, CP-2, Sector-V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700091, Inde
	The Patent Office Dehli, Intellectual Property Office Building, Plot. No-32, Sector-14, Dwarka, New Delhi 110075, Inde
	The Patent Office Chennai, Intellectual Property Office Building, G.S.T. Road, Guindy, Chennai 600032, Inde
	The Patent Office Mumbai, Intellectual Property Office Building, S.M. Road, Antophill, Mumbai 400037, Inde
Courrier électronique :	Kolkata : kolkata-patent@nic.in New Delhi : delhi-patent@nic.in Chennai : chennai-patent@nic.in Mumbai : mumbai-patent@nic.in

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(IN) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

LT Lituanie

L'**Office lituanien des brevets** a notifié un changement relatif à son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Internet : www.vpb.gov.lt/en/

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(LT) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EG Egypt**

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified a change in the amount of the transmittal fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee: USD 142

[Updating of Annex C(EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Further to the announcement published in PCT Gazette No. 11/2006, of 16 March 2006, page 7872, notifying a new amount of the search fee for a search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Cyprus pounds (CYP)**, **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **pounds sterling (GBP)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Japanese yen (JPY)**, **Malawian kwacha (MWK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, **US dollars (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**, applicable as from 1 April 2006.

Furthermore, the **European Patent Office (EPO)** has changed one condition for, and the extent to which, the search fee shall be refunded when the Authority benefits from an earlier search in carrying out international search. The new equivalent amounts of the search fee, applicable as from 1 April 2006, and the conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee read as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CHF	2,525
	CYP	928
	DKK	12,050
	GBP	1,098
	ISK	125,000
	JPY	222,800
	MWK	248,000
	NOK	12,990
	NZD	2,910
	SEK	15,230
	SGD	3,120
	USD	1,925
	ZAR	11,840

Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	[No change]
	[No change]
	[No change]

Extent to which the search fee shall be refunded when the Authority benefits from an earlier search in carrying out international search:

- for a European search (EPC Art. 78(2))
(*international application filed on or after 1 July 2005 and search fee paid before 1 April 2006*):

(full benefit)	EUR	960
(partial benefit)	EUR	240
- (*international application filed on or after 1 July 2005 and search fee paid on or after 1 April 2006*):

(full benefit)	EUR	1,000
(partial benefit)	EUR	250

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EG Égypte**

L'**Office égyptien des brevets** a notifié un changement relatif au montant de la taxe de transmission, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe de transmission : USD 142

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(EG) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

Suite à l'annonce publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 11/2006, du 16 mars 2006, page 7873, notifiant un nouveau montant de la taxe de recherche pour une recherche effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**, et conformément à la règle 16.1.b) du PCT, de nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche ont été établis en **francs suisses (CHF)**, **livres chypriotes (CYP)**, **couronnes danoises (DKK)**, **livres sterling (GBP)**, **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, **yen japonais (JPY)**, **kwacha malawiens (MWK)**, **couronnes norvégiennes (NOK)**, **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, **couronnes suédoises (SEK)**, **dollars de Singapour (SGD)**, **dollars des États-Unis (USD)** et **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, applicables à compter du 1^{er} avril 2006.

De plus, l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a modifié une condition selon laquelle, et la mesure dans laquelle, la taxe de recherche est remboursée quand l'administration tire parti d'une recherche antérieure lorsqu'elle effectue la recherche internationale. Les nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, applicables à compter du 1^{er} avril 2006, ainsi que les conditions de remboursement et le montant du remboursement de la taxe de recherche, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT):	CHF	2.525
	CYP	928
	DKK	12.050
	GBP	1.098
	ISK	125.000
	JPY	222.800
	MWK	248.000
	NOK	12.990
	NZD	2.910
	SEK	15.230
	SGD	3.120
	USD	1.925
	ZAR	11.840

Conditions de remboursement	[Sans changement]
et montant du remboursement	[Sans changement]
de la taxe de recherche :	[Sans changement]

Mesure dans laquelle la taxe de recherche est remboursée quand l'administration tire parti d'une recherche antérieure lorsqu'elle effectue la recherche internationale :

- pour une recherche européenne (art. 78(2) de la CBE) (*demande internationale déposée le 1^{er} juillet 2005 ou ultérieurement et taxe de recherche payée avant le 1^{er} avril 2006*) :

(utilisation intégrale de la recherche)	EUR	960
(utilisation partielle de la recherche)	EUR	240
- (*demande internationale déposée le 1^{er} juillet 2005 ou ultérieurement et taxe de recherche payée le 1^{er} avril 2006 ou ultérieurement*) :

(utilisation intégrale de la recherche)	EUR	1.000
(utilisation partielle de la recherche)	EUR	250

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO) (cont'd)**

- for a European search (EPC Art. 78(2))
*(international application filed before 1 July 2005
and search fee paid before 1 April 2006):*
(full benefit) EUR 690
(partial benefit) EUR 172.50
*(international application filed before 1 July 2005
and search fee paid on or after 1 April 2006):*
(full benefit) EUR 720
(partial benefit) EUR 180
- for an international search (PCT Art. 15(1))
*(international application filed on or after 1 January 2004
and search fee paid before 1 April 2006):*
(full benefit) EUR 1,550
(partial benefit) EUR 387.50
*(international application filed on or after 1 January 2004
and search fee paid on or after 1 April 2006):*
(full benefit) EUR 1,615
(partial benefit) EUR 403.75
- for a search with written opinion on a national application
made on behalf of a national Office (FR, NL,³ TR³)
*(search fee for the international application paid before
1 April 2006):*
(full benefit) EUR 1,550
(partial benefit) EUR 387.50
*(search fee for the international application paid on or
after 1 April 2006):*
(full benefit) EUR 1,615
(partial benefit) EUR 403.75
- for an international search (PCT Art. 15(1))
*(international application filed before 1 January 2004
and search fee paid before 1 April 2006):*
(full benefit) EUR 945
(partial benefit) EUR 236.25
*(international application filed before 1 January 2004
and search fee paid on or after 1 April 2006):*
(full benefit) EUR 985
(partial benefit) EUR 246.25
- for an international-type search (PCT Art. 15(5))
(search fee paid before 1 April 2006):
(full benefit) EUR 945
(partial benefit) EUR 236.25
(search fee paid on or after 1 April 2006):
(full benefit) EUR 985
(partial benefit) EUR 246.25

³ Only for national applications filed as from 1 July 2006.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

- pour une recherche européenne (art. 78(2) de la CBE)
(demande internationale déposée avant le 1^{er} juillet 2005
et taxe de recherche payée avant le 1^{er} avril 2006) :
(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 690
(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 172,50
(demande internationale déposée avant le 1^{er} juillet 2005
et taxe de recherche payée le 1^{er} avril 2006 ou
ultérieurement) :
(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 720
(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 180
- pour une recherche internationale (art. 15.1) du PCT)
(demande internationale déposée le 1^{er} janvier 2004 ou
ultérieurement et taxe de recherche payée avant le
1^{er} avril 2006) :
(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 1.550
(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 387,50
(demande internationale déposée le 1^{er} janvier 2004 ou
ultérieurement et taxe de recherche payée le 1^{er} avril 2006
ou ultérieurement) :
(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 1.615
(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 403,75
- pour une recherche avec opinion écrite sur une demande
nationale effectuée pour le compte d'un office national (FR,
NL³, TR³)
(taxe de recherche pour la demande internationale payée
avant le 1^{er} avril 2006) :
(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 1.550
(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 387,50
(taxe de recherche pour la demande internationale payée
le 1^{er} avril 2006 ou ultérieurement) :
(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 1.615
(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 403,75
- pour une recherche internationale (art. 15.1) du PCT)
(demande internationale déposée avant le 1^{er} janvier 2004
et taxe de recherche payée avant le 1^{er} avril 2006) :
(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 945
(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 236,25
(demande internationale déposée avant le 1^{er} janvier 2004
et taxe de recherche payée le 1^{er} avril 2006 ou
ultérieurement) :
(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 985
(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 246,25
- pour une recherche de type international (art. 15.5) du PCT)
(taxe de recherche payée avant le 1^{er} avril 2006) :
(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 945
(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 236,25
(taxe de recherche payée le 1^{er} avril 2006 ou
ultérieurement) :
(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 985
(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 246,25

³ Uniquement pour les demandes nationales déposées le 1^{er} juillet 2006 ou ultérieurement.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO) (cont'd)**

- for a standard search
(*search fee paid before 1 April 2006*):
(full benefit) EUR 945
(partial benefit) EUR 236.25
(*search fee paid on or after 1 April 2006*):
(full benefit) EUR 985
(partial benefit) EUR 246.25
- for a search without written opinion on a national application made on behalf of a national Office (BE, FR, LU, NL, TR)
(*search fee for the international application paid before 1 April 2006*):
(full benefit) EUR 945
(partial benefit) EUR 236.25
(*search fee for the international application paid on or after 1 April 2006*):
(full benefit) EUR 985
(partial benefit) EUR 246.25

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 April 2006, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CHF 2,525
	USD 1,925

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB) (suite)**

- pour une recherche standard
(*taxe de recherche payée avant le 1^{er} avril 2006*) :
(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 945
(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 236,25
(*taxe de recherche payée le 1^{er} avril 2006 ou ultérieurement*) :
(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 985
(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 246,25
- pour une recherche sans opinion écrite sur une demande nationale effectuée pour le compte d'un office national (BE, FR, LU, NL, TR)
(*taxe de recherche pour la demande internationale payée avant le 1^{er} avril 2006*) :
(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 945
(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 236,25
(*taxe de recherche pour la demande internationale payée le 1^{er} avril 2006 ou ultérieurement*) :
(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 985
(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 246,25

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

ES Espagne

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **francs suisses (CHF)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.b) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} avril 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	CHF	2.525
	USD	1.925

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(ES) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**SE Sweden**

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee and additional search fee in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, and of new equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **Euro (EUR)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** and **US dollars (USD)**, applicable as from 1 April 2006 and payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	SEK	15,230
	CHF	2,525
	DKK	12,050
	EUR	1,615
	ISK	125,000
	NOK	12,990
	USD	1,925

Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	SEK	15,230
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[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**SE Suède**

L'**Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement** a notifié au Bureau international de nouveaux montants de la taxe de recherche et de la taxe de recherche additionnelle, exprimés en **couronnes suédoises (SEK)**, et de nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **francs suisses (CHF)**, **couronnes danoises (DKK)**, **euros (EUR)**, **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, **couronnes norvégiennes (NOK)** et **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, applicables à compter du 1^{er} avril 2006 et payables pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office, comme suit :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	SEK	15.230
	CHF	2.525
	DKK	12.050
	EUR	1.615
	ISK	125.000
	NOK	12.990
	USD	1.925

Taxe de recherche additionnelle (règle 40.2 du PCT) :	SEK	15.230
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[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(SE) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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JP Japan	10048	JP Japon	10049
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JP Japan	10050	JP Japon	10051
Notifications by Designated Offices of Incompatibility of PCT Rule 49 <i>ter</i> .2 with National Laws		Notifications des offices désignés relatives à l'incompatibilité de la règle 49 <i>ter</i> .2 du PCT avec les législations nationales	
JP Japan	10050	JP Japon	10051

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**NL Netherlands**

The **Netherlands Industrial Property Office** has notified a change in the name of the Office and a change in its telephone number, as well as introducing both an e-mail address and an Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office:	Octrooicentrum Nederland Netherlands Patent Office
Telephone:	(31-70) 398 66 99
E-mail:	info@octrooicentrum-nl
Internet:	www.octrooicentrum-nl

[Updating of Annex B1(NL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified changes in its telephone number and e-mail address, as well as a modification relating to whether it accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication, as follows:

Telephone:	(64-3) 0508 447 669
E-mail:	info@iponz.govt.nz
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes

[Updating of Annex B1(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)** has introduced an additional e-mail address. The list of e-mail addresses now reads as follows:

E-mail:	pct@ipophil.gov.ph mail@ipophil.gov.ph
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[Updating of Annex B1(PH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**NL Pays-Bas**

L'**Office néerlandais de la propriété industrielle** a notifié un changement relatif au nom de l'office et un changement relatif à son numéro de téléphone, et a introduit une adresse électronique et une adresse Internet, comme suit :

Nom de l'office :	Octrooicentrum Nederland Office néerlandais des brevets
Téléphone :	(31-70) 398 66 99
Courrier électronique :	info@octrooicentrum-nl
Internet :	www.octrooicentrum-nl

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(NL) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

NZ Nouvelle-Zélande

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Nouvelle-Zélande** a notifié des changements relatifs à son numéro de téléphone et à son adresse électronique, ainsi qu'une modification concernant l'acceptation du dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication, comme suit :

Téléphone :	(64-3) 0508 447 669
Courrier électronique :	info@iponz.govt.nz
L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT)?	Oui

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(NZ) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

PH Philippines

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Philippines)** a introduit une adresse électronique supplémentaire. La liste des adresses électroniques est désormais la suivante :

Courrier électronique :	pct@ipophil.gov.ph mail@ipophil.gov.ph
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[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(PH) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**CA Canada**

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office (the amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a “small entity”), and in the conditions relating to exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

National fee:

Basic national fee: [No change]

Additional fee for late entry into the national phase: [No change]

Maintenance fee in respect of each one-year period due at the time of entry into the national phase where that entry is effected on or after the second or possibly third anniversary of the international filing date: [No change]

Examination fee: CAD 800 (400)

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee: The examination fee is reduced by 75% where the international search report has been established by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

[Updating of the National Chapter (CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** and in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. The new amounts, applicable as from 15 May 2006, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): NZD 347
USD 232

[Updating of Annex D(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**CA Canada**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada** a notifié des changements relatifs au montant des taxes, exprimées en **dollars canadiens (CAD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu) (le montant indiqué entre parenthèses s'applique dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par une "petite entité"), et aux conditions concernant l'exemption, la réduction ou le remboursement de la taxe nationale, comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Taxe nationale de base :	[Sans changement]
Surtaxe pour ouverture tardive de la phase nationale :	[Sans changement]
Taxe de maintien en vigueur à payer, pour chaque période d'un an, au moment de l'ouverture de la phase nationale, lorsque celle-ci est effectuée lors du 2 ^e (ou éventuellement du 3 ^e) anniversaire de la date du dépôt international, ou après cette date :	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen :	CAD 800 (400)
Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :	La taxe d'examen est réduite de 75% lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale a été établi par l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada.

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (CA) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

KR République de Corée

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.b) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 15 mai 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	NZD 347
	USD 232

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(KR) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. The consolidated table of requirements reads as follows:

<p>Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:</p>		<p>Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned</p>
<p>the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)</p>	<p>any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column</p>	
<p>Section 3(2) of the Ordinance on the Deposit of Biological Material [<i>BioMatHintV</i>]:</p> <p>The name and address of the depository institution at the time of filing (as part of the application)</p> <p>Where the applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, the accession number not later than that request</p> <p>Where the applicant has been notified that a right to inspection of files exists, the accession number, one month from that notification</p>	<p>Section 1(1), No. 2, of the Ordinance on the Deposit of Biological Material:</p> <p>At the time of filing (as part of the application)</p>	<p>Section 1(1), No. 2, of the Ordinance on the Deposit of Biological Material:</p> <p>To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material</p>
<p>Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the German Patent and Trade Mark Office with all institutions published further in this Annex and with any scientifically recognized institution at home or abroad that is legally, economically and organizationally independent of the applicant and of the depositor and ensures the proper storage and furnishing of samples in accordance with the Ordinance on the Deposit of Biological Material of 24 January 2005.</p> <p>The applicant may request that, until the grant of a patent or for 20 years from the date of filing if the application is refused or withdrawn, a sample shall only be issued to an independent expert nominated by the applicant. The request shall be filed with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office before technical preparations for publication of the international application are considered to be completed.</p> <p>At the time of filing, the applicant shall give his unreserved and irrevocable authorization to the depository institution to issue samples in accordance with the Ordinance on the Deposit of Biological Material of 24 January 2005, and shall furnish documentary evidence that the depositor has given an undertaking to that effect, where the biological material has been deposited by a third party.</p>		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE :
EXIGENCES DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS ET ÉLUS**

DE Allemagne

L'Office allemand des brevets et des marques a notifié des changements dans ses exigences relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique. Le tableau récapitulatif des exigences est le suivant :

<p>Délai (éventuel) inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, dans lequel le déposant doit fournir :</p>		<p>Indications (éventuelles) qui doivent figurer outre celles exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii) selon les notifications des offices intéressés</p>
<p>les indications exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii)</p>	<p>toute indication supplémentaire spécifiée dans la colonne adjacente de droite</p>	
<p>Article 3.2) de l'ordonnance sur le dépôt de matériel biologique [<i>BioMatHintV</i>] :</p> <p>Le nom et l'adresse de l'institution de dépôt lors du dépôt (comme partie de la demande)</p> <p>Lorsque le déposant requiert la publication dans un délai inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, le numéro d'accession, pas plus tard qu'une telle requête</p> <p>Lorsqu'il a été notifié au déposant que le droit de consulter les dossiers existe, le numéro d'accession, dans un délai d'un mois à compter d'une telle notification</p>	<p>Article 1.1), n° 2, de l'ordonnance sur le dépôt de matériel biologique :</p> <p>Lors du dépôt (comme partie de la demande)</p>	<p>Article 1.1), n° 2, de l'ordonnance sur le dépôt de matériel biologique :</p> <p>Dans la mesure où ils sont accessibles au déposant, renseignements pertinents se rapportant aux caractéristiques du matériel biologique</p>
<p>Les dépôts aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets devant l'Office allemand des brevets et des marques peuvent également être effectués auprès de toutes les institutions dont la liste figure plus loin dans la présente annexe, ainsi qu'auprès de toute institution scientifiquement reconnue, dans le pays ou à l'étranger, qui est juridiquement, économiquement et structurellement indépendante du déposant de la demande et du déposant du matériel biologique et qui garantit de façon appropriée la conservation et la remise d'échantillons conformément à l'ordonnance sur le dépôt de matériel biologique du 24 janvier 2005.</p> <p>Le déposant peut demander que, jusqu'à la délivrance du brevet ou pendant 20 ans à compter de la date du dépôt si la demande est refusée ou retirée, un échantillon soit mis uniquement à disposition d'un expert indépendant désigné par lui. La requête à cet effet doit être faite auprès de l'Office allemand des brevets et des marques avant que la préparation technique de la publication de la demande internationale ne soit considérée comme achevée.</p> <p>Lors du dépôt, le déposant donnera à l'institution de dépôt l'autorisation sans réserve et irrévocable de remettre des échantillons conformément à l'ordonnance sur le dépôt de matériel biologique du 24 janvier 2005, et fournira des pièces prouvant que le déposant du matériel biologique a pris un engagement à cet effet, lorsque ledit matériel a été déposé par un tiers.</p>		

[Mise à jour de l'annexe L du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a)**JP Japan**

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, certain new provisions of Rule 20 of the PCT Regulations concerning the incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements by a receiving Office. Amended Rule 20 will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 20.8(a) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility.

NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b)**JP Japan**

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, certain new provisions of Rule 20 of the PCT Regulations concerning the incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements in respect of a designated Office. Amended Rule 20 will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 20.8(b) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility.

NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 26bis.3 WITH NATIONAL LAWS**JP Japan**

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 26bis.3 of the PCT Regulations concerning restoration of the right of priority by a receiving Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 26bis.3(j) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (i) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility.

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 20.8.a) DU PCT**JP Japon**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, certaines nouvelles dispositions de la règle 20 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant l'incorporation par renvoi de parties ou d'éléments manquants par un office récepteur. La règle 20 modifiée entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 20.8.a) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, l'une quelconque des règles 20.3.a)ii) et b)ii), 20.5.a)ii) et d), et 20.6 n'est pas compatible avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office récepteur, la règle concernée ne s'applique pas à une demande internationale déposée auprès de cet office récepteur tant qu'elle reste incompatible avec cette législation, à condition que l'office en question en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'**Office des brevets du Japon**, en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité.

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 20.8.b) DU PCT**JP Japon**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, certaines nouvelles dispositions de la règle 20 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant l'incorporation par renvoi de parties ou d'éléments manquants en rapport avec un office désigné. La règle 20 modifiée entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 20.8.b) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, l'une quelconque des règles 20.3.a)ii) et b)ii), 20.5.a)ii) et d), et 20.6 n'est pas compatible avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, la règle concernée ne s'applique pas à cet office en rapport avec une demande internationale à l'égard de laquelle les actes visés à l'article 22 ont été accomplis auprès de cet office tant qu'elle reste incompatible avec cette législation, à condition que l'office en question en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'**Office des brevets du Japon**, en sa qualité d'office désigné, a notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité.

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 26bis.3 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES**JP Japon**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 26bis.3 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant la restauration du droit de priorité par un office récepteur. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 26bis.3.j) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à i) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office récepteur, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'**Office des brevets du Japon**, en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité.

NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 49ter.1 WITH NATIONAL LAWS**JP Japan**

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 49ter.1 of the PCT Regulations concerning the effect of restoration of the right of priority by a receiving Office on a designated Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 49ter.1(g) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility.

NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 49ter.2 WITH NATIONAL LAWS**JP Japan**

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 49ter.2 of the PCT Regulations concerning restoration of the right of priority by a designated Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 49ter.2(h) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (g) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility.

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 49ter.1 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES**JP Japon**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 49ter.1 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant l'effet de la restauration du droit de priorité par un office récepteur sur un office désigné. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 49ter.1.g) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à d) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'**Office des brevets du Japon**, en sa qualité d'office désigné, a notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité.

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 49ter.2 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES**JP Japon**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 49ter.2 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant la restauration du droit de priorité par un office désigné. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 49ter.2.h) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à g) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'**Office des brevets du Japon**, en sa qualité d'office désigné, a notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité.

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**GR Greece**

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has notified a change in the amount of the fee for priority document in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 20
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[Updating of Annex C(GR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

New equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the international filing fee and the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), as well as for the reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. The new amounts, applicable as from 15 May 2006, are as follows:

International filing fee:	KRW 1,027,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	KRW 11,000
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	KRW 73,000
Electronic filing (not in character coded format):	KRW 147,000
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	KRW 220,000
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1):	KRW 147,000

[Updating of Annexes C(KR) and E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**NO Norway**

The **Norwegian Patent Office** has notified changes in the special requirements of the Office as a designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of special requirements is now as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	[No change]
	If someone other than the inventor applies for a patent the application shall contain a declaration from the applicant stating his right to the invention, or a deed of transfer ¹
	[No change]

[Updating of the National Chapter (NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**GR Grèce**

L'**Organisation de la propriété industrielle (OBI) (Grèce)** a notifié un changement relatif au montant de la taxe pour le document de priorité, exprimé en **euros (EUR)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	EUR 20
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[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(GR) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

KR République de Corée

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **won coréens (KRW)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt et pour la taxe de traitement, conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, ainsi que pour les réductions selon le point 3 du barème de taxes. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 15 mai 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	KRW 1.027.000
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	KRW 11.000
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY :	KRW 73.000
Dépôt électronique (n'étant pas en format codé caractère par caractère) :	KRW 147.000
Dépôt électronique (en format codé caractère par caractère) :	KRW 220.000
Taxe de traitement (règle 57.1 du PCT) :	KRW 147.000

[Mise à jour des annexes C(KR) et E(KR) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**NO Norvège**

L'**Office norvégien des brevets** a notifié des changements relatifs aux exigences particulières de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). La liste récapitulative des exigences particulières est désormais la suivante :

Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51 <i>bis</i> du PCT) :	[Sans changement]
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Si une personne autre que l'inventeur demande un brevet, la demande devra contenir une déclaration du déposant établissant son droit à l'invention, ou un acte de cession¹

[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (NO) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

¹ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17 du PCT.

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The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified changes in its name in Russian and in one of its telephone numbers. Furthermore, the Office has deleted one of its e-mail addresses and has introduced an Internet address, as follows:

Name of Office:	Natsionalny Tsentr Intellektualnoi Sobstvennosti National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)
Telephone:	(375-17) 294 36 56, 285 26 05
E-mail:	ncip@belpatent.gin.by
Internet:	www.belgopatent.org

[Updating of Annex B1(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified changes in the location and mailing addresses and in the telephone and facsimile numbers of its main office in Kolkata and its branch offices, as well as introducing an additional e-mail address for its main office in Kolkata. The consolidated list of location and mailing addresses, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail addresses is as follows:

Location and mailing address:	The Patent Office Kolkata, Intellectual Property Office Building, CP-2, Sector-V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700 091, India
	The Patent Office Delhi, Intellectual Property Office Building, Sector-14, Block No. 32, Dwaraka, New Delhi 110 075, India
	The Patent Office Chennai, Intellectual Property Office Building, G.S.T. Road, Guindy, Chennai 600 032, India
	The Patent Office Mumbai, Intellectual Property Office Building, S.M. Road, Near Antop Hill Head Post Office, Mumbai 400 037, India
Telephone:	Kolkata: (91-33) 23 67 19 43, 23 67 19 44, 23 67 19 45, 23 67 13 53, 23 67 19 87, 23 67 50 92, 23 67 50 93 (91-33) 23 67 50 91 (PCT Section)
	New Delhi: (91-11) 28 08 19 20, 28 08 19 21, 28 08 19 22, 28 08 19 23, 28 08 19 24, 28 08 19 25, 28 08 19 26, 28 08 19 43
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	Mumbai: (91-22) 24 13 77 01, 24 13 03 87

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

BY Bélarus

Le **Centre national pour la propriété intellectuelle (Bélarus)** a notifié des changements relatifs à son nom en russe et à un de ses numéros de téléphone. De plus, l'office a supprimé une de ses adresses électroniques et a introduit une adresse Internet, comme suit :

Nom de l'office : Natsionalny Tsentr Intellektualnoi Sobstvennosti
Centre national pour la propriété intellectuelle (Bélarus)

Téléphone : (375-17) 294 36 56, 285 26 05

Courrier électronique : ncip@belpatent.gin.by

Internet : www.belgopatent.org

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(BY) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

IN Inde

L'**Office des brevets (Inde)** a notifié des changements relatifs aux adresses postales et aux numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur de son siège de Kolkata et de ses agences, et a introduit une adresse électronique supplémentaire pour son siège de Kolkata. La liste récapitulative des adresses postales, des numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur ainsi que des adresses électroniques est la suivante :

Siège et adresse postale : The Patent Office Kolkata,
Intellectual Property Office Building, CP-2, Sector-V,
Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700 091, Inde

The Patent Office Delhi,
Intellectual Property Office Building, Sector-14,
Block No. 32, Dwaraka, New Delhi 110 075, Inde

The Patent Office Chennai,
Intellectual Property Office Building, G.S.T. Road,
Guindy, Chennai 600 032, Inde

The Patent Office Mumbai,
Intellectual Property Office Building, S.M. Road,
Near Antop Hill Head Post Office, Mumbai 400 037, Inde

Téléphone : Kolkata : (91-33) 23 67 19 43, 23 67 19 44, 23 67 19 45,
23 67 13 53, 23 67 19 87, 23 67 50 92,
23 67 50 93

(91-33) 23 67 50 91 (Section du PCT)

New Delhi : (91-11) 28 08 19 20, 28 08 19 21, 28 08 19 22,
28 08 19 23, 28 08 19 24, 28 08 19 25,
28 08 19 26, 28 08 19 43

Chennai : (91-44) 22 32 28 24, 22 32 28 74, 22 32 28 75,
22 32 28 76, 22 32 38 21, 22 32 38 22

Mumbai : (91-22) 24 13 77 01, 24 13 03 87

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Facsimile machine:	Kolkata:	(91-33) 23 67 19 88, 23 67 13 53
	New Delhi:	(91-11) 28 08 19 20, 28 08 19 40
	Chennai:	(91-44) 22 32 28 78
	Mumbai:	(91-22) 24 13 03 87
E-mail:	Kolkata:	patentin@vsnl.com kolkata-patent@nic.in
	New Delhi:	delhi-patent@nic.in
	Chennai:	chennai-patent@nic.in
	Mumbai:	mumbai-patent@nic.in

[Updating of Annex B1(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)** has notified a change in the area code for Moscow. The list of telephone and facsimile machine numbers now reads as follows:

Telephone:	(74-95) 956 81 09 (general)
	(74-95) 240 58 88 (application processing)
Facsimile machine:	(74-95) 243 33 37

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 June 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	SGD 1,440
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[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified the deletion of the fee for priority document:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	None
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[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)

IN Inde (suite)

Télécopieur :	Kolkata : (91-33) 23 67 19 88, 23 67 13 53
	New Delhi : (91-11) 28 08 19 20, 28 08 19 40
	Chennai : (91-44) 22 32 28 78
	Mumbai : (91-22) 24 13 03 87
Courrier électronique :	Kolkata : patentin@vsnl.com kolkata-patent@nic.in
	New Delhi : delhi-patent@nic.in
	Chennai : chennai-patent@nic.in
	Mumbai : mumbai-patent@nic.in

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(IN) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

RU Fédération de Russie

Le **Service fédéral de la propriété intellectuelle, des brevets et des marques (Fédération de Russie)** a notifié un changement relatif à l'indicatif de Moscou. La liste des numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur est désormais la suivante :

Téléphone :	(74-95) 956 81 09 (questions d'ordre général) (74-95) 240 58 88 (traitement des demandes)
Télécopieur :	(74-95) 243 33 37

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(RU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

AU Australie

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars de Singapour (SGD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juin 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	SGD 1.440
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[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(AU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

BY Bélarus

Le **Centre national pour la propriété intellectuelle (Bélarus)** a notifié la suppression de la taxe pour le document de priorité :

Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	Néant
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[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(BY) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**KR Republic of Korea**

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b) before the Office as a designated and elected Office. The new time limits, applicable to any international application for which the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) has not expired before 3 March 2006, are as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	31 months from the priority date

[Updating of the National Chapter (KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**KR République de Corée**

L'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié des changements relatifs aux délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, en vertu des articles 22.3) et 39.1)b) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné et élu. Les nouveaux délais applicables à toute demande internationale pour laquelle le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT n'a pas expiré avant le 3 mars 2006 sont les suivants :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (KR) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

SECTION IV

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CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****HN Honduras**

On 20 March 2006, **Honduras** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 20 June 2006, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 20 June 2006 will automatically include the designation of Honduras (country code: HN).

Honduras will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 20 June 2006. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Honduras will be entitled, as from 20 June 2006, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LA Lao People's Democratic Republic

On 14 March 2006, the **Lao People's Democratic Republic** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 14 June 2006, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 14 June 2006 will automatically include the designation of the Lao People's Democratic Republic (country code: LA).

The Lao People's Democratic Republic will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 14 June 2006. Furthermore, nationals and residents of the Lao People's Democratic Republic will be entitled, as from 14 June 2006, to file international applications under the PCT.

The instrument of accession to the PCT deposited by the Lao People's Democratic Republic contained a declaration under PCT Article 64(5).

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**UZ Uzbekistan**

The **State Patent Office of Uzbekistan** has notified a change in its requirements as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Uzbekistan is designated or elected. The modified requirements, applicable since 20 February 2004, are as follows:

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Uzbekistan is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of the invitation.
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[Updating of Annex B1(UZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)

HN Honduras

Le 20 mars 2006, le **Honduras** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT et sera lié par le PCT le 20 juin 2006.

Par conséquent, toute demande internationale déposée le 20 juin 2006 ou ultérieurement comprendra automatiquement la désignation du Honduras (code du pays : HN).

Le Honduras sera lié par le chapitre II du PCT et sera automatiquement élu dans toute demande d'examen préliminaire international relative à une demande internationale déposée le 20 juin 2006 ou ultérieurement. En outre, à partir du 20 juin 2006, les nationaux du Honduras et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe A du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

LA République démocratique populaire lao

Le 14 mars 2006, la **République démocratique populaire lao** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT et sera liée par le PCT le 14 juin 2006.

Par conséquent, toute demande internationale déposée le 14 juin 2006 ou ultérieurement comprendra automatiquement la désignation de la République démocratique populaire lao (code du pays : LA).

La République démocratique populaire lao sera liée par le chapitre II du PCT et sera automatiquement élue dans toute demande d'examen préliminaire international relative à une demande internationale déposée le 14 juin 2006 ou ultérieurement. En outre, à partir du 14 juin 2006, les nationaux de la République démocratique populaire lao et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

L'instrument d'adhésion au PCT déposé par la République démocratique populaire lao contenait une déclaration en vertu de l'article 64.5) du PCT.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe A du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

UZ Ouzbékistan

L'**Office d'État des brevets de l'Ouzbékistan** a notifié un changement dans ses exigences relatives au délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si l'Ouzbékistan est désigné ou élu. Les exigences modifiées, applicables depuis le 20 février 2004, sont les suivantes :

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si l'Ouzbékistan est désigné (ou élu) :

Doivent figurer dans la requête. Si les renseignements se rapportant à l'inventeur n'ont pas été communiqués à l'expiration du délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office invitera le déposant à faire le nécessaire dans un délai de trois mois à compter de la date de l'invitation.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(UZ) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****RO Romania**

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 April 2006, the **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 2 May 2006, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R, 3.5 inch diskette or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software
- *epoline*® software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string and click-wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****RO Roumanie**

Depuis le 7 janvier 2002, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques appropriés est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F des Instructions administratives du PCT qui contiennent, respectivement, le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires à la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement sous forme électronique des demandes internationales prévus à la règle 89*bis*.1 du PCT.

Le 11 avril 2006, l'**Office d'État pour les inventions et les marques (Roumanie)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international, selon la règle 89*bis*.1.d) et l'instruction administrative 710.a) du PCT, qu'il est disposé à recevoir et à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 2 mai 2006, comme suit :

“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- XML (en général; voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- Norme OMPI ST.25 (pour les listages des séquences; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F et l'annexe C)
- PDF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.2 de l'annexe F)
- TIFF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :

- dépôt en ligne (voir la section 5 de l'annexe F et la section 2.d) de l'appendice III de l'annexe F)
- dépôt effectué sur l'un des supports matériels suivants : CD-R, disquette de 3,5 pouces ou DVD-R (voir la section 5.2.1 de l'annexe F, la section 2.e) de l'appendice III et les sections 4.1, 4.3 et 4.5 de l'appendice IV de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne l'emballage électronique des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l'annexe F)
- WAD (documents constitutifs de la demande compactés; voir la section 4.1.1 de l'annexe F) uniquement aux fins du dépôt sur un support matériel

En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- logiciel PCT-SAFE
- logiciel *epoline*®

En ce qui concerne les types de signature électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- signature en fac-similé, signature composée d'une chaîne de caractères et signature enveloppée électroniquement selon la méthode dite du 'click-wrap' (voir les sections 3.3.1 à 3.3.3 de l'annexe F)
- signature électronique renforcée (voir la section 3.3.4 de l'annexe F)

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****RO Romania (cont'd)****As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):**

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 08:00 am and 16:30 pm Monday to Thursday and between 08:00 am and 14:00 pm Friday, excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by telephone at +40 21 315 42 44
- by fax at +40 21 315 42 44
- by e-mail at depunere.electronica@osim.ro

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper. Furthermore, the Office will not prepare a backup copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES: NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**RO Roumanie (suite)****En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures ayant trait à la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)ii) :**

L'accusé de réception de tout ce qui est supposé constituer une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique auprès de l'office contiendra, outre les informations exigées au titre de l'instruction 704.a)i) à iv), les noms des fichiers électroniques reçus (voir l'instruction 704.a)v)).

L'office fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique. Ce n'est que dans les cas où la demande n'est pas envoyée conformément au protocole sur l'interopérabilité en matière de dépôt électronique (voir la section 5.1 de l'annexe F) qu'un accusé de réception ne sera pas généré. D'autres erreurs, telles que l'utilisation de certificats caduques (voir la section 4.4.7 de l'appendice II de l'annexe F), des demandes contaminées par des virus ou d'autres formes d'éléments malveillants (voir l'instruction 708.b)) ou des fichiers manquants, sont notifiées au déposant dans l'accusé de réception.

Lorsqu'il s'avère que l'accusé de réception envoyé au déposant par des moyens électroniques n'a pas été transmis avec succès, l'office le renverra à bref délai par le même moyen ou par un autre moyen (voir l'instruction 709.b)).

En ce qui concerne les moyens de paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a)ii) :

Le paiement en ligne n'est pas disponible. Seuls les modes de paiement actuellement disponibles sont acceptés.

En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d'assistance (instruction 710.a)ii) :

L'office a mis en place un service d'assistance pour répondre aux questions des utilisateurs du service. Le service d'assistance est ouvert, mis à part les vacances officielles, du lundi au jeudi de 8 heures à 16 heures 30 et le vendredi de 8 heures à 14 heures. Il peut être contacté :

- par téléphone, au +40 21 315 42 44
- par télécopie, au +40 21 315 42 44
- par courriel, à l'adresse électronique suivante : depunere.electronica@osim.ro

En ce qui concerne les types de documents qui peuvent être transmis à l'office sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)iii) :

- demandes internationales

En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :

L'office n'acceptera aucun dépôt de copies de sauvegarde sur papier. Par ailleurs, l'office ne préparera aucune copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sur papier à la demande du déposant.

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****RO Romania (cont'd)**

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its web site (www.osim.ro).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- European Patent Office CA (Pink Roccade, see www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****RO Roumanie (suite)**

En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :

Dans le cas où les systèmes électroniques ne seraient plus en état de marche au moment où une demande internationale est déposée auprès de lui, l'office mettra en œuvre tous les moyens dont il dispose, tels que la télécopie ou le courrier électronique, pour informer le déposant des procédures de remplacement à suivre.

L'office fournira les informations relatives à la disponibilité du système de dépôt électronique sur son site Internet (www.osim.ro).

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office et les adresses électroniques des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés (instruction 710.a)vi) :

- Autorité de certification de l'Office européen des brevets (Pink Roccade, voir www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- Autorité de certification de l'OMPI pour les utilisateurs (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/fr/certificates.htm)

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou archivées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible.”

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**US United States of America**

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office** has informed the International Bureau of modifications in its requirements as to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted by facsimile machine, as follows:

Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?

[No change]

Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?

All documents except the following: certified documents including priority documents; documents needed to receive an international filing date under PCT Article 11; authorizations charging the basic national fee to a deposit account; when necessary, a copy of the international application for entry into the national phase; documents directly related to a secrecy order.

Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?

[No change]

[Updating of Annex B1(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS FILED ON PAPER: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

On 19 April 2006, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Section 705*bis*(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it was prepared to process, keep and communicate to the International Bureau in electronic form international applications originally received in paper form, with effect from 15 May 2006, as follows:

“As to means of transmittal from the Office to the International Bureau:

- via a secure channel using SFTP (Secure FTP), which is using the SSH protocol and 1024 bit encryption (see Annex F, section 5.2.2(a)(ii))

As to electronic document formats:

- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to electronic document packaging:

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 5.2.2, and Figure 14*bis*)

As to the kinds of documents filed that are processed and kept by the Office in electronic form:

- international applications
- other documents”

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

L'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis** a informé le Bureau international de modifications concernant ses exigences relatives aux types de documents qui peuvent être transmis par télécopieur, comme suit :

L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT)?

[Sans changement]

Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens?

Tous les documents sauf les suivants : documents certifiés, y compris les documents de priorité; documents nécessaires à l'attribution d'une date de dépôt international conformément à l'article 11 du PCT; autorisations de prélever le montant de la taxe nationale de base sur un compte de dépôt; lorsque cela est nécessaire, une copie de la demande internationale pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale; documents relevant directement d'un ordre de maintien du secret.

L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas?

[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(US) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES DÉPOSÉES SUR PAPIER : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Le 19 avril 2006, l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international, en vertu de l'instruction administrative 705*bis.a*) du PCT, qu'il était disposé à traiter, à conserver et à communiquer sous forme électronique les demandes internationales déposées sur papier à compter du 15 mai 2006, comme suit :

“En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission de l'office au Bureau international :

- par un réseau sécurisé utilisant SFTP (FTP sécurisé), à savoir, le protocole SSH et un chiffrement de 1024 bits (voir la section 5.2.2.a)ii) de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents :

- PDF (voir la section 3.1.2 de l'annexe F)
- TIFF (voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne l'empaquetage électronique des documents :

- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 5.2.2 et la figure 14*bis* de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les types de documents déposés qui sont traités et conservés par l'office sous forme électronique :

- demandes internationales
- autres documents”

**NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS
UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a)****BE Belgium**

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, certain new provisions of Rule 20 of the PCT Regulations concerning the incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements by a receiving Office. Amended Rule 20 will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 20.8(a) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility.

**NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS
UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b)****CN China
LT Lithuania**

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, certain new provisions of Rule 20 of the PCT Regulations concerning the incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements in respect of a designated Office. Amended Rule 20 will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 20.8(b) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as designated Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

CN China
LT Lithuania

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 20.8.a) DU PCT**BE Belgique**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, certaines nouvelles dispositions de la règle 20 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant l'incorporation par renvoi de parties ou d'éléments manquants par un office récepteur. La règle 20 modifiée entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 20.8.a) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, l'une quelconque des règles 20.3.a)ii) et b)ii), 20.5.a)ii) et d), et 20.6 n'est pas compatible avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office récepteur, la règle concernée ne s'applique pas à une demande internationale déposée auprès de cet office récepteur tant qu'elle reste incompatible avec cette législation, à condition que l'office en question en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Belgique)**, en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité.

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 20.8.b) DU PCT**CN Chine****LT Lituanie**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, certaines nouvelles dispositions de la règle 20 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant l'incorporation par renvoi de parties ou d'éléments manquants en rapport avec un office désigné. La règle 20 modifiée entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 20.8.b) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, l'une quelconque des règles 20.3.a)ii) et b)ii), 20.5.a)ii) et d), et 20.6 n'est pas compatible avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, la règle concernée ne s'applique pas à cet office en rapport avec une demande internationale à l'égard de laquelle les actes visés à l'article 22 ont été accomplis auprès de cet office tant qu'elle reste incompatible avec cette législation, à condition que l'office en question en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

Les offices (en leur qualité d'offices désignés) des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

- CN Chine
- LT Lituanie

NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 26bis.3 WITH NATIONAL LAWS**BE Belgium**
FR France

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 26bis.3 of the PCT Regulations concerning restoration of the right of priority by a receiving Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 26bis.3(j) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (i) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as receiving Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

BE Belgium
FR France**NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 49ter.1 WITH NATIONAL LAWS****CA Canada**
CN China
LT Lithuania

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 49ter.1 of the PCT Regulations concerning the effect of restoration of the right of priority by a receiving Office on a designated Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 49ter.1(g) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as designated Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

CA Canada
CN China
LT Lithuania

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 26bis.3 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES**BE Belgique****FR France**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 26bis.3 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant la restauration du droit de priorité par un office récepteur. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 26bis.3.j) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à i) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office récepteur, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

Les offices (en leur qualité d'offices récepteurs) des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

BE Belgique

FR France

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 49ter.1 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES**CA Canada****CN Chine****LT Lituanie**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 49ter.1 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant l'effet de la restauration du droit de priorité par un office récepteur sur un office désigné. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 49ter.1.g) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à d) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

Les offices (en leur qualité d'offices désignés) des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

CA Canada

CN Chine

LT Lituanie

NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 49^{ter.2} WITH NATIONAL LAWS

CA Canada
CN China
LT Lithuania

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 49^{ter.2} of the PCT Regulations concerning restoration of the right of priority by a designated Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 49^{ter.2}(h) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (g) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as designated Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

CA Canada
CN China
LT Lithuania

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 49ter.2 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES

CA Canada
CN Chine
LT Lituanie

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 49ter.2 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant la restauration du droit de priorité par un office désigné. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 49ter.2.h) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à g) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

Les offices (en leur qualité d'offices désignés) des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

CA Canada
CN Chine
LT Lituanie

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US United States of America	13712	US États-Unis d'Amérique	13713

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**IL Israel**

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified certain conditions, relating to national security, for international applications filed with the International Bureau of WIPO as receiving Office by an applicant from Israel. These conditions appear under footnote 1.

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Israel	Israel Patent Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant ¹ (see Annex C)
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[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its telephone number, as follows:

Telephone: (82-42) 481 52 31

[Updating of Annex B1(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 15 June 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ISK 142,000

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ An applicant from Israel, may file an international application containing information which relates to military technology or which might be prejudicial to Israeli national security, direct at the International Bureau of WIPO: (i) only after having obtained written authorization from the Israeli Minister of Defense in advance; or (ii) only after an application for a patent for the same invention has been filed at the Israeli Patent Office, and within six months after that application was submitted, the Israeli Minister of Defense did not make an order on it under Section 94, or he made such an order, but it is no longer in effect.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**IL Israël**

L'**Office des brevets d'Israël** a notifié certaines conditions relatives à la défense nationale pour une demande internationale déposée auprès du Bureau international de l'OMPI en sa qualité d'office récepteur par un déposant d'Israël. Ces conditions figurent sous la note de bas de page 1.

Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux d'Israël et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées :

Office des brevets d'Israël ou Bureau international de l'OMPI, au choix du déposant¹ (voir l'annexe C)

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(IL) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

KR République de Corée

L'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié des changements relatifs à son numéro de téléphone, comme suit :

Téléphone : (82-42) 481 52 31

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(KR) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 juin 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : ISK 142.000

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

¹ Un déposant israélien ne peut déposer une demande internationale directement auprès du Bureau international de l'OMPI pour une invention qui contient des informations relatives à la technologie militaire ou serait susceptible de porter atteinte à la sécurité nationale d'Israël : i) qu'après avoir préalablement obtenu une autorisation écrite du Ministère de la défense israélien, ou ii) après avoir déposé auprès de l'Office des brevets d'Israël une demande de brevet pour la même invention et qu'au cours des six mois suivant le dépôt de cette demande le Ministère de la défense israélien n'ait pas pris de décision à son endroit en vertu de l'article 94 ou s'il a pris une telle décision que cette dernière ne soit plus en vigueur.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**MG Madagascar**

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified new amounts of fees in **Ariary (MGA)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The new amounts, applicable since 1 April 2006, are as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Annual fees:	
– for the 3 rd to the 5 th year, per year:	MGA 70,000
– for the 6 th to the 10 th year, per year:	MGA 210,000
– for the 11 th to the 15 th year, per year:	MGA 350,000
– for the 16 th to the 20 th year, per year:	MGA 420,000
Fee for requesting extension of protection beyond the 15 th year:	[No change]

[Updating of the National Chapter (MG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the search fee in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** payable for an international search carried out by the Office. The new amount, applicable as from 15 June 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ISK 142,000

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a)**DE Germany**

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, certain new provisions of Rule 20 of the PCT Regulations concerning the incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements by a receiving Office. Amended Rule 20 will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 20.8(a) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**MG Madagascar**

L'**Office malgache de la propriété industrielle** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **ariary (MGA)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Les nouveaux montants, applicables depuis le 1^{er} avril 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe nationale :

Taxe de dépôt : [Sans changement]

Taxes annuelles :

– de la 3^e à la 5^e année, par année : MGA 70.000

– de la 6^e à la 10^e année, par année : MGA 210.000

– de la 11^e à la 15^e année, par année : MGA 350.000

– de la 16^e à la 20^e année, par année : MGA 420.000

Taxe pour demander l'extension de la protection au-delà de la 15^e année : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (MG) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

SE Suède

L'**Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement** a notifié au Bureau international un nouveau montant de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 juin 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : ISK 142.000

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(SE) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 20.8.a) DU PCT**DE Allemagne**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, certaines nouvelles dispositions de la règle 20 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant l'incorporation par renvoi de parties ou d'éléments manquants par un office récepteur. La règle 20 modifiée entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 20.8.a) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, l'une quelconque des règles 20.3.a)ii) et b)ii), 20.5.a)ii) et d), et 20.6 n'est pas compatible avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office récepteur, la règle concernée ne s'applique pas à une demande internationale déposée auprès de cet office récepteur tant qu'elle reste incompatible avec cette législation, à condition que l'office en question en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'**Office allemand des brevets et des marques**, en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité.

NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b)**DE Germany**

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, certain new provisions of Rule 20 of the PCT Regulations concerning the incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements in respect of a designated Office. Amended Rule 20 will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 20.8(b) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office**, in its capacity as designated Office, has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility.

NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 26bis.3 WITH NATIONAL LAWS**DE Germany**

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 26bis.3 of the PCT Regulations concerning restoration of the right of priority by a receiving Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 26bis.3(j) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (i) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility.

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 20.8.b) DU PCT**DE Allemagne**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, certaines nouvelles dispositions de la règle 20 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant l'incorporation par renvoi de parties ou d'éléments manquants en rapport avec un office désigné. La règle 20 modifiée entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 20.8.b) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, l'une quelconque des règles 20.3.a)ii) et b)ii), 20.5.a)ii) et d), et 20.6 n'est pas compatible avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, la règle concernée ne s'applique pas à cet office en rapport avec une demande internationale à l'égard de laquelle les actes visés à l'article 22 ont été accomplis auprès de cet office tant qu'elle reste incompatible avec cette législation, à condition que l'office en question en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'Office allemand des brevets et des marques, en sa qualité d'office désigné, a notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité.

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 26bis.3 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES**DE Allemagne**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 26bis.3 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant la restauration du droit de priorité par un office récepteur. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 26bis.3.j) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à i) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office récepteur, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'Office allemand des brevets et des marques, en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité.

NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 49ter.1 WITH NATIONAL LAWS

DE Germany
US United States of America

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 49ter.1 of the PCT Regulations concerning the effect on a designated Office of restoration of the right of priority by a receiving Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 49ter.1(g) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as designated Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

DE Germany
US United States of America

NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 49ter.2 WITH NATIONAL LAWS

DE Germany
US United States of America

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 49ter.2 of the PCT Regulations concerning restoration of the right of priority by a designated Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 49ter.2(h) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (g) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

The Offices (in their capacity as designated Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

DE Germany
US United States of America

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 49ter.1 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES**DE Allemagne****US États-Unis d'Amérique**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 49ter.1 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant l'effet sur un office désigné de la restauration du droit de priorité par un office récepteur. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 49ter.1.g) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à d) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

Les offices (en leur qualité d'offices désignés) des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

DE Allemagne

US États-Unis d'Amérique

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 49ter.2 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES**DE Allemagne****US États-Unis d'Amérique**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 49ter.2 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant la restauration du droit de priorité par un office désigné. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 49ter.2.h) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à g) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

Les offices (en leur qualité d'offices désignés) des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 July 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): NZD 3,208

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Iceland kronur (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction under item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in "PCT-EASY mode") is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 July 2006, are specified below:

International filing fee: ISK 78,600

Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ISK 800

Reductions (under Schedule
of Fees, item 3):

PCT-EASY: ISK 5,600

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the higher search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**; the equivalent amount of the lower search fee remains unchanged. The new amount, applicable as from 1 July 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): NZD 1,640 [No change]

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : NZD 3.208

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

IS Islande

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt et la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction selon le point 3.a) du barème de taxes dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-SAFE (fonctionnant en "mode PCT-EASY"). Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt : ISK 78.600

Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e : ISK 800

Réductions (selon le barème
de taxes, point 3) :

PCT-EASY : ISK 5.600

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(IS) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

Un nouveau montant équivalent du montant le plus élevé de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**; le montant équivalent du montant le plus bas de la taxe de recherche reste inchangé. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : NZD 1.640 [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(US) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**ES Spain**

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Paseo de la Castellana 75, 28020 Madrid, Spain

[Updating of Annex B1(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 July 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ZAR 5,350

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction under item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in "PCT-EASY mode") is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 July 2006, are as follows:

International filing fee: NZD 1,748

Fee per sheet in excess of 30: NZD 19

Reductions (under Schedule
of Fees, item 3):

PCT-EASY: NZD 125

[Updating of Annex C(NZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**ES Espagne**

L'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a notifié des changements relatifs à l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale : Paseo de la Castellana 75, 28020 Madrid, Espagne

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(ES) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : ZAR 5.350

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(AU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

NZ Nouvelle-Zélande

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt et la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction selon le point 3.a) du barème de taxes dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-SAFE (fonctionnant en "mode PCT-EASY"). Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt : NZD 1.748

Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e : NZD 19

Réductions (selon le barème
de taxes, point 3) :

PCT-EASY : NZD 125

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(NZ) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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HU Hungary	15988	HU Hongrie	15989
ID Indonesia	15988	ID Indonésie	15989
IN India	15988	IN Inde	15989
KR Republic of Korea	15988	KR République de Corée	15989
NO Norway	15988	NO Norvège	15989
PT Portugal	15988	PT Portugal	15989

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CO Colombia	15990	CO Colombie	15991
CU Cuba	15990	CU Cuba	15991
CZ Czech Republic	15990	CZ République tchèque	15991
ES Spain	15990	ES Espagne	15991
HU Hungary	15990	HU Hongrie	15991
ID Indonesia	15990	ID Indonésie	15991
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KR Republic of Korea	15990	KR République de Corée	15991
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)****Corrigendum**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau of an error in the information published in PCT Gazette No. 13/2006, of 30 March 2006, page 9318, concerning the conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee. The text relating to the extent to which the search fee shall be refunded when the Authority benefits from an earlier European search in carrying out international search should refer to a “European application” instead of an “international application”. The corrected text is as follows:

Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Extent to which the search fee shall be refunded when the Authority benefits from an earlier search in carrying out international search:
	– for a European search (EPC Art. 78(2)) (<i>European application filed on or after 1 July 2005 and search fee paid before 1 April 2006</i>):
	(full benefit) EUR 960
	(partial benefit) EUR 240
	(<i>European application filed on or after 1 July 2005 and search fee paid on or after 1 April 2006</i>):
	(full benefit) EUR 1,000
	(partial benefit) EUR 250
	– for a European search (EPC Art. 78(2)) (<i>European application filed before 1 July 2005 and search fee paid before 1 April 2006</i>):
	(full benefit) EUR 690
	(partial benefit) EUR 172.50
	(<i>European application filed before 1 July 2005 and search fee paid on or after 1 April 2006</i>):
	(full benefit) EUR 720
	(partial benefit) EUR 180

In addition to the corrigendum outlined above, the European Patent Office (EPO) has notified the deletion of the fee for translation into English of the international application.

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a change in its Internet address, as follows:

Internet: www.epo.org

[Updating of Annex B2(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

Rectificatif

L'Office européen des brevets (OEB) a informé le Bureau international d'une erreur dans les indications publiées dans la Gazette du PCT n° 13/2006, du 30 mars 2006, page 9319, concernant les conditions de remboursement et le montant du remboursement de la taxe de recherche. Le texte relatif à la mesure dans laquelle la taxe de recherche est remboursée quand l'administration tire parti d'une recherche européenne antérieure lorsqu'elle effectue la recherche internationale devrait se référer à une "demande européenne" et non pas à une "demande internationale". Le texte corrigé est le suivant :

Conditions de remboursement
et montant du remboursement
de la taxe de recherche :

Mesure dans laquelle la taxe de recherche est
remboursée quand l'administration tire parti d'une recherche
antérieure lorsqu'elle effectue la recherche internationale :

- pour une recherche européenne (art. 78(2) de la CBE)
(demande européenne déposée le 1^{er} juillet 2005 ou
ultérieurement et taxe de recherche payée avant le
1^{er} avril 2006) :
(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 960
(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 240
(demande européenne déposée le 1^{er} juillet 2005 ou
ultérieurement et taxe de recherche payée le 1^{er} avril 2006
ou ultérieurement) :
(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 1.000
(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 250
- pour une recherche européenne (art. 78(2) de la CBE)
(demande européenne déposée avant le 1^{er} juillet 2005
et taxe de recherche payée avant le 1^{er} avril 2006) :
(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 690
(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 172,50
(demande européenne déposée avant le 1^{er} juillet 2005
et taxe de recherche payée le 1^{er} avril 2006 ou
ultérieurement) :
(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 720
(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 180

Outre le rectificatif ci-dessus, l'Office européen des brevets (OEB) a notifié la suppression de la taxe pour la traduction en anglais de la demande internationale.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

L'Office européen des brevets (OEB) a notifié un changement relatif à son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Internet : www.epo.org

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B2(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 July 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): NZD 1,423

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LS Lesotho

The **Registrar General's Office (Lesotho)** has introduced new amounts of fees in **Lesotho maloti (LSM)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office (the amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by individuals or "small entities"), as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Application fee: LSM 250 (100)

Grant and publication fee: LSM 450 (120)

For utility model:

Application fee: LSM 150 (50)

Grant and publication fee: LSM 450 (150)

[Updating of the National Chapter (LS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has modified the section of the national fee relating to the payment of a surcharge and has notified changes in the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee as well as in the special requirements of the Office as a designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

Surcharge for late filing of either the translation of the international application or the request for examination¹, or for late payment of the national basic fee, the search fee or the designation fees:

[No change]

¹ If in absence of (timely) payment of the examination fee the request for examination is deemed not to have been filed, the surcharge due also comprises 50% of the examination fee.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : NZD 1.423

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(AU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

LS Lesotho

La **Direction générale de l'enregistrement (Lesotho)** a introduit de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **maloti du Lesotho (LSM)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu) (le montant indiqué entre parenthèses s'applique dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par un particulier ou une "petite entité"), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt : LSM 250 (100)

Taxe de délivrance et de publication : LSM 450 (120)

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt : LSM 150 (50)

Taxe de délivrance et de publication : LSM 450 (150)

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (LS) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a modifié le passage concernant la taxe nationale relatif au paiement d'une surtaxe et a notifié des changements relatifs à l'exemption, à la réduction ou au remboursement de la taxe nationale, ainsi qu'aux exigences particulières de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Surtaxe pour production tardive de la traduction de la demande internationale, pour présentation tardive de la requête en examen¹ ou pour retard de paiement de la taxe nationale de base, de la taxe de recherche ou des taxes de désignation :

[Sans changement]

¹ Si, en l'absence du paiement (dans les délais) de la taxe d'examen, la requête en examen est réputée ne pas avoir été présentée, la surtaxe due comprend aussi 50% de la taxe d'examen.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES (cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO) (cont'd)**

Exemptions, reductions or refunds
of the national fee:

No search fee is payable

- where the international search report has been established by the EPO,
- where the international application has been filed before 1 July 2005 and the international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office,
- where the international application has been filed between 1 April 2005 and 30 June 2005 and the international search report has been established by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland.

The search fee is reduced

- by 20% (international applications filed before 1 July 2005) or
- by EUR 190 (international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005)

where the international search report has been established by the Australian Patent Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China or the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The search fee is not reduced

- where the international search report has been established by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office.

The search fee is reduced

- by EUR 845 for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which the international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS) (suite)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB) (suite)**

Exemption, réduction ou
remboursement de la taxe
nationale :

Aucune taxe de recherche n'est à payer

- lorsque la demande internationale a été déposée avant le 1^{er} juillet 2005 et que le rapport de recherche internationale a été établi par l'Office autrichien des brevets, l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques ou l'Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement,
- lorsque la demande internationale a été déposée entre le 1^{er} avril 2005 et le 30 juin 2005 et que le rapport de recherche internationale a été établi par l'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande.

La taxe de recherche est réduite

- de 20% (demandes internationales déposées avant le 1^{er} juillet 2005) ou
- de EUR 190 (demandes internationales déposées le 1^{er} juillet 2005 ou ultérieurement)

lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale a été établi par l'Office australien des brevets, l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle, l'Office des brevets du Japon, l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis, l'Office d'État de la propriété intellectuelle de la République populaire de Chine ou le Service fédéral de la propriété intellectuelle, des brevets et des marques (Fédération de Russie).

La taxe de recherche n'est pas réduite

- lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale a été établi par l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada.

La taxe de recherche est réduite

- de EUR 845 pour les demandes internationales déposées le 1^{er} juillet 2005 ou ultérieurement pour lesquelles le rapport de recherche internationale a été établi par l'Office autrichien des brevets, l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques, l'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande ou l'Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES (cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO) (cont'd)**

Exemptions, reductions or refunds
of the national fee (cont'd):

The examination fee is reduced

- by 50% where the international preliminary examination report has been established by the EPO except if it is a “rationalized” international preliminary examination report (see OJ EPO 2001, 539). For international applications filed on or after 1 January 2004, the “rationalized” procedure is discontinued.

Furthermore, in certain cases the examination fee is reduced by 20% for language reasons (see paragraph EP.16 of National Chapter EP).

Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application or in a declaration in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17(i)

[No change]

[No change]

[Updating of the National Chapter (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a)

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, certain new provisions of Rule 20 of the PCT Regulations concerning the incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements by a receiving Office. Amended Rule 20 will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 20.8(a) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as receiving Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

CU Cuba
CZ Czech Republic
EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)
ES Spain
HU Hungary
ID Indonesia
KR Republic of Korea
MX Mexico

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS) (suite)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB) (suite)**

Exemption, réduction ou
remboursement de la taxe
nationale (suite) :

La taxe d'examen est réduite

- de 50% lorsque le rapport d'examen préliminaire international a été établi par l'OEB, sauf s'il s'agit d'un rapport d'examen préliminaire international "rationalisé" (voir JO OEB 2001, 539). Pour les demandes internationales déposées le 1^{er} janvier 2004 ou ultérieurement, la procédure "rationalisée" n'est pas appliquée.

En outre, la taxe d'examen est réduite de 20% dans certains cas, pour des raisons linguistiques (voir le paragraphe EP.16 du chapitre national EP).

Exigences particulières de
l'office (règle 51*bis* du PCT) :

Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale ou dans une déclaration faite conformément à la règle 4.17.i) du PCT

[Sans changement]

[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 20.8.a) DU PCT

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, certaines nouvelles dispositions de la règle 20 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant l'incorporation par renvoi de parties ou d'éléments manquants par un office récepteur. La règle 20 modifiée entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 20.8.a) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, l'une quelconque des règles 20.3.a)ii) et b)ii), 20.5.a)ii) et d), et 20.6 n'est pas compatible avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office récepteur, la règle concernée ne s'applique pas à une demande internationale déposée auprès de cet office récepteur tant qu'elle reste incompatible avec cette législation, à condition que l'office en question en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

Les offices (en leur qualité d'offices récepteurs) des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

CU Cuba
CZ République tchèque
EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)
ES Espagne
HU Hongrie
ID Indonésie
KR République de Corée
MX Mexique

NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b)

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, certain new provisions of Rule 20 of the PCT Regulations concerning the incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements in respect of a designated Office. Amended Rule 20 will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 20.8(b) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as designated Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

CU Cuba
CZ Czech Republic
EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)
ES Spain
HU Hungary
ID Indonesia
KR Republic of Korea
MX Mexico
TR Turkey

NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 26bis.3 WITH NATIONAL LAWS

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 26bis.3 of the PCT Regulations concerning restoration of the right of priority by a receiving Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 26bis.3(j) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (i) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as receiving Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

BR Brazil
CO Colombia
CU Cuba
CZ Czech Republic
ES Spain
GR Greece
HU Hungary
ID Indonesia
IN India
KR Republic of Korea
NO Norway
PT Portugal

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 20.8.b) DU PCT

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, certaines nouvelles dispositions de la règle 20 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant l'incorporation par renvoi de parties ou d'éléments manquants en rapport avec un office désigné. La règle 20 modifiée entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 20.8.b) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, l'une quelconque des règles 20.3.a)ii) et b)ii), 20.5.a)ii) et d), et 20.6 n'est pas compatible avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, la règle concernée ne s'applique pas à cet office en rapport avec une demande internationale à l'égard de laquelle les actes visés à l'article 22 ont été accomplis auprès de cet office tant qu'elle reste incompatible avec cette législation, à condition que l'office en question en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

Les offices (en leur qualité d'offices désignés) des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

CU Cuba
CZ République tchèque
EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)
ES Espagne
HU Hongrie
ID Indonésie
KR République de Corée
MX Mexique
TR Turquie

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 26bis.3 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 26bis.3 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant la restauration du droit de priorité par un office récepteur. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 26bis.3.j) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à i) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office récepteur, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

Les offices (en leur qualité d'offices récepteurs) des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

BR Brésil
CO Colombie
CU Cuba
CZ République tchèque
ES Espagne
GR Grèce
HU Hongrie
ID Indonésie
IN Inde
KR République de Corée
NO Norvège
PT Portugal

NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 49ter.1 WITH NATIONAL LAWS

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 49ter.1 of the PCT Regulations concerning the effect of restoration of the right of priority by a receiving Office on a designated Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 49ter.1(g) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as designated Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

BR Brazil
CO Colombia
CU Cuba
CZ Czech Republic
ES Spain
HU Hungary
ID Indonesia
IN India
KR Republic of Korea
MX Mexico
NO Norway
PT Portugal

NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 49ter.2 WITH NATIONAL LAWS

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 49ter.2 of the PCT Regulations concerning restoration of the right of priority by a designated Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 49ter.2(h) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (g) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as designated Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

BR Brazil
CO Colombia
CU Cuba
CZ Czech Republic
ES Spain
HU Hungary
ID Indonesia
IN India
KR Republic of Korea
MX Mexico
NO Norway
PT Portugal
TR Turkey

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 49^{ter}.1 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 49^{ter}.1 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant l'effet de la restauration du droit de priorité par un office récepteur sur un office désigné. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 49^{ter}.1.g) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à d) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

Les offices (en leur qualité d'offices désignés) des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

BR Brésil
CO Colombie
CU Cuba
CZ République tchèque
ES Espagne
HU Hongrie
ID Indonésie
IN Inde
KR République de Corée
MX Mexique
NO Norvège
PT Portugal

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 49^{ter}.2 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 49^{ter}.2 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant la restauration du droit de priorité par un office désigné. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 49^{ter}.2.h) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à g) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

Les offices (en leur qualité d'offices désignés) des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

BR Brésil
CO Colombie
CU Cuba
CZ République tchèque
ES Espagne
HU Hongrie
ID Indonésie
IN Inde
KR République de Corée
MX Mexique
NO Norvège
PT Portugal
TR Turquie

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****MY Malaysia**

On 16 May 2006, **Malaysia** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 16 August 2006, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 16 August 2006 will automatically include the designation of Malaysia (country code: MY).

Malaysia will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 16 August 2006. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Malaysia will be entitled, as from 16 August 2006, to file international applications under the PCT.

The instrument of accession to the PCT deposited by Malaysia contained a declaration under PCT Article 64(5).

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SV El Salvador

On 17 May 2006, **El Salvador** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 17 August 2006, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 17 August 2006 will automatically include the designation of El Salvador (country code: SV).

El Salvador will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 17 August 2006. Furthermore, nationals and residents of El Salvador will be entitled, as from 17 August 2006, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)

MY Malaisie

Le 16 mai 2006, la **Malaisie** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT et sera liée par le PCT le 16 août 2006.

Par conséquent, toute demande internationale déposée le 16 août 2006 ou ultérieurement comprendra automatiquement la désignation de la Malaisie (code du pays : MY).

La Malaisie sera liée par le chapitre II du PCT et sera automatiquement élue dans toute demande d'examen préliminaire international relative à une demande internationale déposée le 16 août 2006 ou ultérieurement. En outre, à partir du 16 août 2006, les nationaux de la Malaisie et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

L'instrument d'adhésion au PCT déposé par la Malaisie contenait une déclaration en vertu de l'article 64.5) du PCT.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe A du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

SV El Salvador

Le 17 mai 2006, **El Salvador** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT et sera lié par le PCT le 17 août 2006.

Par conséquent, toute demande internationale déposée le 17 août 2006 ou ultérieurement comprendra automatiquement la désignation d'El Salvador (code du pays : SV).

El Salvador sera lié par le chapitre II du PCT et sera automatiquement élu dans toute demande d'examen préliminaire international relative à une demande internationale déposée le 17 août 2006 ou ultérieurement. En outre, à partir du 17 août 2006, les nationaux d'El Salvador et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe A du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

RECEIVING OFFICES**SG Singapore****Corrigendum**

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified the International Bureau of an error in the information published in PCT Gazette No. 09/2006, of 2 March 2006, page 6386, concerning its specification of the date from which the Korean Intellectual Property Office is competent as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Singapore with the Intellectual Property Office of Singapore as receiving Office. The relevant text should read: “The Korean Intellectual Property Office is competent for international applications the declared priority date of which or, if there is no declared priority date, the date of filing of which is on or after 2 June 2006” instead of “The Korean Intellectual Property Office will be competent as from 2 June 2006”.

[Updating of Annex C(SG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**MX Mexico**

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Arenal 550, Col. Pueblo Santa Maria Tepepan, C.P. 16020,
Mexico D.F., Mexico

[Updating of Annex B1(MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS

SG Singapour

Rectificatif

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Singapour** a informé le Bureau international d'une erreur dans les indications publiées dans la Gazette du PCT n° 09/2006, du 2 mars 2006, page 6387, concernant la spécification de la date à compter de laquelle l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle est compétent en tant qu'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées par les nationaux de Singapour et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays auprès de l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Singapour en sa qualité d'office récepteur. Le texte pertinent devrait être libellé comme suit : "L'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle est compétent pour les demandes internationales dont la date de priorité déclarée ou, s'il n'y a pas de date de priorité déclarée, la date de dépôt est le 2 juin 2006 ou une date ultérieure" et non pas "L'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle sera compétent à compter du 2 juin 2006".

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(SG) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

MX Mexique

L'**institut mexicain de la propriété industrielle** a notifié des changements relatifs à l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale : Arenal 550, Col. Pueblo Santa Maria Tepepan, C.P. 16020,
Mexico D.F., Mexique

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(MX) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**JP Japan**

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. The new amount, applicable as from 1 September 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): USD 861

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a)

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, certain new provisions of Rule 20 of the PCT Regulations concerning the incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements by a receiving Office. Amended Rule 20 will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 20.8(a) states: "If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette."

The Offices (in their capacity as receiving Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

IT Italy
SG Singapore

NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b)

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, certain new provisions of Rule 20 of the PCT Regulations concerning the incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements in respect of a designated Office. Amended Rule 20 will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 20.8(b) states: "If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette."

The Office (in its capacity as designated Office) of the following State has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

SG Singapore

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**JP Japon**

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets du Japon** aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le dollar des États-Unis (USD) comme monnaie de paiement ou utilisent le dollar des États-Unis (USD) comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : USD 861

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(JP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 20.8.a) DU PCT

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, certaines nouvelles dispositions de la règle 20 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant l'incorporation par renvoi de parties ou d'éléments manquants par un office récepteur. La règle 20 modifiée entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 20.8.a) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, l'une quelconque des règles 20.3.a)ii) et b)ii), 20.5.a)ii) et d), et 20.6 n'est pas compatible avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office récepteur, la règle concernée ne s'applique pas à une demande internationale déposée auprès de cet office récepteur tant qu'elle reste incompatible avec cette législation, à condition que l'office en question en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

Les offices (en leur qualité d'offices récepteurs) des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

IT Italie
SG Singapour

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 20.8.b) DU PCT

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, certaines nouvelles dispositions de la règle 20 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant l'incorporation par renvoi de parties ou d'éléments manquants en rapport avec un office désigné. La règle 20 modifiée entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 20.8.b) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, l'une quelconque des règles 20.3.a)ii) et b)ii), 20.5.a)ii) et d), et 20.6 n'est pas compatible avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, la règle concernée ne s'applique pas à cet office en rapport avec une demande internationale à l'égard de laquelle les actes visés à l'article 22 ont été accomplis auprès de cet office tant qu'elle reste incompatible avec cette législation, à condition que l'office en question en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'office (en sa qualité d'office désigné) de l'État suivant a notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

SG Singapour

NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 26bis.3 WITH NATIONAL LAWS

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 26bis.3 of the PCT Regulations concerning restoration of the right of priority by a receiving Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 26bis.3(j) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (i) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as receiving Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

DZ Algeria
IT Italy
SG Singapore

NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 49ter.1 WITH NATIONAL LAWS

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 49ter.1 of the PCT Regulations concerning the effect of restoration of the right of priority by a receiving Office on a designated Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 49ter.1(g) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as designated Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

DZ Algeria
SG Singapore
TR Turkey

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 26bis.3 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 26bis.3 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant la restauration du droit de priorité par un office récepteur. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 26bis.3.j) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à i) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office récepteur, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

Les offices (en leur qualité d'offices récepteurs) des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

DZ Algérie
IT Italie
SG Singapour

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 49ter.1 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 49ter.1 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant l'effet de la restauration du droit de priorité par un office récepteur sur un office désigné. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 49ter.1.g) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à d) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

Les offices (en leur qualité d'offices désignés) des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

DZ Algérie
SG Singapour
TR Turquie

NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 49ter.2 WITH NATIONAL LAWS

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 49ter.2 of the PCT Regulations concerning restoration of the right of priority by a designated Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 49ter.2(h) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (g) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as designated Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

DZ **Algeria**
SG **Singapore**

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 49ter.2 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 49ter.2 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant la restauration du droit de priorité par un office désigné. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 49ter.2.h) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à g) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

Les offices (en leur qualité d'offices désignés) des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

DZ Algérie
SG Singapour

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PH Philippines	19002	PH Philippines	19003

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**IE Ireland**

The **Patents Office (Ireland)** has notified a change in the amount of the fee for priority document in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 3.00 for the certified copy
	plus EUR 0.60 per page

[Updating of Annex C(IE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(a)

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, certain new provisions of Rule 20 of the PCT Regulations concerning the incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements by a receiving Office. Amended Rule 20 will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 20.8(a) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply to an international application filed with that receiving Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Office (in its capacity as receiving Office) of the following State has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

PH Philippines**NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS UNDER PCT RULE 20.8(b)**

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, certain new provisions of Rule 20 of the PCT Regulations concerning the incorporation by reference of missing parts or elements in respect of a designated Office. Amended Rule 20 will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 20.8(b) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, any of Rules 20.3(a)(ii) and (b)(ii), 20.5(a)(ii) and (d), and 20.6 are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, the Rules concerned shall not apply in respect of that Office in relation to an international application in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22 have been performed before that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Office (in its capacity as designated Office) of the following State has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

PH Philippines

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**IE Irlande**

L'**Office des brevets (Irlande)** a notifié un changement relatif au montant de la taxe pour le document de priorité, exprimé en **euros (EUR)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe pour le document de priorité
(règle 17.1.b) du PCT) : EUR 3,00 pour la copie certifiée conforme
plus EUR 0,60 par page

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(IE) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 20.8.a) DU PCT

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, certaines nouvelles dispositions de la règle 20 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant l'incorporation par renvoi de parties ou d'éléments manquants par un office récepteur. La règle 20 modifiée entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 20.8.a) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, l'une quelconque des règles 20.3.a)ii) et b)ii), 20.5.a)ii) et d), et 20.6 n'est pas compatible avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office récepteur, la règle concernée ne s'applique pas à une demande internationale déposée auprès de cet office récepteur tant qu'elle reste incompatible avec cette législation, à condition que l'office en question en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'office (en sa qualité d'office récepteur) de l'État suivant a notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

PH Philippines**NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 20.8.b) DU PCT**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, certaines nouvelles dispositions de la règle 20 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant l'incorporation par renvoi de parties ou d'éléments manquants en rapport avec un office désigné. La règle 20 modifiée entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 20.8.b) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, l'une quelconque des règles 20.3.a)ii) et b)ii), 20.5.a)ii) et d), et 20.6 n'est pas compatible avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, la règle concernée ne s'applique pas à cet office en rapport avec une demande internationale à l'égard de laquelle les actes visés à l'article 22 ont été accomplis auprès de cet office tant qu'elle reste incompatible avec cette législation, à condition que l'office en question en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'office (en sa qualité d'office désigné) de l'État suivant a notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

PH Philippines

NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 26bis.3 WITH NATIONAL LAWS

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 26bis.3 of the PCT Regulations concerning restoration of the right of priority by a receiving Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 26bis.3(j) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (i) are not compatible with the national law applied by the receiving Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Office (in its capacity as receiving Office) of the following State has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

PH Philippines

NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 49ter.1 WITH NATIONAL LAWS

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 49ter.1 of the PCT Regulations concerning the effect of restoration of the right of priority by a receiving Office on a designated Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 49ter.1(g) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (d) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Office (in its capacity as designated Office) of the following State has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

PH Philippines

NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 49ter.2 WITH NATIONAL LAWS

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, among others, new Rule 49ter.2 of the PCT Regulations concerning restoration of the right of priority by a designated Office. The new Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2007.

New Rule 49ter.2(h) states: “If, on October 5, 2005, paragraphs (a) to (g) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by April 5, 2006. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Office (in its capacity as designated Office) of the following State has notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

PH Philippines

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 26bis.3 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 26bis.3 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant la restauration du droit de priorité par un office récepteur. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 26bis.3.j) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à i) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office récepteur, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'office (en sa qualité d'office récepteur) de l'État suivant a notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

PH Philippines

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 49ter.1 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 49ter.1 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant l'effet de la restauration du droit de priorité par un office récepteur sur un office désigné. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 49ter.1.g) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à d) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'office (en sa qualité d'office désigné) de l'État suivant a notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

PH Philippines

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 49ter.2 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 49ter.2 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant la restauration du droit de priorité par un office désigné. La nouvelle règle entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2007.

La nouvelle règle 49ter.2.h) stipule : "Si, le 5 octobre 2005, les alinéas a) à g) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, ces alinéas ne s'appliquent pas à l'égard de cet office tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec cette législation, à condition que ledit office en informe le Bureau international le 5 avril 2006 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'office (en sa qualité d'office désigné) de l'État suivant a notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

PH Philippines

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NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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PG	Papua New Guinea	19008	PG	Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée	19009

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** of the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**, has been established. The new amount, applicable as from 15 September 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): EUR 702

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **United States dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 15 September 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): USD 2,059

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. The new amount, applicable as from 15 September 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): USD 2,059

[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and in **euro (EUR)** of the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**, have been established. The new amounts, applicable as from 15 September 2006, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): CHF 1,042
EUR 668

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

AU **Australie**

IB **Bureau international**

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au **Bureau international** agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, un nouveau montant équivalent en **euros (EUR)** de la taxe de recherche, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**, a été établi. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 septembre 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : EUR 702

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(AU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

EP **Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 septembre 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : USD 2.059

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

ES **Espagne**

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le dollar des États-Unis (USD) comme monnaie de paiement ou utilisent le dollar des États-Unis (USD) comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 septembre 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : USD 2.059

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(ES) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

JP **Japon**

IB **Bureau international**

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au **Bureau international** agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, de nouveaux montants équivalents en **francs suisses (CHF)** et en **euros (EUR)** de la taxe de recherche, payables pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets du Japon**, ont été établis. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 15 septembre 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : CHF 1.042
EUR 668

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(JP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**SE Sweden**

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. The new amount, applicable as from 15 September 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): USD 2,059

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**PG Papua New Guinea**

The **Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea** has notified a change in its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is required for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Is a copy of the international application
required? Yes

[Updating of the National Chapter (PG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)

SE Suède

L'**Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement** a notifié au Bureau international un nouveau montant de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 septembre 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : USD 2.059

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(SE) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)

PG Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée** a notifié un changement dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir si une copie de la demande internationale est requise pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Une copie de la demande internationale
est-elle requise? Oui

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (PG) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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EG Egypt	19016	EG Égypte	19017
UZ Uzbekistan	19016	UZ Ouzbékistan	19017

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 October 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ZAR 13,770

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified changes in the amounts of the transmittal fee and of the national fee in **new Israel shekalim (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, respectively. The new amounts, applicable since 1 July 2006, are as follows:

Transmittal fee: ILS 486

National fee:

Filing fee: ILS 932

[Updating of Annex C(IL) and of the National Chapter (IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : ZAR 13.770

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

IL Israël

L'**Office des brevets d'Israël** a notifié des changements relatifs aux montants de la taxe de transmission et de la taxe nationale, exprimés en **nouveaux shekalim israéliens (ILS)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), respectivement. Les nouveaux montants, applicables depuis le 1^{er} juillet 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe de transmission : ILS 486

Taxe nationale :

 Taxe de dépôt : ILS 932

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(IL) et du chapitre national (IL) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**UZ Uzbekistan**

The **State Patent Office of Uzbekistan** has notified new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and added conditions relating to exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	USD 210
Examination fee:	[No change]
Examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	USD 840
Fee for each independent claim in excess of 10:	USD 84
Fee for each independent claim in excess of 20:	USD 42
Maintenance fee for the first three years:	USD 1,000

For utility model:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	USD 210

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

[No change]

Physical persons pay 25% of the fees.
Nonprofit organizations pay 30% of the fees.
Small-scale enterprises pay 50% of the fees.

[Updating of the National Chapter (UZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES**LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya**

The **National Bureau for Research and Development (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)** has specified the Austrian Patent Office as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya with the National Bureau for Research and Development (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) as receiving Office with effect since 1 July 2006.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)

UZ Ouzbékistan

L'Office d'État des brevets de l'Ouzbékistan a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en dollars des États-Unis (USD), payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), et a ajouté des conditions concernant l'exemption, la réduction ou le remboursement de la taxe nationale, comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt :	[Sans changement]
Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 2 ^e :	USD 210
Taxe d'examen :	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 2 ^e :	USD 840
Taxe pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 11 ^e :	USD 84
Taxe pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 21 ^e :	USD 42
Taxe de maintien en vigueur pour les trois premières années :	USD 1.000

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt :	[Sans changement]
Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 2 ^e :	USD 210

Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :

[Sans changement]
Les personnes physiques paient 25% des taxes.
Les organismes à but non lucratif paient 30% des taxes.
Les petites entreprises paient 50% des taxes.

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (UZ) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS

LY Jamahiriya arabe libyenne

Le Bureau national pour la recherche et le développement (Jamahiriya arabe libyenne) a spécifié l'Office autrichien des brevets en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées par les nationaux de la Jamahiriya arabe libyenne et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays auprès du Bureau national pour la recherche et le développement (Jamahiriya arabe libyenne) en sa qualité d'office récepteur avec effet depuis le 1^{er} juillet 2006.

RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)**OM Oman**

The **Office of Oman** has specified the Austrian Patent Office as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Oman with the Office of Oman as receiving Office with effect since 1 July 2006.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**EG Egypt**

Information on the requirements of the **Egyptian Patent Office** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (EG), which is published on the following pages.

UZ Uzbekistan

The **State Patent Office of Uzbekistan** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase before the Office as designated Office, as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change]

[Updating of the National Chapter (UZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)

OM Oman

L'**Office de l'Oman** a spécifié l'Office autrichien des brevets en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées par les nationaux de l'Oman et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays auprès de l'Office de l'Oman en sa qualité d'office récepteur avec effet depuis le 1^{er} juillet 2006.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)

EG Égypte

Des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de l'**Office égyptien des brevets** en tant qu'office désigné (ou élu) figurent dans le résumé du chapitre national (EG), qui est publié aux pages suivantes.

UZ Ouzbékistan

L'**Office d'État des brevets de l'Ouzbékistan** a notifié un changement relatif au délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné, comme suit :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (UZ) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****EG****EGYPTIAN PATENT OFFICE****EG****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Egyptian pound (EGP) For patent: Filing fee: ¹ EGP 150 0 ² Annual fee for the second year: EGP 20 10 ³ 2 ² Annual fee for the third year: EGP 40 20 ³ 4 ² Examination fee: ¹ EGP 2,000 100 ³ 0 ² 300 ⁴ 500 ⁵ For utility model: Filing fee: ¹ EGP 100 0 ² Annual fee for the second year: EGP 20 10 ³ 2 ² Annual fee for the third year: EGP 40 20 ³ 4 ²
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	Reductions of the national fee are indicated under “National fee” above.

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).² Applicable in case of filing by students.³ Applicable in case of filing by individuals.⁴ Applicable in case of filing by research institutions.⁵ Applicable in case of filing by companies employing fewer than 10 persons.

RÉSUMÉ

**Office désigné
(ou élu)**

RÉSUMÉ

EG

OFFICE ÉGYPTIEN DES BREVETS

EG

Résumé des exigences pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT :	30 mois à compter de la date de priorité				
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)a) du PCT :	30 mois à compter de la date de priorité				
Traduction de la demande internationale requise en ¹ :	Arabe					
Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale ¹ :	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, à la fois telles que déposées initialement et telles que modifiées, ainsi que toute déclaration faite en vertu de l'article 19 du PCT), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé					
	En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer à la fois tel que déposé initialement et tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international)					
Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise ?	Non					
Taxe nationale :	Monnaie : Livre égyptienne (EGP)					
	Pour un brevet :					
	Taxe de dépôt ¹ :	EGP	150	0 ²		
	Taxe annuelle pour la 2 ^e année :	EGP	20	10 ³	2 ²	
	Taxe annuelle pour la 3 ^e année :	EGP	40	20 ³	4 ²	
	Taxe d'examen ¹ :	EGP	2.000	100 ³	0 ²	300 ⁴ 500 ⁵
	Pour un modèle d'utilité :					
Taxe de dépôt ¹ :	EGP	100	0 ²			
Taxe annuelle pour la 2 ^e année :	EGP	20	10 ³	2 ²		
Taxe annuelle pour la 3 ^e année :	EGP	40	20 ³	4 ²		
Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :	Les réductions de la taxe nationale sont indiquées ci-dessus sous la rubrique "Taxe nationale".					

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¹ Doit être remise ou payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

² Applicable dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par un étudiant.

³ Applicable dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par un particulier.

⁴ Applicable dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par un institut de recherche.

⁵ Applicable dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par une entreprise de moins de 10 salariés.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****EG****EGYPTIAN PATENT OFFICE****EG**

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 Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):⁶
Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application⁷Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies⁸

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)

Instrument of assignment of the international application if the applicant has changed after the international filing date

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Egypt

 Who can act as agent?

Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office

⁶ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

⁷ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁸ Must be furnished within six months from the date of the invitation by the Office.

RÉSUMÉ

**Office désigné
(ou élu)**

RÉSUMÉ

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OFFICE ÉGYPTIEN DES BREVETS

EG

[Suite]

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT)⁶ :

Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la
partie "requête" de la demande internationale⁷

Traduction de la demande internationale en trois exemplaires⁸

Justification du changement du nom du déposant si le changement
est survenu après la date du dépôt international et qu'il n'a pas été
reflété dans une notification émanant du Bureau international
(formulaire PCT/IB/306)

Acte de cession de la demande internationale si le déposant a changé
après la date du dépôt international

Désignation d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié en
Égypte

Qui peut agir en qualité de
mandataire ?

Tout conseil en brevets ou agent de brevets habilité à exercer auprès
de l'office

⁶ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de réception de l'invitation.

⁷ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17 du PCT.

⁸ Doit être remise dans un délai de six mois à compter de la date de l'invitation de l'office.

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FI Agreement between the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 August 2006. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,615
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,615
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 October 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ZAR 6,060

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO web site at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_fi.pdf.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

FI Accord entre l'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord susmentionné, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à la partie I de l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} août 2006. L'annexe C modifiée aura la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euros)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	1.615
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	1.615
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b), 71.2.b) et 94.2), par page	[Sans changement]

Partie II. [Sans changement]”

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

AU Australie

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**. Ce montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : ZAR 6.060

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(AU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

¹ Disponible (en anglais) sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_fi.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**FI Finland**

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 August 2006, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	EUR 1,615
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	EUR 1,615

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in "PCT-EASY mode") is used. These amounts, applicable from 1 October 2006, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR 7,700
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 80
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3): PCT-EASY:	ZAR 550

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES**LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya**

The **National Bureau for Research and Development (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya)** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya with the National Bureau for Research and Development (Libyan Arab Jamahiriya) as receiving Office.

OM Oman

The **Office of Oman** has specified the European Patent Office (EPO) as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Oman with the Office of Oman as receiving Office.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**FI Finlande**

L'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale. Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} août 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : EUR 1.615

Taxe de recherche additionnelle
(règle 40.2 du PCT) : EUR 1.615

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(FI) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

ZA Afrique du Sud

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt et la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction selon le point 3 du barème de taxes dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-SAFE (fonctionnant en "mode PCT-EASY"). Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt : ZAR 7.700

Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e : ZAR 80

Réductions (selon le barème de
taxes, point 3) :
PCT-EASY : ZAR 550

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(ZA) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**LY Jamahiriya arabe libyenne**

Le **Bureau national pour la recherche et le développement (Jamahiriya arabe libyenne)** a spécifié l'Office européen des brevets (OEB) en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées par les nationaux de la Jamahiriya arabe libyenne et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays auprès du Bureau national pour la recherche et le développement (Jamahiriya arabe libyenne) en sa qualité d'office récepteur.

OM Oman

L'**Office de l'Oman** a spécifié l'Office européen des brevets (OEB) en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées par les nationaux de l'Oman et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays auprès de l'Office de l'Oman en sa qualité d'office récepteur.

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****PH Philippines**

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 11 July 2006, the **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it would be prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 17 July 2006, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- ASCII (for certain files that are accompanying the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)
- ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- filing on one of the following physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

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PH Philippines

Depuis le 7 janvier 2002, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques appropriés est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F des Instructions administratives du PCT, qui contiennent, respectivement, le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires à la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement sous forme électronique des demandes internationales prévus à la règle 89*bis*.1 du PCT.

Le 11 juillet 2006, l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Philippines)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international, selon la règle 89*bis*.1.d) et l'instruction administrative 710.a) du PCT, qu'il serait disposé à recevoir et à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 17 juillet 2006, comme suit :

“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- XML (en général; voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- PDF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.2 de l'annexe F)
- TIFF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)
- ASCII (pour certains fichiers qui accompagnent la demande internationale auxquels des fichiers en XML renvoient; voir la section 3.1.1.3 de l'annexe F)
- ST.25 (pour les listages des séquences; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F et l'annexe C)

En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :

- dépôt effectué sur l'un des supports matériels suivants : disquette de 3,5 pouces, CD-R ou DVD-R (voir la section 5.2.1, la section 2.e) de l'appendice III et les sections 4.1, 4.3 et 4.5 de l'appendice IV de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne l'emballage électronique des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l'annexe F)
- WAD (documents constitutifs de la demande compactés; voir la section 4.1.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- logiciel PCT-SAFE

En ce qui concerne les types de signature électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- signature en fac-similé et signature composée d'une chaîne de caractères (voir les sections 3.3.1 et 3.3.2 de l'annexe F)
- signature électronique renforcée (voir la section 3.3.4 de l'annexe F)

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****PH Philippines (cont'd)****As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):**

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or in the case of applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic which were not disinfected by the anti-virus software of the Office's electronic system (see Section 708(b)), that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7) or certain missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. The following modes of payment are accepted: cash, cheque or bank draft.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The PCT Section of the Office may answer questions from users of the service. The section will be available between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday to Friday excluding official holidays and may be contacted by:

- telephone at (632) 752-5450 ext. 404
- fax at (632) 890-4862
- e-mail at pct@ipophil.gov.ph

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

In addition, if transmitted together with the international application:

- priority document
- original separate power of attorney
- original general power of attorney
- copy of general power of attorney
- statement explaining lack of signature
- separate indications concerning deposited microorganisms or other biological material
- sequence listing
- statement as to the identity of copy/copies with the sequence listing part of the description
- translation of international application into English

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**

PH Philippines (suite)

En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures ayant trait à la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)ii) :

L'accusé de réception de tout ce qui est supposé constituer une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique auprès de l'office contiendra les informations exigées au titre de l'instruction 704.a)i) à iv).

L'office fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique. Ce n'est que si la demande n'est pas envoyée conformément au protocole sur l'interopérabilité en matière de dépôt électronique (voir la section 5.1 de l'annexe F) ou dans le cas de demandes contaminées par des virus ou d'autres formes d'éléments malveillants qui n'ont pas été décontaminées par le logiciel antivirus du système électronique de l'office (voir l'instruction 708.b)) qu'un accusé de réception ne sera pas généré. D'autres erreurs, telles que l'utilisation de certificats caduques (voir la section 4.4.7 de l'appendice II de l'annexe F) ou des fichiers manquants, sont notifiées au déposant dans l'accusé de réception.

En ce qui concerne les moyens de paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a)ii) :

Le paiement en ligne n'est pas disponible. Les modes de paiement suivants sont acceptés : le paiement en espèces, par chèque ou par traite bancaire.

En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d'assistance (instruction 710.a)ii) :

La Section PCT de l'office peut répondre aux questions des utilisateurs du service. La section est ouverte, mis à part les vacances officielles, du lundi au vendredi de 8 heures à 17 heures et peut être contactée :

- par téléphone, au (632) 752-5450, poste 404
- par télécopie, au (632) 890-4862
- par courriel, à l'adresse électronique suivante : pct@ipophil.gov.ph

En ce qui concerne les types de documents qui peuvent être transmis à l'office sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)iii) :

- demandes internationales

De plus, s'ils sont transmis avec la demande internationale :

- document de priorité
- pouvoir distinct original
- pouvoir général original
- copie du pouvoir général
- déclaration expliquant l'absence de signature
- indications séparées concernant le dépôt de micro-organismes ou autre matériel biologique
- listage des séquences
- déclaration quant à l'identité de la copie ou des copies avec la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences
- traduction de la demande internationale en anglais

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****PH Philippines (cont'd)****As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):**

The Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper except in case of failure of the electronic systems of the Office.

Furthermore, the Office will not prepare a backup copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the electronic filing system on its web site (see www.ipophil.gov.ph).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**

PH Philippines (suite)

En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :

L'office n'acceptera aucun dépôt de copies de sauvegarde sur papier sauf en cas de défaillance de ses systèmes électroniques.

Par ailleurs, l'office ne préparera aucune copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sur papier à la demande du déposant.

En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :

Dans le cas où les systèmes électroniques ne seraient plus en état de marche au moment où une demande internationale est déposée auprès de lui, l'office mettra en œuvre tous les moyens dont il dispose pour informer le déposant des procédures de remplacement à suivre.

L'office fournira les informations relatives à la disponibilité du système de dépôt électronique sur son site Internet (www.ipophil.gov.ph).

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office et les adresses électroniques des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés (instruction 710.a)vi) :

- Autorité de certification de l'OMPI pour les utilisateurs (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/fr/certificates.htm)

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou archivées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible.”

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CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****GT Guatemala**

On 14 July 2006, **Guatemala** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 14 October 2006, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 14 October 2006 will automatically include the designation of Guatemala (country code: GT).

Guatemala will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 14 October 2006. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Guatemala will be entitled, as from 14 October 2006, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**TR Turkey**

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has introduced an additional telephone number. The list of telephone numbers now reads as follows:

Telephone: (90-312) 303 10 00
(90-312) 303 11 82 (Patent Dept.)

[Updating of Annex B1(TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. The new amount, applicable from 1 October 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): CHF 1,097

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)

GT Guatemala

Le 14 juillet 2006, le **Guatemala** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT et sera lié par le PCT le 14 octobre 2006.

Par conséquent, toute demande internationale déposée le 14 octobre 2006 ou ultérieurement comprendra automatiquement la désignation du Guatemala (code du pays : GT).

Le Guatemala sera lié par le chapitre II du PCT et sera automatiquement élu dans toute demande d'examen préliminaire international relative à une demande internationale déposée le 14 octobre 2006 ou ultérieurement. En outre, à partir du 14 octobre 2006, les nationaux du Guatemala et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe A du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

TR Turquie

L'**Institut turc des brevets** a introduit un numéro de téléphone supplémentaire. La liste des numéros de téléphone est désormais la suivante :

Téléphone : (90-312) 303 10 00
(90-312) 303 11 82 (Département des brevets)

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(TR) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

AU Australie

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **francs suisses (CHF)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets** aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le franc suisse (CHF) comme monnaie de paiement ou utilisent le franc suisse (CHF) comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : CHF 1.097

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(AU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**FI Finland**
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**. These amounts, applicable since 1 August 2006, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CHF 2,525
	USD 1,925

From 15 September 2006, a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** will replace the amount indicated above, as follows:

USD 2,059

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has informed the International Bureau that since 1 January 2005, there has been a new currency unit in Turkey, i.e., the **new Turkish lira (TRY)**, replacing the **Turkish lira (TRL)**. The amounts of fees in the new currency have been introduced, payable to the Turkish Patent Institute as designated (or elected) Office, and a new footnote giving further details relating to the change of the currency unit has been added, as follows:

National fee:

Currency: New Turkish lira (TRY)¹

For patent and utility model:

Filing fee: TRY 385

Fee for grant of letters:

For patent: TRY 240

For utility model certificate: TRY 240

First annual fee:

For patent: TRY 236

For utility model: TRY 236

Reinstatement of rights: TRY 750

[Updating of the National Chapter (TR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ According to Law No. 5083, published in the *Official Gazette* No. 25363, dated 31 January 2004, and effective since 1 January 2005, the new currency unit of Turkey is the new Turkish lira (TRY). Since 1 January 2005, one million Turkish lira (1,000,000 TRL) is equivalent to one new Turkish lira (1 TRY) and one new Turkish lira (1 TRY) is equivalent to 100 new kuruş (100 YKr).

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**FI Finlande****IB Bureau international**

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au **Bureau international** agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, de nouveaux montants équivalents en **francs suisses (CHF)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)** de la taxe de recherche, payables pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande**, ont été établis. Ces montants, applicables depuis le 1^{er} août 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	CHF 2.525
	USD 1.925

À compter du 15 septembre 2006, un nouveau montant équivalent en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)** remplacera le montant susmentionné, comme suit :

USD 2.059

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(FI) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TR Turquie

L'**Institut turc des brevets** a informé le Bureau international qu'une nouvelle unité monétaire est en vigueur en Turquie depuis le 1^{er} janvier 2005, à savoir, la **nouvelle lire turque (TRY)**, qui remplace la **lire turque (TRL)**. Les montants des taxes dans la nouvelle monnaie, payables à l'Institut turc des brevets en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), ont été établis, et une nouvelle note de bas de page donnant des précisions sur le changement d'unité monétaire a été ajoutée, comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Monnaie : Nouvelle lire turque (TRY)¹

Pour un brevet et un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt : TRY 385

Taxe de délivrance :

Pour un brevet : TRY 240

Pour un certificat de modèle
d'utilité : TRY 240

Première taxe annuelle :

Pour un brevet : TRY 236

Pour un modèle d'utilité : TRY 236

Rétablissement des droits : TRY 750

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (TR) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

¹ Selon la loi n° 5083, publiée dans la *Gazette officielle* n° 25363, du 31 janvier 2004, et en vigueur depuis le 1^{er} janvier 2005, la nouvelle unité monétaire de la Turquie est la nouvelle lire turque (TRY). Depuis le 1^{er} janvier 2005, un million de liras turques (1.000.000 TRL) équivaut à une nouvelle lire turque (1 TRY) et une nouvelle lire turque (1 TRY) équivaut à 100 nouveaux kuruş (100 YKr).

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DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**PG Papua New Guinea – Corrigendum**

The **Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea** has notified the International Bureau of an error in the information published in PCT Gazette No. 28/2006, of 13 July 2006, page 19008, concerning its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is required for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office. The corrected text of the requirement reads as follows:

Is a copy of the international application required?

The applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).

[Updating of the National Chapter (PG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**PG Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée – Rectificatif**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée** a informé le Bureau international d'une erreur dans les indications publiées dans la Gazette du PCT n° 28/2006, du 13 juillet 2006, page 19009, relatives à ses exigences concernant la question de savoir si une copie de la demande internationale est requise pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Le texte corrigé de l'exigence est le suivant :

Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise?

Le déposant ne doit remettre une copie de la demande internationale que s'il n'a pas reçu le formulaire PCT/IB/308 et que l'office n'a pas reçu du Bureau international de copie de la demande internationale conformément à l'article 20 du PCT. Cela peut se produire lorsque le déposant demande expressément l'ouverture anticipée de la phase nationale selon l'article 23.2) du PCT.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2006, are as follows:

International filing fee:	AUD	1,531
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD	16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):		
PCT-EASY:	AUD	109
Electronic filing (not in character coded format):	AUD	219
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	AUD	328

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ISK	156,000
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[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction under item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in "PCT-EASY mode") is used. These amounts, applicable from 1 November 2006, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	86,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK	900
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):		
PCT-EASY:	ISK	6,100

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars australiens (AUD)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt et la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour les réductions selon le point 3 du barème de taxes. Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} novembre 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	AUD	1.531
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	AUD	16
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :		
PCT-EASY :	AUD	109
Dépôt électronique (n'étant pas en format codé caractère par caractère) :	AUD	219
Dépôt électronique (en format codé caractère par caractère) :	AUD	328

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(AU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Ce montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} novembre 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	ISK	156.000
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[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

IS Islande

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt et la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction selon le point 3.a) du barème de taxes dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-SAFE (fonctionnant en "mode PCT-EASY"). Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} novembre 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	ISK	86.000
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	ISK	900
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :		
PCT-EASY :	ISK	6.100

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(IS) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**SE Sweden**

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the search fee in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ISK 156,000

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the higher search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**; the equivalent amount of the lower search fee remains unchanged. The new amount, applicable from 1 November 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ZAR 7,200 [No change]

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**SE Suède**

L'**Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement** a notifié au Bureau international un nouveau montant de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office. Ce montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} novembre 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : ISK 156.000

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(SE) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

Un nouveau montant équivalent du montant le plus élevé de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**; le montant équivalent du montant le plus bas de la taxe de recherche reste inchangé. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} novembre 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : ZAR 7.200 [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(US) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)	19054	EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)	19055

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**IB International Bureau**

The **International Bureau** as receiving Office has notified that it is now possible to pay fees with the following credit cards: VISA (**Swiss francs, euro or US dollars**), Mastercard or Eurocard (**Swiss francs, euro or US dollars**) or American Express (**Swiss francs or US dollars**).

The text of footnote 13 in Annex C/IB relating to the fees payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office now reads as follows:

“Details on the modes of payment of fees are available on the WIPO web site at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/filing/modes.htm”

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**GE Georgia**

The **Georgian Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, as follows:

E-mail: sakpatent@wanex.net

[Updating of Annex B1(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a change in its Internet address, as follows:

Internet: www.patents.gov.il

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MZ Mozambique

The **Industrial Property Institute (Mozambique)** has informed of a change in its telephone and facsimile machine numbers which now read as follows:

Telephone: (258-21) 354 900

Facsimile machine: (258-21) 354 944

[Updating of Annex B1(MZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**IB Bureau international**

Le **Bureau international** agissant en qualité d'office récepteur a notifié qu'il est désormais possible de payer les taxes au moyen des cartes de crédit suivantes : VISA (**francs suisses, euros ou dollars des États-Unis**), MasterCard ou Eurocard (**francs suisses, euros ou dollars des États-Unis**) ou American Express (**francs suisses ou dollars des États-Unis**).

Le texte de la note de bas de page 13 de l'annexe C(IB) relative aux taxes payables au Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur a désormais la teneur suivante :

“Les détails sur les modes de paiement des taxes sont disponibles sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.wipo.int/pct/fr/filing/modes.htm”

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(IB) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**GE Géorgie**

L'**Office géorgien de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié un changement relatif à son adresse électronique, comme suit :

Courrier électronique : sakpatent@wanex.net

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(GE) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

IL Israël

L'**Office des brevets d'Israël** a notifié un changement relatif à son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Internet : www.patents.gov.il

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(IL) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

MZ Mozambique

L'**Institut de la propriété industrielle (Mozambique)** a informé d'un changement relatif à ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur qui sont désormais les suivants :

Téléphone : (258-21) 354 900

Télécopieur : (258-21) 354 944

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(MZ) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

RECEIVING OFFICES**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a change in the number of copies on paper of the international application required by it as receiving Office, as follows:

Number of copies on paper
required by the receiving Office: 1

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a notifié un changement concernant le nombre d'exemplaires sur papier de la demande internationale qu'il exige en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Nombre d'exemplaires requis sur papier
par l'office récepteur : 1

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**PT Portugal**

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has informed of a change in its telephone number, as follows:

Telephone: (351-21) 881 81 00

[Updating of Annex B1(PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**NG Nigeria**

Information on the requirements of the **Commercial Law Department (Trademarks, Patents and Designs) (Nigeria)** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary of the National Chapter (NG), which is published on the following pages.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**PT Portugal**

L'**Institut national de la propriété industrielle (Portugal)** a notifié un changement relatif à son numéro de téléphone, comme suit :

Téléphone : (351-21) 881 81 00

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(PT) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**NG Nigéria**

Des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences du **Département du droit commercial (marques, brevets et dessins et modèles) (Nigéria)** en tant qu'office désigné (ou élu) figurent dans le résumé du chapitre national (NG), qui est publié aux pages suivantes.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****NG****COMMERCIAL LAW DEPARTMENT
(TRADEMARKS, PATENTS AND DESIGNS)
(NIGERIA)****NG****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee: ¹	Currency: Nigerian naira (NGN) Filing fee: NGN 13,000
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis): ²	Appointment of an agent Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ³ Translation of the international application to be furnished in two copies
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office.

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

RÉSUMÉ**Office désigné
(ou élu)****RÉSUMÉ****NG DÉPARTEMENT DU DROIT COMMERCIAL NG
(MARQUES, BREVETS ET DESSINS
ET MODÈLES) (NIGÉRIA)****Résumé des exigences pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale**

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT :	30 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)a) du PCT :	30 mois à compter de la date de priorité
Traduction de la demande internationale requise en ¹ :	Anglais	
Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale ¹ :	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, à la fois telles que déposées initialement et telles que modifiées, ainsi que toute déclaration faite en vertu de l'article 19 du PCT), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé	
	En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer seulement tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international)	
Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise?	Non	
Taxe nationale ¹ :	Monnaie :	Naira nigérian (NGN)
	Taxe de dépôt :	NGN 13.000
Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :	Néant	
Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51bis du PCT) ² :	Désignation d'un mandataire	
	Justification du changement du nom du déposant si le changement est survenu après la date du dépôt international et qu'il n'a pas été reflété dans une notification émanant du Bureau international (formulaire PCT/IB/306)	
	Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale ³	
	Traduction de la demande internationale en deux exemplaires	
Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?	Tout conseil en brevet ou agent de brevets habilité à exercer auprès de l'office.	

¹ Doit être remise ou payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

² Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

³ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17 du PCT.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES****KR Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex B**

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex B thereof. The amendment entered into force on 16 August 2006. The amended Annex B reads as follows:

**“Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination**

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

subject matter which is searched or examined in Korean national applications.”

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change, applicable since 16 August 2006, relating to the subject matter set forth in Rules 39.1 and 67.1, respectively, which, under Article 4 of the Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, is not excluded from search or examination, as follows:

Subject matter that will not be searched: The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of subject matter which is searched in Korean national applications

Subject matter that will not be examined: The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of subject matter which is examined in Korean national applications

[Updating of Annex D(KR) and E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AT Austria**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 15 November 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ZAR 1,830

[Updating of Annex D(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Available on the WIPO web site at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

KR Accord entre l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe B

L'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.2) de l'accord susmentionné, une notification l'informant d'une modification apportée à l'annexe B de cet accord. Cette modification est entrée en vigueur le 16 août 2006. L'annexe B modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe B
Objets non exclus de la recherche ou de l'examen**

Les objets visés à la règle 39.1 ou 67.1 qui, conformément à l'article 4 de l'accord, ne sont pas exclus de la recherche ou de l'examen sont les suivants :

les objets soumis à la recherche ou à l'examen pour ce qui concerne les demande nationales coréennes.”

KR République de Corée

L'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle a notifié un changement, applicable depuis le 16 août 2006, concernant les objets visés à la règle 39.1 ou 67.1 respectivement, qui, conformément à l'article 4 de l'accord entre l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle ne sont pas exclus de la recherche ou de l'examen, comme suit :

Objets exclus de la recherche : Tout objet mentionné aux points i) à vi) de la règle 39.1 du PCT à l'exception des objets soumis à une recherche pour ce qui concerne les demandes nationales coréennes

Objets exclus de l'examen : Tout objet mentionné aux points i) à vi) de la règle 67.1 du PCT à l'exception des objets soumis à l'examen pour ce qui concerne les demandes nationales coréennes

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(KR) et E(KR) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

AT Autriche

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office autrichien des brevets**. Ce montant, applicable à compter du 15 novembre 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : ZAR 1.830

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(AT) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

¹ Disponible (en anglais) sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_kr.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 15 November 2006, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): JPY 238,100

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **yen japonais (JPY)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Ce montant, applicable à compter du 15 novembre 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : JPY 238.100

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

SECTION IV

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES****EP Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Notification under Article 3(4)(a)(ii) of the Agreement**

Under Article 3(4)(a)(ii) of the Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the functioning of the European Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, the President of the EPO notified the International Bureau of changes in the competence of the EPO as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority (see PCT Gazette No. 52/2001, pages 24248 and 24250, No. 48/2003, page 27114, and No. 07/2005, page 4432). On 11 August 2006, the International Bureau received from the President of the EPO a new notification under Article 3(4)(a)(ii) relating to the prolongation of the period for which the limitation of the EPO's competence as International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority in the field of business methods is applicable. In compliance with the last sentence of Article 3(4)(b), the text of the notification is reproduced hereafter:

“Notice from the European Patent Office dated 27 July 2006 concerning prolongation of the limitation of the EPO's competence as a PCT Authority

The limitation of the EPO's competence as a PCT Authority **concerning the field of business methods** as set out most recently in the Notice from the President of the EPO of 1 December 2004² and due to expire on 1 March 2007, is to be prolonged for a further period of 2 years from 1 March 2007, i.e. until 1 March 2009.”

Furthermore, it is to be noted in this context that since the entry into force on 1 January 2006 of the eighth edition of the International Patent Classification (IPC), business method related inventions (old IPC class: G06F 17/60) now correspond to the following classes and sub-classes:

- G06Q: Data processing systems or methods, specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes; systems or methods specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes, not otherwise provided for
- G06Q 10/00: Administration, e.g. office automation, reservation; management, e.g. resource or project management
- G06Q 30/00: Commerce, e.g. marketing, shopping, billing, auctions or e-commerce
- G06Q 40/00: Finance, e.g. banking, investment or tax processing; insurance, e.g. risk analysis or pensions
- G06Q 50/00: Systems or methods specially adapted for a specific business sector, e.g. health care, utilities, tourism or legal services
- G06Q 90/00: Systems or methods specially adapted for administrative, commercial, financial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes, not involving significant data processing
- G06Q 99/00: Subject matter not provided for in other groups of this subclass

¹ Available on the WIPO web site at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

² OJ EPO 2/2005, 149. For the original notification, see OJ EPO 2002, 52.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

EP Accord entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Notification en vertu de l'article 3.4)a)ii) de l'accord

En vertu de l'article 3.4)a)ii) de l'accord entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets et le Bureau international de l'OMPI concernant les fonctions de l'Office européen des brevets en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international au titre du PCT, le Président de l'OEB a notifié au Bureau international des changements concernant la compétence de l'OEB en tant qu'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 52/2001, pages 24249 et 24251, n° 48/2003, page 27115 et n° 07/2005, page 4433). Le 11 août 2006, le Bureau international a reçu du Président de l'OEB une nouvelle notification en vertu de l'article 3.4)a)ii) relative à la prolongation de la période pour laquelle la limitation de la compétence de l'OEB en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international dans le domaine des méthodes commerciales est applicable. Conformément à la dernière phrase de l'article 3.4)b), le texte de la notification (traduction française établie par le Bureau international) est reproduit ci-après :

“Communiqué de l'Office européen des brevets, en date du 27 juillet 2006, concernant la prolongation de la limitation de compétence de l'OEB agissant en qualité d'administration au titre du PCT

La limitation de la compétence de l'OEB agissant en qualité d'administration au titre du PCT **dans le domaine des méthodes commerciales**, prévue précédemment dans le communiqué du Président de l'OEB en date du 1^{er} décembre 2004² et devant prendre fin le 1^{er} mars 2007, est prolongée pour une nouvelle période de deux ans à compter du 1^{er} mars 2007, à savoir jusqu'au 1^{er} mars 2009.”

De plus, dans ce contexte, il est à noter que depuis l'entrée en vigueur, le 1^{er} janvier 2006, de la huitième édition de la classification internationale des brevets (CIB), les inventions relatives aux méthodes commerciales (ancienne classe de la CIB : G06F 17/60) relèvent désormais des classes et sous-classes suivantes :

- G06Q: Systèmes ou méthodes de traitement de données, spécialement adaptés à des fins administratives, commerciales, financières, de gestion, de surveillance ou de prévision; systèmes ou méthodes spécialement adaptés à des fins administratives, commerciales, financières, de gestion, de surveillance ou de prévision, non prévus ailleurs
- G06Q 10/00 : Administration, p. ex. bureautique, services de réservation; gestion, p. ex. gestion de ressources ou de projet
- G06Q 30/00 : Commerce, p. ex. marketing, achat ou vente, facturation, vente aux enchères ou commerce électronique
- G06Q 40/00 : Finance, p. ex. activités bancaires, traitement des placements ou des taxes; assurance, p. ex. analyse des risques ou pensions
- G06Q 50/00 : Systèmes ou méthodes spécialement adaptés à un secteur particulier d'activité économique, p. ex. santé, services d'utilité publique, tourisme ou services juridiques
- G06Q 90/00 : Systèmes ou méthodes spécialement adaptés à des fins administratives, commerciales, financières, de gestion, de surveillance et de prévision, n'impliquant pas de traitement significatif de données
- G06Q 99/00 : Matière non couverte par les autres groupes de la présente sous-classe

¹ Disponible (en anglais) sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_ep.pdf.

² JO OEB 2/2005, 149. Pour la notification originale, voir JO OEB 2002, 52.

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES (cont'd)****EP Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization – Notification under Article 3(4)(a)(ii) of the Agreement (cont'd)**

For information: US class covering corresponding subject matter

705 Data processing: financial, business practice, management, or cost/price determination

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**FI Finland**

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has informed the International Bureau of a modification in the time limit for payment of a component of the national fee, namely the annual fees for the first three years, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The new time limit is outlined in a footnote, reproduced hereafter:

“The renewal fees for an international application in respect of fee years which have begun before the date on which the application was pursued under section 31 of the Patents Act or was taken up for processing under section 38 of the same Act or which begin within two months of such date become in no event due until the last day of the month that falls two months after the date on which the application was pursued or otherwise prosecuted.”

[Updating of the National Chapter (FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES**MY Malaysia**

The **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia** has specified the Australian Patent Office, the European Patent Office and the Korean Intellectual Property Office as competent International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Malaysia with the Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia as receiving Office with effect since 16 August 2006.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL (suite)**

EP Accord entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle – Notification en vertu de l'article 3.4)a)ii) de l'accord (suite)

Pour information : classe US couvrant les objets correspondants

705 Traitement de données : gestion des comptes, pratiques commerciales, gestion ou établissement des coûts et des prix

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

FI Finlande

L'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande a informé le Bureau international d'une modification du délai de paiement d'une composante de la taxe nationale, à savoir les taxes annuelles pour les trois premières années, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Le nouveau délai est indiqué dans une note de bas de page, reproduite ci-après :

“Les taxes de renouvellement pour une demande internationale qui sont dues pour les années antérieures à la date à laquelle l'office commence le traitement de cette demande sur le plan national en vertu soit de l'article 31 de la loi sur les brevets, soit de l'article 38 de ladite loi, ou qui sont dues dans un délai de deux mois à compter de cette date, sont exigibles au plus tard le dernier jour du mois au cours duquel le délai de deux mois précité vient à expiration.”

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (FI) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS

MY Malaisie

La Société de propriété intellectuelle de Malaisie a spécifié l'Office australien des brevets, l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle et l'Office européen des brevets en tant qu'administrations compétentes chargées de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées par les nationaux de la Malaisie et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays auprès de la Société de propriété intellectuelle de Malaisie en sa qualité d'office récepteur avec effet depuis le 16 août 2006.

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**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****DE Germany**

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 30 August 2006, the **German Patent and Trade Mark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it would be prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 4 October 2006, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

For the PaTrAS filing software:

- online filing (according to OSCI protocol, see www.osci.de)
- physical media (CD-R, CD-RW, DVD-R, DVD+R, DVD+RW, DVD-RW)

For the *epoline*® and PCT-SAFE filing software:

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5)
- physical media (CD-R, CD-RW, DVD-R, DVD+R, DVD+RW, DVD-RW)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

For the PaTrAS filing software:

- OSCI WASP (www.osci.de)

For the *epoline*® and PCT-SAFE filing software:

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PaTrAS software
- *epoline*® software
- PCT-SAFE software

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****DE Allemagne**

Depuis le 7 janvier 2002, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques appropriés est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F des Instructions administratives du PCT, qui contiennent, respectivement, le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires à la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement sous forme électronique des demandes internationales prévus à la règle 89bis.1 du PCT.

Le 30 août 2006, l'**Office allemand des brevets et des marques**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international, selon la règle 89bis.1.d) et l'instruction administrative 710.a) du PCT, qu'il serait disposé à recevoir et à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 4 octobre 2006, comme suit :

“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- XML (en général; voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- Norme OMPI ST.25 (pour les listages des séquences; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F et l'annexe C)
- PDF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.2 de l'annexe F)
- TIFF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :

Pour le logiciel de dépôt PaTrAS :

- dépôt en ligne (selon le protocole OSCI, voir www.osci.de)
- supports matériels (CD-R, CD-RW, DVD-R, DVD+R, DVD+RW, DVD-RW)

Pour les logiciels de dépôt *epoline*® et PCT-SAFE :

- dépôt en ligne (voir la section 5 de l'annexe F)
- supports matériels (CD-R, CD-RW, DVD-R, DVD+R, DVD+RW, DVD-RW)

En ce qui concerne l'emballage électronique des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

Pour le logiciel de dépôt PaTrAS :

- WASP OSCI (www.osci.de)

Pour les logiciels de dépôt *epoline*® et PCT-SAFE :

- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- logiciel PaTrAS
- logiciel *epoline*®
- logiciel PCT-SAFE

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****DE Germany (cont'd)****As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):**

Basic signatures acceptable in the request:

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)

Electronic signature for signing applicant package using PaTrAS filing software:

- qualified electronic signature, as defined by the German *Signaturgesetz*

Electronic signature for signing applicant package using *epoline*® and PCT-SAFE filing software:

- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the above mentioned means of transmittal or document packaging that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates, applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic or certain missing files are notified to the applicant by issuing an error report.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 9 am and 3 pm Monday to Friday excluding official holidays. It may be contacted:

- by telephone at +49 89 2195 2500
- by fax at +49 89 2195 2221 (to be addressed to Hr. Mück, Ref 4.2.4c)
- by e-mail at support.dpma-direkt@dpma.de

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****DE Allemagne (suite)****En ce qui concerne les types de signature électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :**

Signatures de base acceptables dans la requête :

- signature en fac-similé et signature composée d'une chaîne de caractères (voir les sections 3.3.1 et 3.3.2 de l'annexe F)

Signature électronique utilisée pour signer le paquet du déposant au moyen du logiciel de dépôt PaTrAS :

- signature électronique qualifiée, telle que définie par la *Signaturgesetz* allemande

Signature électronique utilisée pour signer le paquet du déposant au moyen des logiciels de dépôt *epoline*® et PCT-SAFE :

- signature électronique renforcée (voir la section 3.3.4 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures ayant trait à la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)ii) :

L'accusé de réception de tout ce qui est supposé constituer une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique auprès de l'office contiendra, outre les informations exigées au titre de l'instruction 704.a)i) à iv), les noms des fichiers électroniques reçus (voir l'instruction 704.a)v)).

Ce n'est que si la demande n'est pas envoyée conformément aux moyens de transmission ou à l'emballage des documents susmentionnés qu'un accusé de réception ne sera pas généré. D'autres erreurs, telles que l'utilisation de certificats caduques, des demandes contaminées par des virus ou d'autres formes d'éléments malveillants ou des fichiers manquants, sont notifiées au déposant au moyen d'un rapport d'erreur.

Lorsqu'il semble que l'accusé de réception envoyé au déposant par des moyens de transmission électroniques n'a pas été transmis avec succès, l'office renverra, à bref délai, l'accusé de réception par le même moyen ou par un autre moyen (voir l'instruction 709.b)).

En ce qui concerne les moyens de paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a)ii) :

Le paiement en ligne n'est pas disponible. Seuls les moyens de paiement actuellement disponibles sont acceptés.

En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d'assistance (instruction 710.a)iii) :

L'office a mis en place un service d'assistance pour répondre aux questions des utilisateurs du service. Le service d'assistance est ouvert du lundi au vendredi de 9 heures à 15 heures, mis à part les vacances officielles. Il peut être contacté :

- par téléphone, au +49 89 2195 2500
- par télécopieur, au +49 89 2195 2221 (à l'attention de Hr. Mück, Ref 4.2.4c)
- par courriel, à l'adresse électronique suivante : support.dpma-direkt@dpma.de

En ce qui concerne les types de documents qui peuvent être transmis à l'office sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)iii) :

- demandes internationales

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****DE Germany (cont'd)****As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):**

The Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper. Furthermore, the Office will not prepare a backup copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.dpma.de/service/dpmadirekt).

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

For the PaTrAS filing software:

The DPMA will accept only qualified signatures according to the German *Signaturgesetz*. The following table lists the certification authorities that are accepted on 20 July 2006:

Certification authority	Quality mark of the Bundesnetzagentur
Produktzentrum TeleSec der Deutschen Telekom AG, Untere Industriestr. 20, 57250 Netphen	Z0001
Bundesnotarkammer, Burgmauer 53, 50667 Köln	Z0003
DATEV eG Zertifizierungsstelle, Paumgartnerstr. 6-14, 90429 Nürnberg	Z0004
Steuerberaterkammer Nürnberg Zertifizierungsstelle, Dürrenhofstr. 4, 90402 Nürnberg	Z0005
Hanseatische Steuerberaterkammer Bremen, Am Wall 192, 28195 Bremen	Z0007
Steuerberaterkammer Saarland Zertifizierungsstelle, Am Kieselhumes 15, 66123 Saarbrücken	Z0008
Rechtsanwaltskammer Bamberg, Friedrichstr. 7, 96047 Bamberg	Z0009
Rechtsanwaltskammer Koblenz, Rheinstr. 24, 56068 Koblenz	Z0010
Steuerberaterkammer Stuttgart, Hegelstr. 33, 70174 Stuttgart	Z0011
Steuerberaterkammer München, Nederlinger Str. 9, 80638 München	Z0012
Steuerberaterkammer Berlin, Meierottostr. 7, 10719 Berlin	Z0014
TC TrustCenter AG, Sonninstr. 24-28, 20097 Hamburg	Z0016
Steuerberaterkammer Niedersachsen, Adenauerallee 20, 30175 Hannover	Z0018

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**

DE Allemagne (suite)

En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :

L'office n'acceptera aucun dépôt de copie de sauvegarde sur papier. Par ailleurs, l'office ne préparera aucune copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sur papier à la demande du déposant.

En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :

L'office fournira les informations relatives à la disponibilité du système de dépôt en ligne sur son site Internet (www.dpma.de/service/dpmadirekt).

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office et les adresses électroniques des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés (instruction 710.a)vi) :

Pour le logiciel de dépôt PaTrAS :

Le DPMA n'acceptera que des signatures qualifiées, telles que définies par la *Signaturgesetz* allemande. Le tableau suivant indique les autorités de certification acceptées au 20 juillet 2006 :

Autorité de certification	Appréciation de qualité de la Bundesnetzagentur
Produktzentrum TeleSec der Deutschen Telekom AG, Untere Industriestr. 20, 57250 Netphen	Z0001
Bundesnotarkammer, Burgmauer 53, 50667 Köln	Z0003
DATEV eG Zertifizierungsstelle, Paumgartnerstr. 6-14, 90429 Nürnberg	Z0004
Steuerberaterkammer Nürnberg Zertifizierungsstelle, Dürrenhofstr. 4, 90402 Nürnberg	Z0005
Hanseatische Steuerberaterkammer Bremen, Am Wall 192, 28195 Bremen	Z0007
Steuerberaterkammer Saarland Zertifizierungsstelle, Am Kieselhumes 15, 66123 Saarbrücken	Z0008
Rechtsanwaltskammer Bamberg, Friedrichstr. 7, 96047 Bamberg	Z0009
Rechtsanwaltskammer Koblenz, Rheinstr. 24, 56068 Koblenz	Z0010
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Hanseatische Rechtsanwaltskammer Hamburg, Bleichenbrücke 9, 20345 Hamburg	Z0019
Rechtsanwaltskammer München, Tal 33, 80331 München	Z0020
Steuerberaterkammer Brandenburg, Tuchmacherstr. 48 B, 14482 Postdam	Z0021
Wirtschaftsprüferkammer, Rauchstr. 26, 10787 Berlin	Z0022
Rechtsanwaltskammer Berlin, Littenstr. 9, 10179 Berlin	Z0023
Steuerberaterkammer des Freistaates Sachsen, Emil-Fuchs-Str. 2, 04105 Leipzig	Z0024
Rechtsanwaltskammer Frankfurt am Main, Bockenheimer Anlage 36, 60322 Frankfurt am Main	Z0025
Rechtsanwaltskammer Nürnberg, Fürther Str. 115, 90429 Nürnberg	Z0026
Patentanwaltskammer, Tal 29, 80331 München	Z0027
Steuerberaterkammer Nordbaden, Vangerowstr. 16/1, 69115 Heidelberg	Z0028
Steuerberaterkammer Hessen, Gutleutstr. 175, 60327 Frankfurt am Main	Z0029
Deutsche Post Com GmbH Geschäftsfeld Signtrust, Tulpenfeld 9, 53113 Bonn	Z0002
Rechtsanwaltskammer Köln, Riehler Str. 30, 50668 Köln	-
Rechtsanwaltskammer Düsseldorf, Freiligrathstraße 25, 40479 Düsseldorf	-
TC TrustCenter GmbH, Sonninstr. 24-28, 20097 Hamburg	-
D-Trust GmbH, Kommandantenstraße 15, 10969 Berlin	-
Deutscher Sparkassen Verlag GmbH, Am Wallgraben 115, 70565 Stuttgart	-
A-Trust Gesellschaft für Sicherheitssysteme im elektronischen Datenverkehr GmbH, Hauptstraße 5, 1030 Wien 1	-

For the *epoline*® and PCT-SAFE filing software:

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office
(www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Väestörekisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi) (FINEID smartcards)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (CERES certificates)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**

DE Allemagne (suite)

Hanseatische Rechtsanwaltskammer Hamburg, Bleichenbrücke 9, 20345 Hamburg	Z0019
Rechtsanwaltskammer München, Tal 33, 80331 München	Z0020
Steuerberaterkammer Brandenburg, Tuchmacherstr. 48 B, 14482 Postdam	Z0021
Wirtschaftsprüferkammer, Rauchstr. 26, 10787 Berlin	Z0022
Rechtsanwaltskammer Berlin, Littenstr. 9, 10179 Berlin	Z0023
Steuerberaterkammer des Freistaates Sachsen, Emil-Fuchs-Str. 2, 04105 Leipzig	Z0024
Rechtsanwaltskammer Frankfurt am Main, Bockenheimer Anlage 36, 60322 Frankfurt am Main	Z0025
Rechtsanwaltskammer Nürnberg, Fürther Str. 115, 90429 Nürnberg	Z0026
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A-Trust Gesellschaft für Sicherheitssysteme im elektronischen Datenverkehr GmbH, Hauptstraße 5, 1030 Wien 1	-

Pour les logiciels de dépôt *epoline*® et PCT-SAFE :

- Autorité de certification de l'Office européen des brevets
(www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- Autorité de certification de l'OMPI pour les utilisateurs (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/fr/certificates.htm)
- Väestörekisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi) (cartes à puce FINEID)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (certificats CERES)

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou archivées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible."

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**DE Germany**

Further to the notification by the **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form with effect from 4 October 2006 (see above), equivalent amounts in **euro (EUR)** of the new electronic filing reductions have been established, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):

PCT-EASY:	[No change]
Electronic filing (not in character coded format):	EUR 129
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	EUR 193

[Updating of Annex C(DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

JP Japan

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 1 December 2006, are as follows:

International filing fee:	JPY 130,300
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,400
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	JPY 9,300
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	JPY 27,900

[Updating of Annex C(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**DE Allemagne**

Suite à la notification de l'**Office allemand des brevets et des marques** selon laquelle l'office est disposé à recevoir les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 4 octobre 2006 (voir ci-dessus), les montants équivalents, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, des nouvelles réductions pour le dépôt électronique ont été établis, avec effet à compter de la même date, comme suit :

Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :

PCT-EASY :	[Sans changement]
Dépôt électronique (n'étant pas en format codé caractère par caractère) :	EUR 129
Dépôt électronique (en format codé caractère par caractère) :	EUR 193

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(DE) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

JP Japon

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **yen japonais (JPY)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt et la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour les réductions selon le point 3 du barème de taxes. Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} décembre 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	JPY 130.300
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	JPY 1.400
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY :	JPY 9.300
Dépôt électronique (en format codé caractère par caractère) :	JPY 27.900

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(JP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

SECTION IV

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**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY
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A number of changes to the PCT Regulations and other changes affecting the PCT system were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) during its thirty-fifth (20th extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 25 September to 3 October 2006 as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO. Documents which were prepared for the Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, are available, and the report of the session will be available shortly, on the WIPO website at:

www.wipo.int/meetings/en/details.jsp?meeting_id=11183.

Some of the changes that were approved by the Assembly and which enter into force on 12 October 2006 are outlined below; other changes will be the subject of later publication.

Amendments to the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations

The wording of item 3 of the Schedule of Fees in effect prior to 12 October 2006 implicitly required that, in order to qualify for at least some electronic filing related fee reduction, the request be in character coded format while the description, claims, drawings and abstract might be in a non-character coded format, for example, an image based format such as PDF (portable document format).

Noting that:

(i) some receiving Offices wished to accept international applications filed in electronic form where the entire application, including the request, would be in a non-character coded format, and

(ii) greater efficiency in terms of data entry, optical character recognition, storage, handling and searching possibilities might be achieved where the request is in character coded format,

the Assembly approved the proposal to fix a new reduction in the international filing fee of 100 Swiss francs in respect of international applications where the request was not in character coded format (item 3(b)), compared with 200 Swiss francs where the request was in character coded format (item 3(c)) and 300 Swiss francs where the request, description, claims and abstract were all in character coded format (item 3(d)). The present fee reduction of 100 Swiss francs for filings on paper accompanied by a PCT-SAFE CD or diskette was retained (item 3(a)).

The amended Schedule of Fees enters into force on 12 October 2006, and applies to any international application whose international filing date is on or after 12 October 2006, provided that the Schedule of Fees as worded before its amendment shall continue to apply to any international application which is received by a receiving Office before 12 October 2006, and is accorded an international filing date that is on or after 12 October 2006. The amended Schedule of Fees does not apply to any international application whose international filing date is before 12 October 2006.

The text of the amended Schedule of Fees is reproduced on page 19092.

RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS – ASSEMBLÉE (TRENTE-CINQUIÈME SESSION (20^e SESSION EXTRAORDINAIRE))**NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**

Un certain nombre de modifications du règlement d'exécution du PCT ainsi que d'autres changements concernant le système du PCT ont été approuvés par l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) à sa trente-cinquième session (20^e session extraordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 25 septembre au 3 octobre 2006 dans le cadre des réunions des Assemblées des États membres de l'OMPI. Les documents qui ont été établis pour l'assemblée et qui donnent l'historique des décisions qui ont été prises sont disponibles, et le rapport de la session sera disponible prochainement, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante :

www.wipo.int/meetings/fr/details.jsp?meeting_id=11183.

Certains des changements qui ont été approuvés par l'assemblée et qui entrent en vigueur le 12 octobre 2006 sont présentés ci-dessous; d'autres changements feront l'objet d'une publication ultérieure.

Modifications du barème de taxes annexé au Règlement d'exécution du PCT

Le texte du point 3 du barème de taxes en vigueur avant le 12 octobre 2006 exigeait implicitement que, pour pouvoir bénéficier au moins d'une réduction de taxe, la requête soit présentée en format à codage de caractères alors que la description, les revendications, les dessins et l'abrégé pouvaient ne pas être en format à codage de caractères et être présentés, par exemple, en un format de fichier image tel que PDF (*portable document format*).

Compte tenu :

(i) du fait que certains offices récepteurs souhaitaient accepter des demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique lorsque la totalité de la demande, y compris la requête, n'était pas en format à codage de caractères, et

(ii) de l'augmentation de l'efficacité en termes de saisie de données, de reconnaissance optique des caractères, de stockage, de traitement et de recherche lorsque la requête est en format à codage de caractères,

l'assemblée a approuvé la proposition de fixer une nouvelle réduction de la taxe internationale de dépôt de 100 francs suisses en ce qui concerne les demandes internationales lorsque la requête n'est pas en format à codage de caractères (point 3.b)) contre 200 francs suisses lorsque la requête est en format à codage de caractères (point 3.c)) et 300 francs suisses lorsque la totalité de la requête, de la description, des revendications et de l'abrégé sont en format à codage de caractères (point 3.d)). La réduction de taxe actuelle de 100 francs suisses pour les dépôts de demandes internationales sur papier, accompagnés d'un CD PCT-SAFE ou d'une disquette, a été conservée (point 3.a)).

Le barème de taxes modifié entre en vigueur le 12 octobre 2006 et s'applique à toute demande internationale dont la date de dépôt international est le 12 octobre 2006 ou une date postérieure, étant entendu que le barème de taxes existant préalablement à la modification continue de s'appliquer à toute demande internationale reçue par un office récepteur avant le 12 octobre 2006 et à laquelle est attribuée comme date de dépôt international le 12 octobre 2006 ou une date postérieure. Le barème de taxes modifié ne s'applique à aucune demande internationale dont la date de dépôt international est antérieure au 12 octobre 2006.

Le texte du barème de taxes modifié est reproduit à la page 19093.

**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY
(THIRTY-FIFTH (20TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION) (cont'd)****NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU (cont'd)***Modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT*

Following the adoption by the Assembly of the PCT Union of the proposed amendments to the Schedule of Fees, Section 707 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT has also been modified. This modification aligns Section 707 with the new wording of item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. Modified Section 707 clarifies that items 3(b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees apply to reduce the international filing fee in respect of an international application filed in electronic form with a receiving Office which, in accordance with Section 703(d), has decided to receive such an application although it has not formally notified the International Bureau under Section 710(a) that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form.

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), modified Section 707 is promulgated with effect from 12 October 2006.

The text of modified Section 707 is reproduced on page 19092.

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS –
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Suite à l'adoption par l'Assemblée de l'Union du PCT des modifications proposées du barème de taxes, l'instruction 707 des Instructions administratives du PCT a également été modifiée. Cette modification aligne l'instruction 707 sur le nouveau texte du point 3 du barème de taxes. L'instruction 707 modifiée précise que les alinéas b), c) et d) du point 3 du barème de taxes sont applicables aux fins de la réduction de la taxe internationale de dépôt en ce qui concerne une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique auprès d'un office récepteur qui, conformément à l'instruction 703.d), a décidé de recevoir une demande de ce type bien qu'il n'ait pas officiellement informé le Bureau international selon l'instruction 710.a) qu'il est disposé à recevoir des demandes internationales sous forme électronique.

Après consultation des offices et administrations intéressés conformément à la règle 89.2.b) du PCT, l'instruction 707 modifiée est promulguée avec effet à partir du 12 octobre 2006.

Le texte de l'instruction 707 modifié est reproduit à la page 19093.

**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY
(THIRTY-FIFTH (20TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION) (cont'd)**

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 12 October 2006)

SCHEDULE OF FEES

Fees	Amounts
1. International filing fee: (Rule 15.2)	1,400 Swiss francs plus 15 Swiss francs for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets
2. Handling fee: (Rule 57.2)	200 Swiss francs

Reductions

3. The international filing fee is reduced by the following amount if the international application is, as provided for in the Administrative Instructions, filed:

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| (a) on paper together with a copy in electronic form, in character coded format, of the request and the abstract: | 100 Swiss francs |
| (b) in electronic form, the request not being in character coded format: | 100 Swiss francs |
| (c) in electronic form, the request being in character coded format: | 200 Swiss francs |
| (d) in electronic form, the request, description, claims and abstract being in character coded format: | 300 Swiss francs |

4. The international filing fee (where applicable, as reduced under item 3) and the handling fee are reduced by 75% if the international application is filed by:

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|--|
| (a) an applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below US\$3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997); or |
| (b) an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is classed as a least developed country by the United Nations; |

provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria set out in either sub-item (a) or (b).

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT
(to enter into force on 12 October 2006)

Section 707

Calculation of International Filing Fee and Fee Reduction

(a) and (a-bis) [No change]

(b) Item 3(b), (c) and (d) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations shall apply to reduce the fees payable in respect of an international application filed in electronic form with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710(a) that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form or which has decided to receive such an application in accordance with Section 703(d).

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS –
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MODIFICATIONS DU RÈGLEMENT D'EXÉCUTION DU PCT
(dont l'entrée en vigueur est fixée au 12 octobre 2006)

BARÈME DE TAXES

Taxes

	Montants
1. Taxe internationale de dépôt : (règle 15.2)	1400 francs suisses plus 15 francs suisses par feuille de la demande internationale à compter de la 31 ^e
2. Taxe de traitement : (règle 57.2)	200 francs suisses

Réductions

3. La taxe internationale de dépôt est réduite du montant suivant si la demande internationale est, conformément aux instructions administratives, déposée :

- | | |
|---|--------------------|
| a) sur papier avec une copie sous forme électronique, en format à codage de caractères, de la requête et de l'abrégé : | 100 francs suisses |
| b) sous forme électronique, la requête n'étant pas en format à codage de caractères : | 100 francs suisses |
| c) sous forme électronique, la requête étant en format à codage de caractères : | 200 francs suisses |
| d) sous forme électronique, la requête, la description, les revendications et l'abrégé étant en format à codage de caractères : | 300 francs suisses |

4. La taxe internationale de dépôt (compte tenu, le cas échéant, de la réduction prévue au point 3) et la taxe de traitement sont réduites de 75% si la demande internationale est déposée par :

- a) un déposant qui est une personne physique et qui est ressortissant d'un État, et est domicilié dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3000 dollars des États-Unis, ou
- b) un déposant, personne physique ou non, qui est ressortissant d'un État, et est domicilié dans un État, qui est classé dans la catégorie des pays les moins avancés par l'Organisation des Nations Unies,

étant entendu que, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire aux critères énoncés au point 4.a) ou au point 4.b).

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT
(dont l'entrée en vigueur est fixée au 12 octobre 2006)

Instruction 707

Calcul de la taxe internationale de dépôt et réduction de taxes

a) et a-bis) [Sans changement]

b) Le point 3.b), c) et d) du barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT s'applique aux fins de réduire les taxes applicables à une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique auprès d'un office récepteur qui a notifié au Bureau international en vertu de l'instruction 710.a) qu'il est prêt à recevoir les demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique ou qui a décidé de recevoir une demande internationale déposée sous une telle forme conformément à l'instruction 703.d).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**IS Iceland**

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction under item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in “PCT-EASY mode”) is used. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2007, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ISK	78,500
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK	800
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):		
PCT-EASY:	ISK	5,600

[Updating of Annex C(IS) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

New equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. These amounts, applicable from 15 December 2006, are as follows:

International filing fee:	KRW	1,096,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	KRW	12,000
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):		
PCT-EASY:	KRW	78,000
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	KRW	235,000

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**IS Islande**

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **couroannes islandaises (ISK)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt et la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction selon le point 3.a) du barème de taxes dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-SAFE (fonctionnant en "mode PCT-EASY"). Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2007, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	ISK	78.500
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	ISK	800
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :		
PCT-EASY :	ISK	5.600

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(IS) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

KR République de Corée

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **won coréens (KRW)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt et la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour les réductions selon le point 3 du barème de taxes. Ces montants, applicables à compter du 15 décembre 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	KRW	1.096.000
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	KRW	12.000
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :		
PCT-EASY :	KRW	78.000
Dépôt électronique (en format codé caractère par caractère) :	KRW	235.000

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(KR) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2007, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ISK 143,000

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MZ Mozambique

The **Industrial Property Institute (Mozambique)** has notified new amounts of fees in **Mozambique meticals (MZM)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts are as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee: MZM 3,600,000

For utility model:

Filing fee: MZM 600,000

[Updating of the National Chapter (MZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the search fee in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable for an international search carried out by the Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2007, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ISK 143,000

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES**KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

The **Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea** has specified the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea with the Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea as receiving Office with effect since 20 October 2005.

[Updating of Annex C(KP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Ce montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2007, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : ISK 143.000

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

MZ Mozambique

L'**Institut de la propriété industrielle (Mozambique)** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **meticals mozambicains (MZM)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Ces montants sont les suivants :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt : MZM 3.600.000

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt : MZM 600.000

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (MZ) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

SE Suède

L'**Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement** a notifié au Bureau international un nouveau montant de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office. Ce montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2007, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : ISK 143.000

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(SE) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**KP République populaire démocratique de Corée**

L'**Office des inventions de la République populaire démocratique de Corée** a spécifié l'Office d'État de la propriété intellectuelle de la République populaire de Chine en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées par les nationaux de la République populaire démocratique de Corée et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays auprès de l'Office des inventions de la République populaire démocratique de Corée en sa qualité d'office récepteur avec effet depuis le 20 octobre 2005.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(KP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**

SC Seychelles

General information on **Seychelles** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Registration Division, Department of Legal Affairs (Seychelles)** as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, is given in Annexes B1(SC) and C(SC) and the Summary (SC), which are published on the following pages.

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS
OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS
OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**

SC Seychelles

Des informations de caractère général concernant les **Seychelles** en tant qu'État contractant, ainsi que des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de la **Division de l'enregistrement, Département des affaires juridiques (Seychelles)** en tant qu'office récepteur et en tant qu'office désigné (ou élu), figurent aux annexes B1(SC) et C(SC) et dans le résumé (SC), qui sont publiés aux pages suivantes.

B1 Information on Contracting States B1**SC SEYCHELLES SC****General information**

Name of Office:	Registration Division, Department of Legal Affairs (Seychelles)
Location:	Room 8, Kingsgate House, Victoria, Mahé, Seychelles
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 142, Mahé, Seychelles
Telephone:	(248) 22 49 04
Facsimile machine:	(248) 22 57 64
E-mail:	regdiv@seychelles.sc
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Seychelles:	Registration Division, Department of Legal Affairs (Seychelles) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Seychelles is designated (or elected):	Registration Division, Department of Legal Affairs (Seychelles) (see Volume II)
May Seychelles be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Seychelles concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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Informations générales

Nom de l'office:	Division de l'enregistrement, Département des affaires juridiques (Seychelles)
Siège :	Room 8, Kingsgate House, Victoria, Mahé, Seychelles
Adresse postale:	P.O. Box 142, Mahé, Seychelles
Téléphone:	(248) 22 49 04
Télécopieur:	(248) 22 57 64
Courrier électronique:	regdiv@seychelles.sc
Internet:	–
L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT)?	Oui, par télécopieur
Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens?	Tous types de documents
L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas?	Oui, dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de la transmission
L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT)?	Oui
Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux des Seychelles et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées:	Division de l'enregistrement, Département des affaires juridiques (Seychelles) ou Bureau international de l'OMPI, au choix du déposant (voir l'annexe C)
Office désigné (ou élu) compétent si les Seychelles sont désignées (ou élues):	Division de l'enregistrement, Département des affaires juridiques (Seychelles) (voir le volume II)
Les Seychelles peuvent-elles être élues?	Oui (liées par le chapitre II du PCT)
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT:	Brevets
Dispositions de la législation des Seychelles relatives à la recherche de type international:	Néant
Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale:	Néant

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B1	Information on Contracting States	B1
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Information of interest if Seychelles is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Seychelles is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

B1	Informations sur les États contractants	B1
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Informations utiles si les Seychelles sont désignées (ou élues)

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si les Seychelles sont désignées (ou élues):

Doivent figurer dans la requête. Si les renseignements se rapportant à l'inventeur n'ont pas été communiqués à l'expiration du délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office invitera le déposant à faire le nécessaire dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de l'invitation.

Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique?

Non

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Receiving Offices

SC **SC**

**REGISTRATION DIVISION,
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS
(SEYCHELLES)**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Seychelles
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ¹	No
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD ... ²
International filing fee:	USD 1,086
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD 12
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	None
Search fee: ³	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	None
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Seychelles Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Seychelles

¹ Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332, and No. 44/2003, page 24736, Schedule of Fees, item 3(a)), the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced.

² The amount of this fee is not yet known. It will be fixed in the near future. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.

³ Fee payable in USD.

C	Offices récepteurs	C
SC	DIVISION DE L'ENREGISTREMENT, DÉPARTEMENT DES AFFAIRES JURIDIQUES (SEYCHELLES)	SC

Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux et les résidents de:	Seychelles
Langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée:	Anglais
Langue dans laquelle la requête peut être déposée :	Anglais
Nombre d'exemplaires requis par l'office récepteur:	3
L'office récepteur accepte-t-il le dépôt de demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY ¹ ?	Non
Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale:	Office européen des brevets
Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international:	Office européen des brevets
Taxes payables à l'office récepteur:	Monnaie: Dollar des États-Unis (USD)
Taxe de transmission:	USD ... ²
Taxe internationale de dépôt :	USD 1.086
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	USD 12
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	Néant
Taxe de recherche ³ :	Voir l'annexe D(EP)
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT):	Néant
L'office récepteur exige-t-il un mandataire?	Non, si le déposant est domicilié aux Seychelles Oui, dans le cas contraire
Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?	Tout avocat ou juriste enregistré aux Seychelles

¹ Lorsque la requête est déposée en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec une disquette PCT-EASY et que l'office récepteur accepte ce mode de dépôt (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 51/1998, pages 17331 et 17333, et n° 44/2003, page 24737, barème de taxes, point 3.a)), le montant total de la taxe internationale de dépôt est réduit.

² Le montant de cette taxe n'est pas encore connu. Il sera fixé prochainement. Pour connaître le montant de la taxe en vigueur, il convient de se renseigner auprès de l'office ou du mandataire.

³ Taxe payable en USD.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****SC****REGISTRATION DIVISION,
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS
(SEYCHELLES)****SC****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Seychelles rupee (SCR) National processing fee ¹ : SCR 15
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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**Office désigné
(ou élu)**

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**DIVISION DE L'ENREGISTREMENT,
DÉPARTEMENT DES AFFAIRES
JURIDIQUES (SEYCHELLES)**

SC

Résumé des exigences pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale:	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT: 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT: 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité

Traduction de la demande internationale requise en ¹ :	Anglais
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Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale:	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, à la fois telles que déposées initialement et telles que modifiées), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer à la fois tel que déposé initialement et tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international)
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Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise?	Non
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Taxe nationale:	Monnaie: Roupie des Seychelles (SCR)
	Taxe nationale de traitement ¹ : SCR 15

Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale:	Néant
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¹ Doit être remise ou payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****SC****REGISTRATION DIVISION,
DEPARTMENT OF LEGAL AFFAIRS
(SEYCHELLES)****SC***[Continued]*Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in
the “Request” part of the international application^{2, 3}Declaration concerning the applicant’s right to apply for and be
granted a patent where the applicant is not the inventor^{2, 3}Evidence of entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not
the applicant who filed the earlier application^{2, 3}Document evidencing a change of name or person of the applicant if
the change occurred after the international filing date and has not
been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau
(Form PCT/IB/306)²Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not a resident of
Seychelles⁴Translation of the international application to be furnished in two
copies²

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer registered in Seychelles

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within two months from the date of the invitation.

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

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**Office désigné
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SC

**DIVISION DE L'ENREGISTREMENT,
DÉPARTEMENT DES AFFAIRES
JURIDIQUES (SEYCHELLES)**

SC

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Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT):

Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale^{2,3}

Déclaration concernant le droit du déposant de demander et d'obtenir un brevet lorsque le déposant n'est pas l'inventeur^{2,3}

Justification du droit de revendiquer la priorité lorsque le déposant n'est pas le déposant qui a déposé la demande antérieure^{2,3}

Justification du changement du nom ou de la personne du déposant si le changement est survenu après la date du dépôt international et qu'il n'a pas été reflété dans une notification émanant du Bureau international (formulaire PCT/IB/306)²

Nomination d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié aux Seychelles⁴

Traduction de la demande internationale en deux exemplaires²

Qui peut agir en qualité de
mandataire?

Tout avocat ou juriste enregistré aux Seychelles

² Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de l'invitation.

³ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17 du PCT.

⁴ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**BZ Belize**

The **Belize Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in the amount of the transmittal fee in **Belize dollars (BZD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 November 2006, is as follows:

Transmittal fee: BZD 300

[Updating of Annex C(BZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE****IT Italy**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the address of the Collection of Industrial Yeasts (DBVPG), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

Collection of Industrial Yeasts (DBVPG)
Department of Plant Biology
Faculty of Agriculture
University of Perugia
Borgo 20 Giugno, 74
06122 Perugia
Italy

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**BZ Belize**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Belize** a notifié un changement relatif au montant de la taxe de transmission, exprimé en **dollars du Belize (BZD)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur. Ce montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} novembre 2006, est le suivant :

Taxe de transmission : BZD 300

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(BZ) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
INSTITUTIONS AUPRÈS DESQUELLES DES DÉPÔTS PEUVENT ÊTRE EFFECTUÉS****IT Italie**

Conformément à la règle 13bis.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office italien des brevets et des marques** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à un changement dans l'adresse de l'institution dénommée "Collection of Industrial Yeasts (DBVPG)", autorité de dépôt internationale reconnue en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès de laquelle des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, comme suit :

Collection of Industrial Yeasts (DBVPG)
Department of Plant Biology
Faculty of Agriculture
University of Perugia
Borgo 20 Giugno, 74
06122 Perugia
Italie

[Mise à jour de l'annexe L du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2007, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ZAR 6,590

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2007, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ZAR 14,920

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the lower search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**; the equivalent amount of the higher search fee remains unchanged. The new amount, applicable from 1 January 2007, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): [No change] ZAR 2,300

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****MY Malaysia**

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 3 October 2006, the **Intellectual Property Corporation of Malaysia**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 17 November 2006, as follows:

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**. Ce montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2007, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : ZAR 6.590

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(AU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Ce montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2007, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : ZAR 14.920

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

Un nouveau montant équivalent du montant le plus bas de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**; le montant équivalent du montant le plus élevé de la taxe de recherche reste inchangé. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2007, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : [Sans changement] ZAR 2.300

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(US) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES: NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**MY Malaisie**

Depuis le 7 janvier 2002, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques appropriés est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F des Instructions administratives du PCT, qui contiennent, respectivement, le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires à la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement sous forme électronique des demandes internationales prévus à la règle 89bis.1 du PCT.

Le 3 octobre 2006, la **Société de propriété intellectuelle de Malaisie**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international, selon la règle 89bis.1.d) et l'instruction administrative 710.a) du PCT, qu'il est disposé à recevoir et à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 17 novembre 2006, comme suit :

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****MY Malaysia (cont'd)****“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):**

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- TXT (for certain files that accompany the international application, referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R, 3.5 inch diskette or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names and sizes of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)) and the dates of creation of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(vi)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or certain missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES: NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**MY Malaisie (suite)****“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :**

- XML (en général; voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l’annexe F)
- Norme OMPI ST.25 (pour les listages des séquences; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l’annexe F et l’annexe C)
- PDF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.2 de l’annexe F)
- TIFF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l’annexe F)
- TXT (pour certains fichiers qui accompagnent la demande internationale auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.1.3 de l’annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :

- dépôt effectué sur l’un des supports matériels suivants : CD-R, disquette de 3,5 pouces ou DVD-R (voir la section 5.2.1, la section 2.e) de l’appendice III et les sections 4.1, 4.3 et 4.5 de l’appendice IV de l’annexe F)

En ce qui concerne l’empaquetage électronique des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l’annexe F)
- WAD (documents constitutifs de la demande compactés; voir la section 4.1.1 de l’annexe F) uniquement aux fins du dépôt sur un support matériel

En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- logiciel PCT-SAFE

En ce qui concerne les types de signature électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- signature en fac-similé et signature composée d’une chaîne de caractères (voir les sections 3.3.1 et 3.3.2 de l’annexe F)
- signature électronique renforcée (voir la section 3.3.4 de l’annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures ayant trait à la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)ii) :

L’accusé de réception de tout ce qui est supposé constituer une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique auprès de l’office contiendra les informations exigées au titre de l’instruction 704.a)i) à iv), les noms et les tailles des fichiers électroniques reçus (voir l’instruction 704.a)v)) et les dates de création des fichiers électroniques reçus (voir l’instruction 704.a)vi)).

L’office fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique. Ce n’est que si la demande n’est pas envoyée conformément au protocole sur l’interopérabilité en matière de dépôt électronique (voir la section 5.1 de l’annexe F) qu’un accusé de réception ne sera pas généré. D’autres erreurs, telles que l’utilisation de certificats caduques (voir la section 4.4.7 de l’appendice II de l’annexe F), des demandes contaminées par des virus ou d’autres formes d’éléments malveillants (voir l’instruction 708.b)) ou des fichiers manquants, sont notifiées au déposant dans l’accusé de réception.

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****MY Malaysia (cont'd)**

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:15 am and 5:15 pm Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays. It may be contacted:

- by telephone at +603-22632123, +603-22632108, +603-22632164
- by fax at +603-22741332
- by e-mail at pct@myipo.gov.my

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

In addition, if transmitted together with the international application:

- priority document
- original separate power of attorney
- copy of general power of attorney
- statement explaining lack of signature
- separate indications concerning deposited microorganisms or other biological material
- sequence listing
- statement as to the identity of copy/copies with the sequence listing part of the description
- other

As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper. Furthermore, the Office will not prepare a backup copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available, such as fax or e-mail, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.myipo.gov.my).

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES: NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**MY Malaisie (suite)**

Lorsqu'il s'avère que l'accusé de réception envoyé au déposant par des moyens électroniques n'a pas été transmis avec succès, l'office le renverra à bref délai par le même moyen ou par un autre moyen (voir l'instruction 709.b)).

En ce qui concerne les moyens de paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a.ii) :

Le paiement en ligne n'est pas disponible. Seuls les modes de paiement actuellement disponibles sont acceptés.

En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d'assistance (instruction 710.a.iii) :

L'office a mis en place un service d'assistance pour répondre aux questions des utilisateurs du service. Le service d'assistance est ouvert du lundi au vendredi de 8 heures 15 à 17 heures 30, mis à part les vacances officielles. Il peut être contacté :

- par téléphone, au +603-22632123, +603-22632108, +603-22632164
- par télécopie, au +603-22741332
- par courriel, à l'adresse électronique suivante : pct@myipo.gov.my

En ce qui concerne les types de documents qui peuvent être transmis à l'office sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a.iii) :

- demandes internationales

De plus, s'ils sont transmis avec la demande internationale :

- document de priorité
- pouvoir distinct original
- copie du pouvoir général
- déclaration expliquant l'absence de signature
- indications séparées concernant le dépôt de micro-organismes ou autre matériel biologique
- listage des séquences
- déclaration quant à l'identité de la copie ou des copies avec la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences
- autres

En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a.iv) :

L'office n'acceptera aucun dépôt de copies de sauvegarde sur papier. Par ailleurs, l'office ne préparera aucune copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sur papier à la demande du déposant.

En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a.v) :

Dans le cas où les systèmes électroniques ne seraient plus en état de marche au moment où une demande internationale est déposée auprès de lui, l'office mettra en œuvre tous les moyens dont il dispose, comme la télécopie ou le courriel, pour informer le déposant des procédures de remplacement à suivre.

L'office fournira les informations relatives à la disponibilité du système de dépôt en ligne sur son site Internet (www.myipo.gov.my).

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****MY Malaysia (cont'd)**

As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES****BW Botswana**

General information on **Botswana** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Registrar of Companies, Trademarks, Patents and Industrial Designs (Botswana)** as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, is given in Annexes B1(BW) and C(BW) and the Summary (BW), which are published on the following pages.

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****MY Malaisie (suite)**

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office et les adresses électroniques des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés (instruction 710.a)vi) :

- Autorité de certification de l'OMPI pour les utilisateurs (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/fr/certificates.htm)

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou archivées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible.”

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS
OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS
OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)****BW Botswana**

Des informations de caractère général concernant le **Botswana** en tant qu'État contractant, ainsi que des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences du **Bureau de l'enregistrement des sociétés, des marques, des brevets et des dessins et modèles industriels (Botswana)** en tant qu'office récepteur et en tant qu'office désigné (ou élu), figurent aux annexes B1(BW) et C(BW) et dans le résumé (BW), qui sont publiés aux pages suivantes.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****BW****BOTSWANA****BW****General information**

Name of Office:	Registrar of Companies, Trademarks, Patents and Industrial Designs (Botswana)
Location:	Fairground Office Park, Plot No. 50667, Gaborone, Botswana
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 102, Gaborone, Botswana
Telephone:	(267) 318 87 54
Facsimile machine:	(267) 318 81 30
E-mail:	Roc.mti@gov.bw
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission, without invitation
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Botswana:	Registrar of Companies, Trademarks, Patents and Industrial Designs (Botswana), ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Botswana is designated (or elected):	National protection: Registrar of Companies, Trademarks, Patents and Industrial Designs (Botswana) (see Volume II) ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see Volume II)
May Botswana be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility model certificates ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Botswana concerning international-type search:	None

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B1 Informations sur les États contractants**B1****BW****BOTSWANA****BW****Informations générales**

Nom de l'office :	Registrar of Companies, Trademarks, Patents and Industrial Designs (Botswana) Bureau de l'enregistrement des sociétés, des marques, des brevets et des dessins et modèles industriels (Botswana)
Siège :	Fairground Office Park, Plot No. 50667, Gaborone, Botswana
Adresse postale :	P.O. Box 102, Gaborone, Botswana
Téléphone :	(267) 318 87 54
Télécopieur :	(267) 318 81 30
Courrier électronique :	Roc.mti@gov.bw
Internet :	–
L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT)?	Oui, par télécopieur
Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens?	Tous types de documents
L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas?	Oui, dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de la transmission, sans invitation
L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT)?	Oui
Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux du Botswana et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées :	Bureau de l'enregistrement des sociétés, des marques, des brevets et des dessins et modèles industriels (Botswana), Office de l'ARIPO ou Bureau international de l'OMPI, au choix du déposant (voir l'annexe C)
Office désigné (ou élu) compétent si le Botswana est désigné (ou élu) :	Protection nationale : Bureau de l'enregistrement des sociétés, des marques, des brevets et des dessins et modèles industriels (Botswana) (voir le volume II) Protection ARIPO : Office de l'ARIPO (voir le volume II)
Le Botswana peut-il être élu?	Oui (lié par le chapitre II du PCT)
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Nationale : Brevets, certificats de modèles d'utilité ARIPO : Brevets, modèles d'utilité (un modèle d'utilité peut être demandé au lieu ou en plus d'un brevet ARIPO)

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B1 **Information on Contracting States** **B1****BW** **BOTSWANA** **BW***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication: None

Information of interest if Botswana is designated (or elected)**For national protection**

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Botswana is designated (or elected): Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material? No

For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2

B1 Informations sur les États contractants**B1****BW****BOTSWANA****BW***[Suite]*

Dispositions de la législation du Botswana relatives à la recherche de type international:

Néant

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale:

Néant

Informations utiles si le Botswana est désigné (ou élu)**Pour la protection nationale**

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si le Botswana est désigné (ou élu):

Doivent figurer dans la requête. Si les renseignements se rapportant à l'inventeur n'ont pas été communiqués à l'expiration du délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office invitera le déposant à faire le nécessaire dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de réception de l'invitation.

Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique?

Non

Pour un brevet ARIPO – Voir Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété intellectuelle (AP) à l'annexe B2

C **Receiving Offices** **C**

BW **REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES,** **BW**

TRADEMARKS, PATENTS AND INDUSTRIAL

DESIGNS (BOTSWANA)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Botswana
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ¹	Yes
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD ... ²
International filing fee: ³	USD 1,086
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	USD 12
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY: ¹	USD 78
Search fee:	See Annex D (EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD ... ²
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Botswana Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Botswana

¹ Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings, the total amount of the international fee is reduced (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332, and No. 41/2006, page 19092, Schedule of Fees, item 3(a)).

² The amount of this fee is not yet known. It will be fixed in the near future. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.

³ This fee is reduced by 75% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(1B)). For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 41/2006, page 19092, Schedule of Fees, item 4.

C **Offices récepteurs** **C**

BW **BUREAU DE L'ENREGISTREMENT DES** **BW**

SOCIÉTÉS, DES MARQUES, DES BREVETS

ET DES DESSINS ET MODÈLES

INDUSTRIELS (BOTSWANA)

Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux et les résidents de:	Botswana
Langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée:	Anglais
Langue dans laquelle la requête peut être déposée :	Anglais
Nombre d'exemplaires requis par l'office récepteur:	3
L'office récepteur accepte-t-il le dépôt de demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY ¹ ?	Oui
Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale:	Office européen des brevets
Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international:	Office européen des brevets
Taxes payables à l'office récepteur:	Monnaie: Dollar des États-Unis (USD)
Taxe de transmission:	USD ... ²
Taxe internationale de dépôt ³ :	USD 1,086
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e ³ :	USD 12
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3):	
PCT-EASY ¹ :	USD 78
Taxe de recherche:	Voir l'annexe D(EP)
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT):	USD ... ²
L'office récepteur exige-t-il un mandataire?	Non, si le déposant est domicilié au Botswana Oui, dans le cas contraire
Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?	Tout avocat ou juriste enregistré au Botswana

¹ Lorsque la requête est déposée en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec une disquette PCT-EASY et que l'office récepteur accepte ce mode de dépôt, le montant total de la taxe internationale de dépôt est réduit (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 51/1998, pages 17331 et 17333, et n° 41/2006, page 19093, barème de taxes, point 3.a)).

² Le montant de cette taxe n'est pas encore connu. Il sera fixé prochainement. Pour connaître le montant de la taxe en vigueur, il convient de se renseigner auprès de l'office ou du mandataire.

³ Cette taxe est réduite de 75% si certaines conditions s'appliquent (voir la note de bas de page correspondante de l'annexe C(1B)). Pour plus de précisions, voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 41/2006, page 19093, barème de taxes, point 4.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****BW****REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES,
TRADEMARKS, PATENTS AND
INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS (BOTSWANA)****BW****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Botswana pula (BWP) For patent: National processing fee: ¹ BWP 100 ² 200 ³ Annual fee for the first year: BWP 25 ² 50 ³ For utility model certificate: National processing fee: ¹ BWP 50 ² 100 ³ Annual fee for the first year: BWP 40 ² 80 ³
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	Reductions of the national fee are indicated under “National fee” above.

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**Office désigné
(ou élu)**

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BW BUREAU DE L'ENREGISTREMENT DES SOCIÉTÉS, DES MARQUES, DES BREVETS ET DES DESSINS ET MODÈLES INDUSTRIELS (BOTSWANA) BW

Résumé des exigences pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT : 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT : 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
Traduction de la demande internationale requise en :	Anglais
Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, à la fois telles que déposées initialement et telles que modifiées), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer à la fois tel que déposé initialement et tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international)
Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise ?	Non
Taxe nationale :	Monnaie : Pula du Botswana (BWP) Pour un brevet : Taxe nationale de traitement ¹ : BWP 100 ² 200 ³ Taxe annuelle pour la première année : BWP 25 ² 50 ³ Pour un certificat de modèle d'utilité : Taxe nationale de traitement ¹ : BWP 50 ² 100 ³ Taxe annuelle pour la première année : BWP 40 ² 80 ³
Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :	Les réductions de la taxe nationale sont indiquées ci-dessus sous la rubrique "Taxe nationale".

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¹ Doit être remise ou payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

² Applicable dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par un particulier ou par une petite entité dont le nombre d'employés ne dépasse pas 100 personnes.

³ Applicable dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par une entreprise autre qu'une petite entité.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****BW****REGISTRAR OF COMPANIES,
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INDUSTRIAL DESIGNS (BOTSWANA)****BW**

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not a resident of
Botswana⁴Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in
the “Request” part of the international application^{5,6}Evidence of entitlement to file where the applicant is not the
inventor^{5,6}Document evidencing a change of name or person of the applicant if
the change occurred after the international filing date and has not
been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau
(Form PCT/IB/306)⁶

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer registered in Botswana

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

⁵ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁶ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within two months from the date of the invitation.

RÉSUMÉ**Office désigné
(ou élu)****RÉSUMÉ**

BW BUREAU DE L'ENREGISTREMENT DES SOCIÉTÉS, DES MARQUES, DES BREVETS ET DES DESSINS ET MODÈLES INDUSTRIELS (BOTSWANA) BW

[Suite]

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51bis du PCT):

Nomination d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié au Botswana⁴

Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale^{5,6}

Justification du droit de déposer lorsque le déposant n'est pas l'inventeur^{5,6}

Justification du changement du nom ou de la personne du déposant si le changement est survenu après la date du dépôt international et qu'il n'a pas été reflété dans une notification émanant du Bureau international (formulaire PCT/IB/306)⁶

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?

Tout avocat ou juriste enregistré au Botswana

⁴ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

⁵ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17 du PCT.

⁶ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de l'invitation.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**BE Belgium**

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified changes in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

E-mail: piie_dir@economie.fgov.be
piie_doc@economie.fgov.be

Internet: economie.fgov.be/opri-die.htm

[Updating of Annex B1(BE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**JP Japan**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. This amount, applicable from 1 February 2007, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): KRW 789,000

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction under item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in "PCT-EASY mode") is used. These amounts, applicable from 1 February 2007, are as follows:

International filing fee:	ZAR	8,710
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	90
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):		
PCT-EASY:	ZAR	620

[Updating of Annex C(ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**BE Belgique**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Belgique)** a notifié des changements relatifs à ses adresses électronique et Internet, comme suit :

Courrier électronique : piie_dir@economie.fgov.be
 piie_doc@economie.fgov.be

Internet : economie.fgov.be/opri-die.htm

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(BE) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**JP Japon**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **won coréens (KRW)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets du Japon**. Ce montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} février 2007, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : KRW 789.000

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(JP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

ZA Afrique du Sud

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt et la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction selon le point 3.a) du barème de taxes dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-SAFE (fonctionnant en "mode PCT-EASY"). Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} février 2007, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt : ZAR 8.710

Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e : ZAR 90

Réductions (selon le barème de
taxes, point 3) :

PCT-EASY : ZAR 620

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(ZA) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)**RS Serbia***Application of the PCT in Serbia*

(1) Following the adoption by the National Assembly of Montenegro of a declaration of independence on 3 June 2006, Serbia deposited on 19 September 2006 with the Director General of WIPO a declaration the effect of which is that the PCT continues to be applicable as far as Serbia is concerned.

Effect in Serbia of International Applications under the PCT

(2)(a) Pursuant to the deposit of the declaration of continued application referred to in paragraph (1), nationals and residents of Serbia can file international applications, and Serbia is automatically designated in international applications filed on or after 4 June 2006.

(b) As regards any international application the international filing date of which is prior to 4 June 2006, and in which the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro was designated, the “national filing effect” of any such application under Article 11(4) of the PCT will, pursuant to the deposit by Serbia of its declaration of continued application, be recognized in Serbia (provided that the international application had not lost its effect in the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro by 3 June 2006). The conditions under which any such international application, or any patent resulting therefrom granted by the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro, may continue to have effect in Serbia are the following:

- (i) if a patent has been granted by the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro on the basis of the international application, such patents maintain their legal effect in Serbia;
- (ii) if the applicant has entered the national phase before the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro but a patent has not been granted by the Office without the application having been rejected by it, such applications maintain their legal effect in Serbia;
- (iii) if the applicant has not entered the national phase before the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia and Montenegro and the time limit for entering the national phase had not expired on 3 June 2006, the applicant must, before the expiration of the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), enter the national phase before the Intellectual Property Office of Serbia by submitting a translation of the international application into the Serbian language and paying the prescribed fee.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**MC Monaco**

The **Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion (Monaco)** has notified a change in the amount of the transmittal fee in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable from 1 January 2007, is as follows:

Transmittal fee: EUR 54 plus EUR 1.5 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy

[Updating of Annex C(MC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TRAITÉ DE COOPÉRATION EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS (PCT)**RS Serbie***Application du PCT en Serbie*

1) À la suite de l'adoption, le 3 juin 2006, d'une déclaration d'indépendance par l'Assemblée nationale du Monténégro, la Serbie a déposé le 19 septembre 2006 auprès du Directeur général de l'OMPI une déclaration aux termes de laquelle le PCT continue d'être applicable en ce qui concerne la Serbie.

Effets en Serbie des demandes internationales déposées conformément au PCT

2)a) Conformément au dépôt de la déclaration de continuité d'application mentionnée à l'alinéa 1), les ressortissants et résidents de la Serbie peuvent déposer des demandes internationales, et la Serbie est automatiquement désignée dans les demandes internationales déposées le 4 juin 2006 ou ultérieurement.

b) Pour toute demande internationale dont la date de dépôt international est antérieure au 4 juin 2006 et dans laquelle la Communauté étatique de Serbie-et-Monténégro était désignée, la "valeur de dépôt national" d'une telle demande selon l'article 11.4) du PCT est, conformément au dépôt par la Serbie de sa déclaration de continuité d'application, reconnue en Serbie (pour autant que la demande internationale n'ait pas cessé de produire ses effets dans la Communauté étatique de Serbie-et-Monténégro au 3 juin 2006). Les conditions dans lesquelles une telle demande internationale, ou tout brevet en résultant délivré par l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Serbie-et-Monténégro, peut continuer d'avoir effet en Serbie sont les suivantes :

- i) si un brevet a été délivré par l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Serbie-et-Monténégro sur la base de la demande internationale, un tel brevet conserve ses effets juridiques en Serbie;
- ii) si le déposant a abordé la phase nationale auprès de l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Serbie-et-Monténégro mais qu'un brevet n'a pas été délivré par cet office sans que toutefois ce dernier ait rejeté la demande, une telle demande conserve ses effets juridiques en Serbie;
- iii) si le déposant n'a pas abordé la phase nationale auprès de l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Serbie-et-Monténégro et que le délai d'ouverture de la phase nationale n'avait pas expiré le 3 juin 2006, le déposant doit, avant l'expiration du délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, aborder la phase nationale auprès de l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Serbie en remettant une traduction de la demande internationale en serbe et en payant la taxe prescrite.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**MC Monaco**

La **Division de la propriété intellectuelle, Direction de l'expansion économique (Monaco)** a notifié un changement relatif au montant de la taxe de transmission, exprimé en **euros (EUR)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur. Ce montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2007, est le suivant :

Taxe de transmission : EUR 54 plus EUR 1,5 pour la préparation d'exemplaires complémentaires, par page et par exemplaire

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(MC) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**US United States of America**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the higher search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**; the equivalent amount of the lower search fee remains unchanged. The new amount, applicable from 1 February 2007, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	NZD 1,520	[No change]
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[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**GE Georgia**

The **Georgian Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office, its location and mailing address, its telephone numbers and its e-mail address, as well as provisions of the law of Georgia concerning international-type search, as follows:

Name of Office:	National Intellectual Property Center (Georgia)
Location and mailing address:	6, I. Chavchavadze, 1 Lane, Tbilisi 0179, Georgia
Telephone:	(995-32) 25 27 93, 98 85 18
E-mail:	sakpatenti@wanex.net
Provisions of the law of Georgia concerning international-type search:	Reduced examination fees (for substantive examination) in the case of submission of the international-type search report

[Updating of Annex B1(GE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**CZ Czech Republic**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the address of the Czech Collection of Microorganisms (CCM), an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

Czech Collection of Microorganisms (CCM)
Tvrdeho 14
602 00 Brno
Czech Republic

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

Un nouveau montant équivalent du montant le plus élevé de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**; le montant équivalent du montant le plus bas de la taxe de recherche reste inchangé. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} février 2007, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : NZD 1.520 [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(US) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**GE Géorgie**

L'**Office géorgien de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié des changements relatifs au nom de l'office, à son siège et son adresse postale, à ses numéros de téléphone et à son adresse électronique, ainsi que des dispositions de la législation de la Géorgie relatives à la recherche de type international, comme suit :

Nom de l'office : Centre national de la propriété intellectuelle (Géorgie)

Siège et adresse postale : 6, I. Chavchavadze, 1 Lane, Tbilisi 0179, Géorgie

Téléphone : (995-32) 25 27 93, 98 85 18

Courrier électronique : sakpatenti@wanex.net

Dispositions de la législation de la Géorgie relatives à la recherche de type international : Taxes d'examen réduites (pour l'examen quant au fond) en cas de présentation du rapport de recherche de type international

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(GE) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
INSTITUTIONS AUPRÈS DESQUELLES DES DÉPÔTS PEUVENT ÊTRE EFFECTUÉS****CZ République tchèque**

Conformément à la règle 13bis.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office de la propriété industrielle (République tchèque)** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à un changement dans l'adresse de l'institution dénommée "Czech Collection of Microorganisms (CCM)", autorité de dépôt internationale reconnue en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès de laquelle des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, comme suit :

Czech Collection of Microorganisms (CCM)

Tvrdeho 14

602 00 Brno

République tchèque

[Mise à jour de l'annexe L du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**AM Armenia**

The **Intellectual Property Agency (Armenia)** has notified its name in Armenian, changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone and facsimile area code, as well as modifications relating to whether it accepts the filing of documents by means of telecommunication and a change to the types of protection available via the PCT, as follows:

Name of Office:	Mtavor Sepakanutyun Gortsakalutyun [No change]
Location and mailing address:	Government House 3, Central Avenue, Yerevan 0010, Armenia
Telephone:	(374-10) 52 06 73, 56 14 04
Facsimile machine:	(374-10) 54 34 67, 56 11 26
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Basic patents, provisional patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a national patent)
	Eurasian: [No change]

[Updating of Annex B1(AM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**SE Sweden**

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 1 October 2006, are as follows:

National fee:	
Filing fee:	
Entry fee:	SEK 500
Search fee:	SEK 2,500
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	[No change]
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:	[No change]
Annual fee for the first three years:	[No change]

[Updating of the National Chapter (SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

AM Arménie

L'Agence de la propriété intellectuelle (Arménie) a notifié son nom en arménien, des changements relatifs à l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale et à son indicatif téléphonique, ainsi que des modifications concernant l'acceptation du dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication et un changement relatif aux types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT, comme suit :

Nom de l'office :	Mtavor Sepakanutyun Gortsakalutyun [Sans changement]
Siège et adresse postale :	Government House 3, Central Avenue, Yerevan 0010, Arménie
Téléphone :	(374-10) 52 06 73, 56 14 04
Télécopieur :	(374-10) 54 34 67, 56 11 26
L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT)?	Oui, par télécopieur
Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens?	Tous types de documents
L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas?	Oui, dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de la transmission
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Nationale : Brevets de base, brevets provisoires, modèles d'utilité (un modèle d'utilité peut être demandé au lieu d'un brevet national) Eurasienne : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(AM) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

SE Suède

L'Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en couronnes suédoises (SEK), payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Ces montants, applicables depuis le 1^{er} octobre 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe nationale :	
Taxe de dépôt :	
Taxe d'ouverture de la phase nationale :	SEK 500
Taxe de recherche :	SEK 2.500
Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication à compter de la 11 ^e :	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle pour remise tardive de la traduction ou de la copie :	[Sans changement]
Taxe annuelle pour les trois premières années :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (SE) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**AM Armenia**

The **Intellectual Property Agency (Armenia)** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase before the Office as designated Office, as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
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	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change]
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[Updating of the National Chapter (AM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**AM Arménie**

L'**Agence de la propriété intellectuelle (Arménie)** a notifié un changement relatif au délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné, comme suit :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
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En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (AM) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**BY Belarus**

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has introduced a second Internet address. The list of Internet addresses now reads as follows:

Internet: <http://belgopatent.org.by>
www.belgopatent.org

[Updating of Annex B1(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IN India

The **Patent Office (India)** has informed the International Bureau of the deletion of the time limit for the furnishing of the original of a document filed by means of telecommunication and of a change with relation to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if India is designated (or elected), as follows:

Does the Office accept the filing
of documents by means of
telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)? [No change]

Which kinds of documents
may be so transmitted? [No change]

Must the original of the document
be furnished in all cases? Yes

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if India is designated (or elected): Within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22
or 39(1)

The Office has also added a clarification concerning the competency of its various branches in the relevant footnote relating to the competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of India and to the competent designated (or elected) Office if India is designated (or elected). The modified text of this footnote is reproduced hereafter:

“Depending on the residence or place of business of the applicant (or of the first applicant if there are several applicants), the place from where the invention actually originated or the address for service in India for non-residents, within the territorial jurisdiction under the Indian patents legislation.”

[Updating of Annex B1(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LC Saint Lucia

The **Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (Saint Lucia)** has replaced one of its e-mail addresses by a new one. The list of e-mail addresses now reads as follows:

E-mail: registrarrocip@yahoo.com
rocip2@hotmail.com

[Updating of Annex B1(LC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

BY Bélarus

Le **Centre national pour la propriété intellectuelle (Bélarus)** a introduit une deuxième adresse Internet. La liste des adresses Internet est désormais la suivante :

Internet : <http://belgopatent.org.by>
www.belgopatent.org

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(BY) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

IN Inde

L'**Office des brevets (Inde)** a informé le Bureau international de la suppression du délai pour la remise de l'original d'un document déposé par des moyens de télécommunication et d'un changement concernant le délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si l'Inde est désignée (ou élue), comme suit :

L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT)? [Sans changement]

Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens? [Sans changement]

L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas? Oui

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si l'Inde est désignée (ou élue) : Dans le délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT

L'office a également ajouté une précision concernant la compétence de ses diverses agences dans la note de bas de page pertinente relative à l'office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux de l'Inde et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées et à l'office désigné (ou élu) compétent si l'Inde est désignée (ou élue). Le texte modifié de cette note est reproduit ci-après :

“En fonction du domicile ou du lieu où le déposant (ou le premier déposant s'il y a plusieurs déposants) exerce son activité, le lieu d'origine de l'invention ou l'adresse pour la correspondance en Inde pour les personnes qui n'y sont pas domiciliées, dans la juridiction territoriale définie par la législation indienne sur les brevets.”

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(IN) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

LC Sainte-Lucie

L'**Office pour l'enregistrement des sociétés et de la propriété intellectuelle (Sainte-Lucie)** a remplacé une de ses adresses électroniques par une nouvelle adresse. La liste des adresses électroniques est désormais la suivante :

Courrier électronique : registrarrocip@yahoo.com
rocip2@hotmail.com

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(LC) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (cont'd)**UZ Uzbekistan**

The **State Patent Office of Uzbekistan** has deleted one of its Internet addresses. Its Internet address now reads as follows:

Internet: www.patent.uz

[Updating of Annex B1(UZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**BY Belarus**

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified new amounts of the fee for priority documents in **Belarusian roubles (BYR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document	BYR 26,160	per priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	plus BYR 8,650	per each additional priority document
	plus BYR 520	per page in excess of 35

[Updating of Annex C(BY) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified new amounts of fees in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2007, are as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	[No change]
Annual fee for the 5 th and 6 th years, per year:	CHF 100
Annual fee as from the 7 th year, per year:	CHF 310

[Updating of the National Chapter (CH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**UZ Ouzbékistan**

L'**Office d'État des brevets de l'Ouzbékistan** a supprimé une de ses adresses Internet. Son adresse Internet est désormais la suivante :

Internet : www.patent.uz

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(UZ) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**BY Bélarus**

Le **Centre national pour la propriété intellectuelle (Bélarus)** a notifié de nouveaux montants de la taxe pour le document de priorité, exprimés en **roubles bélarussiens (BYR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	BYR 26.160 par document de priorité plus BYR 8.650 pour chaque document de priorité supplémentaire plus BYR 520 par page à compter de la 36 ^e
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[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(BY) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

CH Suisse

L'**Institut Fédéral de la Propriété Intellectuelle (Suisse)** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **francs suisses (CHF)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2007, sont les suivants :

Taxe nationale :

Taxe de dépôt :	[Sans changement]
Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication à compter de la 11 ^e :	[Sans changement]
Taxe annuelle pour la 5 ^e et la 6 ^e année, par année :	CHF 100
Taxe annuelle à compter de la 7 ^e année, par année :	CHF 310

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (CH) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**KR Republic of Korea**

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, modifications with regard to exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, and changes in its special requirements as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Fee for request for examination:	[No change]
Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year:	KRW 27,000 plus KRW 18,000 for the second and each subsequent claim

For utility model:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Fee for request for examination:	KRW 55,000 plus KRW 14,000 for the second and each subsequent claim
Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year:	[No change]

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

Filing fee, fee for request for examination, annual fees from the first to the third year and fee for request for scope confirmation trial are reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and is also the inventor.

[No change]

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51*bis*):

[No change]

[No change]

Translation into Korean of the priority document where it is not identical with the international application and is necessary for examination or appeal; otherwise a written statement confirming identity is sufficient.

[No change]

The Office has also modified the time limit for furnishing a translation into Korean of the priority document. The modified text of the relevant footnote is reproduced hereafter:

“Must be furnished within two months from the date of notification of the need for translation by the Office.”

[Updating of the National Chapter (KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**KR République de Corée**

L'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **won coréens (KRW)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), des modifications concernant l'exemption, la réduction ou le remboursement de la taxe nationale et des changements relatifs à ses exigences particulières en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt :	[Sans changement]
Taxe de requête en examen :	[Sans changement]
Taxes annuelles de la 1 ^{re} à la 3 ^e année, par année :	KRW 27.000 plus KRW 18.000 pour chaque revendication à compter de la 2 ^e

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt :	[Sans changement]
Taxe de requête en examen :	KRW 55.000 plus KRW 14.000 pour chaque revendication à compter de la 2 ^e
Taxes annuelles de la 1 ^{re} à la 3 ^e année, par année :	[Sans changement]

Exemption, réduction ou remboursement
de la taxe nationale :

La taxe de dépôt, la taxe de requête en examen, les taxes annuelles de la 1^{re} à la 3^e année et la taxe de requête pour le recours (administratif) en confirmation de l'étendue des revendications [*scope confirmation trial*] sont réduites de 70% lorsque le déposant est une personne physique et qu'il est aussi l'inventeur.
[Sans changement]

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT) :

[Sans changement]
[Sans changement]
Traduction en coréen du document de priorité si celui-ci n'est pas identique à la demande internationale et est nécessaire pour l'examen ou un appel; s'ils sont identiques, une déclaration écrite à cet effet est suffisante.
[Sans changement]

L'office a également modifié le délai pour la remise d'une traduction en coréen du document de priorité. Le texte modifié de la note de bas de page pertinente est reproduit ci-après :

“Doit être remise dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office a notifié la nécessité d'une traduction.”

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (KR) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**UZ Uzbekistan**

The **State Patent Office of Uzbekistan** has notified new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as well as modifications with regard to exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	[No change]
Examination fee:	[No change]
Examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	USD 1,260
Fee for each dependent claim in excess of 10:	[No change]
Fee for each dependent claim in excess of 20:	[No change]
Maintenance fee for the first three years:	USD 840

For utility model:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	[No change]

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

Where an international search or an international preliminary examination report has been established:

Examination fee:	USD 1,000
Examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	USD 840

[Updating of the National Chapter (UZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**UZ Ouzbékistan**

L'Office d'État des brevets de l'Ouzbékistan a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en dollars des États-Unis (USD), payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), ainsi que des modifications concernant l'exemption, la réduction ou le remboursement de la taxe nationale, comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt : [Sans changement]

Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 2^e : [Sans changement]

Taxe d'examen : [Sans changement]

Taxe d'examen pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 2^e : USD 1.260

Taxe pour chaque revendication dépendante à compter de la 11^e : [Sans changement]

Taxe pour chaque revendication dépendante à compter de la 21^e : [Sans changement]

Taxe de maintien en vigueur pour les trois premières années : USD 840

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt : [Sans changement]

Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 2^e : [Sans changement]

Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :

Lorsqu'un rapport de recherche internationale ou d'examen préliminaire international a été établi :

Taxe d'examen : USD 1.000

Taxe d'examen pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 2^e : USD 840

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (UZ) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES****JP Japan**

The **Japan Patent Office** has modified its conditions relating to whether a copy of the international application is required upon entry into the national phase. The new conditions are outlined in a new footnote, reproduced hereafter:

“Where the international application was filed in Japanese, a copy of any amendments under PCT Articles 19 and 34 may be required if the communication under PCT Article 20 has not taken place within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) or if an express request for early processing was filed under PCT Article 23(2).”

[Updating of the National Chapter (JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its requirement as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent? Any registered patent attorney or legal representative

[Updating of Annex C(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SM San Marino

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has modified the time limit applicable for the filing of a translation of the international application upon entry in the national phase. The modified text of the relevant footnote is reproduced hereafter:

“Where the basic fee has been paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the translation may be filed within a time limit of one month, provided that the additional fee for late furnishing of the translation has been paid within that time limit.”

[Updating of the National Chapter (SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has replaced the Internet address from which it is possible to obtain the list of agents qualified to practice before the Office as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office by a new address, as follows:

Who can act as agent? Patent attorneys and patent agents registered to practice before the Office. A list of registered patent attorneys and agents may be obtained on the Internet at <http://des.uspto.gov/OEDCI/>.

[Updating of Annex C(US) and of the National Chapter (US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS
OFFICE DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)****JP Japon**

L'**Office des brevets du Japon** a modifié ses conditions concernant la question de savoir si une copie de la demande internationale est requise lors de l'ouverture de la phase nationale. Les nouvelles conditions sont indiquées dans une nouvelle note de bas de page, reproduite ci-après :

“Si la demande internationale a été déposée en japonais, une copie des modifications éventuelles selon les articles 19 et 34 du PCT peut être exigée lorsque la communication selon l'article 20 du PCT n'a pas été effectuée dans le délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT ou lorsqu'une requête expresse en traitement anticipé a été présentée selon l'article 23.2) du PCT.”

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (JP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

KR République de Corée

L'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié un changement relatif à son exigence concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire? Tout conseil en brevets agréé ou tout représentant légal

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(KR) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

SM Saint-Marin

L'**Office des brevets et des marques (Saint-Marin)** a modifié le délai applicable pour le dépôt d'une traduction de la demande internationale lors de l'ouverture de la phase nationale. Le texte modifié de la note de bas de page pertinente est reproduit ci-après :

“Si la taxe de base a été payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, la traduction peut être déposée dans un délai d'un mois, à condition que la taxe additionnelle pour remise tardive de la traduction soit payée dans ce délai.”

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (SM) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

L'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** a remplacé l'adresse Internet qui permet d'obtenir la liste des mandataires habilités à exercer auprès de l'office agissant en qualité d'office récepteur ou en qualité d'office désigné (ou élu) par une nouvelle adresse, comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire? Les conseils en brevets et agents de brevets habilités à exercer auprès de l'office. Une liste des conseils en brevets et agents de brevets agréés peut être obtenue sur l'Internet à l'adresse suivante : <http://des.uspto.gov/OEDCI/>.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(US) et du chapitre national (US) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**Non-Working Days**

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2007, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
1 and 2 January 2007
6 and 9 April 2007
17 and 28 May 2007
6 September 2007
20, 25 and 26 December 2007

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other international organizations.

BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**Jours chômés**

Aux fins du calcul des délais selon la règle 80.5 du PCT, il convient de noter que **le Bureau international ne sera pas ouvert** les jours suivants, pendant la période du 1^{er} janvier au 31 décembre 2007 :

tous les samedis et dimanches et
les 1^{er} et 2 janvier 2007
les 6 et 9 avril 2007
les 17 et 28 mai 2007
le 6 septembre 2007
les 20, 25 et 26 décembre 2007

Il est important de noter que les jours susmentionnés concernent **le Bureau international exclusivement et non pas** les offices nationaux ni d'autres organisations intergouvernementales.

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CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****MT Malta**

On 1 December 2006, **Malta** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 1 March 2007, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 1 March 2007 will automatically include the designation of Malta (country code: MT).

Malta will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 1 March 2007. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Malta will be entitled, as from 1 March 2007, to file international applications under the PCT.

The instrument of accession to the PCT deposited by Malta contained a declaration under PCT Article 64(5).

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES****AT Agreement between the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs of the Republic of Austria and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C**

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 21 December 2006. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	0.95

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_at.pdf.

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)****MT Malte**

Le 1^{er} décembre 2006, **Malte** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT et sera liée par le PCT le 1^{er} mars 2007.

Par conséquent, toute demande internationale déposée le 1^{er} mars 2007 ou ultérieurement comprendra automatiquement la désignation de Malte (code du pays : MT).

Malte sera liée par le chapitre II du PCT et sera automatiquement élue dans toute demande d'examen préliminaire international relative à une demande internationale déposée le 1^{er} mars 2007 ou ultérieurement. En outre, à partir du 1^{er} mars 2007, les nationaux de Malte et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

L'instrument d'adhésion au PCT déposé par Malte contenait une déclaration en vertu de l'article 64.5) du PCT.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe A du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL

AT Accord entre le Ministre fédéral des affaires économiques de la République d'Autriche et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'**Office autrichien des brevets** a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord susmentionné, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à la partie I de l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications entreront en vigueur le 21 décembre 2006. L'annexe C modifiée aura la teneur suivante :

“Annexe C
Taxes et droits

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euros)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe de réserve (règles 40.2.e) et 68.3.e))	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b), 71.2.b) et 94.2), par page	0,95

Partie II. [Sans changement]”

¹ Disponible (en anglais) sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_at.pdf.

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES (cont'd)**

CA Canada

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** has clarified the conditions under which the fee for copies of documents cited in either the international search report or the international preliminary examination report is payable to it in its capacities as International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority, respectively, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	The Authority does not require that the applicant presenting the request pay the cost of preparing and mailing the first copy of any documents cited, however, for any additional copy there is a charge of CAD 1.00 per page.
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	The Authority does not require that the applicant presenting the request pay the cost of preparing and mailing the first copy of any documents cited, however, for any additional copy there is a charge of CAD 1.00 per page.

[Updating of Annexes D(CA) and E(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2007. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	533.76
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	533.76
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b))	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL (suite)**

CA Canada

L'Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada a précisé les conditions dans lesquelles la taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités soit dans le rapport de recherche internationale, soit dans le rapport d'examen préliminaire international est payable à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou en sa qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, respectivement, comme suit :

Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport de recherche internationale (règle 44.3 du PCT) :

L'administration n'exige pas que le déposant qui présente la requête paye les frais de préparation et d'envoi de la première copie d'un document cité; cependant, un montant de CAD 1.00 par page est à verser pour toute copie supplémentaire.

Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport d'examen préliminaire international (règle 71.2 du PCT) :

L'administration n'exige pas que le déposant qui présente la requête paye les frais de préparation et d'envoi de la première copie d'un document cité; cependant, un montant de CAD 1.00 par page est à verser pour toute copie supplémentaire.

[Mise à jour des annexes D(CA) et E(CA) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

ES Accord entre l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord susmentionné, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à la partie I de l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2007. L'annexe C modifiée aura la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euros)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	533,76
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	533,76
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b) et 71.2.b))	
– documents nationaux, par document	[Sans changement]
– documents étrangers, par document	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règle 94.2), par page	[Sans changement]

Partie II. [Sans changement]”

¹ Disponible (en anglais) sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**BG Bulgaria**

The **Bulgarian Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, in the types of protection available via the PCT and in the provisions of the law of Bulgaria concerning international-type search, as follows:

Telephone:	(359-2) 970 13 14
Facsimile machine:	(359-2) 873 52 58
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a national patent)
	European: [No change]
Provisions of the law of Bulgaria concerning international-type search:	Article 68(2) of the Bulgarian Law on Patents and Utility Model Registration

[Updating of Annex B1(BG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LT Lithuania

The **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania** has notified changes to the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent, as follows:

Provisional protection after international publication:	Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: Provisional protection shall be effective in Lithuania as from the date on which the State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania publishes the translation of the claims into Lithuanian (see Article 48 of the Patent Law of the Republic of Lithuania). Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent: [No change]
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[Updating of Annex B1(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**BG Bulgarie**

L'**Office bulgare des brevets** a notifié des changements relatifs à ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, aux types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT et aux dispositions de la législation de la Bulgarie relatives à la recherche de type international, comme suit :

Téléphone :	(359-2) 970 13 14
Télécopieur :	(359-2) 873 52 58
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Nationale : Brevets, modèles d'utilité (un modèle d'utilité peut être demandé au lieu ou en plus d'un brevet national)
	Européenne : [Sans changement]
Dispositions de la législation de la Bulgarie relatives à la recherche de type international :	Article 68.2) de la loi bulgare sur les brevets et l'enregistrement des modèles d'utilité

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(BG) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

LT Lituanie

Le **Bureau d'État des brevets de la République de Lituanie** a notifié des changements dans les dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national, comme suit :

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :	Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national :
	La protection provisoire est effective en Lituanie à compter de la date à laquelle le Bureau d'État des brevets de la République de Lituanie publie la traduction des revendications en lituanien (voir l'article 48 de la loi sur les brevets de la République de Lituanie).
	Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen :
	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(LT) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

INFORMATION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a change in one of its e-mail addresses and has introduced two additional e-mail addresses. The list of the e-mail addresses now reads as follows:

E-mail:	info@epo.org	(Helpdesk for all branches)
	ro.ep.helpdesk@epo.org	(RO/EP matters)
	isa.ep.helpdesk@epo.org	(ISA/EP matters)
	pctipea@epo.org	(IPEA/EP matters)

[Updating of Annex B2(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AT Austria**

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority or as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 21 December 2006, are as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	EUR	0.95	per page
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	EUR	0.95	per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	EUR	0.95	per page

[Updating of Annexes D(AT) and E(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2007, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	EUR	533.76
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	EUR	533.76

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a notifié un changement relatif à l'une de ses adresses électroniques et a introduit deux adresses électroniques supplémentaires. La liste des adresses électroniques est désormais la suivante :

Courrier électronique :	info@epo.org	(service d'assistance pour toutes les agences)
	ro.ep.helpdesk@epo.org	(questions concernant RO/EP)
	isa.ep.helpdesk@epo.org	(questions concernant ISA/EP)
	pctipea@epo.org	(questions concernant IPEA/EP)

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B2(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AT Autriche**

L'**Office autrichien des brevets** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou en sa qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international. Ces montants, applicables à compter du 21 décembre 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport de recherche internationale (règle 44.3 du PCT) :	EUR	0,95	par page
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport d'examen préliminaire international (règle 71.2 du PCT) :	EUR	0,95	par page
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents contenus dans le dossier de la demande internationale (règle 94.2 du PCT) :	EUR	0,95	par page

[Mise à jour des annexes D(AT) et E(AT) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

ES Espagne

L'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international. Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2007, sont les suivants :

Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58 du PCT) :	EUR	533,76
Taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle (règle 68.3 du PCT) :	EUR	533,76

[Mise à jour de l'annexe E(ES) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**SI Slovenia**

The **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in the currency of payment of the fees from **Slovenian tolar (SIT)** to **euro (EUR)**. The consolidated list of the fees payable to the Office as receiving Office, effective from 1 January 2007, is as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	91
International filing fee:	EUR	900
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR	10
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):		
PCT-EASY:	EUR	64
Search fee:		See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	12.06

[Updating of Annex C(SI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the higher search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**; the equivalent amount of the lower search fee remains unchanged. The new amount, applicable from 1 January 2007, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	EUR	762	[No change]
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[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES****BZ Belize**

The **Belize Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney entitled to practice before the Office
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[Updating of Annex C(BZ) and of the National Chapter (BZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**SI Slovénie**

L'**Office slovène de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié un changement dans la monnaie de paiement des taxes, qui passera du **tolar slovène (SIT)** à l'**euro (EUR)**. La liste récapitulative des taxes payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, effective à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2007, est la suivante :

Taxe de transmission :	EUR	91
Taxe internationale de dépôt :	EUR	900
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	EUR	10
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :		
PCT-EASY :	EUR	64
Taxe de recherche :		Voir l'annexe D(EP)
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	EUR	12,06

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(SI) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

Un nouveau montant équivalent du montant le plus élevé de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **euros (EUR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**; le montant équivalent du montant le plus bas de la taxe de recherche reste inchangé. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2007, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	EUR	762	[Sans changement]
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[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(US) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS
OFFICE DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)****BZ Belize**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Belize** a notifié un changement dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur ou en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?	Tout conseil en brevets habilité à exercer auprès de l'office
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[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(BZ) et du chapitre national (BZ) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES (cont'd)****EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has modified the section of the national fee relating to the payment of the extension fee and has notified changes in the exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

National fee:

National fee, comprising:

- [No change]
- [No change]
- extension fee (for extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia or the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia) : [No change]

Exemptions, reductions or refunds
of the national fee:

No search fee is payable

- [No change]
- [No change]
- [No change]

The search fee is reduced

- [No change]
- [No change]

The search fee is not reduced

- where the international search report has been established by the Canadian Intellectual Property Office (pending discussions between the EPO and CIPO).

The search fee is reduced

- [No change]

The examination fee is reduced

- by 50% where the international preliminary examination report has been established by the EPO.
- [No change]

[Updating of the National Chapter (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS
OFFICE DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS) (suite)****EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a modifié le passage concernant la taxe nationale relatif au paiement de la taxe d'extension et a notifié des changements relatifs à l'exemption, à la réduction ou au remboursement de la taxe nationale, comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Taxe nationale, composée :

- [Sans changement]
- [Sans changement]
- d'une taxe d'extension (pour l'extension des effets du brevet européen à l'Albanie, la Bosnie-Herzégovine, la Croatie, l'ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine ou la Serbie) : [Sans changement]

Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :

Aucune taxe de recherche n'est à payer

- [Sans changement]
- [Sans changement]
- [Sans changement]

La taxe de recherche est réduite

- [Sans changement]
- [Sans changement]

La taxe de recherche n'est pas réduite

- lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale a été établi par l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada (dans l'attente de discussions entre l'OEB et cet office).

La taxe de recherche est réduite

- [Sans changement]

La taxe d'examen est réduite

- de 50% lorsque le rapport d'examen préliminaire international a été établi par l'OEB.

[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES (cont'd)****GB United Kingdom**

The Patent Office (United Kingdom) has notified changes in the names of certain fees payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as well as in the special requirements of the Office as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

National fee: [No change]

Search fee:

– [No change]

– [No change]

[No change]

Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

[No change]

[No change]

[No change]

No representation by an agent is required but an address for service in the European Economic Area or the Channel Islands is necessary (see further, Address for Service, paragraph GB.04)

[Updating of the National Chapter (GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****DE Germany – Corrigendum**

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 30 August 2006, the **German Patent and Trade Mark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it was prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 4 October 2006 (see PCT Gazette No. 40/2006 dated 5 October 2006, pages 19076 *et seq.*).

On 28 November 2006, the German Patent and Trade Mark Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau of a correction to the list of certification authorities accepted by the Office. Pursuant to this correction, the item relating to the certification authorities accepted by the Office, for applications filed using the *epoline*® or PCT-SAFE filing software, of the previous notification published in PCT Gazette No. 40/2006 should be replaced by the following:

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS) (suite)

GB Royaume-Uni

L'**Office des brevets (Royaume-Uni)** a notifié des changements relatifs aux noms de certaines taxes payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu) et aux exigences particulières de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Taxe nationale : [Sans changement]

Taxe de recherche :

– [Sans changement]

– [Sans changement]

[Sans changement]

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT) :

[Sans changement]

[Sans changement]

[Sans changement]

La représentation par un mandataire n'est pas exigée mais une adresse de service dans l'Espace économique européen ou les îles de la Manche est nécessaire (voir plus loin "Adresse de service", paragraphe GB.04)

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (GB) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES: NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS

DE Allemagne – Rectificatif

Depuis le 7 janvier 2002, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques appropriés est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F des Instructions administratives du PCT, qui contiennent, respectivement, le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires à la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement sous forme électronique des demandes internationales prévus à la règle 89*bis*.1 du PCT.

Le 30 août 2006, l'**Office allemand des brevets et des marques**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international, selon la règle 89*bis*.1.d) et l'instruction administrative 710.a) du PCT, qu'il était disposé à recevoir et à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 4 octobre 2006 (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 40/2006 du 5 octobre 2006, pages 19077 et suiv.).

Le 28 novembre 2006, l'Office allemand des brevets et des marques, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international une correction relative à la liste des autorités de certification qu'il accepte. Suite à cette correction, le point relatif aux autorités de certification acceptées par l'office, pour les demandes déposées au moyen des logiciels de dépôt *epoline*® ou PCT-SAFE, de la notification précédente publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 40/2006 doit être remplacé par ce qui suit :

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****DE Germany (cont'd)**

“As to the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

For the *epoline*® and PCT-SAFE filing software:

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (CERES certificates)”

JP Japan

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 5 April 2004, the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it was prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 28 April 2004 (see PCT Gazette No. 17/2004, dated 22 April 2004, pages 9452 *et seq.*).

It is recalled that the Japan Patent Office (JPO) has notified the International Bureau, under Section 703(f) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that items (ii) to (iv) of Section 703(b) relating to, respectively, the means of transmittal, the electronic document packaging and the electronic filing software, are not compatible with its applicable national law and technical systems, and that consequently the Japan Patent Office does not have to comply with the requirements contained in sections 5.1 and 5.2.1 of Annex F, as well as in sections 2(d) to (g) of Appendix III of Annex F (for further details, see PCT Gazette No. 18/2002, dated 2 May 2002, page 8974.).

It is also recalled that, on request, a joint statement of the Trilateral Offices (European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office) on Section 703(f) has been published in the Gazette (for further details, see PCT Gazette No. 43/2002, dated 24 October 2002, pages 21568 *et seq.*).

On 30 November 2006, the Japan Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to accept applications filed using PCT-SAFE software, in addition to JPO-PAS, in accordance with the following notification, thereby replacing the previous notification published in PCT Gazette No. 17/2004, with effect from 4 January 2007.

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES: NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**DE Allemagne (suite)**

“En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l’office et les adresses électroniques des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés (instruction 710.a.vi):

Pour les logiciels de dépôt *epoline*® et PCT-SAFE :

- Autorité de certification de l’Office européen des brevets (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- Autorité de certification de l’OMPI pour les utilisateurs (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/fr/certificates.htm)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (certificats CERES)”

JP Japon

Depuis le 7 janvier 2002, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques appropriés est en mesure d’accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l’annexe F des Instructions administratives du PCT qui contiennent, respectivement, le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires à la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement sous forme électronique des demandes internationales prévus à la règle 89*bis*.1 du PCT.

Le 5 avril 2004, l’**Office des brevets du Japon**, agissant en sa qualité d’office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international, selon la règle 89*bis*.1.d) et l’instruction administrative 710.a) du PCT, qu’il était disposé à recevoir et à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 28 avril 2004 (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 17/2004 du 22 avril 2004, pages 9453 et suiv.).

Il est rappelé que l’Office des brevets du Japon a notifié au Bureau international, conformément à l’instruction administrative 703.f) du PCT, une incompatibilité des points ii) à iv) de l’instruction administrative 703.b) relatifs, respectivement, aux moyens de transmission, à l’empaquetage électronique des documents et aux logiciels de dépôt électronique, avec sa législation nationale applicable et ses systèmes techniques, et que par conséquent l’Office des brevets du Japon n’est pas tenu de répondre aux exigences figurant dans les sections 5.1 et 5.2.1 de l’annexe F, ainsi que dans les sections 2.d) à g) de l’appendice III de l’annexe F (pour plus de précisions, voir la Gazette du PCT n° 18/2002 du 2 mai 2002, page 8975).

Il est également rappelé que, sur demande, une déclaration conjointe des offices engagés dans la coopération tripartite (Office des brevets du Japon, Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis d’Amérique et Office européen des brevets) portant sur l’instruction administrative 703.f) a été publiée dans la Gazette (pour plus de précisions, voir la Gazette du PCT n° 43/2002 du 24 octobre 2002, pages 21569 et suiv.).

Le 30 novembre 2006, l’Office des brevets du Japon, agissant en sa qualité d’office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international, selon la règle 89*bis*.1.d) et l’instruction administrative 710.b) du PCT, qu’il est disposé à accepter des demandes déposées au moyen du logiciel PCT-SAFE, en plus du JPO PAS, selon la notification suivante, qui remplace la notification précédente publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 17/2004, avec effet à partir du 4 janvier 2007.

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****JP Japan (cont'd)****“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):**

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
 - (a) JISX 0208
 - (b) Shift-JIS
 - (c) IBM943-Unicode3.0/UTF-8 table in IBM AIX
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2 and Annex C)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JFIF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

For PCT-SAFE software:

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5)

For JPO PAS:

- online filing : the Office uses different protocols based on ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network), and the electronic package containing the international application is transmitted via ISDN, which is a secured transmission channel.

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

For PCT-SAFE software:

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

For JPO PAS:

- WAD (Wrapped Application Document; see Annex F, section 4.1.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software
- JPO PAS

As to types of electronic signatures (Section 710(a)(i)):

For PCT-SAFE software:

- text string signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annexe F, section 3.3.4)

For JPO PAS:

- text string signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.2)

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****JP Japon (suite)****“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :**

- XML (en général; voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
 - a) JISX 0208
 - b) Shift-JIS
 - c) table IBM943-Unicode3.0/UTF-8 dans IBM AIX
- Norme OMPI ST.25 (pour les listages des séquences; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F et l'annexe C)
- TIFF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)
- JFIF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.2 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :

Pour le logiciel PCT-SAFE :

- dépôt en ligne (voir la section 5 de l'annexe F)

Pour le JPO PAS :

- dépôt en ligne : l'office utilise différents protocoles fondés sur la technologie ISDN (réseau numérique de services intégrés), et le paquet électronique contenant la demande internationale est transmis à travers l'ISDN, qui est un canal de transmission sécurisé.

En ce qui concerne l'empaquetage électronique des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

Pour le logiciel PCT-SAFE :

- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l'annexe F)

Pour le JPO PAS :

- WAD (paquet contenant les documents constitutifs de la demande compactés; voir la section 4.1.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- logiciel PCT-SAFE
- JPO PAS

En ce qui concerne les types de signatures électroniques (instruction 710.a)i) :

Pour le logiciel PCT-SAFE :

- signature composée d'une chaîne de caractères (voir la section 3.3.2 de l'annexe F)
- signature électronique renforcée (voir la section 3.3.4 de l'annexe F)

Pour le JPO PAS :

- signature composée d'une chaîne de caractères (voir la section 3.3.2 de l'annexe F)

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****JP Japan (cont'd)****As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):**

For PCT-SAFE software:

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the above mentioned means of transmittal or document packaging that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates, applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic or certain missing files are notified to the applicant by issuing an error message.

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

For JPO PAS:

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

- No online payment is available. The following means of payment are accepted: (i) payment by JPO's deposit account, (ii) payment by patent revenue stamps, or (iii) payment to the Japan's national treasury with the evidence to certify the payment.
- Bank transfers are acceptable only for the payment of the international filing fee.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a support center for online filing.

The task of this support center is to answer questions from users of the service for the online filing of patents, and to serve as a technical hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

For PCT-SAFE software:

This support center is open from Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays, from 9 am until 8 pm, and it may be contacted:

- by phone, at +81 (0)3 5575 5004

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES: NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**JP Japon (suite)****En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures ayant trait à la réception électronique (instruction 710.a.ii) :**

Pour le logiciel PCT-SAFE :

L'accusé de réception de tout ce qui est supposé constituer une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique auprès de l'office contiendra les informations exigées au titre de l'instruction 704.a)i) à iv).

Ce n'est que si la demande n'est pas envoyée conformément aux moyens de transmission ou à l'emballage des documents susmentionnés qu'un accusé de réception ne sera pas généré. D'autres erreurs, telles que l'utilisation de certificats caduques, des demandes contaminées par des virus ou d'autres formes d'éléments malveillants ou des fichiers manquants, sont notifiées au déposant au moyen d'un message d'erreur.

L'office fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique. Lorsqu'il s'avère que l'accusé de réception envoyé au déposant par des moyens électroniques n'a pas été transmis avec succès, l'office le renverra à bref délai par le même moyen ou par un autre moyen (voir l'instruction 709.b)).

Pour le JPO PAS :

L'accusé de réception de tout ce qui est supposé constituer une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique auprès de l'office contiendra les informations exigées au titre de l'instruction 704.a)i) à iv).

L'office fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique. Lorsqu'il s'avère que l'accusé de réception envoyé au déposant par des moyens électroniques n'a pas été transmis avec succès, l'office le renverra à bref délai par le même moyen ou par un autre moyen (voir l'instruction 709.b)).

En ce qui concerne les moyens de paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a.ii) :

- Aucun moyen de paiement en ligne n'est disponible. Les modes de paiement acceptés sont les suivants : i) paiement sur le compte de dépôt de l'office, ii) paiement par timbres fiscaux de brevet ou iii) paiement au Trésor national japonais avec la preuve que le paiement a bien été effectué.
- Les virements bancaires sont acceptés uniquement pour le paiement de la taxe internationale de dépôt.

En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d'assistance (instruction 710.a.iii) :

L'office a mis en place un service d'assistance pour le dépôt en ligne.

Ce service d'assistance a pour mission de répondre à l'ensemble des questions soulevées par les utilisateurs du service de dépôt électronique de brevets, et particulièrement de jouer le rôle d'assistance technique afin de venir en aide aux déposants lorsque des bogues et autres anomalies surviennent au niveau de l'application ou du serveur.

Pour le logiciel PCT-SAFE :

Ce service d'assistance est ouvert du lundi au vendredi, mis à part les vacances officielles, de 9 heures à 20 heures, et il peut être contacté :

- par téléphone, au +81 (0)3 5575 5004

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****JP Japan (cont'd)**

For JPO PAS:

This support center is open from Monday to Friday, excluding official holidays, from 9 am until 8 pm, and it may be contacted:

- by phone, at +81 (0)3 5744 8534
- by fax, at +81 (0)3 5423 6450

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications, provided they do not include tables related to sequence listings.

As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept no filing of backup copies on paper. Furthermore, the Office will prepare no backup copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information on its website (www.jpo.go.jp) concerning the availability of online filing systems.

As to the certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

For PCT-SAFE software:

- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Registrar of Legal Affairs Bureau (www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/CERTIFICATION/index.html)
- The Japan Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ca.jcci.or.jp/index.html)
- Japan Certification Services, Inc. (www.jcsinc.co.jp)
- Secom Trust Systems Co., Ltd. (www.secomtrust.net/service/ninsyo/forgid.html)
- ChudenCTI Co., Ltd. (repository.cti.co.jp)

For JPO PAS:

The Office will not implement PKI-based solutions for the transmission. Consequently, no certification authorities will be accepted by the Office.

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES: NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**JP Japon (suite)**

Pour le JPO PAS :

Ce service d'assistance est ouvert du lundi au vendredi, mis à part les vacances officielles, de 9 heures à 20 heures, et il peut être contacté :

- par téléphone, au +81 (0)3 5744 8534
- par télécopie, au +81 (0)3 5423 6450

En ce qui concerne les types de documents qui peuvent être transmis à l'office sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)iii) :

- demandes internationales, à condition qu'elles ne contiennent pas de tableaux relatifs aux listages des séquences.

En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :

L'office n'acceptera aucun dépôt de copie de sauvegarde sur papier. Par ailleurs, l'office ne préparera aucune copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sur papier à la demande du déposant.

En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :

Dans le cas où les systèmes informatiques ne seraient plus en état de marche au moment où une demande internationale est déposée auprès de lui, l'office mettra en œuvre tous les moyens dont il dispose pour informer le déposant des procédures de remplacement à suivre.

L'office fournira sur son site Internet (www.jpo.go.jp) les informations relatives aux disponibilités des systèmes de dépôt en ligne.

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office et les adresses électroniques des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés (instruction 710.a)vi) :

Pour le logiciel PCT-SAFE :

- Autorité de certification de l'OMPI pour les utilisateurs (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/fr/certificates.htm)
- Registrar of Legal Affairs Bureau (www.moj.go.jp/ONLINE/CERTIFICATION/index.html)
- Chambre de commerce et d'industrie du Japon (ca.jcci.or.jp/index.html)
- Japan Certification Services, Inc. (www.jcsinc.co.jp)
- Secom Trust Systems Co., Ltd. (www.secomtrust.net/service/ninsyo/forgid.html)
- ChudenCTI Co., Ltd. (repository.cti.co.jp)

Pour le JPO PAS :

L'office ne mettra pas en œuvre de solutions fondées sur la technologie ICP en ce qui concerne la transmission. Par conséquent, aucune autorité de certification ne sera acceptée par l'office.

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****JP Japan (cont'd)**

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE****BG Bulgaria**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the **Bulgarian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the address of the National Bank for Industrial Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (NBIMCC), an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

National Bank for Industrial Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (NBIMCC)
125, “Tzarigradsko shaussee” Blvd.
Block 2, et. 5
1113 Sofia
Bulgaria

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****JP Japon (suite)**

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou archivées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible."

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
INSTITUTIONS AUPRÈS DESQUELLES DES DÉPÔTS PEUVENT ÊTRE EFFECTUÉS****BG Bulgarie**

Conformément à la règle 13*bis*.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office bulgare des brevets** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à un changement dans l'adresse de l'institution dénommée "National Bank for Industrial Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (NBIMCC)", autorité de dépôt internationale reconnue en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès de laquelle des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, comme suit :

National Bank for Industrial Microorganisms and Cell Cultures (NBIMCC)
125, "Tzarigradsko shaussee" Blvd.
Block 2, et. 5
1113 Sofia
Bulgarie

[Mise à jour de l'annexe L du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**LT Lithuania**

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, and following its earlier notification relating to the same matter (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2004, dated 19 February 2004, page 4344) the **State Patent Bureau of the Republic of Lithuania**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it has waived the requirement under PCT Rule 90.4(b) to submit a separate power of attorney and notified particular instances in which either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney is required. The corresponding heading now reads as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

[No change]

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

[Updating of Annex C(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**

RS Serbia

General information on Serbia as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)** as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, is given in Annexes B1(RS) and C(RS) and the Summary (RS), which are published on the following pages.

RENONCIATIONS EN VERTU DES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**LT Lituanie**

Selon les règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, et suite à sa notification précédente concernant le même sujet (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 08/2004 du 19 février 2004, page 4345), le **Bureau d'État des brevets de la République de Lituanie**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il a renoncé à l'exigence en vertu de la règle 90.4.b) du PCT selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis et notifié les cas particuliers dans lesquels soit un pouvoir distinct, soit une copie d'un pouvoir général est requis. La rubrique correspondante est désormais la suivante :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise?

[Sans changement]

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(LT) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS
OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS
OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)

RS Serbie

Des informations de caractère général concernant la **Serbie** en tant qu'État contractant, ainsi que des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Serbie)** en tant qu'office récepteur et en tant qu'office désigné (ou élu), figurent aux annexes B1(RS) et C(RS) et dans le résumé (RS), qui sont publiés aux pages suivantes.

B1	Information on Contracting States	B1
RS	SERBIA	RS

General information

Name of Office:	Zavod za intelektualnu svojinu Intellectual Property Office (Serbia)
Location and mailing address:	Knjeginje Ljubice 5, 11000 Beograd, Serbia
Telephone:	(381-11) 2630 499
Facsimile machine:	(381-11) 311 23 77
Teleprinter:	—
E-mail:	yupat@yupat.sv.gov.yu
Internet:	www.yupat.sv.gov.yu
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Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application
	No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents
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Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service furnishes proof of receipt
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Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Serbia:	Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
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Competent designated (or elected) Office if Serbia is designated (or elected):	National protection: Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) (see Volume II) Extension of European patent: ¹ European Patent Office (EPO) (see Volume II)
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May Serbia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
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Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, patents of addition, petty patents European: Extended European patents ¹

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¹ For international applications filed on or after 1 November 2004.

B1 Informations sur les États contractants

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RS

SERBIE

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Informations générales

Nom de l'office :	Zavod za intelektualnu svojinu Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Serbie)
Siège et adresse postale :	Knjeginje Ljubice 5, 11000 Beograd, Serbie
Téléphone :	(381-11) 2630 499
Télécopieur :	(381-11) 311 23 77
Téléimprimeur :	–
Courrier électronique :	yupat@yupat.sv.gov.yu
Internet :	www.yupat.sv.gov.yu
L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT)?	Oui, par télécopieur
Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens?	Tous types de documents
L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas?	Oui, dans un délai de 14 jours à compter de la date de la transmission, si le document transmis est la demande internationale ou une feuille de remplacement contenant des corrections ou des modifications apportées à la demande internationale Non, seulement sur invitation pour tout autre document
L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT)?	Oui, à condition que l'entreprise d'acheminement fournisse une preuve de réception du document
Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux de la Serbie et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées :	Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Serbie) ou Bureau international de l'OMPI, au choix du déposant (voir l'annexe C)
Office désigné (ou élu) compétent si la Serbie est désignée (ou élue) :	Protection nationale : Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Serbie) (voir le volume II) Extension du brevet européen ¹ : Office européen des brevets (OEB) (voir le volume II)
La Serbie peut-elle être élue?	Oui (liée par le chapitre II du PCT)
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Nationale : Brevets, brevets d'addition, "petty patents" Européenne : Brevets européens aux effets étendus ¹
Dispositions de la législation de la Serbie relatives à la recherche de type international :	Néant

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¹ Pour les demandes internationales déposées le 1^{er} novembre 2004 ou ultérieurement.

B1 Information on Contracting States B1**RS SERBIA RS**

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Provisions of the law of Serbia concerning international-type search:

None

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: Provisional protection shall be effective as from the date on which the Serbian translation of the title of the invention and the abstract of the international application are published by the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) (Articles 56 and 132 of the Patent Law, 2004).

Where the designation is made for the purposes of an extended European patent:²

A published European patent application shall provisionally confer the protection as conferred by a published national patent application under Article 58 of the Patent Law as from the date on which a translation of the published European patent application into the Serbian language has been communicated by the applicant to the person using the invention in Serbia.

Information of interest if Serbia is designated (or elected)**For national protection**

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Serbia is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). If not already complied with within that time limit, the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

For extension of a European patent² — See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2, Summary (EP) and National Chapters EP and RS in Volume II

² See footnote 1.

B1 Informations sur les États contractants B1

RS SERBIE RS

[Suite]

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale:

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national :

La protection provisoire sera effective à compter de la date de publication par l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Serbie) de la traduction en serbe du titre de l'invention et de l'abrégé de la demande internationale (articles 56 et 132 de la loi sur les brevets, 2004).

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen aux effets étendus² :

Une demande de brevet européen publiée confère à titre provisoire la protection conférée par une demande de brevet national publiée prévue à l'article 58 de la loi sur les brevets à compter de la date à laquelle une traduction en serbe de la demande de brevet européen publiée a été remise par le déposant à la personne qui utilise l'invention en Serbie.

Informations utiles si la Serbie est désignée (ou élue)

Pour la protection nationale

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si la Serbie est désignée (ou élue):

Peuvent figurer dans la requête ou doivent être communiqués dans le délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT. Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans ce délai, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique?

Oui (voir l'annexe L)

Pour l'extension d'un brevet européen² – Voir Organisation européenne des brevets (EP) à l'annexe B2, le résumé (EP) et les chapitres nationaux EP et RS dans le volume II

² Voir la note 1.

C **Receiving Offices** **C**

RS **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **RS**

(SERBIA)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Serbia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ¹	Yes
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Serbian dinar (RSD)
Transmittal fee:	RSD 3,000
International filing fee: ²	Equivalent in RSD of Swiss francs 1,400
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ²	Equivalent in RSD of Swiss francs 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY: ¹	Equivalent in RSD of Swiss francs 100
Search fee:	Equivalent in RSD of the search fee payable to the European Patent Office in EUR: see Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	RSD 180
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Serbia Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any person registered to practice as a patent agent before the Office, or any attorney-at-law registered in Serbia

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¹ Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings, the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332, and No. 41/2006, page 19092, Schedule of Fees, item 3(a)).

² This fee is reduced by 75% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(1B)). For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 41/2006, page 19092, Schedule of Fees, item 4.

C **Offices récepteurs** **C**
RS OFFICE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE RS
(SERBIE)

Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux et les résidents de:	Serbie
Langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée:	Anglais
Langue dans laquelle la requête peut être déposée :	Anglais
Nombre d'exemplaires requis par l'office récepteur:	1
L'office récepteur accepte-t-il le dépôt de demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY ¹ ?	Oui
Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale:	Office européen des brevets
Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international:	Office européen des brevets
Taxes payables à l'office récepteur:	Monnaie: Dinar serbe (RSD)
Taxe de transmission:	RSD 3.000
Taxe internationale de dépôt ² :	Équivalent en RSD de 1.400 francs suisses
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e 2 :	Équivalent en RSD de 15 francs suisses
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY ¹ :	Équivalent en RSD de 100 francs suisses
Taxe de recherche:	Équivalent en RSD de la taxe de recherche payable à l'Office européen des brevets en EUR : voir l'annexe D(EP)
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT):	RSD 180
L'office récepteur exige-t-il un mandataire?	Non, si le déposant est domicilié en Serbie Oui, dans le cas contraire
Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?	Toute personne inscrite au registre des agents de brevets agréés par l'office ou tout avocat enregistré en Serbie

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¹ Lorsque la requête est déposée en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec une disquette PCT-EASY et que l'office récepteur accepte ce mode de dépôt, le montant total de la taxe internationale de dépôt est réduit (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 51/1998, pages 17331 et 17333, et n° 41/2006, page 19093, barème de taxes, point 3.a)).

² Cette taxe est réduite de 75% si certaines conditions s'appliquent (voir la note de bas de page correspondante de l'annexe C(IB)). Pour plus de précisions, voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 41/2006, page 19093, barème de taxes, point 4.

C **Receiving Offices** **C**
RS **INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE** **RS**
(SERBIA)

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney be
submitted? No

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of
attorney be submitted? No

C **Offices récepteurs** **C**
RS OFFICE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE RS
(SERBIE)

[Suite]

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?	Non
L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise ?	Non

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****RS****INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
(SERBIA)****RS****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase****If grant of a national patent by the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia) is desired:**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date ¹ Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date ¹
Translation of international application required into: ²	Serbian
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ²	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	Applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he/she has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).
National fee: ²	Currency: Serbian dinar (RSD) For patent: Filing fee: RSD 3,000 Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: RSD 150 Additional fee for late entry into the national phase: 50% of the filing fee Examination fee: RSD 3,600 Annual fee for the first three years: RSD 1,500 For petty patent: Filing fee: RSD 1,200 Additional fee for late entry into the national phase: 50% of the filing fee

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¹ The time limit may be extended by 30 days, provided the applicant pays the additional fee for late entry into the national phase.

² Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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Office désigné (ou élu)

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RS OFFICE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE RS (SERBIE)

Résumé des exigences pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale

Si un brevet national délivré par l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Serbie) est désiré:

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale:	En vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT: 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité ¹ En vertu de l'article 39.1)a) du PCT: 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité ¹
Traduction de la demande internationale requise en ² :	Serbe
Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale ² :	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT: Description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, à la fois telles que déposées initialement et telles que modifiées, ainsi que toute déclaration faite en vertu de l'article 19 du PCT), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT: Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer à la fois tel que déposé initialement et tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international)
Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise?	Le déposant ne doit remettre une copie de la demande internationale que s'il n'a pas reçu le formulaire PCT/IB/308 et que l'office n'a pas reçu du Bureau international de copie de la demande internationale conformément à l'article 20 du PCT. Cela peut se produire lorsque le déposant demande expressément l'ouverture anticipée de la phase nationale selon l'article 23.2) du PCT.
Taxe nationale ² :	Monnaie: Dinar serbe (RSD) Pour un brevet: Taxe de dépôt: RSD 3.000 Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication à compter de la 11 ^e : RSD 150 Surtaxe pour ouverture tardive de la phase nationale: 50% de la taxe de dépôt Taxe d'examen: RSD 3.600 Taxe annuelle pour les trois premières années: RSD 1.500 Pour un "petty patent": Taxe de dépôt: RSD 1.200 Surtaxe pour ouverture tardive de la phase nationale: 50% de la taxe de dépôt

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¹ Le délai peut être prolongé de 30 jours, à condition que le déposant paie la surtaxe pour ouverture tardive de la phase nationale.

² Doit être remise ou payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****RS****INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE****RS****(SERBIA)**

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Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

The examination fee is reduced by 50% where an international search report or an international preliminary examination report has been established.

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51*bis*):³

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Serbia

Instrument of assignment of the international application if the applicant has changed after the international filing date and the change has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)

Statement justifying the applicant's right to the patent if he is not the inventor⁴

Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)

Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies

Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form

Who can act as agent?

Any person registered to practice as a patent agent before the Office, or any attorney-at-law registered in Serbia

If extension of a European patent⁵ is desired: See European Patent Organisation (EP) in Annex B2, Summary (EP) and National Chapters EP and RS in Volume II

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

⁴ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁵ For international applications filed on or after 1 November 2004.

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RS OFFICE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE RS (SERBIE)

[Suite]

Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :

La taxe d'examen est réduite de 50% lorsqu'un rapport de recherche internationale ou un rapport d'examen préliminaire international a été établi.

Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51*bis* du PCT)³ :

Désignation d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié en Serbie

Acte de cession de la demande internationale si le déposant a changé après la date du dépôt international et que le changement n'a pas été reflété dans une notification émanant du Bureau international (formulaire PCT/IB/306)

Déclaration justifiant du droit du déposant au brevet si le déposant n'est pas l'inventeur⁴

Justification du changement du nom du déposant si le changement est survenu après la date du dépôt international et qu'il n'a pas été reflété dans une notification émanant du Bureau international (formulaire PCT/IB/306)

Traduction de la demande internationale en trois exemplaires

Fourniture, le cas échéant, d'un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés sous forme électronique

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?

Toute personne inscrite au registre des agents de brevets agréés par l'office ou tout avocat enregistré en Serbie

Si l'extension d'un brevet européen⁵ est désirée : Voir Organisation européenne des brevets (EP) à l'annexe B2, le résumé (EP) et les chapitres nationaux EP et RS dans le volume II

³ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

⁴ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17 du PCT.

⁵ Pour les demandes internationales déposées le 1^{er} novembre 2004 ou ultérieurement.

SECTION IV

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INFORMATION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The European Patent Office (EPO) has notified a change in one of its e-mail addresses. The list of e-mail addresses now reads as follows:

E-mail:	info@epo.org	(Helpdesk for all branches)
	ro.ep.helpdesk@epo.org	(RO/EP matters)
	isa.ep.helpdesk@epo.org	(ISA/EP matters)
	pct.ipea.ep.helpdesk@epo.org	(IPEA/EP matters)

[Updating of Annex B2(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EG Egypt**

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has notified a new amount of its examination fee, specifically applicable in case of filing by individuals, in **Egyptian pounds (EGP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. Since the examination fee for other categories of applicants has not changed, those categories are not listed hereafter. The new amount is as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Annual fee for the second year:	[No change]
Annual fee for the third year:	[No change]
Examination fee:	EGP 10

For utility model: [No change]

[Updating of the National Chapter (EG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TZ Tanzania

The **Business Registrations and Licensing Agency, Ministry of Industry and Trade (United Republic of Tanzania)** has notified new amounts of fees in **Tanzanian shillings (TZS)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts are as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee: TZS 12,000

For utility certificate:

Filing fee: TZS 10,000

[Updating of the National Chapter (TZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

L'Office européen des brevets (OEB) a notifié un changement relatif à l'une de ses adresses électroniques. La liste des adresses électroniques est désormais la suivante :

Courrier électronique :	info@epo.org	(service d'assistance pour toutes les agences)
	ro.ep.helpdesk@epo.org	(questions concernant RO/EP)
	isa.ep.helpdesk@epo.org	(questions concernant ISA/EP)
	pct.ipea.ep.helpdesk @epo.org	(questions concernant IPEA/EP)

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B2(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

EG Égypte

L'**Office égyptien des brevets** a notifié un nouveau montant de sa taxe d'examen, spécifiquement applicable dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par un particulier, exprimé en **livres égyptiennes (EGP)** et payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). La taxe d'examen applicable à d'autres catégories de déposants restant inchangée, ces autres catégories n'apparaissent pas dans la liste ci-dessous. Le nouveau montant est le suivant :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt :	[Sans changement]
Taxe annuelle pour la 2 ^e année :	[Sans changement]
Taxe annuelle pour la 3 ^e année :	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen :	EGP 10
Pour un modèle d'utilité :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (EG) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TZ Tanzanie

Le **Service d'enregistrement des sociétés et des licences commerciales, Ministère de l'industrie et du commerce (République-Unie de Tanzanie)** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **shillings tanzaniens (TZS)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Ces montants sont les suivants :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt :	TZS 12.000
Pour un certificat d'utilité :	
Taxe de dépôt :	TZS 10.000

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (TZ) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**ZA South Africa**

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa)** has notified new amounts of fees in **South African rand (ZAR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable from 1 January 2007, are as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee: ZAR 590

First annual fee : ZAR 130

[Updating of the National Chapter (ZA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**FI Finland**

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified changes in the special requirements of the Office as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of special requirements is now as follows:

Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

[No change]

[No change]

[No change]

Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies for a patent and four copies for a utility model

[No change]

[Updating of the National Chapter (FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**RECEIVING OFFICES****DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES****ZM Zambia**

General information on **Zambia** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Patents and Companies Registration Office (Zambia)** as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, is given in Annexes B1(ZM) and C(ZM) and the Summary (ZM), which are published on the following pages.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**ZA Afrique du Sud**

L'**Office de l'enregistrement des sociétés et de la propriété intellectuelle (Afrique du Sud)** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2007, sont les suivants :

Taxe nationale :

Taxe de dépôt :	ZAR	590
Première taxe annuelle :	ZAR	130

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (ZA) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**FI Finlande**

L'**Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande** a notifié des changements relatifs aux exigences particulières de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). La liste récapitulative des exigences particulières est désormais la suivante :

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT) :

[Sans changement]

[Sans changement]

[Sans changement]

Traduction de la demande internationale en trois exemplaires pour un brevet et en quatre exemplaires pour un modèle d'utilité

[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (FI) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)****ZM Zambie**

Des informations de caractère général concernant la **Zambie** en tant qu'État contractant, ainsi que des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences du **Bureau d'enregistrement des brevets et des sociétés (Zambie)** en tant qu'office récepteur et en tant qu'office désigné (ou élu), figurent aux annexes B1(ZM) et C(ZM) et dans le résumé (ZM), qui sont publiés aux pages suivantes.

B1 Information on Contracting States B1**ZM ZAMBIA ZM****General information**

Name of Office:	Patents and Companies Registration Office (Zambia)
Location:	Mwayi House, Haile Selassie Avenue, Long Acres, Lusaka, Zambia
Mailing address:	Registrar, Patents and Companies Registration Office, P.O. Box 32075, Lusaka, Zambia
Telephone:	(260-1) 25 51 35, 25 54 25, 25 51 51
Facsimile machine:	(260-1) 25 54 26, 22 72 25
E-mail:	pacro@zamnet.zm
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month of transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes, provided that the delivery service is DHL or Federal Express
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Zambia:	Patents and Companies Registration Office (Zambia), ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Zambia is designated (or elected):	National protection: Patents and Companies Registration Office (Zambia) (see Volume II) ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see Volume II)
May Zambia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, patents of addition ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Zambia concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	(1) International applications published in English: the applicant enjoys the rights defined in Section 21(4) of the Patents Act from the date on which the international application is published under PCT Article 21. (2) International applications published in a language other than English: the applicant enjoys the rights defined in Section 21(4) of the Patents Act after a translation into English has been submitted by the applicant to the Office and publication has taken place.

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B1 Informations sur les États contractants B1
ZM ZAMBIE ZM

Informations générales

Nom de l'office :	Patents and Companies Registration Office (Zambia) Bureau d'enregistrement des brevets et des sociétés (Zombie)
Siège :	Mwayi House, Haile Selassie Avenue, Long Acres, Lusaka, Zambia
Adresse postale :	Registrar, Patents and Companies Registration Office, P.O. Box 32075, Lusaka, Zambia
Téléphone :	(260-1) 25 51 35, 25 54 25, 25 51 51
Télécopieur :	(260-1) 25 54 26, 22 72 25
Courrier électronique :	pacro@zamnet.zm
Internet :	–
L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT)?	Oui, par télécopieur
Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens?	Tous types de documents
L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas?	Oui, dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la transmission
L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT)?	Oui, à condition que l'entreprise d'acheminement soit DHL ou Federal Express
Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux de la Zambie et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées :	Bureau d'enregistrement des brevets et des sociétés (Zambie), Office de l'ARIPO ou Bureau international de l'OMPI, au choix du déposant (voir l'annexe C)
Office désigné (ou élu) compétent si la Zambie est désignée (ou élue) :	Protection nationale : Bureau d'enregistrement des brevets et des sociétés (Zambie) (voir le volume II) Protection ARIPO : Office de l'ARIPO (voir le volume II)
La Zambie peut-elle être élue?	Oui (liée par le chapitre II du PCT)
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Nationale : Brevets, brevets d'addition ARIPO : Brevets, modèles d'utilité (un modèle d'utilité peut être demandé au lieu ou en plus d'un brevet ARIPO)
Dispositions de la législation de la Zambie relatives à la recherche de type international :	Néant

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****ZM****ZAMBIA****ZM***[Continued]*

Information of interest if Zambia is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Zambia is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiration of the time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2

B1 Informations sur les États contractants B1
ZM ZAMBIE ZM

[Suite]

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale:

1) Demande internationale publiée en anglais : le déposant jouit des droits définis à l'article 21.4 de la loi sur les brevets à compter de la date à laquelle la demande internationale est publiée selon l'article 21 du PCT.

2) Demande internationale publiée dans une langue autre que l'anglais : le déposant jouit des droits définis à l'article 21.4 de la loi sur les brevets après qu'une traduction en anglais a été remise à l'office par le déposant et que la publication a eu lieu.

Informations utiles si la Zambie est désignée (ou élue)

Pour la protection nationale

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si la Zambie est désignée (ou élue):

Doivent figurer dans la requête. Si les renseignements se rapportant à l'inventeur n'ont pas été communiqués à l'expiration du délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office invitera le déposant à faire le nécessaire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique?

Non

Pour un brevet ARIPO – Voir Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété intellectuelle (AP) à l'annexe B2

C**Offices récepteurs****C****ZM****BUREAU D'ENREGISTREMENT DES
BREVETS ET DES SOCIÉTÉS (ZAMBIE)****ZM**

Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux et les résidents de:	Zambie
Langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée:	Anglais
Langue dans laquelle la requête peut être déposée :	Anglais
Nombre d'exemplaires requis par l'office récepteur:	3
L'office récepteur accepte-t-il le dépôt de demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY ¹ ?	Non
Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale:	Office autrichien des brevets ou Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement
Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international:	Office autrichien des brevets ou Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement
Taxes payables à l'office récepteur:	Monnaie: Dollar des États-Unis (USD)
Taxe de transmission:	USD 50
Taxe internationale de dépôt ² :	USD 1.086
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e ² :	USD 12
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3):	Néant
Taxe de recherche:	Voir l'annexe D(AT) ou (SE)
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT):	USD 20
L'office récepteur exige-t-il un mandataire?	Non, si le déposant est domicilié en Zambie Oui, dans le cas contraire
Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?	Tout avocat ou juriste enregistré en Zambie

¹ Lorsque la requête est déposée en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec une disquette PCT-EASY et que l'office récepteur accepte ce mode de dépôt, le montant total de la taxe internationale de dépôt est réduit (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 51/1998, pages 17331 et 17333, et n° 41/2006, page 19093, barème de taxes, point 3.a)).

² Cette taxe est réduite de 75% si certaines conditions s'appliquent (voir la note de bas de page correspondante de l'annexe C(IB)). Pour plus de précisions, voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 41/2006, page 19093, barème de taxes, point 4.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****ZM PATENTS AND COMPANIES REGISTRATION ZM
OFFICE (ZAMBIA)****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as amended and as originally filed, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report and as originally filed)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee: ¹	Currency: US dollar (USD) For patent: National processing fee: USD 115 First annual fee: ² USD 50 For patent of addition: National processing fee: USD 115
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² The first annual fee is due within four years from the international filing date.

RÉSUMÉ

**Office désigné
(ou élu)**

RÉSUMÉ

ZM

**BUREAU D'ENREGISTREMENT DES
BREVETS ET DES SOCIÉTÉS (ZAMBIE)**

ZM

Résumé des exigences pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT : 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité En vertu de l'article 39.1)a) du PCT : 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité
Traduction de la demande internationale requise en ¹ :	Anglais
Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale ¹ :	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, à la fois telles que modifiées et telles que déposées initialement, ainsi que toute déclaration faite en vertu de l'article 19 du PCT), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer à la fois tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international et tel que déposé initialement)
Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise?	Non
Taxe nationale ¹ :	Monnaie : Dollar des États-Unis (USD) Pour un brevet : Taxe nationale de traitement : USD 115 Première taxe annuelle ² : USD 50 Pour un brevet d'addition : Taxe nationale de traitement : USD 115
Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :	Néant

[Suite sur la page suivante]

¹ Doit être remise ou payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

² La première taxe annuelle est due dans un délai de quatre ans à compter de la date du dépôt international.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****ZM PATENTS AND COMPANIES REGISTRATION ZM
OFFICE (ZAMBIA)**

[Continued]

Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Zambia³
An instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) is required³
Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies³
Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application^{3,4}
Evidence of entitlement to file where the applicant is not the inventor^{4,5}
Evidence of entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application^{3,4}
Document evidencing a change of name or person of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)⁵

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer registered in Zambia

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within three months from the date of the invitation.

⁴ The requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁵ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within two months from the date of the invitation.

RÉSUMÉ**Office désigné
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BREVETS ET DES SOCIÉTÉS (ZAMBIE)****ZM***[Suite]*

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT):

Désignation d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié en
Zambie³

Justification de la désignation du mandataire (autorisation ou
pouvoir) exigée³

Traduction de la demande internationale en trois exemplaires³

Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la
partie "requête" de la demande internationale^{3, 4}

Justification du droit de déposer lorsque le déposant n'est pas
l'inventeur^{4, 5}

Justification du droit de revendiquer la priorité lorsque le déposant
n'est pas celui qui a déposé la demande antérieure^{3, 4}

Justification du changement du nom ou de la personne du déposant
si le changement est survenu après la date du dépôt international et
qu'il n'a pas été reflété dans une notification émanant du Bureau
international (formulaire PCT/IB/306)⁵

Qui peut agir en qualité de
mandataire?

Tout avocat ou juriste enregistré en Zambie

³ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai de trois mois à compter de la date de l'invitation.

⁴ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17 du PCT.

⁵ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de l'invitation.

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CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****BH Bahrain**

On 18 December 2006, **Bahrain** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT and on 18 March 2007, will become bound by the PCT.

Consequently, any international application filed on or after 18 March 2007 will automatically include the designation of Bahrain (country code: BH).

Bahrain will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT and will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 18 March 2007. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Bahrain will be entitled, as from 18 March 2007, to file international applications under the PCT.

The instrument of accession to the PCT deposited by Bahrain contained a declaration under PCT Article 64(5).

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)****BH Bahreïn**

Le 18 décembre 2006, **Bahreïn** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT et sera lié par le PCT le 18 mars 2007.

Par conséquent, toute demande internationale déposée le 18 mars 2007 ou ultérieurement comprendra automatiquement la désignation de Bahreïn (code du pays : BH).

Bahreïn sera lié par le chapitre II du PCT et sera automatiquement élu dans toute demande d'examen préliminaire international relative à une demande internationale déposée le 18 mars 2007 ou ultérieurement. En outre, à partir du 18 mars 2007, les nationaux de Bahreïn et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

L'instrument d'adhésion au PCT déposé par Bahreïn contenait une déclaration en vertu de l'article 64.5) du PCT.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe A du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**MK The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

The **Industrial Property Protection Office (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)** has notified a change in the name of the Office, as well as changes in the references to the Articles of the national law concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

Name of Office:	Državen zavod za industrijska sopstvenost State Office of Industrial Property (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)
Provisional protection after international publication:	After international publication, the furnishing of a translation of the international application into Macedonian gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages (see Articles 11(3), 11(4) and 65 of the Law of Industrial Property).

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(MK), page 138]

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified a change in the name of the Office, as well as changes to the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent, as follows:

Name of Office:	Türk Patent Enstitüsü Turkish Patent Institute
Provisional protection after international publication:	Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: An international patent application designating Turkey benefits from provisional protection as from the date on which a translation of the claims as submitted by the applicant has been published by the Turkish Patent Institute or has been notified to the alleged infringer. Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent: [No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(TR), page 196]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine**

L'**Office pour la protection de la propriété industrielle (ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine)** a notifié un changement relatif au nom de l'office, ainsi que des changements dans les références aux articles de la législation nationale relatifs à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale, comme suit :

Nom de l'office :	Državen zavod za industriska sopstvenost Office d'État de la propriété industrielle (ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine)
Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :	Après la publication internationale, la remise d'une traduction de la demande internationale en macédonien donne au déposant une protection provisoire en ce sens que, dès la délivrance du brevet, il peut obtenir des dommages-intérêts (voir les articles 11.3), 11.4) et 65 de la loi sur la propriété industrielle).

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(MK), page 141]

TR Turquie

L'**Institut turc des brevets** a notifié un changement relatif au nom de l'office, ainsi que des changements dans les dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national, comme suit :

Nom de l'office :	Türk Patent Enstitüsü Institut turc des brevets
Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :	Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national : Une demande de brevet internationale désignant la Turquie bénéficie d'une protection provisoire à compter de la date à laquelle une traduction des revendications telles que soumises par le déposant a été publiée par l'Institut turc des brevets ou a été notifiée au contrefacteur présumé. Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(TR), page 199]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has introduced new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, and notified changes in the list of countries to which extension of the European patent applies, as well as the addition of the examination fee to the list of fees to which a surcharge for late payment applies. The list of the fees is now as follows:

National fee, comprising:

- national basic fee:
 - where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online: EUR 90
 - where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed on paper: EUR 160
- designation fee for each EPO Contracting State designated and for the joint designation of Switzerland and Liechtenstein; paying seven times the amount of this fee is deemed payment for all EPC Contracting States: [No change]
- extension fee (for extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Latvia, Serbia and Montenegro or the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia): [No change]
- Claims fee for the 11th and each subsequent claim: [No change]
- Search fee: [No change]
- Examination fee: [No change]
- Surcharge for late filing of either the translation of the international application or the request for examination, or for late payment of the national basic fee, the search fee, the examination fee or the designation fees: [No change]
- Renewal fee for the third year: [No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (EP), page 458]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a introduit de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), et notifié des changements relatifs à la liste des pays auxquels l'extension des effets du brevet européen s'applique, ainsi que l'ajout de la taxe d'examen à la liste des taxes auxquelles une surtaxe pour retard de paiement s'applique. La liste des taxes est désormais la suivante :

Taxe nationale, composée :

– d'une taxe nationale de base :

– quand le formulaire pour l'ouverture de la phase européenne (formulaire OEB 1200) est déposé en ligne :

EUR 90

– quand le formulaire pour l'ouverture de la phase européenne (formulaire OEB 1200) est déposé sous forme papier :

EUR 160

– d'une taxe de désignation pour chaque État contractant de l'OEB désigné et pour la désignation conjointe de la Suisse et du Liechtenstein; le fait de payer sept fois le montant de cette taxe est considéré comme un paiement pour tous les États contractants de la CBE :

[Sans changement]

– d'une taxe d'extension (pour l'extension des effets du brevet européen à l'Albanie, la Bosnie-Herzégovine, la Croatie, l'ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, la Lettonie ou la Serbie-et-Monténégro) :

[Sans changement]

Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication à compter de la 11^e :

[Sans changement]

Taxe de recherche :

[Sans changement]

Taxe d'examen :

[Sans changement]

Surtaxe pour remise tardive de la traduction de la demande internationale, pour présentation tardive de la requête d'examen ou pour retard de paiement de la taxe nationale de base, de la taxe de recherche, de la taxe d'examen ou des taxes de désignation :

[Sans changement]

Taxe annuelle pour la troisième année :

[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (EP), page 482]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**ES Spain**

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office (transmittal fee and fee for priority document) and as designated (or elected) Office (national fee). These amounts are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 65.27
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 26.11
National fee:	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	EUR 84.71
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	EUR 84.71

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(ES), page 272, and Summary (ES), page 460]

MK The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The **State Office of Industrial Property (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)** has notified a change in the amount of the transmittal fee in **Macedonian denars (MKD)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	MKD 2,700
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(MK), page 321]

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has introduced new amounts of fees in **Turkish liras (TRL)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2005, are as follows:

National fee:	
For patent and utility model:	
Filing fee:	TRL 385,000,000
Fee for grant of letters:	
For patent:	TRL 236,000,000
For utility model certificate:	TRL 236,000,000
First annual fee:	
For patent:	TRL 236,000,000
For utility model:	TRL 236,000,000
Reinstatement of rights:	TRL 750,000,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (TR), page 539]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**ES Espagne**

L'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur (taxe de transmission et taxe pour le document de priorité) et d'office désigné (ou élu) (taxe nationale). Ces montants sont les suivants :

Taxe de transmission :	EUR 65,27
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	EUR 26,11
Taxe nationale :	
Pour un brevet :	
Taxe de dépôt :	EUR 84,71
Pour un modèle d'utilité :	
Taxe de dépôt :	EUR 84,71

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(ES), page 281, et résumé (ES), page 484]

MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine

L'**Office d'État de la propriété industrielle (ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine)** a notifié un changement dans le montant de la taxe de transmission, exprimé en **denars macédoniens (MKD)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe de transmission :	MKD 2.700
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(MK), page 332]

TR Turquie

L'**Institut turc des brevets** a introduit de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **lires turques (TRL)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe nationale :	
Pour un brevet et un modèle d'utilité :	
Taxe de dépôt :	TRL 385.000.000
Taxe de délivrance :	
Pour un brevet :	TRL 236.000.000
Pour un certificat de modèle d'utilité :	TRL 236.000.000
Première taxe annuelle :	
Pour un brevet :	TRL 236.000.000
Pour un modèle d'utilité :	TRL 236.000.000
Rétablissement des droits :	TRL 750.000.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (TR), page 575]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**TR Turkey**

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified changes in the special requirements of the Office as a designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of special requirements is now as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>): ¹	Statement justifying the applicant's right to file the application, if the applicant is not the inventor ²
	Statement justifying the applicant's right to file the application, if the applicant is not the owner of the priority right ²
	Statement justifying the applicant's right to file the application, if the applicant is not the same as the international applicant ²
	Any evidence concerning non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty, such as disclosures resulting from abuse, disclosures at certain exhibitions and disclosures by the applicant within a period of 12 months preceding the international filing date, or if priority is claimed, preceding the priority date
	Where the person of the applicant has changed after entry into the national phase, a document of assignment and a power of attorney
	Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Turkey

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (TR), page 539]

YU Serbia and Montenegro

The **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia and Montenegro)** has informed the International Bureau that the length of time by which the time limit for entry into the national phase can be extended if an additional fee for late entry into the national phase is paid is now 30 days instead of one month. Footnotes 1 and 2 are now replaced by a single footnote and the remaining footnotes renumbered accordingly. Only the text of new footnote 1 relevant to the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase is reproduced hereafter:

The time limit may be extended by 30 days, provided the applicant pays the additional fee for late entry into the national phase.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (YU), page 554]

¹ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**TR Turquie**

L'**Institut turc des brevets** a notifié des changements relatifs aux exigences particulières de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). La liste récapitulative des exigences particulières est désormais la suivante :

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT)¹ :

Déclaration justifiant du droit du déposant de déposer la demande, si le déposant n'est pas l'inventeur²

Déclaration justifiant du droit du déposant de déposer la demande, si le déposant n'est pas le titulaire du droit de priorité²

Déclaration justifiant du droit du déposant de déposer la demande, si le déposant n'est pas le déposant international²

Justification concernant des divulgations non opposables ou des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté, telles que des divulgations résultant d'abus, des divulgations lors de certaines expositions et des divulgations par le déposant qui sont intervenues au cours d'une période de 12 mois précédant la date de dépôt international, ou si une priorité a été revendiquée, la date de priorité

Acte de cession et pouvoir si le déposant a changé après l'ouverture de la phase nationale

Nomination d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié en Turquie

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (TR), page 575]

YU Serbie-et-Monténégro

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Serbie-et-Monténégro)** a informé le Bureau international que la durée de l'extension du délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale si le déposant paie une surtaxe pour ouverture tardive de la phase nationale est désormais de 30 jours au lieu d'un mois. Les notes de bas de page 1 et 2 sont désormais remplacées par une seule note et les notes suivantes sont renumérotées en conséquence. Seul le texte de la nouvelle note 1, relative aux délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, est reproduit ci-après :

Le délai peut être prolongé de 30 jours, à condition que le déposant paie la surtaxe pour ouverture tardive de la phase nationale.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (YU), page 591]

¹ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

² Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

ES Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. The amendment relating to the fee for copies of foreign documents entered into force on 1 January 2005; the remaining amendments entered into force on 16 January 2005. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	513.03
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	513.03
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b))	
– national documents, per document	4.69
– foreign documents, per document	4.69
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search by the **Austrian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. The new amount, applicable as from 1 March 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Austrian Patent Office): USD 214

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(AT), page 369]

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 44/2001, pages 19936, 19938, 19940, 19942, 19944 and 19946; No. 49/2001, page 22744; No. 52/2001, page 24252; No. 1/2002, page 478; No. 12/2002, page 5950; No. 02/2003, page 1014; No. 20/2003, page 11782; and No. 03/2004, page 1728.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

ES Accord entre l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord susmentionné, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à l'annexe C de cet accord. La modification relative à la taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents étrangers est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2005; les autres modifications sont entrées en vigueur le 16 janvier 2005. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euros)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	513,03
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	513,03
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b) et 71.2.b))	
– documents nationaux, par document	4,69
– documents étrangers, par document	4,69
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règle 94.2), par page	[Sans changement]

Partie II. [Sans changement]”

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

AT Autriche

Le Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle a établi un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office autrichien des brevets aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le dollar des États-Unis (USD) comme monnaie de paiement ou utilisent le dollar des États-Unis (USD) comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} mars 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office autrichien des brevets) :	USD 214
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(AT), page 381]

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 44/2001, pages 19937, 19939, 19941, 19943, 19945 et 19947; n° 49/2001, page 22745; n° 52/2001, page 24253; n° 1/2002, page 479; n° 12/2002, page 5951; n° 02/2003, page 1015; n° 20/2003, page 11783; et n° 03/2004, page 1729.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** and **Singapore dollars (SGD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 March 2005, are as follows:

Search fee (international search	NOK	12,650
by the European Patent Office):	SGD	3,410

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(EP), page 374]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority. The new amount for the fee for copies of foreign documents has been applicable since 1 January 2005; the remaining new amounts have been applicable since 16 January 2005. These amounts are as follows:

Fee for copies of documents			
cited in the international search report	EUR	4.69	per national document
(PCT Rule 44.3):	EUR	4.69	per foreign document
Preliminary examination fee			
(PCT Rule 58):	EUR	513.03	
Additional preliminary examination fee			
(PCT Rule 68.3):	EUR	513.03	
Fee for copies of documents			
cited in the international preliminary	EUR	4.69	per national document
examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	EUR	4.69	per foreign document

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(ES), page 377, and Annex E(ES), page 389]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Japan Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 March 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (international search	KRW	986,000
by the Japan Patent Office):		

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(JP), page 378]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **couronnes norvégiennes (NOK)** et en **dollars de Singapour (SGD)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} mars 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) :	NOK 12.650
	SGD 3.410

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(EP), page 386]

ES Espagne

L'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international. Le nouveau montant relatif à la taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents étrangers est applicable depuis le 1^{er} janvier 2005; les autres nouveaux montants sont applicables depuis le 16 janvier 2005. Ces montants sont les suivants :

Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport de recherche internationale (règle 44.3 du PCT) :	EUR 4,69	par document national
	EUR 4,69	par document étranger
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58 du PCT) :	EUR 513,03	
Taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle (règle 68.3 du PCT) :	EUR 513,03	
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport d'examen préliminaire international (règle 71.2 du PCT) :	EUR 4,69	par document national
	EUR 4,69	par document étranger

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(ES), page 389, et annexe E(ES), page 403]

JP Japon

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **won coréens (KRW)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets du Japon**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} mars 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets du Japon) :	KRW 986.000
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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**SE Sweden**

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the search fee in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** payable for an international search by the Office. The new amount, applicable as from 1 March 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Swedish Patent Office): NOK 12,650

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(SE), page 381]

US United States of America

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the lower search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating an equivalent amount in the national currency. The equivalent amount of the higher search fee remains unchanged. The new amount, applicable as from 1 March 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the United States Patent and
Trademark Office): [No change] (CHF 342)
The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding
prior United States national application has been filed under
35 U.S.C. 111(a), the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a)
has been paid and the prior US national application is
identified by the application number if known, or if the
application number is not known, by the filing date, title and
name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket
number), in the international application or accompanying
the papers at the time of filing the international application.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the higher search fee for an international search by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. The equivalent amount of the lower search fee remains unchanged. The new amount, applicable as from 1 March 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the United States Patent and
Trademark Office): ZAR 6,000 [No change]
The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding
prior United States national application has been filed under
35 U.S.C. 111(a), the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a)
has been paid and the prior US national application is
identified by the application number if known, or if the
application number is not known, by the filing date, title and
name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket
number), in the international application or accompanying
the papers at the time of filing the international application.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(US), page 382]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**SE Suède**

L'**Office suédois des brevets** a notifié au Bureau international un nouveau montant de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **couronnes norvégiennes (NOK)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} mars 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office suédois des brevets) :	NOK 12.650
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US États-Unis d'Amérique

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi un nouveau montant équivalent (le montant le plus bas) de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **francs suisses (CHF)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le franc suisse (CHF) comme monnaie de paiement ou utilisent le franc suisse (CHF) comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Le montant équivalent du montant le plus élevé de la taxe de recherche reste inchangé. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} mars 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :	[Sans changement] (CHF 342)
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Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon la section 111.a) du titre 35 U.S.C., que la taxe de dépôt de base a été acquittée selon la section 1.16.a) du titre 37 CFR et que la demande nationale antérieure déposée aux États-Unis est identifiée par le numéro de la demande s'il est connu ou, si le numéro de la demande n'est pas connu, par la date de dépôt, le titre et le nom du déposant (et, de préférence, par le numéro de dossier de la demande) figurant dans la demande internationale ou accompagnant les documents au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale.

Un nouveau montant équivalent du montant le plus élevé de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rands sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**. Le montant équivalent du montant le plus bas de la taxe de recherche reste inchangé. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} mars 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :	ZAR 6.000 [Sans changement]
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Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon la section 111.a) du titre 35 U.S.C., que la taxe de dépôt de base a été acquittée selon la section 1.16.a) du titre 37 CFR et que la demande nationale antérieure déposée aux États-Unis est identifiée par le numéro de la demande s'il est connu ou, si le numéro de la demande n'est pas connu, par la date de dépôt, le titre et le nom du déposant (et, de préférence, par le numéro de dossier de la demande) figurant dans la demande internationale ou accompagnant les documents au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale.

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SECTION IV

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Receiving Offices		Offices récepteurs	
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States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)		États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)	
KM Comoros	2508	KM Comores	2509

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**US United States of America**

New equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), as well as for the reduction under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 March 2005, are specified below:

International filing fee:	USD	1,211
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD	13
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):		
PCT-EASY:	USD	87
Handling fee:	USD	173

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(AM), page 233, Annex C(AP), page 234, Annex C(AZ), page 239, Annex C(BY), page 248, Annex C(BZ), page 250, Annex C(CO), page 254, Annex C(CR), page 255, Annex C(CU), page 256, Annex C(EA), page 265, Annex C(EC), page 267, Annex C(EG), page 269 and PCT Gazette No. 48/2004(E), page 28052, Annex C(GE), page 281, Annex C(GH), page 283, Annex C(IB), page 287, Annex C(IL), page 293, Annex C(IN), page 295, Annex C(KE), page 303, Annex C(KG), page 304, Annex C(KZ), page 309, Annex C(LR), page 310, Annex C(MD), page 319, Annex C(NI), page 327, Annex C(PH), page 336, Annex C(RU), page 342, Annex C(TJ), page 352, Annex C(TM), page 353, Annex C(TT), page 357, Annex C(UA), page 358, Annex C(US), page 359, Annex C(UZ), page 361, Annex C(ZW), page 368, Annex E(RU), page 392, and Annex E(US), page 394]

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the lower search fee for an international search by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. The equivalent amounts of the higher search fee remain unchanged. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 March 2005, are as follows:

Search fee (international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office):	[No change] (NZD 420) [No change] (ZAR 1,700) The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior United States national application has been filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a), the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) has been paid and the prior US national application is identified by the application number if known, or if the application number is not known, by the filing date, title and name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket number), in the international application or accompanying the papers at the time of filing the international application.
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(US), page 382]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt, la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e et la taxe de traitement, conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction selon le point 3 du barème de taxes dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} mars 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	USD	1.211
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	USD	13
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :		
PCT-EASY :	USD	87
Taxe de traitement :	USD	173

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De nouveaux montants équivalents du montant le plus bas de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)** et en **rands sud-africains (ZAR)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**. Les montants équivalents du montant le plus élevé de la taxe de recherche restent inchangés. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} mars 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :	[Sans changement] (NZD 420)
	[Sans changement] (ZAR 1.700)
	Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon l'article 111.a) du titre 35 U.S.C., que la taxe de dépôt de base a été acquittée selon le paragraphe 1.16.a) du titre 37 CFR et que la demande nationale antérieure déposée aux États-Unis est identifiée par le numéro de la demande s'il est connu ou, si le numéro de la demande n'est pas connu, par la date de dépôt, le titre et le nom du déposant (et, de préférence, par le numéro de dossier de la demande) figurant dans la demande internationale ou accompagnant les documents au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(US), page 395]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

**US Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office
and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹**

Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 February 2005. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies

- (i) the following States, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

United States of America, Brazil, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico, Israel, New Zealand, India, South Africa, Saint Lucia, Philippines, Egypt;

- (ii) the following States, as far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America and,
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Brazil, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico, Israel, New Zealand, India, South Africa, Saint Lucia, Philippines, Egypt;

- (iii) [No change]”

RECEIVING OFFICES

EG Egypt

The **Egyptian Patent Office** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 February 2005 by nationals and residents of Egypt with the Egyptian Patent Office or the International Bureau of WIPO as receiving Office. The list showing the competent International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities now reads as follows:

Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office (EPO) or United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office (EPO) or United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(EG), page 269, and PCT Gazette No. 45/2004(E), page 26076]

¹ Published in PCT Gazette Special Issue No. 56/1997, pages 29557 to 29562; PCT Gazette No. 52/1998, page 17568, No. 35/1999, page 10054, No. 46/2001, page 21032, and No. 50/2003, page 28384.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

**US Accord entre l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis d'Amérique
et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹**

Modification de l'annexe A

L'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO) a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)i) de l'accord susmentionné, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à l'annexe A de cet accord. Ces modifications entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} février 2005. L'annexe A modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe A
États et langues**

Conformément à l'article 3 de l'accord, l'Administration spécifie

i) les États suivants, en ce qui concerne l'article 3.1) :

États-Unis d'Amérique, Brésil, Barbade, Trinité-et-Tobago, Mexique, Israël, Nouvelle-Zélande, Inde, Afrique du Sud, Sainte-Lucie, Philippines, Égypte;

ii) les États suivants, en ce qui concerne l'article 3.2) :

États-Unis d'Amérique et, lorsque l'Administration a préparé le rapport de recherche internationale, Brésil, Barbade, Trinité-et-Tobago, Mexique, Israël, Nouvelle-Zélande, Inde, Afrique du Sud, Sainte-Lucie, Philippines, Égypte;

iii) [Sans changement]”

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS

EG Égypte

L'Office égyptien des brevets a spécifié l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO) en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées à partir du 1^{er} février 2005, par les nationaux de l'Égypte et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays, auprès de l'Office égyptien des brevets ou auprès du Bureau international de l'OMPI en leur qualité d'office récepteur. La liste récapitulative des administrations chargées de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international compétentes est désormais la suivante :

Administration compétente chargée de
la recherche internationale :

Office autrichien des brevets, Office des brevets et des
marques des États-Unis (USPTO) ou Office européen des
brevets (EPO)

Administration compétente chargée de
l'examen préliminaire international :

Office autrichien des brevets, Office des brevets et des
marques des États-Unis (USPTO) ou Office européen des
brevets (EPO)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(EG), page 278, et Gazette du PCT n° 45/2004(F), page 26077]

¹ Publié dans le numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, pages 29618 à 29624; la Gazette du PCT n° 52/1998, page 17569, n° 35/1999, page 10055, n° 46/2001, page 21033, et n° 50/2003, page 28385.

CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****KM Comoros**

On 3 January 2005, the **Comoros** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. The Comoros will become the 125th Contracting State of the PCT on 3 April 2005.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 3 April 2005, the Comoros (country code: KM) may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 3 April 2005, nationals and residents of the Comoros will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex A, page 3]

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)****KM Comores**

Le 3 janvier 2005, les **Comores** ont déposé leur instrument d'adhésion au PCT. Les Comores deviendront le 125^e État contractant du PCT le 3 avril 2005.

En conséquence, les Comores (code pour le pays : KM) pourront être désignées dans toute demande internationale déposée le 3 avril 2005 ou ultérieurement et, étant liées par le chapitre II du PCT, pourront aussi être élues. En outre, à partir du 3 avril 2005, les nationaux des Comores et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe A, page 3]

SECTION IV

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**US United States of America**
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** of the lower search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, has been established; the equivalent amount of the higher search fee remains unchanged. The new amount, applicable as from 15 March 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	[No change] (EUR 224)
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The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior United States national application has been filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a), the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) has been paid and the prior US national application is identified by the application number if known, or if the application number is not known, by the filing date, title and name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket number), in the international application or accompanying the papers at the time of filing the international application.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(US), page 382]

JP Japan
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** of the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**, has been established. The new amount, applicable as from 15 March 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	EUR 692
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**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES****NA Namibia**

General information on **Namibia** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Registration of Companies, Close Corporations and Industrial Property Rights Office (Namibia)** as designated (or elected) Office, is reproduced in Annex B1(NA) and in the Summary (NA), on the following pages.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

US États-Unis d'Amérique
IB Bureau international

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, un nouveau montant équivalent du montant le plus bas de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **euros (EUR)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**, a été établi; le montant équivalent du montant le plus élevé de la taxe de recherche reste inchangé. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 mars 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : [Sans changement] (EUR 224)
Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon l'article 111.a) du titre 35 U.S.C., que la taxe de dépôt de base a été acquittée selon le paragraphe 1.16.a) du titre 37 CFR et que la demande nationale antérieure déposée aux États-Unis est identifiée par le numéro de la demande s'il est connu ou, si le numéro de la demande n'est pas connu, par la date de dépôt, le titre et le nom du déposant (et, de préférence, par le numéro de dossier de la demande) figurant dans la demande internationale ou accompagnant les documents au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale.

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JP Japon
IB Bureau international

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, un nouveau montant équivalent en **euros (EUR)** de la taxe de recherche, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets du Japon**, a été établi. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 mars 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : EUR 692

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**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS
OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**

NA Namibie

Des informations de caractère général concernant la **Namibie** en tant qu'État contractant, ainsi que des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de l'**Office de l'enregistrement des sociétés et des droits de propriété industrielle (Namibie)** en tant qu'office désigné (ou élu), sont reproduits dans l'annexe B1(NA) et dans le résumé (NA), aux pages suivantes.

B1 Information on Contracting States**B1****NA****NAMIBIA****NA****General information**

Name of Office:	The Registration of Companies, Close Corporations and Industrial Property Rights Office (Namibia)
Location:	Ministry of Trade and Industry, Brendan Simbwaye Square, Goethe Street, Windhoek, Namibia
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 21214, Windhoek, Namibia
Telephone:	(264-61) 2837 242, 2837 240, 2837 260, 2837 111
Facsimile machine:	(264-61) 222576
Teleprinter:	—
E-mail:	andima@mti.gov.na husselmann@mti.gov.na naphtali@mti.gov.na
Internet:	www.grmnet.gov.na
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation in the case of certain documents
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Namibia:	ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Namibia is designated (or elected):	National protection: The Registration of Companies, Close Corporations and Industrial Property Rights Office (Namibia) (see Volume II) ARIPO protection: ARIPO Office (see Volume II)
May Namibia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents ARIPO: Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to an ARIPO patent)
Provisions of the law of Namibia concerning international-type search:	None

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B1 Informations sur les États contractants B1

NA NAMIBIE NA

Informations générales

Nom de l'office :	Office de l'enregistrement des sociétés et des droits de propriété industrielle (Namibie)
Siège :	Ministry of Trade and Industry, Brendan Simbwaye Square, Goethe Street, Windhoek, Namibie
Adresse postale :	P.O. Box 21214, Windhoek, Namibie
Téléphone :	(264-61) 2837 242, 2837 240, 2837 260, 2837 111
Télécopieur :	(264-61) 222576
Téléimprimeur :	–
Courrier électronique :	andima@mti.gov.na husselmann@mti.gov.na naphtali@mti.gov.na
Internet :	www.grnnet.gov.na
L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT) ?	Oui, par télécopieur
Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens ?	Tous types de documents
L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas ?	Non, seulement sur invitation pour certains documents
L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT) ?	Oui
Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux de la Namibie et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées :	Office de l'ARIPO ou Bureau international de l'OMPI, au choix du déposant (voir l'annexe C)
Office désigné (ou élu) compétent si la Namibie est désignée (ou élue) :	Protection nationale : Office de l'enregistrement des sociétés et des droits de propriété industrielle (Namibie) (voir le volume II) Protection ARIPO : Office de l'ARIPO (voir le volume II)
La Namibie peut-elle être élue ?	Oui (liée par le chapitre II du PCT)
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Nationale : Brevets ARIPO : Brevets, modèles d'utilité (un modèle d'utilité peut être demandé au lieu ou en plus d'un brevet ARIPO)

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B1 **Information on Contracting States** **B1****NA** **NAMIBIA** **NA***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication: None

Information of interest if Namibia is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Namibia is designated (or elected): May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material? No

For an ARIPO patent – See African Regional Industrial Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2

B1 Informations sur les États contractants**B1****NA****NAMIBIE****NA***[Suite]*

Dispositions de la législation de la Namibie relatives à la recherche de type international:

Néant

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale:

Néant

Informations utiles si la Namibie est désignée (ou élue)

Pour la protection nationale

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si la Namibie est désignée (ou élue):

Peuvent figurer dans la requête ou être communiqués ultérieurement. S'ils n'ont pas été communiqués dans le délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office invitera le déposant à faire le nécessaire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique?

Non

Pour un brevet ARIPO – Voir Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (AP) à l'annexe B2

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY**

NA THE REGISTRATION OF COMPANIES, NA
CLOSE CORPORATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY RIGHTS OFFICE
(NAMIBIA)

Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee: ¹	Currency: Namibian dollar (NAD) For patent: Filing fee: NAD 12 Renewal fee: — for the 3 rd to the 6 th year, per year: NAD 8 — for the 7 th to the 9 th year, per year: NAD 12 — for the 10 th to the 20 th year, per year: NAD 20
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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**Office désigné
(ou élu)**

RÉSUMÉ

**NA OFFICE DE L'ENREGISTREMENT DES NA
SOCIÉTÉS ET DES DROITS DE PROPRIÉTÉ
INDUSTRIELLE (NAMIBIE)**

Résumé des exigences pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT : 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT : 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
Traduction de la demande internationale requise en ¹ :	Anglais
Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale ¹ :	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, à la fois telles que déposées initialement et telles que modifiées), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer à la fois tel que déposé initialement et tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international)
Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise?	Non
Taxe nationale ¹ :	Monnaie: Dollar namibien (NAD) Pour un brevet : Taxe de dépôt : NAD 12 Taxe de renouvellement : – de la 3 ^e à la 6 ^e année, par année : NAD 8 – de la 7 ^e à la 9 ^e année, par année : NAD 12 – de la 10 ^e à la 20 ^e année, par année : NAD 20
Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :	Néant

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¹ Doit être remise ou payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY**

NA THE REGISTRATION OF COMPANIES, NA
CLOSE CORPORATIONS AND INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY RIGHTS OFFICE
(NAMIBIA)

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

The applicant must be represented in all cases. An instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) is required.²

Translation of the international application to be furnished in one single copy

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application^{3,4}

Evidence of entitlement to file where the applicant is not the inventor^{3,4}

Evidence of entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application^{3,4}

Document evidencing a change of name or person of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)⁴

Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing and/or tables related thereto in computer readable form

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney or lawyer registered in Namibia

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within two months from the date of the invitation by the Office.

RÉSUMÉ

**Office désigné
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RÉSUMÉ

**NA OFFICE DE L'ENREGISTREMENT DES NA
SOCIÉTÉS ET DES DROITS DE PROPRIÉTÉ
INDUSTRIELLE (NAMIBIE)**

[Suite]

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT):

Représentation du déposant par un mandataire dans tous les cas.
Justification de la désignation du mandataire (autorisation ou pouvoir) exigée².

Traduction de la demande internationale en un seul exemplaire

Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale^{3, 4}

Justification du droit de déposer lorsque le déposant n'est pas l'inventeur^{3, 4}

Justification du droit de revendiquer la priorité lorsque le déposant n'est pas celui qui a déposé la demande antérieure^{3, 4}

Justification du changement du nom ou de la personne du déposant si le changement est survenu après la date du dépôt international et qu'il n'a pas été reflété dans une notification émanant du Bureau international (formulaire PCT/IB/306)⁴

Fourniture, le cas échéant, d'un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés ou des tableaux y relatifs sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?

Tout avocat ou juriste enregistré en Namibie

² Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

³ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

⁴ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de l'invitation par l'office.

SECTION IV

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**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****KR Republic of Korea**

In accordance with Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions, the **Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, announced on 18 December 2003 that it was prepared to receive international applications in electronic form as from 1 January 2004 (see PCT Gazette No. 51/2003, page 29020). In accordance with Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions, KIPO as receiving Office announced on 10 June 2004 certain changes to its requirements and practices (see PCT Gazette No. 24/2004, page 13496).

On 19 January 2005, KIPO as receiving Office notified the International Bureau, under Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions, that, with effect from 11 February 2005, its requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form will change in accordance with the following notification, thereby replacing the previous two notifications that were published in PCT Gazette Nos. 51/2003 and 24/2004. In particular, KIPO as receiving Office will accept the filing with it of international applications in electronic form and other subsequent documents in electronic form (with a number of exceptions) that are filed with either the PCT-SAFE or the KEAPS software and either on CD-R or online, and will also accept online payment. For more information on how to file international applications and subsequent documents in electronic form at KIPO, please visit its website at <http://www.kipo.go.kr>.

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files; see Annex F, section 3.1.2) except for international applications

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing by means of CD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e))

As to electronic document packaging:

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE and KEAPS software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.1)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****KR République de Corée**

Le 18 décembre 2003, l'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle** a annoncé, en sa qualité d'office récepteur, en vertu de l'instruction administrative 710.a), qu'il était disposé à recevoir des demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004 (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 51/2003, page 29021). Le 10 juin 2004, l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle a annoncé, en sa qualité d'office récepteur, en vertu de l'instruction administrative 710.b), un certain nombre de modifications relatives à ses exigences et à sa pratique (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 24/2004, page 13497).

Le 19 janvier 2005, l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle en sa qualité d'office récepteur a notifié au Bureau international, en vertu de l'instruction administrative 710.b), que ses exigences et sa pratique relatives au dépôt auprès de lui de demandes internationales sous forme électronique allaient changer à compter du 11 février 2005 conformément à la notification suivante, qui remplace ainsi les deux précédentes notifications publiées dans les numéros 51/2003 et 24/2004 de la Gazette du PCT. En particulier, l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle en sa qualité d'office récepteur acceptera le dépôt auprès de lui de demandes internationales et d'autres documents ultérieurs sous forme électronique (avec un certain nombre d'exceptions) qui sont déposés avec le logiciel PCT-SAFE ou avec le logiciel KEAPS, et sur CD-R ou en ligne, et acceptera également le paiement en ligne. Pour de plus amples informations sur la manière de déposer des demandes internationales et des documents ultérieurs sous forme électronique auprès de l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle, veuillez consulter son site Internet à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.kipo.go.kr>.

“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- XML (en général; voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- Norme OMPI ST.25 (pour les listages des séquences; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F et l'annexe C)
- TIFF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)
- PDF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML renvoient; voir la section 3.1.2 de l'annexe F) à l'exception des demandes internationales

En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :

- dépôt en ligne (voir la section 5.1 de l'annexe F et la section 2.d) de l'appendice III)
- dépôt effectué sur CD-R (voir la section 5.2.1 de l'annexe F et la section 2.e) de l'appendice III)

En ce qui concerne l'emballage électronique des documents :

- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- logiciels PCT-SAFE et KEAPS

En ce qui concerne les types de signature électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- signature en fac-similé (voir la section 3.3.1 de l'annexe F)
- signature électronique renforcée (voir la section 3.3.4 de l'annexe F)

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****KR Republic of Korea (cont'd)****As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):**

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is:

- sent with outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), or
- infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic, or reported as such by the Office's virus checking software (see Section 708(b)(i)),

that a notification of receipt will not be generated.

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available on KIPO's website: applicants can check the total of fees that are due and pay them by Internet giro (<http://www.giro.or.kr>) from Monday to Friday, from 9:30 am until 7 pm.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of international applications, the Office has put in place a help desk: the KIPO Call Center.

The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of international applications and subsequent documents, and in particular to serve as a technical Hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software are encountered.

This help desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 9 am until 8 pm and on Saturday, from 9 am until 2 pm.

The KIPO Call Center may be contacted:

- by phone at +82-1544-8080
- by e-mail at kipouhd@kipo.go.kr.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications
- any subsequent document, such as amendments, corrections or rectifications of the description or claims, that may be prepared with the KEAPS software

As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper. Furthermore, the Office will not prepare a backup copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****KR République de Corée (suite)****En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures ayant trait à la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)ii) :**

L'accusé de réception de toute demande internationale présumée déposée sous forme électronique auprès de l'office contient les informations exigées au titre de l'instruction 704.a)i) à iv).

L'office fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique. Ce n'est que si la demande est :

- envoyée avec des certificats caduques (voir la section 4.4.7 de l'appendice II de l'annexe F), ou
- contaminée par des virus et d'autres formes d'éléments malveillants, ou mentionnée comme telle par le logiciel de vérification des virus de l'office (voir l'instruction 708.b)i)),

qu'un accusé de réception n'est pas généré.

En ce qui concerne les moyens de paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a)ii) :

Les déposants peuvent payer en ligne sur le site Internet de l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle en vérifiant le total des taxes qui sont dues et en les payant par virement sur Internet (<http://www.giro.or.kr>), du lundi au vendredi, de 9h30 à 19h.

En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d'assistance (instruction 710.a)ii) :

Dans le cadre de son service de dépôt électronique de demandes internationales, l'office a mis en place un service d'assistance, le KIPO Call Center.

Ce service d'assistance a pour mission de répondre aux questions soulevées par les utilisateurs du service de dépôt électronique de demandes internationales et de documents ultérieurs, et particulièrement de jouer le rôle de Hotline technique afin de venir en aide aux déposants lorsque des bogues et autres anomalies surviennent au niveau de l'application.

Ce service d'assistance est ouvert du lundi au vendredi, de 9h00 à 20h00, et le samedi de 9h00 à 14h00.

Le KIPO Call Center peut être contacté :

- par téléphone, au +82-1544-8080
- par courriel, à l'adresse suivante : kipouhd@kipo.go.kr

En ce qui concerne les types de documents qui peuvent être transmis à l'office sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)iii) :

- demandes internationales
- tout document ultérieur, tels que des modifications, corrections ou rectifications apportées à la description ou aux revendications, pouvant être préparé avec le logiciel KEAPS

En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :

L'office n'acceptera aucun dépôt de copie de sauvegarde sous forme papier. Par ailleurs, l'office ne préparera aucune copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sous forme papier, à la demande du déposant.

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****KR Republic of Korea (cont'd)****As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):**

In case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or fax, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives. The Office will provide, on its website (see <http://www.kipo.go.kr>), information concerning the availability of online filing systems and backup filing procedures.

As to certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic address of a listing of the certificate policies under which the certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- KIPO Certification Authority (see http://www.kipo.go.kr/kpo/kipo_net/auth/gd_auth.jsp)
- WIPO customer CA (see <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm>)

As to procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF DOCUMENTS: NOTIFICATION BY
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES****KR Republic of Korea**

Following the coming into effect on 7 January 2002 of new Part 7 and new Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of electronic filing and processing of international applications under the PCT, as provided for by PCT Rule 89*bis*.1, any receiving Office having the necessary technical systems in place is able to decide to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F. Sections 704(h) and 713(a) of the Administrative Instructions provide that such principle also applies, respectively, to any other document and correspondence relating to international applications, and to International Searching Authorities, International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau.

On 19 January 2005, the **Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, notified the International Bureau under Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions, read in conjunction with Sections 704(h) and 713(a), that, as from 11 February 2005, it is prepared to receive and process any document in electronic form, in accordance with the same requirements and practices that apply for KIPO as receiving Office (see the notification by KIPO as receiving Office that is published in this issue).

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****KR République de Corée (suite)**

En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :

Dans le cas où les systèmes informatiques ne seraient plus en état de marche au moment où une demande internationale est déposée auprès de lui, l'office mettra en œuvre tous les moyens dont il dispose, par exemple par courriel ou par télécopie, pour informer le déposant des procédures de remplacement à suivre. L'office fournira sur son site Internet (voir www.kipo.go.kr) les informations relatives à la disponibilité du système de dépôt en ligne et des procédures de sauvegarde.

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office et l'adresse électronique d'une liste des exigences en matière de délivrance des certificats (instruction 710.a)vi) :

- Autorité de certification de l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle (voir http://www.kipo.go.kr/kpo/kipo_net/auth/gd_auth.jsp)
- Autorité de certification de l'OMPI pour les clients (voir <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/fr/certificates.htm>)

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou archivées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible”.

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DE DOCUMENTS : NOTIFICATION DES
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE****KR République de Corée**

Suite à l'entrée en vigueur, le 7 janvier 2002, de la nouvelle septième partie et de la nouvelle annexe F des instructions administratives contenant, respectivement, le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires pour la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement électroniques des demandes internationales selon le PCT, comme prévu à la règle 89*bis*.1 du PCT, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques nécessaires est en mesure de décider d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F. Les instructions administratives 704.h) et 713.a) prévoient que ce principe s'applique aussi, respectivement, à tout autre document et élément de correspondance relatifs à des demandes internationales, et aux administrations chargées de la recherche internationale, aux administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international et au Bureau international.

Le 19 janvier 2005, l'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle**, agissant en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, a notifié au Bureau international selon l'instruction administrative 710.a), lue conjointement avec les instructions 704.h) et 713.a), qu'il était disposé à recevoir et à traiter tout document sous forme électronique à compter du 11 février 2005, conformément aux exigences et à la pratique suivie par l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle en sa qualité d'office récepteur (voir la notification de l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle en sa qualité d'office récepteur qui est publiée dans le présent numéro).

ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF DOCUMENTS: NOTIFICATION BY INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**KR Republic of Korea**

Following the coming into effect on 7 January 2002 of new Part 7 and new Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of electronic filing and processing of international applications under the PCT, as provided for by Rule 89*bis*.1, any receiving Office having the necessary technical systems in place is able to decide to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F. Sections 704(h) and 713(a) of the Administrative Instructions provide that such principle also applies, respectively, to any other document and correspondence relating to international applications, and to International Searching Authorities, International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau.

On 19 January 2005, the **Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)**, in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, notified the International Bureau under Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions, read in conjunction with Sections 704(h) and 713(a), that, as from 11 February 2005, it is prepared to receive and process any document in electronic form, with the exception of demands, in accordance with the same requirements and practices that apply for KIPO as receiving Office (see the notification by KIPO as receiving Office that is published in this issue).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AT Austria**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Austrian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 15 March 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): SGD 350

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(AT), page 369]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Japanese yen (JPY)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amounts, applicable as from 15 March 2005, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ISK 129,000 JPY 217,300 USD 2,075

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(EP), page 374]

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DE DOCUMENTS : NOTIFICATION DES ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**KR République de Corée**

Suite à l'entrée en vigueur, le 7 janvier 2002, de la nouvelle septième partie et de la nouvelle annexe F des instructions administratives contenant, respectivement, le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires pour la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement électroniques des demandes internationales selon le PCT, comme prévu à la règle 89*bis*.1, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques nécessaires est en mesure de décider d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F. Les instructions administratives 704.h) et 713.a) prévoient que ce principe s'applique aussi, respectivement, à tout autre document et élément de correspondance relatifs à des demandes internationales, et aux administrations chargées de la recherche internationale, aux administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international et au Bureau international.

Le 19 janvier 2005, l'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle**, en sa qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, a notifié au Bureau international selon l'instruction administrative 710.a), lue conjointement avec les instructions 704.h) et 713.a), qu'il était disposé à recevoir et à traiter tout document sous forme électronique, à l'exception des demandes d'examen préliminaire international, à compter du 11 février 2005, conformément aux exigences et à la pratique suivie par l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle en sa qualité d'office récepteur (voir la notification de l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle en sa qualité d'office récepteur qui est publiée dans le présent numéro).

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AT Autriche**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars de Singapour (SGD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office autrichien des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 mars 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : SGD 350

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(AT), page 381]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, en **yen japonais (JPY)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 15 mars 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : ISK 129.000 JPY 217.300 USD 2.075

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(EP), page 386]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**SE Sweden**

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** and **US dollars (USD)** payable for an international search by the Office. The new amounts, applicable as from 15 March 2005, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ISK	129,000	USD	2,075
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(SE), page 381]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**RECEIVING OFFICES****DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES****SY Syrian Arab Republic**

General information on the **Syrian Arab Republic** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic)** as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, is given in Annexes B1(SY) and C(SY) and the Summary (SY), which are published on the following pages.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**SE Suède**

L'**Office suédois des brevets** a notifié au Bureau international de nouveaux montants de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payables pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 15 mars 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : ISK 129.000 USD 2.075

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(SE), page 393]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)****SY République arabe syrienne**

Des informations de caractère général concernant la **République arabe syrienne** en tant qu'État contractant, ainsi que des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de la **Direction de la propriété commerciale et industrielle (République arabe syrienne)** en tant qu'office récepteur et en tant qu'office désigné (ou élu), sont reproduites aux annexes B1(SY) et C(SY) et dans le résumé (SY), publiés dans les pages suivantes.

B1	Information on Contracting States	B1
SY	SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC	SY

General information

Name of Office:	Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic)
Location and mailing address:	Rukn Aldeen Facing Ibn Alnafis, Damascus, Syrian Arab Republic
Telephone:	(963-11) 512 1652
Facsimile machine:	(963-11) 512 0107
Teleprinter:	—
E-mail:	syr.d.c.i.p.i.t@mail.sy
Internet:	www.himaya.net
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Syrian Arab Republic:	Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Syrian Arab Republic is designated (or elected):	Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property (Syrian Arab Republic) (see Volume II)
May the Syrian Arab Republic be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, certificates of addition
Provisions of the law of the Syrian Arab Republic concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if the Syrian Arab Republic is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the Syrian Arab Republic is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

B1 Informations sur les États contractants

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SY RÉPUBLIQUE ARABE SYRIENNE

SY

Informations générales

Nom de l'office :	Direction de la propriété commerciale et industrielle (République arabe syrienne)
Siège et adresse postale :	Rukn Aldeen Facing Ibn Alnafis, Damascus, République arabe syrienne
Téléphone :	(963-11) 512 1652
Télécopieur :	(963-11) 512 0107
Téléimprimeur :	–
Courrier électronique :	syr.d.c.i.p.i.t@mail.sy
Internet :	www.himaya.net
L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT) ?	Non
L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT) ?	Non
Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux de la République arabe syrienne et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées :	Direction de la propriété commerciale et industrielle (République arabe syrienne) ou Bureau international de l'OMPI, au choix du déposant (voir l'annexe C)
Office désigné (ou élu) compétent si la République arabe syrienne est désignée (ou élue) :	Direction de la propriété commerciale et industrielle (République arabe syrienne) (voir le volume II)
La République arabe syrienne peut-elle être élue ?	Oui (liée par le chapitre II du PCT)
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Brevets, certificats d'addition
Dispositions de la législation de la République arabe syrienne relatives à la recherche de type international :	Néant

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in English]*

B1	Informations sur les États contractants	B1
SY	RÉPUBLIQUE ARABE SYRIENNE	SY

[Suite]

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale:	Néant
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Informations utiles si la République arabe syrienne est désignée (ou élue)

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si la République arabe syrienne est désignée (ou élue):	Peuvent figurer dans la requête ou être communiqués ultérieurement. S'ils n'ont pas été communiqués dans le délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office invitera le déposant à faire le nécessaire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.
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Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique?	Non
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C **Receiving Offices** **C**

SY **DIRECTORATE OF COMMERCIAL AND** **SY**

INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY

(SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Syrian Arab Republic
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic, English or French ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English or French
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	Yes
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or Russian Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office ³ or Russian Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD ... ⁴
International filing fee: ⁵	USD 1,134 (1,211) ⁶
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	USD 12 (13) ⁶
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY: ²	USD 81 (87) ⁶
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT), (EP) or (RU)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD ... ⁴
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in the Syrian Arab Republic Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office or any attorney or lawyer registered in the Syrian Arab Republic

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332, and No. 44/2003, page 24736, Schedule of Fees, item 3(a)), the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced.

³ The European Patent Office is competent only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office or by the Austrian Patent Office.

⁴ The amount of this fee is not yet known. It will be fixed in a near future. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.

⁵ This fee is reduced by 75% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)). For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2003, page 24736, Schedule of Fees, item 4. It is to be noted that, if both the PCT-EASY reduction and the 75% reduction of the international filing fee are applicable, the 75% reduction is calculated after the PCT-EASY reduction.

⁶ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 March 2005.

C**Offices récepteurs****C****SY**

**DIRECTION DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ
COMMERCIALE ET INDUSTRIELLE
(RÉPUBLIQUE ARABE SYRIENNE)**

SY

Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux et les résidents de:	République arabe syrienne
Langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée:	Anglais, arabe ou français ¹
Langue dans laquelle la requête peut être déposée :	Anglais ou français
Nombre d'exemplaires requis par l'office récepteur:	3
L'office récepteur accepte-t-il le dépôt de demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY ² ?	Oui
Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale:	Office autrichien des brevets, Office européen des brevets ou Office russe des brevets
Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international:	Office autrichien des brevets, Office européen des brevets ³ ou Office russe des brevets
Taxes payables à l'office récepteur:	Monnaie: Dollar des États-Unis (USD)
Taxe de transmission:	USD ... ⁴
Taxe internationale de dépôt ⁵ :	USD 1.134 (1.211) ⁶
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e ⁵ :	USD 12 (13) ⁶
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3):	
PCT-EASY ² :	USD 81 (87) ⁶
Taxe de recherche:	Voir l'annexe D(AT), (EP) ou (RU)
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT):	USD ... ⁴
L'office récepteur exige-t-il un mandataire?	Non, si le déposant est domicilié en République arabe syrienne Oui, dans le cas contraire
Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?	Tout conseil en brevets ou agent de brevets enregistré auprès de l'office ou tout avocat ou juriste enregistré en République arabe syrienne

¹ Si la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée n'est pas acceptée par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (voir l'annexe D), le déposant devra remettre une traduction (règle 12.3 du PCT).

² Lorsque la requête est déposée en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec une disquette PCT-EASY et que l'office récepteur accepte ce mode de dépôt (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 51/1998, pages 17331 et 17333, et n° 44/2003, page 24737, barème de taxes, point 3.a)), le montant total de la taxe internationale de dépôt est réduit.

³ L'Office européen des brevets n'est compétent que si la recherche internationale est ou a été effectuée par ses soins ou par l'Office autrichien des brevets.

⁴ Le montant de cette taxe n'est pas encore connu. Il sera fixé prochainement. Pour connaître le montant de la taxe en vigueur, il convient de se renseigner auprès de l'office ou du mandataire.

⁵ Cette taxe est réduite de 75% si certaines conditions s'appliquent (voir la note de bas de page correspondante de l'annexe C(IB)). Pour plus de précisions, voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 44/2003, page 24737, barème de taxes, point 4. Il convient de noter que, si la réduction PCT-EASY et la réduction de 75% de la taxe internationale de dépôt s'appliquent toutes deux, la réduction de 75% est calculée après la réduction PCT-EASY.

⁶ Le montant indiqué entre parenthèses est applicable à compter du 1^{er} mars 2005.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****SY DIRECTORATE OF COMMERCIAL AND SY
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY
(SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC)****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Arabic
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	Applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he/she has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).
National fee:	Currency: US dollar (USD) For patent: Filing fee: ¹ USD ... ² Publication fee: ¹ USD ... ² Maintenance fee: ¹ — for the second year: USD ... ² — for the third year: USD ... ² For certificate of addition: Filing fee: ¹ USD ... ² Publication fee: ¹ USD ... ² Maintenance fee: ¹ — for the second year: USD ... ² — for the third year: USD ... ²
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).² The amounts of this fee is not yet known. It will be fixed in a near future. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.

RÉSUMÉ

**Office désigné
(ou élu)**

RÉSUMÉ

SY

**DIRECTION DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ
COMMERCIALE ET INDUSTRIELLE
(RÉPUBLIQUE ARABE SYRIENNE)**

SY

Résumé des exigences pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT : 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT : 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
Traduction de la demande internationale requise en ¹ :	Arabe
Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale ¹ :	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, à la fois telles que déposées initialement et telles que modifiées ainsi que toute déclaration faite en vertu de l'article 19 du PCT), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer à la fois tel que déposé initialement et tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international)
Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise ?	Le déposant ne doit remettre une copie de la demande internationale que s'il n'a pas reçu le formulaire PCT/IB/308 et que l'office n'a pas reçu, de la part du Bureau international, une copie de la demande internationale conformément à l'article 20 du PCT. Cela peut se produire lorsque le déposant demande expressément l'ouverture anticipée de la phase nationale selon l'article 23.2) du PCT.
Taxe nationale :	Monnaie : Dollar des États-Unis (USD) Pour un brevet : Taxe de dépôt ¹ : USD ... ² Taxe de publication ¹ : USD ... ² Taxe de maintien en vigueur ¹ : – pour la deuxième année : USD ... ² – pour la troisième année : USD ... ² Pour un certificat d'addition : Taxe de dépôt ¹ : USD ... ² Taxe de publication ¹ : USD ... ² Taxe de maintien en vigueur ¹ : – pour la deuxième année : USD ... ² – pour la troisième année : USD ... ²

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¹ Doit être remise ou payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

² Le montant de cette taxe n'est pas encore connu. Il sera fixé prochainement. Pour connaître le montant de la taxe en vigueur, il convient de se renseigner auprès de l'office ou du mandataire.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****SY DIRECTORATE OF COMMERCIAL AND SY**
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY
(SYRIAN ARAB REPUBLIC)*[Continued]*

Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):³

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the Syrian Arab Republic

Instrument of assignment of the international application if the applicant has changed after the international filing date

Translation of the international application to be furnished in one copy

Who can act as agent?

Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office or any attorney or lawyer registered in the Syrian Arab Republic

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

RÉSUMÉ

**Office désigné
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**DIRECTION DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ
COMMERCIALE ET INDUSTRIELLE
(RÉPUBLIQUE ARABE SYRIENNE)**

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[Suite]

Exemption, réduction ou remboursement
de la taxe nationale :

Néant

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT)³ :

Nomination d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié en
République arabe syrienne

Acte de cession de la demande internationale si le déposant a changé
après la date du dépôt international

Traduction de la demande internationale en un exemplaire

Qui peut agir en qualité de
mandataire ?

Tout conseil en brevets ou agent de brevets habilité à exercer auprès
de l'office ou tout avocat ou juriste enregistré en République arabe
syrienne

³ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)**

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified a change in its location although its mailing address remains the same. The Office has also notified changes to its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location: 21, Staroalekseevskaya, Moscow, Russian Federation

Telephone: (70-95) 411 61 50

Facsimile machine: (70-95) 216 22 53

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B2(EA), page 222]

RU Russian Federation

The **Russian Patent Office** has notified a change in the name of the Office, as follows:

Name of Office: Federalnaya sluzhba po intellectualnoy sobstvennosti,
patentam i tovarnym znakam
Federal Service on Intellectual Property, Patents and
Trademarks

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**IB International Bureau**

Further to the publication in PCT Gazette No. 04/2005, page 2504, of new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** of certain PCT fees, new equivalent amounts of the reductions available for electronic filing have now been established, with effect from 1 March 2005, for the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office. The transmittal fee, the fee for priority document and the supplement for airmail have also been readjusted in US dollars (USD). The consolidated table of the fees payable, as from 1 March 2005, to the International Bureau as receiving Office is as follows:

Fees payable to the receiving Office: Currencies: Swiss franc (CHF), euro (EUR)
and US dollar (USD)

Transmittal fee: CHF 100 or EUR 64 or USD 87

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES**EA Organisation eurasiennne des brevets (OEAB)**

L'**Office eurasienn des brevets (OEAB)** a notifié un changement relatif à l'adresse de son siège, tandis que son adresse postale demeure inchangée. L'office a également notifié des changements relatifs à ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Siège : 21, Staroalekseevskaya, Moscou, Fédération de Russie

Téléphone : (70-95) 411 61 50

Télécopieur : (70-95) 216 22 53

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B2(EA), page 226]

RU Fédération de Russie

L'**Office russe des brevets** a notifié un changement relatif au nom de l'office, comme suit :

Nom de l'office : Federalnaya sluzhba po intellectualnoy sobstvennosti,
patentam i tovarnym znakam
Service fédéral de la propriété intellectuelle, des brevets et
des marques

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(RU), page 173]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**IB Bureau international**

Suite à la publication dans la Gazette du PCT n° 04/2005, page 2505, des nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés **en dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, de certaines taxes du PCT, de nouveaux montants équivalents des réductions disponibles pour le dépôt électronique ont été établis, avec effet au 1^{er} mars 2005, dans l'intérêt du **Bureau international** agissant en qualité d'office récepteur. La taxe de transmission, la taxe pour le document de priorité et le supplément pour expédition par voie aérienne ont également été réajustés en dollars des États-Unis (USD). Le tableau récapitulatif des taxes payables, à compter du 1^{er} mars 2005, au Bureau international agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur est le suivant :

Taxes payables à l'office récepteur : Monnaies : Franc suisse (CHF), euro (EUR)
et dollar des États-Unis (USD)

Taxe de transmission : CHF 100 ou EUR 64 ou USD 87

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**IB International Bureau (cont'd)**

Fees payable to the receiving Office (cont'd):	Currencies: Swiss franc (CHF), euro (EUR) and US dollar (USD)
International filing fee:	CHF 1,400 or EUR 902 or USD 1,211
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CHF 15 or EUR 10 or USD 13
Additional component:	Where applicable
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	CHF 100 or EUR 64 or USD 87
Electronic filing (not in character coded format):	CHF 200 or EUR 129 or USD 173
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	CHF 300 or EUR 193 or USD 260
Search fee:	For the amounts, see Annex D corresponding to International Searching Authority chosen by applicant.
Fee for priority document (PCT Rules 17.1(b) and 20.9):	CHF 50 or EUR 32 or USD 43
	Supplement for airmail:
	CHF 10 or EUR 6 or USD 9

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(IB), page 287, and No. 4/2005, page 2504]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**IB Bureau international (suite)**

Taxes payables à l'office récepteur (suite) :	Monnaies : Franc suisse (CHF), euro (EUR) et dollar des États-Unis (USD)
Taxe internationale de dépôt :	CHF 1.400 ou EUR 902 ou USD 1.211
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	CHF 15 ou EUR 10 ou USD 13
Composante supplémentaire :	Le cas échéant
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY :	CHF 100 ou EUR 64 ou USD 87
Dépôt électronique (n'étant pas en format codé caractère par caractère) :	CHF 200 ou EUR 129 ou USD 173
Dépôt électronique (en format codé caractère par caractère) :	CHF 300 ou EUR 193 ou USD 260
Taxe de recherche :	Pour les montants, voir l'annexe D correspondant à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale choisie par le déposant
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règles 17.1.b) et 20.9 du PCT) :	CHF 50 ou EUR 32 ou USD 43 Supplément pour expédition par voie aérienne : CHF 10 ou EUR 6 ou USD 9

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(IB), page 296, et n° 4/2005, page 2505]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**US United States of America**

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The new amounts, applicable since 1 February 2005, are as follows (amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a “small entity”):

Basic national fee:	[No change]
Search fee:	
– International search fee paid to USPTO as ISA:	USD 100 (50)
– Search report has been prepared and provided to the USPTO no later than the time at which the search fee is paid:	USD 400 (200)
– All other situations:	USD 500 (250)
Examination fee:	
– USPTO was IPEA, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(2) to (4):	USD 100 (50)
– All other situations:	USD 200 (100)
For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium):	[No change]
Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three:	[No change]
Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20:	[No change]
In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application:	[No change]
Surcharge for filing oath or declaration after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1):	[No change]
Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (US), page 546, and PCT Gazette No. 53/2004, page 31284]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

L'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO) a notifié des changements relatifs aux montants des taxes exprimés en dollars des États-Unis (USD), payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Les nouveaux montants, applicables depuis le 1^{er} février 2005, sont les suivants (les montants indiqués entre parenthèses s'appliquent dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par une "petite entité") :

Taxe nationale de base :	[Sans changement]
Taxe de recherche :	
– Taxe de recherche internationale payée à l'USPTO en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale :	USD 100 (50)
– Le rapport de recherche a été établi et fourni à l'USPTO au plus tard à la date à laquelle la taxe de recherche a été payée :	USD 400 (200)
– Toutes les autres situations :	USD 500 (250)
Taxe d'examen :	
– L'USPTO était l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international; toutes les revendications présentées satisfaisaient aux conditions énoncées aux alinéas 2) à 4) de l'article 33 du PCT :	USD 100 (50)
– Toutes les autres situations :	USD 200 (100)
Pour chaque série, complète ou incomplète, de 50 feuilles du fascicule et des dessins à compter de la 101 ^e feuille (à l'exclusion de tout listage des séquences ou listage de programme d'ordinateur déposé au moyen d'un support électronique) :	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 4 ^e :	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication, indépendante ou non, à compter de la 21 ^e :	[Sans changement]
De plus, si la demande contient une ou plusieurs revendications dépendantes multiples, par demande :	[Sans changement]
Surtaxe pour le dépôt du serment ou de la déclaration après l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT :	[Sans changement]
Taxe de traitement pour le dépôt d'une traduction anglaise après l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (US), page 583, et de la Gazette du PCT n° 53/2004, page 31285]

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES****EP Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization – Notification under Article 3(4)(a)(ii) of the Agreement**

Under Article 3(4)(a)(ii) of the Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the functioning of the European Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT (see PCT Gazette No. 44/2001, page 19928), the President of the EPO notified the International Bureau of changes in the competence of the EPO as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority (see PCT Gazette No. 52/2001, page 24248, and No. 48/2003, page 27114). On 27 January 2005, the International Bureau received a new notification under Article 3(4)(a)(ii) from the President of the EPO relating to the prolongation of the period for which the limitation of the EPO's competence as International Searching and International Preliminary Examining Authority in the field of business methods is applicable. In compliance with the last sentence of Article 3(4)(b), the text of the notification is reproduced hereafter (the Notice from the President of the EPO of 26 November 2001 referred to in the text below was published in OJ EPO 1/2002, 52):

“Notice from the European Patent Office dated 1 December 2004 concerning prolongation of the limitation of the EPO's competence as a PCT Authority

The limitation of the EPO's competence as a PCT Authority **concerning the field of business methods** as set out in paragraph 1(a) and (b) of the Notice from the President of the EPO of 26 November 2001 and due to expire on 1 March 2005, is to be prolonged for a further period of 2 years from 1 March 2005, i.e. until 1 March 2007.”

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE****GB United Kingdom**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **United Kingdom Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new international depositary authority with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as well as a change in the address of the Culture Collection of Algae and Protozoa (CCAP), an existing international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, as follows:

National Institute for Biological Standards and Control (NIBSC)
Blanche Lane
South Mimms
Potters Bar
Herts., EN6 3QG
United Kingdom

Culture Collection of Algae and Protozoa (CCAP)
Scottish Association for Marine Science
Dunstaffnage Marine Laboratory
Oban, Argyll PA37 1QA
Scotland
United Kingdom

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex L, pages 413 and 414]

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL****EP Accord entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle – Notification selon l'article 3.4)a)ii) de l'accord**

En vertu de l'article 3.4)a)ii) de l'accord entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets et le Bureau international de l'OMPI concernant les fonctions de l'Office européen des brevets en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international au titre du PCT (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 44/2001, page 19929), le Président de l'OEB a notifié au Bureau international des changements concernant la compétence de l'OEB en tant qu'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 52/2001, page 24249, et n° 48/2003, page 27115). Le 27 janvier 2005, le Bureau international a reçu une nouvelle notification en vertu de l'article 3.4)a)ii) du Président de l'OEB relative à la prolongation de la période pour laquelle la limitation de la compétence de l'OEB en tant qu'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international dans le domaine des méthodes commerciales est applicable. Conformément à la dernière phrase de l'article 3.4)b), le texte de la notification (en traduction française établie par le Bureau international) est reproduit ci-après (le communiqué du Président de l'OEB du 26 novembre 2001 indiqué dans le texte ci-dessous a été publié dans le JO OEB, 1/2002, 52) :

“Communiqué de l'Office européen des brevets, en date du 1^{er} décembre 2004, relatif à la prolongation de la limitation de la compétence de l'OEB en tant qu'administration au titre du PCT

La limitation de la compétence de l'OEB en tant qu'administration au titre du PCT **dans le domaine des méthodes commerciales**, indiquée au paragraphe 1.a) et b) du communiqué du président de l'OEB du 26 novembre 2001 et qui devait expirer le 1^{er} mars 2005, est prolongée pour une période supplémentaire de deux ans à compter du 1^{er} mars 2005, à savoir, jusqu'au 1^{er} mars 2007.”

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
INSTITUTIONS AUPRÈS DESQUELLES DES DÉPÔTS PEUVENT ÊTRE EFFECTUÉS****GB Royaume-Uni**

Conformément à la règle 13*bis*.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à une nouvelle autorité de dépôt internationale auprès de laquelle des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, ainsi qu'une notification relative au changement d'adresse de l'institution dénommée “Culture Collection of Algae and Protozoa (CCAP)”, autorité de dépôt internationale reconnue en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets, comme suit :

National Institute for Biological Standards and Control (NIBSC)
Blanche Lane
South Mimms
Potters Bar
Herts., EN6 3QG
Royaume-Uni

Culture Collection of Algae and Protozoa (CCAP)
Scottish Association for Marine Science
Dunstaffnage Marine Laboratory
Oban, Argyll PA37 1QA
Scotland
Royaume-Uni

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe L, pages 429 et 430]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE (cont'd)****RU Russian Federation**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Federal Service on Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the address of the Russian Collection of Microorganisms (VKM), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

Russian Collection of Microorganisms (VKM)
Skryabin' Institute of Biochemistry and Physiology of Microorganisms
Prospekt Naouki No. 5
Pushchino 142292 (Moscow Region)
Russian Federation

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex L, page 414]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
INSTITUTIONS AUPRÈS DESQUELLES DES DÉPÔTS PEUVENT ÊTRE EFFECTUÉS (suite)****RU Fédération de Russie**

Conformément à la règle 13*bis*.7.b) du PCT, le **Service fédéral de la propriété intellectuelle, des brevets et des marques** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à un changement d'adresse de l'institution dénommée "Russian Collection of Microorganisms (VKM)", autorité de dépôt internationale reconnue en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès de laquelle des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, comme suit :

Russian Collection of Microorganisms (VKM)
Skryabin' Institute of Biochemistry and Physiology of Microorganisms
Prospekt Naouki No. 5
Pushchino 142292 (Moscow Region)
Fédération de Russie

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe L, page 430]

SECTION IV

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

EP Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2005. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c) and 13 <i>ter</i> .2)	200
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.1), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the amount of the late furnishing fee under PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2 in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority. The late furnishing fee, applicable as from 1 April 2005, will be as follows:

Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c)):	EUR 200
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .2):	EUR 200

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(EP), page 374, and Annex E(EP), page 387]

¹ Published in *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2001, pages 19928, 19948, 19950, 19952, 19954, 19956, 19958 and 19960; No. 45/2001, page 20502; No. 01/2002, pages 476 and 478; No. 49/2003, page 27782; and No. 03/2004, page 1726.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

EP Accord entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office européen des brevets (OEB) a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord susmentionné, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à la partie I de l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2005. L'annexe C modifiée aura la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euro)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe de réserve (règles 40.2.e) et 68.3.e))	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour remise tardive (règle 13ter.1.c) and 13ter.2)	200
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b), 71.2.b) et 94.1), par page	[Sans changement]

Partie II. [Sans changement]”

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

L'Office européen des brevets (OEB) a notifié le montant de la taxe pour remise tardive selon la règle 13ter.1.c) et 13ter.2 du PCT, exprimé en **euros (EUR)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international. La taxe pour remise tardive, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2005, sera la suivante :

Taxe pour remise tardive (règle 13ter.1.c) du PCT) :	EUR 200
Taxe pour remise tardive (règle 13ter.2 du PCT) :	EUR 200

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(EP), page 386, et annexe E(EP), page 401]

¹ Publié dans la *Gazette du PCT* n° 44/2001, pages 19929, 19949, 19951, 19953, 19955, 19957, 19959 et 19961; n° 45/2001, page 20503; n° 01/2002, pages 477 et 479; n° 49/2003, page 27783; et n° 03/2004, page 1727.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**ES Spain**

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. The new amount, applicable as from 15 March 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): USD 2,075

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(ES), page 377]

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Patent Office** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Hungarian forint (HUF)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

- where the Office is a designated Office:

HUF 32,000	plus
HUF 1,600	per claim for the 11 th to the 20 th claim
HUF 3,200	per claim for the 21 st to the 30 th claim
HUF 4,800	for each claim in excess of 30
- where the Office is an elected Office:

HUF 16,000	plus
HUF 800	per claim for the 11 th to the 20 th claim
HUF 1,600	per claim for the 21 st to the 30 th claim
HUF 2,400	for each claim in excess of 30

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (HU), page 473]

MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** informed the International Bureau that, since 1 January 2005, the currency of payment of fees changed from the **Malagasy franc (MGF)** to the **Ariary (MGA)**, and that amounts of fees in the new currency have been introduced, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, and applicable since the same date, as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:		MGA	80,000
Annual fees:			
– for the 3 rd to the 5 th year, per year:		MGA	40,000
– for the 6 th to the 10 th year, per year:		MGA	120,000
– for the 11 th to the 15 th year, per year:		MGA	200,000
– for the 16 th to the 20 th year, per year:		MGA	240,000
Fee for requesting extension of protection beyond the 15 th year:		MGA	22,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (MG), page 499]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**ES Espagne**

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le dollar des États-Unis (USD) comme monnaie de paiement ou utilisent le dollar des États-Unis (USD) comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 mars 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : USD 2.075

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(ES), page 389]

HU Hongrie

L'**Office hongrois des brevets** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **forint hongrois (HUF)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

- lorsque l'office est un office désigné :

HUF 32.000 plus
HUF 1.600 par revendication de la 11 ^e à la 20 ^e
HUF 3.200 par revendication de la 21 ^e à la 30 ^e
HUF 4.800 par revendication à compter de la 31 ^e
- lorsque l'office est un office élu :

HUF 16.000 plus
HUF 800 par revendication de la 11 ^e à la 20 ^e
HUF 1.600 par revendication de la 21 ^e à la 30 ^e
HUF 2.400 par revendication à compter de la 31 ^e

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (HU), page 498]

MG Madagascar

L'**Office malgache de la propriété industrielle** a informé le Bureau international que, depuis le 1^{er} janvier 2005, la monnaie de paiement des taxes n'est plus le **franc malgache (MGF)**, mais l'**ariary (MGA)**, et que des montants de taxes exprimés dans la nouvelle monnaie, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu) et applicables depuis la même date, ont été établis, comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Taxe de dépôt :	MGA	80.000
Taxes annuelles :		
– de la 3 ^e à la 5 ^e année, par année :	MGA	40.000
– de la 6 ^e à la 10 ^e année, par année :	MGA	120.000
– de la 11 ^e à la 15 ^e année, par année :	MGA	200.000
– de la 16 ^e à la 20 ^e année, par année :	MGA	240.000
Taxe pour demander l'extension de la protection au-delà de la 15 ^e année :	MGA	22.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (MG), page 530]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**HU Hungary**

The **Hungarian Patent Office** has notified changes in the special requirements of the Office as a designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of special requirements is now as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application ² Declaration of assignment where the applicant is not the inventor ³ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Hungary or in one of the Member States of the European Union ⁴
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (HU), page 473]

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

³ Even if a corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17, the Office may nevertheless require further documents or evidence (see *PCT Gazette* No. 05/2001, page 2024).

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**HU Hongrie**

L'**Office hongrois des brevets** a notifié des changements relatifs aux exigences particulières de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). La liste récapitulative des exigences particulières est désormais la suivante :

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT) :

Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués
dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale²

Déclaration de transfert lorsque le déposant n'est pas
l'inventeur³

Nomination d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas
domicilié en Hongrie ou dans l'un des pays membres de
l'Union européenne⁴

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² Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

³ Même si une déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17, l'office peut néanmoins exiger des documents ou des preuves supplémentaires (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 05/2001, page 2025).

⁴ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

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CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****NG Nigeria**

On 8 February 2005, **Nigeria** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Nigeria will become the 126th Contracting State of the PCT on 8 May 2005.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 8 May 2005, Nigeria (country code: NG) may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 8 May 2005, nationals and residents of Nigeria will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex A, page 3]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**GR Greece**

The **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** has informed of a change in the city code for Athens. The list of telephone and facsimile machine numbers now reads as follows:

Telephone: (30-210) 618 35 48, 618 35 08

Facsimile machine: (30-210) 681 92 31

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(GR), page 84]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has deleted one of its e-mail addresses and introduced an Internet address. The list of e-mail and Internet addresses now reads as follows:

E-mail: michaelb@justice.gov.il

Internet: www.justice.gov.il/MOJHeb/RashamHaptentim

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(IL), page 94]

MZ Mozambique

The **Central Department of Industrial Property (Mozambique)** has introduced an e-mail address which reads as follows:

E-mail: ipi@ipi.gov.mz

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(MZ), page 148]

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)****NG Nigéria**

Le 8 février 2005, le **Nigéria** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT. Le Nigéria deviendra le 126^e État contractant du PCT le 8 mai 2005.

En conséquence, le Nigéria (code pour le pays : NG) pourra être désigné dans toute demande internationale déposée le 8 mai 2005 ou ultérieurement et, étant lié par le chapitre II du PCT, pourra aussi être élu. En outre, à partir du 8 mai 2005, les nationaux du Nigéria et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe A, page 3]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**GR Grèce**

L'**Organisation de la propriété industrielle (OPI) (Grèce)** a informé d'un changement dans l'indicatif de la ville d'Athènes. La liste des numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur est désormais la suivante :

Téléphone : (30-210) 618 35 48, 618 35 08

Télécopieur : (30-210) 681 92 31

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(GR), page 86]

IL Israël

L'**Office des brevets d'Israël** a supprimé une de ses adresses électroniques et introduit une adresse Internet. La liste des adresses électronique et Internet est désormais la suivante :

Courrier électronique : michaelb@justice.gov.il

Internet: www.justice.gov.il/MOJHeb/RashamHaptentim

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(IL), page 97]

MZ Mozambique

Le **Département central de la propriété industrielle (Mozambique)** a introduit une adresse électronique, comme suit :

Courrier électronique : ipi@ipi.gov.mz

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(MZ), page 151]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**IB International Bureau**

The **International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization** has notified that payment of fees and charges in cash is no longer possible. The text of footnote 3 in Annex B2(IB) relating to the fees and charges payable to the International Bureau in particular circumstances should now read as follows:

Fees may be paid in the following ways:

- by debit of a current account established with WIPO (Swiss francs only);
- by bank transfer to WIPO bank account No. CH35 0425 1048 7080 8100 0 (Swiss francs only), SWIFT code: CRESCH ZZ12A at the Swiss Credit Bank, 1211 Geneva 70, Switzerland;
- by transfer to WIPO postal account No. 12-5000-8, Geneva, Switzerland (Swiss francs only);
- by check made payable to the World Intellectual Property Organization (Swiss francs only).

The **International Bureau** as receiving Office has also notified that the payment of fees in cash is no longer possible. The text of footnote 13 in Annex C(IB) relating to the fees payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office should now read as follows:

Fees may be paid in the following ways:

- by debit of a current account established with WIPO (Swiss francs only);
- by bank transfer to WIPO bank account No. CH35 0425 1048 7080 8100 0 (Swiss francs), No. CH17 0425 1048 7080 8200 3 (euro) or No. CH98 0425 1048 7080 8200 0 (US dollars), SWIFT code: CRESCH ZZ12A at the Swiss Credit Bank, 1211 Geneva 70, Switzerland;
- by transfer to WIPO postal account No. 12-5000-8, Geneva, Switzerland (Swiss francs only);
- by check made payable to the World Intellectual Property Organization (Swiss francs, euro or US dollars).

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B2(IB), page 226, and Annex C(IB), page 287]

IS Iceland

New equivalent amounts in **Iceland kronur (ISK)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction under item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in “PCT-EASY mode”) is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 May 2005, are specified below:

International filing fee:	ISK	74,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK	800
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):		
PCT-EASY:	ISK	5,300

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(IS), page 297]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**IB Bureau international**

Le **Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a notifié que le paiement des taxes et droits en espèces n'est plus possible. Le texte de la note de bas de page 3 de l'annexe B2(IB) relative aux taxes et droits payables au Bureau international dans certains cas particuliers a désormais la teneur suivante :

Les taxes peuvent être payées de la façon suivante :

- par débit d'un compte courant auprès de l'OMPI (francs suisses seulement);
- par virement bancaire sur le compte bancaire de l'OMPI n° CH35 0425 1048 7080 8100 0 (francs suisses seulement), code SWIFT : CRESCH ZZ12A auprès du Crédit Suisse, 1211 Genève 70, Suisse;
- par virement sur le compte postal de l'OMPI n° 12-5000-8, Genève, Suisse (francs suisses seulement);
- par chèque payable à l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle (francs suisses seulement).

Le **Bureau international** agissant en qualité d'office récepteur a également notifié que le paiement des taxes en espèces n'est plus possible. Le texte de la note de bas de page 13 de l'annexe C(IB) relative aux taxes payables au Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur a désormais la teneur suivante :

Les taxes peuvent être payées de la façon suivante :

- par débit d'un compte courant auprès de l'OMPI (francs suisses seulement);
- par virement bancaire sur le compte bancaire de l'OMPI n° CH35 0425 1048 7080 8100 0 (francs suisses), n° CH17 0425 1048 7080 8200 3 (euros) ou n° CH98 0425 1048 7080 8200 (dollars des États-Unis), code SWIFT : CRESCH ZZ12A auprès du Crédit Suisse, 1211 Genève 70, Suisse;
- par virement sur le compte postal de l'OMPI n° 12-5000-8, Genève, Suisse (francs suisses seulement);
- par chèque payable à l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle (francs suisses, euros ou dollars des États-Unis).

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B2(IB), page 230, et annexe C(IB), page 296]

IS Islande

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **couroannes islandaises (ISK)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt et la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction selon le point 3.a) du barème de taxes dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-SAFE (fonctionnant en "mode PCT-EASY"). Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} mai 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	ISK	74.000
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	ISK	800
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :		
PCT-EASY :	ISK	5.300

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(IS), page 307]

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**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY
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A number of amendments to the PCT Regulations were approved by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) during its thirty-third (19th extraordinary) session, which was held in Geneva from 27 September to 5 October 2004, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO. Documents which were prepared for the PCT Assembly as well as the report of the session are available on the PCT website, at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/meetings/assemblies/index.htm

The said amendments to the PCT Regulations will enter into force on 1 April 2005. The text of the amended Rules is set out on pages 6376 to 6390.

AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
*(to enter into force on April 1, 2005)***Rule 3**
The Request (Form)

3.1 and 3.2 [No change]

3.3 *Check List*

(a) The request shall contain a list indicating:

(i) [No change]

(ii) where applicable, that the international application as filed is accompanied by a power of attorney (i.e., a document appointing an agent or a common representative), a copy of a general power of attorney, a priority document, a sequence listing in electronic form, a document relating to the payment of fees, or any other document (to be specified in the check list);

(iii) [No change]

(b) [No change]

3.4 [No change]

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS –
ASSEMBLÉE (TRENTE-TROISIÈME SESSION (19^e SESSION EXTRAORDINAIRE))**

Un certain nombre de modifications du règlement d'exécution du PCT ont été approuvées par l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) durant sa trente-troisième session (19^e session extraordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève, du 27 septembre au 5 octobre 2004, dans le cadre des réunions des Assemblées des États membres de l'OMPI. Les documents qui ont été établis pour l'Assemblée du PCT ainsi que le rapport de la session sont disponibles sur le site Web du PCT à l'adresse suivante :

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/meetings/assemblies/index.htm

Les modifications précitées du règlement d'exécution du PCT entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2005. Le texte des règles modifiées figure sur les pages 6377 à 6391

MODIFICATIONS DU RÈGLEMENT D'EXÉCUTION DU PCT
*(dont l'entrée en vigueur est fixée au 1^{er} avril 2005)***Règle 3**
Requête (forme)

3.1 et 3.2 [Sans changement]

3.3 *Bordereau*

a) La requête doit contenir un bordereau indiquant :

i) [Sans changement]

ii) le cas échéant, qu'à la demande internationale telle que déposée sont joints un pouvoir (c'est-à-dire un document désignant un mandataire ou un représentant commun), une copie d'un pouvoir général, un document de priorité, un listage des séquences sous forme électronique, un document relatif au paiement des taxes ou tout autre document (à préciser dans le bordereau);

iii) [Sans changement]

b) [Sans changement]

3.4 [Sans changement]

**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY
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The Request (Contents)**

4.1 to 4.5 [No change]

4.6 *The Inventor*

(a) Where Rule 4.1(a)(iv) or (c)(i) applies, the request shall indicate the name and address of the inventor or, if there are several inventors, of each of them.

(b) and (c) [No change]

4.7 to 4.18 [No change]

**Rule 13ter
Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Listings**

13ter.1 Procedure Before the International Searching Authority

(a) Where the international application contains disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences, the International Searching Authority may invite the applicant to furnish to it, for the purposes of the international search, a sequence listing in electronic form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions, unless such listing in electronic form is already available to it in a form and manner acceptable to it, and to pay to it, where applicable, the late furnishing fee referred to in paragraph (c), within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

(b) Where at least part of the international application is filed on paper and the International Searching Authority finds that the description does not comply with Rule 5.2(a), it may invite the applicant to furnish, for the purposes of the international search, a sequence listing in paper form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions, unless such listing in paper form is already available to it in a form and manner acceptable to it, whether or not the furnishing of a sequence listing in electronic form is invited under paragraph (a), and to pay, where applicable, the late furnishing fee referred to in paragraph (c), within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

(c) The furnishing of a sequence listing in response to an invitation under paragraph (a) or (b) may be subjected by the International Searching Authority to the payment to it, for its own benefit, of a late furnishing fee whose amount shall be determined by the International Searching Authority but shall not exceed 25% of the international filing fee referred to in item 1 of the Schedule of Fees, not taking into account any fee for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets, provided that a late furnishing fee may be required under either paragraph (a) or (b) but not both.

(d) If the applicant does not, within the time limit fixed in the invitation under paragraph (a) or (b), furnish the required sequence listing and pay any required late furnishing fee, the International Searching Authority shall only be required to search the international application to the extent that a meaningful search can be carried out without the sequence listing.

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS –
ASSEMBLÉE (TRENTE-TROISIÈME SESSION (19^e SESSION EXTRAORDINAIRE)) (suite)**

MODIFICATIONS DU RÈGLEMENT D'EXÉCUTION DU PCT (suite)

**Règle 4
Requête (contenu)**

4.1 à 4.5 [Sans changement]

4.6 *Inventeur*

a) La requête doit, en cas d'application de la règle 4.1.a)iv) ou c)i), indiquer le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur ou, s'il y a plusieurs inventeurs, de chacun d'eux.

b) et c) [Sans changement]

4.7 à 4.18 [Sans changement]

**Règle 13^{ter}
Listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés**

13^{ter}.1 Procédure au sein de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale

a) Lorsque la demande internationale contient la divulgation d'une ou plusieurs séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés, l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale peut inviter le déposant à lui fournir, aux fins de la recherche internationale, un listage des séquences sous forme électronique conforme à la norme prévue dans les instructions administratives, à moins qu'elle n'ait déjà accès à ce listage sous forme électronique sous une forme et d'une manière qu'elle accepte, et le cas échéant à lui payer, dans le délai fixé dans l'invitation, la taxe pour remise tardive visée à l'alinéa c).

b) Lorsqu'une partie au moins de la demande internationale est déposée sur papier et que l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale constate que la description n'est pas conforme à la règle 5.2.a), elle peut inviter le déposant à fournir, aux fins de la recherche internationale, un listage des séquences sur papier conforme à la norme prévue dans les instructions administratives, à moins qu'elle n'ait déjà accès à ce listage sur papier sous une forme et d'une manière qu'elle accepte, que la fourniture d'un listage des séquences sous forme électronique soit ou non exigée en vertu de l'alinéa a), et le cas échéant à lui payer, dans le délai fixé dans l'invitation, la taxe pour remise tardive visée à l'alinéa c).

c) La fourniture d'un listage des séquences en réponse à une invitation selon l'alinéa a) ou b) peut être subordonnée par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale au paiement, à son profit, d'une taxe pour remise tardive dont le montant est déterminé par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale mais ne peut excéder 25% de la taxe internationale de dépôt visée au point 1 du barème de taxes, non compris toute taxe pour chaque feuille de la demande internationale à compter de la trente et unième, étant entendu qu'une taxe pour remise tardive peut être exigée en vertu de l'alinéa a) ou de l'alinéa b), mais pas des deux.

d) Si, dans le délai fixé dans une invitation visée à l'alinéa a) ou b), le déposant ne fournit pas le listage des séquences requis et ne paie pas la taxe pour remise tardive requise le cas échéant, l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale n'est tenue de procéder à la recherche à l'égard de la demande internationale que dans la mesure où une recherche significative peut être effectuée sans le listage des séquences.

**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION – ASSEMBLY
(THIRTY-THIRD (19TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION) (cont'd)****AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**

(e) Any sequence listing not contained in the international application as filed, whether furnished in response to an invitation under paragraph (a) or (b) or otherwise, shall not form part of the international application, but this paragraph shall not prevent the applicant from amending the description in relation to a sequence listing pursuant to Article 34(2)(b).

(f) Where the International Searching Authority finds that the description does not comply with Rule 5.2(b), it shall invite the applicant to submit the required correction. Rule 26.4 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any correction offered by the applicant. The International Searching Authority shall transmit the correction to the receiving Office and to the International Bureau.

13ter.2 Procedure Before the International Preliminary Examining Authority

Rule 13ter.1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

13ter.3 Sequence Listing for Designated Office

No designated Office shall require the applicant to furnish to it a sequence listing other than a sequence listing complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions.

**Rule 16bis
Extension of Time Limits for Payment of Fees***16bis.1 Invitation by the Receiving Office*

(a) Where, by the time they are due under Rules 14.1(c), 15.4 and 16.1(f), the receiving Office finds that no fees were paid to it, or that the amount paid to it is insufficient to cover the transmittal fee, the international filing fee and the search fee, the receiving Office shall, subject to paragraph (d), invite the applicant to pay to it the amount required to cover those fees, together with, where applicable, the late payment fee under Rule 16bis.2, within a time limit of one month from the date of the invitation.

(b) *[Remains deleted]*

(c) Where the receiving Office has sent to the applicant an invitation under paragraph (a) and the applicant has not, within the time limit referred to in that paragraph, paid in full the amount due, including, where applicable, the late payment fee under Rule 16bis.2, the receiving Office shall, subject to paragraph (e):

(i) and (ii) [No change]

(d) and (e) [No change]

16bis.2 [No change]

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e) Un listage des séquences qui ne figure pas dans la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée, qu'il ait été fourni en réponse à une invitation selon l'alinéa a) ou b) ou d'une autre manière, ne fait pas partie de la demande internationale; toutefois, le présent alinéa n'empêche pas le déposant de modifier la description à l'égard d'un listage des séquences conformément à l'article 34.2)b).

f) Lorsque l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale constate que la description n'est pas conforme à la règle 5.2.b), elle invite le déposant à soumettre la correction requise. La règle 26.4 s'applique *mutatis mutandis* à toute correction proposée par le déposant. L'administration chargée de la recherche internationale transmet la correction à l'office récepteur et au Bureau international.

13ter.2 Procédure au sein de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

La règle 13ter.1 s'applique *mutatis mutandis* à la procédure au sein de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

13ter.3 Listage des séquences pour l'office désigné

Aucun office désigné ne peut exiger du déposant qu'il lui fournisse un listage des séquences autre qu'un listage des séquences conforme à la norme prévue dans les instructions administratives.

Règle 16bis**Prorogation des délais de paiement des taxes****16bis.1 Invitation de l'office récepteur**

a) Si, au moment où la taxe de transmission, la taxe internationale de dépôt et la taxe de recherche sont dues en vertu des règles 14.1.c), 15.4 et 16.1.f), l'office récepteur constate qu'aucune taxe ne lui a été payée ou encore que le montant acquitté auprès de lui est insuffisant pour couvrir la taxe de transmission, la taxe internationale de dépôt et la taxe de recherche, il invite le déposant, sous réserve de l'alinéa d), à lui payer, dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de l'invitation, le montant nécessaire pour couvrir ces taxes, majoré, le cas échéant, de la taxe pour paiement tardif visée à la règle 16bis.2.

b) [Reste supprimé]

c) Si l'office récepteur a adressé au déposant une invitation conformément à l'alinéa a) et si le déposant n'a pas, dans le délai mentionné dans cet alinéa, payé intégralement le montant dû, y compris, le cas échéant, la taxe pour paiement tardif visée à la règle 16bis.2, l'office récepteur, sous réserve de l'alinéa e) :

i) et ii) [Sans changement]

d) et e) [Sans changement]

16bis.2 [Sans changement]

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(THIRTY-THIRD (19TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION) (cont'd)****AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)****Rule 23****Transmittal of the Search Copy, Translation and Sequence Listing***23.1 Procedure*

(a) and (b) No change]

(c) Any sequence listing in electronic form which is furnished for the purposes of Rule 13*ter* but submitted to the receiving Office instead of the International Searching Authority shall be promptly transmitted by that Office to that Authority.

Rule 40**Lack of Unity of Invention
(International Search)***40.1 Invitation to Pay Additional Fees; Time Limit*

The invitation to pay additional fees provided for in Article 17(3)(a) shall:

(i) specify the reasons for which the international application is not considered as complying with the requirement of unity of invention;

(ii) invite the applicant to pay the additional fees within one month from the date of the invitation, and indicate the amount of those fees to be paid; and

(iii) invite the applicant to pay, where applicable, the protest fee referred to in Rule 40.2(e) within one month from the date of the invitation, and indicate the amount to be paid.

40.2 Additional Fees

(a) The amount of the additional fees due for searching under Article 17(3)(a) shall be determined by the competent International Searching Authority.

(b) The additional fees due for searching under Article 17(3)(a) shall be payable direct to the International Searching Authority.

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Règle 23

Transmission de la copie de recherche, de la traduction et du listage des séquences

23.1 *Procédure*

a) et b) [Sans changement]

c) Tout listage des séquences sous forme électronique qui est fourni aux fins de la règle 13^{ter} mais qui est remis à l'office récepteur au lieu de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale doit être transmis à bref délai par cet office à ladite administration.

Règle 40

**Absence d'unité de l'invention
(recherche internationale)**

40.1 *Invitation à payer des taxes additionnelles; délai*

L'invitation à payer des taxes additionnelles prévue à l'article 17.3)a)

i) précise les raisons pour lesquelles il est considéré que la demande internationale ne satisfait pas à l'exigence applicable d'unité de l'invention;

ii) invite le déposant à payer les taxes additionnelles dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de l'invitation et indique le montant de ces taxes à payer; et

iii) invite le déposant à acquitter, le cas échéant, la taxe de réserve visée à la règle 40.2.e) dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de l'invitation et indique le montant à payer.

40.2 *Taxes additionnelles*

a) et b) [Sans changement]

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(c) Any applicant may pay the additional fees under protest, that is, accompanied by a reasoned statement to the effect that the international application complies with the requirement of unity of invention or that the amount of the required additional fees is excessive. Such protest shall be examined by a review body constituted in the framework of the International Searching Authority, which, to the extent that it finds the protest justified, shall order the total or partial reimbursement to the applicant of the additional fees. On the request of the applicant, the text of both the protest and the decision thereon shall be notified to the designated Offices together with the international search report. The applicant shall submit any translation thereof with the furnishing of the translation of the international application required under Article 22.

(d) The membership of the review body referred to in paragraph (c) may include, but shall not be limited to, the person who made the decision which is the subject of the protest.

(e) The examination of a protest referred to in paragraph (c) may be subjected by the International Searching Authority to the payment to it, for its own benefit, of a protest fee. Where the applicant has not, within the time limit under Rule 40.1(iii), paid any required protest fee, the protest shall be considered not to have been made and the International Searching Authority shall so declare. The protest fee shall be refunded to the applicant where the review body referred to in paragraph (c) finds that the protest was entirely justified.

40.3 [Deleted]

Rule 43bis
Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority

43bis.1 Written Opinion

(a) Subject to Rule 69.1(b-bis), the International Searching Authority shall, at the same time as it establishes the international search report or the declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a), establish a written opinion as to:

(i) and (ii) [No change]

The written opinion shall also be accompanied by such other observations as these Regulations provide for.

(b) and (c) [No change]

Rule 44
Transmittal of the International Search Report, Written Opinion, Etc.

44.1 Copies of Report or Declaration and Written Opinion

The International Searching Authority shall, on the same day, transmit one copy of the international search report or of the declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a), and one copy of the written opinion established under Rule 43bis.1 to the International Bureau and one copy to the applicant.

44.2 and 44.3 [No change]

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c) Tout déposant peut payer les taxes additionnelles sous réserve, c'est-à-dire en y joignant une déclaration motivée tendant à démontrer que la demande internationale remplit la condition d'unité de l'invention ou que le montant des taxes additionnelles demandées est excessif. Un organe de réexamen constitué dans le cadre de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale examine la réserve et, dans la mesure où il estime que la réserve est justifiée, ordonne le remboursement, total ou partiel, des taxes additionnelles au déposant. Sur requête du déposant, le texte de sa réserve et celui de la décision sont notifiés aux offices désignés, avec le rapport de recherche internationale. Le déposant doit remettre la traduction de sa réserve avec celle de la demande internationale exigée à l'article 22.

d) L'organe de réexamen mentionné à l'alinéa c) peut être composé, mais pas uniquement, du fonctionnaire qui a pris la décision qui fait l'objet de la réserve.

e) L'examen de la réserve visée à l'alinéa c) peut être subordonné par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale au paiement, à son profit, d'une taxe de réserve. Si le déposant n'a pas acquitté, le cas échéant, la taxe de réserve, dans le délai fixé à la règle 40.1.iii), la réserve est considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée et l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale le déclare. La taxe de réserve est remboursée au déposant si l'organe de réexamen mentionné à l'alinéa c) estime que la réserve était entièrement justifiée.

40.3 [Supprimée]

Règle 43bis**Opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale***43bis.1 Opinion écrite*

a) Sous réserve de la règle 69.1.b-bis), l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale établit, en même temps que le rapport de recherche internationale ou la déclaration visée à l'article 17.2)a), une opinion écrite concernant

i) et ii) [Sans changement]

L'opinion écrite est accompagnée de toute autre observation prévue par le présent règlement d'exécution.

b) et c) [Sans changement]

Règle 44**Transmission du rapport de recherche internationale, de l'opinion écrite, etc.***44.1 Copies du rapport ou de la déclaration et de l'opinion écrite*

L'administration chargée de la recherche internationale transmet, le même jour, au Bureau international et au déposant une copie du rapport de recherche internationale ou de la déclaration visée à l'article 17.2)a), et une copie de l'opinion écrite établie en vertu de la règle 43bis.1.

44.2 et 44.3 [Sans changement]

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The Demand**

53.1 to 53.8 [No change]

53.9 *Statement Concerning Amendments*

(a) [No change]

(b) If no amendments under Article 19 have been made and the time limit for filing such amendments has not expired, the statement may indicate that, should the International Preliminary Examining Authority wish to start the international preliminary examination at the same time as the international search in accordance with Rule 69.1(b), the applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination to be postponed in accordance with Rule 69.1(d).

(c) [No change]

**Rule 68
Lack of Unity of Invention
(International Preliminary Examination)**

68.1 [No change]

68.2 *Invitation to Restrict or Pay*

Where the International Preliminary Examining Authority finds that the requirement of unity of invention is not complied with and chooses to invite the applicant, at his option, to restrict the claims or to pay additional fees, the invitation shall:

(i) specify at least one possibility of restriction which, in the opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority, would be in compliance with the applicable requirement;

(ii) specify the reasons for which the international application is not considered as complying with the requirement of unity of invention;

(iii) invite the applicant to comply with the invitation within one month from the date of the invitation;

(iv) indicate the amount of the required additional fees to be paid in case the applicant so chooses;
and

(v) invite the applicant to pay, where applicable, the protest fee referred to in Rule 68.3(e) within one month from the date of the invitation, and indicate the amount to be paid.

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Règle 53

Demande d'examen préliminaire international

53.1 à 53.8 [Sans changement]

53.9 *Déclaration concernant les modifications*

a) [Sans changement]

b) Lorsqu'aucune modification n'a été effectuée en vertu de l'article 19 et que le délai prévu pour le dépôt de telles modifications n'a pas expiré, la déclaration peut indiquer que, si l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international souhaite entreprendre l'examen préliminaire international en même temps que la recherche internationale conformément à la règle 69.1.b), le déposant souhaite que le commencement de l'examen préliminaire international soit différé conformément à la règle 69.1.d).

c) [Sans changement]

Règle 68

**Absence d'unité de l'invention
(examen préliminaire international)**

68.1 [Sans changement]

68.2 *Invitation à limiter ou à payer*

Si l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international estime qu'il n'est pas satisfait à l'exigence d'unité de l'invention et décide d'inviter le déposant, au choix de ce dernier, à limiter les revendications ou à payer des taxes additionnelles, l'invitation

i) indique au moins une possibilité de limitation qui, de l'avis de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, satisfait à cette exigence;

ii) précise les raisons pour lesquelles il est considéré que la demande internationale ne satisfait pas à l'exigence applicable d'unité de l'invention;

iii) invite le déposant à donner suite à l'invitation dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de celle-ci;

iv) indique le montant des taxes additionnelles à payer si tel est le choix du déposant; et

v) invite le déposant à acquitter, le cas échéant, la taxe de réserve visée à la règle 68.3.e) dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de l'invitation et indique le montant à payer.

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(a) The amount of the additional fees due for international preliminary examination under Article 34(3)(a) shall be determined by the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority.

(b) The additional fees due for international preliminary examination under Article 34(3)(a) shall be payable direct to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

(c) Any applicant may pay the additional fees under protest, that is, accompanied by a reasoned statement to the effect that the international application complies with the requirement of unity of invention or that the amount of the required additional fees is excessive. Such protest shall be examined by a review body constituted in the framework of the International Preliminary Examining Authority which, to the extent that it finds the protest justified, shall order the total or partial reimbursement to the applicant of the additional fees. On the request of the applicant, the text of both the protest and the decision thereon shall be notified to the elected Offices as an annex to the international preliminary examination report.

(d) The membership of the review body referred to in paragraph (c) may include, but shall not be limited to, the person who made the decision which is the subject of the protest.

(e) The examination of a protest referred to in paragraph (c) may be subjected by the International Preliminary Examining Authority to the payment to it, for its own benefit, of a protest fee. Where the applicant has not, within the time limit under Rule 68.2(v), paid any required protest fee, the protest shall be considered not to have been made and the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall so declare. The protest fee shall be refunded to the applicant where the review body referred to in paragraph (c) finds that the protest was entirely justified.

68.4 and 68.5 [No change]

Rule 69**Start of and Time Limit for International Preliminary Examination**69.1 *Start of International Preliminary Examination*

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) to (e), the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall start the international preliminary examination when it is in possession of all of the following:

(i) and (ii) [No change]

(iii) either the international search report or the declaration by the International Searching Authority under Article 17(2)(a) that no international search report will be established, and the written opinion established under Rule 43*bis*.1;

provided that the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall not start the international preliminary examination before the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54*bis*.1(a) unless the applicant expressly requests an earlier start.

(b) and (c) [No change]

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a) et b) [Sans changement]

c) Tout déposant peut payer les taxes additionnelles sous réserve, c'est-à-dire en y joignant une déclaration motivée tendant à démontrer que la demande internationale remplit la condition d'unité de l'invention ou que le montant des taxes additionnelles demandées est excessif. Un organe de réexamen constitué dans le cadre de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international examine la réserve et, dans la mesure où il estime que la réserve est justifiée, ordonne le remboursement, total ou partiel, des taxes additionnelles au déposant. Sur requête du déposant, le texte de sa réserve et celui de la décision sont annexés au rapport d'examen préliminaire international et notifiés aux offices élus.

d) L'organe de réexamen mentionné à l'alinéa c) peut être composé, mais pas uniquement, du fonctionnaire qui a pris la décision qui fait l'objet de la réserve.

e) L'examen de la réserve visée à l'alinéa c) peut être subordonné par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international au paiement, à son profit, d'une taxe de réserve. Si le déposant n'a pas acquitté, le cas échéant, la taxe de réserve, dans le délai fixé à la règle 68.2.v), la réserve est considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée et l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international le déclare. La taxe de réserve est remboursée au déposant si l'organe de réexamen mentionné à l'alinéa c) estime que la réserve était entièrement justifiée.

68.4 et 68.5 [Sans changement]

Règle 69**Examen préliminaire international – commencement et délai**69.1 *Commencement de l'examen préliminaire international*

a) Sous réserve des alinéas b) à e), l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international entreprend cet examen lorsqu'elle est en possession de tous les éléments suivants :

i) et ii) [Sans changement]

iii) soit le rapport de recherche internationale, soit la déclaration de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, faite en vertu de l'article 17.2)a), selon laquelle il ne sera pas établi de rapport de recherche internationale, et l'opinion écrite établie en vertu de la règle 43*bis*.1;

toutefois, l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international n'entreprend pas l'examen préliminaire international avant l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de la règle 54*bis*.1.a), sauf si le déposant a expressément demandé que cet examen soit entrepris plus tôt.

b) et c) [Sans changement]

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(d) Where the statement concerning amendments contains an indication that the start of the international preliminary examination is to be postponed (Rule 53.9(b)), the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall not start the international preliminary examination before whichever of the following occurs first:

(i) and (ii) [No change]

(iii) the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 46.1.

(e) [No change]

69.2 [No change]

Rule 76
Translation of Priority Document;
Application of Certain Rules to Procedures Before Elected Offices

76.1, 76.2 and 76.3 *[Remain deleted]*

76.4 [No change]

76.5 *Application of Certain Rules to Procedures Before Elected Offices*

Rules 13^{ter}.3, 22.1(g), 47.1, 49, 49^{bis} and 51^{bis} shall apply, provided that:

(i) to (v) [No change]

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d) Lorsque la déclaration concernant les modifications indique que le commencement de l'examen préliminaire international doit être différé (règle 53.9.b)), l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international n'entreprend pas cet examen

i) et ii) [Sans changement]

iii) avant l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de la règle 46.1,

celle des trois conditions précitées qui est remplie la première étant déterminante.

e) [Sans changement]

69.2 [Sans changement]

Règle 76**Traduction du document de priorité;
application de certaines règles aux procédures au sein des offices élus**

76.1, 76.2 et 76.3 [*Restent supprimées*]

76.4 [Sans changement]

76.5 *Application de certaines règles aux procédures au sein des offices élus*

Les règles 13^{ter}.3, 22.1.g), 47.1, 49, 49^{bis} et 51^{bis} sont applicables étant entendu que :

i) à v) [Sans changement]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**IN India**

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified new amounts of fees in **Indian rupees (INR)**, payable to it as receiving Office (transmittal fee and fee for priority document) and as designated (or elected) Office (national fee), as specified below (the amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by an individual):

Transmittal fee:	INR 8,000 (2,000)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	INR 4,000 (1,000)
National fee:	
Filing fee:	INR 4,000 (1,000) up to 30 sheets and 10 claims
	– Multiple of INR 4,000 (1,000) for each additional priority
	– Each additional sheet INR 400 (100)
	Each additional claim INR 800 (200)

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KR Republic of Korea

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** of the search fee, payable for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. The new amount, applicable as from 15 April 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	USD 218
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TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**IN Inde**

L'**Office des brevets (Inde)** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **roupies indiennes (INR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur (taxe de transmission et taxe pour le document de priorité) et d'office désigné (ou élu) (taxe nationale), comme indiqués ci-dessous (les montants indiqués entre parenthèses sont applicables dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par un particulier) :

Taxe de transmission :	INR 8.000 (2.000)
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	INR 4.000 (1.000)
Taxe nationale :	
Taxe de dépôt :	INR 4.000 (1.000) jusqu'à 30 feuilles et 10 revendications
	– Multiple de INR 4.000 (1.000) pour chaque priorité supplémentaire
	– Pour chaque feuille supplémentaire : INR 400 (100)
	– Pour chaque revendication supplémentaire : INR 800 (200)

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KR République de Corée

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle** aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le dollar des États-Unis (USD) comme monnaie de paiement ou utilisent le dollar des États-Unis (USD) comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 avril 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	USD 218
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**IN India**

The **Patent Office (India)** has informed the International Bureau of a change to the time limit for the furnishing of the original of a document filed by means of telecommunication and of a change with relation to whether the Office accepts evidence of mailing of a document in case of loss or delay where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used, as follows:

Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	[No change]
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	[No change]
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes

The **Patent Office (India)** has also informed the International Bureau of a modification of the conditions under which an Indian resident may file an international application (appearing in footnote 2 relating to the competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of India). The text of this footnote is reproduced hereafter:

“An Indian resident shall not file an international application: (i) except under the authority of a written permit granted by or on behalf of the Controller in a request on Form 25 along with INR 4,000 (INR 1,000 for individuals); or (ii) except where an application for a patent for the same invention has been made in India and not less than six weeks have elapsed without any direction having been given by the Controller prohibiting publication or communication of the same. These restrictions do not apply in relation to an invention for which an application for protection has first been filed in a country outside India by a person resident outside India.”

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(IN), page 96]

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Industrial Property Protection (Republic of Moldova)** has notified a change in the name of the Office, as follows:

Name of Office:	Agentia de Stat pentru Proprietatea Intelectuala State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(MD), page 134]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**IN Inde**

L'**Office des brevets (Inde)** a informé le Bureau international d'un changement relatif au délai pour la remise de l'original d'un document déposé par des moyens de télécommunication et d'un changement concernant l'acceptation par l'office que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale, comme suit :

L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT)?	[Sans changement]
Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens?	[Sans changement]
L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas?	Oui, dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de la transmission
L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT)?	Oui

L'**Office des brevets (Inde)** a également informé le Bureau international d'une modification des conditions dans lesquelles une personne domiciliée en Inde peut déposer une demande internationale (figurant dans la note de bas de page 2 relative à l'office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux de l'Inde et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées). Le texte de cette note est reproduit ci-après :

“Une personne domiciliée en Inde ne peut déposer une demande internationale i) qu'après avoir obtenu une autorisation écrite du *Controller* – ou une autorisation délivrée en son nom – suite à une requête présentée au moyen du formulaire n° 25 et accompagnée du paiement de INR 4.000 (INR 1.000 pour les particuliers) – ou ii) qu'après avoir déposé en Inde une demande de brevet pour la même invention et qu'au moins six semaines se sont écoulées sans que le *Controller* ait donné d'instructions interdisant la publication ou la communication de l'invention. Ces restrictions ne sont pas applicables à une demande de brevet portant sur une invention pour laquelle une demande de brevet a été déposée auparavant hors de l'Inde par une personne ne résidant pas en Inde.”

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B(IN), page 99]

MD République de Moldova

L'**Office d'État pour la protection de la propriété industrielle (République de Moldova)** a notifié un changement relatif au nom de l'office, comme suit :

Nom de l'office :	Agentia de Stat pentru Proprietatea Intellectuala Office d'État pour la propriété intellectuelle (République de Moldova)
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(MD), page 137]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (cont'd)**IS Iceland**

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified provisions for provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent, as follows:

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

[No change]

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

Compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation into Icelandic of the claims of the application have been met, and upon grant of the patent. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent (see Section 83 of the Patent Act).

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(IS), page 98, and PCT Gazette No. 44/2004, page 25412]

TR Turkey – Corrigendum

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified the International Bureau of an error in the information published in PCT Gazette No. 01/2005 on page 634, concerning provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent. The text should refer to a translation of the “application” instead of a translation of the “claims”. The corrected text is as follows:

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

An international patent application designating Turkey benefits from provisional protection as from the date on which a translation of the application as submitted by the applicant has been published by the Turkish Patent Institute or has been notified to the alleged infringer.

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(TR), page 196, and PCT Gazette No. 01/2005, page 634]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**IS Islande**

L'**Office islandais des brevets** a notifié des dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen, comme suit :

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national :

[Sans changement]

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen :

Indemnité raisonnable, fixée suivant les circonstances, sous réserve qu'il ait été satisfait aux exigences nationales relatives à la traduction des revendications de la demande en islandais, le cas échéant, et dès la délivrance du brevet. La protection est limitée à ce qui est revendiqué à la fois dans la demande et dans le brevet (voir l'article 83 de la loi sur les brevets).

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(IS), page 101, et de la Gazette du PCT n° 44/2004, page 25413]

TR Turquie – rectificatif

L'**Institut turc des brevets** a informé le Bureau international d'une erreur dans l'indication publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 01/2005, à la page 635, en ce qui concerne la protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national. Le texte aurait dû se référer à une traduction de la "demande" et non pas à une traduction des "revendications". Le texte corrigé est le suivant :

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national :

Une demande de brevet internationale désignant la Turquie bénéficie d'une protection provisoire à compter de la date à laquelle une traduction de la demande telle que soumise par le déposant a été publiée par l'Institut turc des brevets ou a été notifiée au contrefacteur présumé.

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen :

[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(TR), page 199, et de la Gazette du PCT n° 01/2005, page 635]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**MA Morocco**

The **Industrial and Commercial Property Office of Morocco** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit is applicable for any international application filed as of 20 December 2004 and for any international application filed before that date for which the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) would have expired on or after 20 December 2004. The new time limit is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (MA), page 495]

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified a change concerning the requirements relating to the language of the translation of the international application for entry into the national phase before the Office, as follows:

Translation of international application required into:	Moldovan or Romanian
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (MD), page 497]

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified that there are no longer any exemptions, reductions, or refunds of the national fee. The corresponding text should now read as follows:

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (TR), page 539]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**MA Maroc**

L'**Office marocain de la propriété industrielle et commerciale** a notifié un changement relatif au délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, en vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai est applicable à toute demande internationale déposée à compter du 20 décembre 2004 et à toute demande internationale déposée avant le 20 décembre 2004 pour laquelle le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT aura expiré le 20 décembre 2004 ou ultérieurement. Ce nouveau délai est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (MA), page 526]

MD République de Moldova

L'**Office d'État pour la propriété intellectuelle (République de Moldova)** a notifié un changement concernant les exigences relatives à la langue de la traduction de la demande internationale pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office, comme suit :

Traduction de la demande internationale requise en :	Roumain ou moldave
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (MD), page 528]

TR Turquie

L'**Institut turc des brevets** a notifié qu'il n'y a plus d'exemption, de réduction ni de remboursement de la taxe nationale. Le texte correspondant a désormais la teneur suivante :

Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :	Néant
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (TR), page 575]

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT**NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

Following the work undertaken by the Meeting of International Authorities under the Patent Cooperation Treaty, at its seventh and tenth sessions, both held in Geneva, from 10 to 14 February 2003 and from 13 to 15 September 2004, respectively, modifications have been made to Annex B of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

The modifications involve:

- (i) the deletion of Part 2, Annex B, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (which contain examples illustrating unity of invention practice),
- (ii) the addition of a reference to the new location of the examples in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (see Chapter 10),
- (iii) a minor modification of a substantive nature concerning the “Markush practice”, which can also be found in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines (see paragraph 10.17(b)).

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), the modifications to Annex B of the Administrative Instructions as set out on pages 7056, 7058, 7060, 7062 and 7064 are promulgated, with effect from 1 April 2005.

TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**ANNEX B
UNITY OF INVENTION**

(a) Unity of Invention. Rule 13.1 deals with the requirement of unity of invention and states the principle that an international application should relate to only one invention or, if there is more than one invention, that the inclusion of those inventions in one international application is only permitted if all inventions are so linked as to form a single general inventive concept.

(b) Technical Relationship. Rule 13.2 defines the method for determining whether the requirement of unity of invention is satisfied in respect of a group of inventions claimed in an international application. Unity of invention exists only when there is a technical relationship among the claimed inventions involving one or more of the same or corresponding “special technical features”. The expression “special technical features” is defined in Rule 13.2 as meaning those technical features that define a contribution which each of the inventions, considered as a whole, makes over the prior art. The determination is made on the contents of the claims as interpreted in light of the description and drawings (if any).

(c) Independent and Dependent Claims. Unity of invention has to be considered in the first place only in relation to the independent claims in an international application and not the dependent claims. By “dependent” claim is meant a claim which contains all the features of another claim and is in the same category of claim as that other claim (the expression “category of claim” referring to the classification of claims according to the subject matter of the invention claimed—for example, product, process, use or apparatus or means, etc.).

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT**NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**

Suite aux travaux entrepris par la Réunion des administrations internationales selon le Traité de coopération en matière de brevets lors de ses septième et dixième sessions, qui se sont tenues à Genève du 10 au 14 février 2003 et du 13 au 15 septembre 2004, respectivement, des modifications ont été apportées à l'annexe B des Instructions administratives du PCT.

Ces modifications comportent :

- (i) la suppression de la deuxième partie de l'annexe B des instructions administratives du PCT (qui contient des exemples illustrant la pratique de l'unité de l'invention),
- (ii) l'addition d'une référence à ces exemples tels qu'ils figurent désormais dans les Directives concernant la recherche internationale et l'examen préliminaire international selon le PCT (au chapitre 10),
- (iii) une modification mineure, mais substantielle, relative à la "doctrine Markush", qui se trouve aussi dans les directives précitées (au paragraphe 10.17.b)).

Après consultation avec les offices et les administrations intéressés conformément à la règle 89.2.b) du PCT, les modifications de l'annexe B des instructions administratives figurant aux pages 7057, 7059, 7061, 7063 et 7065 sont promulguées, avec effet au 1^{er} avril 2005.

TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES**ANNEXE B
L'UNITÉ DE L'INVENTION**

a) Unité de l'invention. La règle 13.1, qui concerne l'unité de l'invention, énonce le principe que la demande internationale doit porter sur une seule invention ou que, en cas de pluralité d'inventions, ces inventions ne peuvent faire l'objet d'une même demande internationale que si elles sont toutes liées entre elles de manière à ne former qu'un seul concept inventif général.

b) Relation technique. La règle 13.2 définit la méthode à suivre pour apprécier si l'exigence d'unité de l'invention est respectée lorsqu'une pluralité d'inventions est revendiquée dans une demande internationale. L'unité de l'invention suppose entre les inventions revendiquées une relation technique portant sur un ou plusieurs "éléments techniques particuliers" identiques ou correspondants. L'expression "éléments techniques particuliers" est définie dans la règle 13.2 comme désignant les éléments techniques qui déterminent une contribution de chacune des inventions, considérée comme un tout, par rapport à l'état de la technique. Cette appréciation est fondée sur le contenu des revendications, interprété à la lumière de la description, et des dessins éventuels.

c) Revendications indépendantes et dépendantes. Le critère de l'unité de l'invention ne doit tout d'abord être appliqué qu'aux revendications indépendantes et non aux revendications dépendantes. Par revendication "dépendante", il faut entendre une revendication comprenant toutes les caractéristiques d'une autre revendication et appartenant à la même catégorie que celle-ci (l'expression "catégorie de revendication" se rapportant au classement des revendications selon l'objet de l'invention revendiquée – par exemple, produit, procédé, utilisation, appareil ou moyen, etc.).

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**

(i) If the independent claims avoid the prior art and satisfy the requirement of unity of invention, no problem of lack of unity arises in respect of any claims that depend on the independent claims. In particular, it does not matter if a dependent claim itself contains a further invention. Equally, no problem arises in the case of a genus/species situation where the genus claim avoids the prior art. Moreover, no problem arises in the case of a combination/subcombination situation where the subcombination claim avoids the prior art and the combination claim includes all the features of the subcombination.

(ii) If, however, an independent claim does not avoid the prior art, then the question whether there is still an inventive link between all the claims dependent on that claim needs to be carefully considered. If there is no link remaining, an objection of lack of unity *a posteriori* (that is, arising only after assessment of the prior art) may be raised. Similar considerations apply in the case of a genus/species or combination/subcombination situation.

(iii) This method for determining whether unity of invention exists is intended to be applied even before the commencement of the international search. Where a search of the prior art is made, an initial determination of unity of invention, based on the assumption that the claims avoid the prior art, may be reconsidered on the basis of the results of the search of the prior art.

(d) Illustrations of Particular Situations. There are three particular situations for which the method for determining unity of invention contained in Rule 13.2 is explained in greater detail:

- (i) combinations of different categories of claims;
- (ii) so-called “Markush practice”; and
- (iii) intermediate and final products.

Principles for the interpretation of the method contained in Rule 13.2, in the context of each of those situations are set out below. It is understood that the principles set out below are, in all instances, interpretations of and not exceptions to the requirements of Rule 13.2.

Examples to assist in understanding the interpretation on the three areas of special concern referred to in the preceding paragraph are set out below.

(e) Combinations of Different Categories of Claims. The method for determining unity of invention under Rule 13.2 shall be construed as permitting, in particular, the inclusion of any one of the following combinations of claims of different categories in the same international application:

- (i) in addition to an independent claim for a given product, an independent claim for a process specially adapted for the manufacture of the said product, and an independent claim for a use of the said product, or
- (ii) in addition to an independent claim for a given process, an independent claim for an apparatus or means specifically designed for carrying out the said process, or

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**

i) Si les revendications indépendantes n'empiètent pas sur l'état de la technique et satisfont à l'exigence d'unité de l'invention, il ne saurait être question de défaut d'unité en ce qui concerne les revendications qui en dépendent. En particulier, il est indifférent que la revendication dépendante contienne ou non une autre invention. De la même façon, il n'y a pas de difficulté lorsqu'il est question de genre et d'espèce et que la revendication relative au genre n'empiète pas sur l'état de la technique, pas plus que dans le cas d'une combinaison et d'une sous-combinaison lorsque la revendication relative à la sous-combinaison n'empiète pas sur l'état de la technique et que la revendication relative à la combinaison comprend tous les éléments de la sous-combinaison.

ii) Si toutefois une revendication indépendanteempiète sur l'état de la technique, il convient d'étudier attentivement s'il existe encore un lien, sur le plan du caractère inventif, entre toutes les revendications dépendant de cette revendication. En l'absence de ce lien, il peut y avoir lieu de formuler une objection pour défaut d'unité constaté ultérieurement (c'est-à-dire seulement après appréciation de l'état de la technique). Des considérations de même nature entrent en ligne de compte dans les cas du type genre/espèce ou combinaison/sous-combinaison.

iii) Cette méthode d'appréciation de l'unité de l'invention devrait pouvoir être appliquée même avant le commencement de la recherche internationale. S'il est procédé à une recherche par rapport à l'état de la technique, une décision initiale concluant à l'unité de l'invention, fondée sur l'hypothèse que les revendications n'empiètent pas sur l'état de la technique, peut être reconsidérée en fonction des résultats de la recherche.

d) Cas particuliers d'application. La méthode d'appréciation de l'unité de l'invention exposée dans la règle 13.2 va être expliquée de façon plus détaillée pour trois cas particuliers :

- i) combinaisons de différentes catégories de revendications,
- ii) application de la "doctrine Markush" et
- iii) présence de produits intermédiaires et finals.

Les principes régissant l'interprétation, dans chacun de ces trois cas, de la méthode exposée dans la règle 13.2 sont énoncés ci-après. Il est entendu que ces principes sont en toute hypothèse des interprétations des conditions énoncées dans la règle 13.2 et non des exceptions à celle-ci.

On trouvera ci-après des exemples qui aideront à comprendre l'interprétation de la méthode dans les trois cas particuliers évoqués au paragraphe précédent.

e) Combinaisons de différentes catégories de revendications. La méthode d'appréciation de l'unité de l'invention exposée dans la règle 13.2 doit être interprétée comme permettant, en particulier, de faire figurer dans une même demande internationale l'une quelconque des combinaisons suivantes de revendications de catégories différentes :

- i) outre une revendication indépendante concernant un produit donné, une revendication indépendante concernant un procédé spécialement conçu pour la fabrication dudit produit et une revendication indépendante concernant une utilisation dudit produit, ou
- ii) outre une revendication indépendante concernant un procédé donné, une revendication indépendante concernant un appareil ou moyen spécialement conçu pour la mise en œuvre dudit procédé, ou

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**

- (iii) in addition to an independent claim for a given product, an independent claim for a process specially adapted for the manufacture of the said product and an independent claim for an apparatus or means specifically designed for carrying out the said process,

it being understood that a process is specially adapted for the manufacture of a product if it inherently results in the product and that an apparatus or means is specifically designed for carrying out a process if the contribution over the prior art of the apparatus or means corresponds to the contribution the process makes over the prior art.

Thus, a process shall be considered to be specially adapted for the manufacture of a product if the claimed process inherently results in the claimed product with the technical relationship being present between the claimed product and claimed process. The words “specially adapted” are not intended to imply that the product could not also be manufactured by a different process.

Also an apparatus or means shall be considered to be “specifically designed for carrying out” a claimed process if the contribution over the prior art of the apparatus or means corresponds to the contribution the process makes over the prior art. Consequently, it would not be sufficient that the apparatus or means is merely capable of being used in carrying out the claimed process. However, the expression “specifically designed” does not imply that the apparatus or means could not be used for carrying out another process, nor that the process could not be carried out using an alternative apparatus or means.

(f) “Markush Practice”. The situation involving the so-called “Markush practice” wherein a single claim defines alternatives (chemical or non-chemical) is also governed by Rule 13.2. In this special situation, the requirement of a technical interrelationship and the same or corresponding special technical features as defined in Rule 13.2, shall be considered to be met when the alternatives are of a similar nature.

(i) When the Markush grouping is for alternatives of chemical compounds, they shall be regarded as being of a similar nature where the following criteria are fulfilled:

- (A) all alternatives have a common property or activity, and
- (B)(1) a common structure is present, i.e., a significant structural element is shared by all of the alternatives, or
- (B)(2) in cases where the common structure cannot be the unifying criteria, all alternatives belong to a recognized class of chemical compounds in the art to which the invention pertains.

(ii) In paragraph (f)(i)(B)(1), above, the words “significant structural element is shared by all of the alternatives” refer to cases where the compounds share a common chemical structure which occupies a large portion of their structures, or in case the compounds have in common only a small portion of their structures, the commonly shared structure constitutes a structurally distinctive portion in view of existing prior art, and the common structure is essential to the common property or activity. The structural element may be a single component or a combination of individual components linked together.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**

- iii) outre une revendication indépendante concernant un produit donné, une revendication indépendante concernant un procédé spécialement conçu pour la fabrication dudit produit et une revendication indépendante concernant un appareil ou moyen spécialement conçu pour la mise en œuvre dudit procédé,

étant entendu qu'un procédé est spécialement conçu pour la fabrication d'un produit s'il aboutit intrinsèquement à l'obtention du produit et qu'un appareil ou un moyen est spécialement conçu pour la mise en œuvre d'un procédé si sa contribution par rapport à l'état de la technique correspond à la contribution du procédé par rapport à l'état de la technique.

Ainsi, un procédé doit être considéré comme spécialement conçu pour la fabrication d'un produit si le procédé revendiqué aboutit intrinsèquement à l'obtention du produit revendiqué et s'il existe une relation technique entre le produit revendiqué et le procédé revendiqué. Les mots "spécialement conçu" n'excluent pas que le produit puisse être fabriqué à l'aide d'un procédé différent.

Un appareil ou un moyen doit aussi être considéré comme "spécialement conçu pour la mise en œuvre" d'un procédé revendiqué si sa contribution par rapport à l'état de la technique correspond à la contribution du procédé par rapport à l'état de la technique. Par conséquent, il ne serait pas suffisant que l'appareil ou que le moyen soit simplement susceptible de servir à mettre en œuvre le procédé revendiqué. Cependant, les mots "spécialement conçu" n'excluent pas que l'appareil ou le moyen puisse être utilisé pour mettre en œuvre un autre procédé, ni que le procédé puisse être mis en œuvre à l'aide d'un autre appareil ou d'un autre moyen.

f) "Doctrine Markush". Le cas de l'application de la "doctrine Markush", dans le cadre de laquelle une seule revendication définit des variantes (chimiques ou non chimiques), est aussi régi par la règle 13.2. Dans ce cas particulier, la condition relative à l'existence d'une relation technique et à la présence d'éléments techniques particuliers identiques ou correspondants énoncée dans la règle 13.2 doit être considérée comme remplie lorsque les variantes sont de nature analogue.

i) Lorsqu'il s'agit de grouper, selon la pratique découlant de l'application de la doctrine Markush, des variantes de composés chimiques, ces variantes doivent être considérées comme ayant un caractère analogue si elles répondent aux critères suivants :

A) toutes les variantes ont une propriété ou une activité commune et

B)1) il existe une structure commune, c'est-à-dire que toutes les variantes ont en commun un élément structurel important, ou bien,

B)2) lorsque la structure commune ne peut constituer l'élément unificateur, toutes les variantes appartiennent à une classe reconnue de composés chimiques dans le domaine dont relève l'invention.

ii) A l'alinéa f) i) B)1) ci-dessus, les mots "toutes les variantes ont en commun un élément structurel important" visent les cas dans lesquels les composés ont en commun une structure chimique qui occupe une grande partie de leur structure ou, si les composés n'ont en commun qu'une petite partie de leur structure, la structure qui leur est commune constitue en soi une partie distincte par rapport à l'état de la technique et la structure commune est essentielle à la propriété ou à l'activité commune. L'élément structurel peut consister en un seul composant ou en un ensemble de divers composants liés les uns aux autres.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**

(iii) In paragraph (f)(i)(B)(2), above, the words “recognized class of chemical compounds” mean that there is an expectation from the knowledge in the art that members of the class will behave in the same way in the context of the claimed invention. In other words, each member could be substituted one for the other, with the expectation that the same intended result would be achieved.

(iv) The fact that the alternatives of a Markush grouping can be differently classified shall not, taken alone, be considered to be justification for a finding of a lack of unity of invention.

(v) When dealing with alternatives, if it can be shown that at least one Markush alternative is not novel over the prior art, the question of unity of invention shall be reconsidered by the examiner. Reconsideration does not necessarily imply that an objection of lack of unity shall be raised.

(g) Intermediate and Final Products. The situation involving intermediate and final products is also governed by Rule 13.2.

(i) The term “intermediate” is intended to mean intermediate or starting products. Such products have the ability to be used to produce final products through a physical or chemical change in which the intermediate loses its identity.

(ii) Unity of invention shall be considered to be present in the context of intermediate and final products where the following two conditions are fulfilled:

(A) the intermediate and final products have the same essential structural element, in that:

- (1) the basic chemical structures of the intermediate and the final products are the same, or
- (2) the chemical structures of the two products are technically closely interrelated, the intermediate incorporating an essential structural element into the final product, and

(B) the intermediate and final products are technically interrelated, this meaning that the final product is manufactured directly from the intermediate or is separated from it by a small number of intermediates all containing the same essential structural element.

(iii) Unity of invention may also be considered to be present between intermediate and final products of which the structures are not known—for example, as between an intermediate having a known structure and a final product the structure of which is not known, or as between an intermediate of unknown structure and a final product of unknown structure. In order to satisfy unity in such cases, there shall be sufficient evidence to lead one to conclude that the intermediate and final products are technically closely interrelated as, for example, when the intermediate contains the same essential element as the final product or incorporates an essential element into the final product.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**

iii) A l'alinéa f)i)B)2) ci-dessus, les mots "classe reconnue de composés chimiques" signifient que l'on peut s'attendre, compte tenu des connaissances acquises dans le domaine en cause, que les éléments de la classe se comportent de la même façon dans le contexte de l'invention revendiquée. En d'autres termes, il serait possible de remplacer chaque élément par un autre, en escomptant le même résultat.

iv) Le fait que les variantes correspondant à un groupement de type Markush peuvent être classées différemment ne doit pas, en soi, être considéré comme une raison suffisante pour conclure à un défaut d'unité de l'invention.

v) Face à des variantes, s'il est possible de démontrer qu'au moins une variante de type Markush n'est pas nouvelle par rapport à l'état de la technique, l'examineur doit revenir sur la question de l'unité de l'invention. Cela ne signifie pas nécessairement qu'une objection pour défaut d'unité sera élevée.

g) Produits intermédiaires et finals. La règle 13.2 s'applique aussi au cas des produits intermédiaires et des produits finals.

i) L'expression "intermédiaires" désigne les produits intermédiaires ou de départ. Ces produits ont pour caractéristique qu'ils peuvent servir à obtenir des produits finals au moyen d'une modification physique ou chimique dans laquelle le produit intermédiaire en cause perd son identité.

ii) On doit considérer qu'il y a unité de l'invention, par rapport à des produits intermédiaires et finals, lorsque les deux conditions suivantes sont remplies :

- A) les produits intermédiaire et final ont le même élément structurel essentiel, c'est-à-dire que
 - 1) les structures chimiques fondamentales des produits intermédiaire et final sont identiques, ou
 - 2) les structures chimiques des deux produits sont étroitement liées sur le plan technique, le produit intermédiaire introduisant un élément structurel essentiel dans le produit final, et
- B) les produits intermédiaire et final sont techniquement interdépendants, ce qui signifie que le produit final est obtenu directement à partir du produit intermédiaire ou en est séparé par un petit nombre de produits intermédiaires contenant tous le même élément structurel essentiel.

iii) On peut aussi considérer qu'il y a unité de l'invention entre des produits intermédiaires et finals dont les structures ne sont pas connues, par exemple entre un produit intermédiaire ayant une structure connue et un produit final dont la structure n'est pas connue ou entre un produit intermédiaire et un produit final dont les structures ne sont pas connues. Pour qu'il soit satisfait à l'exigence d'unité de l'invention dans ces cas, il faut que suffisamment d'éléments soient réunis pour permettre de conclure que les produits intermédiaires et finals sont étroitement liés sur le plan technique comme c'est le cas, par exemple, lorsque le produit intermédiaire contient le même élément essentiel que le produit final ou introduit un élément essentiel dans le produit final.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**

(iv) It is possible to accept in a single international application different intermediate products used in different processes for the preparation of the final product, provided that they have the same essential structural element.

(v) The intermediate and final products shall not be separated, in the process leading from one to the other, by an intermediate which is not new.

(vi) If the same international application claims different intermediates for different structural parts of the final product, unity shall not be regarded as being present between the intermediates.

(vii) If the intermediate and final products are families of compounds, each intermediate compound shall correspond to a compound claimed in the family of the final products. However, some of the final products may have no corresponding compound in the family of the intermediate products so that the two families need not be absolutely congruent.

(h) As long as unity of invention can be recognized applying the above interpretations, the fact that, besides the ability to be used to produce final products, the intermediates also exhibit other possible effects or activities shall not affect the decision on unity of invention.

(i) Rule 13.3 requires that the determination of the existence of unity of invention be made without regard to whether the inventions are claimed in separate claims or as alternatives within a single claim.

(j) Rule 13.3 is not intended to constitute an encouragement to the use of alternatives within a single claim, but is intended to clarify that the criterion for the determination of unity of invention (namely, the method contained in Rule 13.2) remains the same regardless of the form of claim used.

(k) Rule 13.3 does not prevent an International Searching or Preliminary Examining Authority or an Office from objecting to alternatives being contained within a single claim on the basis of considerations such as clarity, the conciseness of claims or the claims fee system applicable in that Authority or Office.

(l) Examples giving guidance on how these principles may be interpreted in particular cases are set out in the PCT International Search and Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**

iv) Il est permis de faire figurer dans une même demande internationale différents produits intermédiaires utilisés dans différents procédés en vue d'obtenir le produit final, à condition qu'ils aient le même élément structurel essentiel.

v) Les produits intermédiaire et final ne doivent pas être séparés, au cours du procédé menant de l'un à l'autre, par un produit intermédiaire qui n'est pas nouveau.

vi) Si la même demande internationale revendique différents produits intermédiaires pour différentes parties de la structure du produit final, on ne considère pas qu'il y a unité entre les produits intermédiaires en question.

vii) Si les produits intermédiaires et finals sont des familles de composés, chaque composé intermédiaire doit correspondre à un composé revendiqué dans la famille des produits finals. Toutefois, il peut arriver que les produits finals n'aient aucun composé correspondant dans la famille des produits intermédiaires de sorte que les deux familles ne doivent pas absolument concorder.

h) Dès lors que l'on peut conclure à l'unité de l'invention en application des interprétations ci-dessus, le fait que, outre qu'ils peuvent servir à obtenir des produits finals, les produits intermédiaires présentent aussi d'autres effets ou actions possibles ne doit pas avoir d'incidence sur la décision à prendre en ce qui concerne l'unité de l'invention.

i) La règle 13.3 exige que l'unité de l'invention soit appréciée sans égard au fait que les inventions font l'objet de revendications distinctes ou sont présentées comme des variantes dans le cadre d'une seule et même revendication.

j) La règle 13.3 n'a pas pour but d'encourager le recours à des variantes dans une même revendication mais de préciser que le critère d'appréciation de l'unité de l'invention (à savoir la méthode exposée dans la règle 13.2) reste le même, quel que soit le mode de présentation des revendications.

k) La règle 13.3 n'empêche pas une administration chargée de la recherche ou de l'examen préliminaire international ou un office de s'opposer à ce que des variantes figurent dans une seule et même revendication, par exemple pour des raisons de clarté et de concision des revendications ou du fait du système de taxes appliqué par cette administration ou par cet office en matière de revendications.

(l) Les exemples qui illustrent l'application de ces principes et qui peuvent servir de guide dans des cas particuliers figurent dans les Directives concernant la recherche internationale et l'examen préliminaire international.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**CZ Czech Republic**

The **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)** has notified a change in the amount of the fee for priority document in **Czech korunas (CZK)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): CZK 600

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(CZ), page 258]

KR Republic of Korea

New equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the international filing fee and the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), as well as for the reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 May 2005, are specified below:

International filing fee:	KRW 1,195,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	KRW 13,000
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	KRW 85,000
Electronic filing (not in character coded format):	KRW 171,000
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	KRW 256,000
Handling fee:	KRW 171,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(KR), page 307, and Annex E(KR), page 391]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**CZ République tchèque**

L'**Office de la propriété industrielle (République tchèque)** a notifié un changement relatif au montant de la taxe pour le document de priorité, exprimé en **couronnes tchèques (CZK)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	CZK 600
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(CZ), page 265]

KR République de Corée

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **won coréens (KRW)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt et pour la taxe de traitement, conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, ainsi que pour les réductions selon le point 3 du barème de taxes. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} mai 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	KRW 1.195.000
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	KRW 13.000
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY :	KRW 85.000
Dépôt électronique (n'étant pas en format codé caractère par caractère) :	KRW 171.000
Dépôt électronique (en format codé caractère par caractère) :	KRW 256.000
Taxe de traitement :	KRW 171.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(KR), page 318, et annexe E(KR), page 406]

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****NL Netherlands**

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of electronic filing and processing of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), no national Office or intergovernmental organization is obliged to receive or process international applications filed in electronic form or by electronic means unless it has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to do so in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Administrative Instructions. Any such notification shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette, including information on the receiving Offices' requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form (see Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions).

On 28 February 2005, the **Netherlands Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as a receiving Office, notified the International Bureau under Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 24 March 2005, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R or 3.5 inch diskette (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1 and 4.3)

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****NL Pays-Bas**

Depuis le 7 janvier 2002, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques adéquats est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F des instructions administratives contenant, respectivement, le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires pour la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement sous forme électronique des demandes internationales, comme prévu à la règle 89*bis*.1 du PCT.

Conformément à la règle 89*bis*.1.d) du PCT, aucun office national ou organisation intergouvernementale n'est tenu de recevoir ou de traiter les demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique ou par des moyens électroniques à moins qu'il ait notifié au Bureau international qu'il est disposé à le faire conformément aux dispositions applicables des instructions administratives. Toute notification de ce type est publiée à bref délai par le Bureau international dans la gazette, y compris les informations relatives aux exigences et à la pratique suivie par les offices récepteurs en matière de dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique (voir l'instruction administrative 710.a)).

Le 28 février 2005, l'**Office de la propriété industrielle des Pays-Bas**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international, selon la règle 89*bis*.1.d), qu'il était disposé à recevoir et à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 24 mars 2005, comme suit :

“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- XML (en général; voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- Norme OMPI ST.25 (pour les listages des séquences; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F et l'annexe C)
- PDF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.2 de l'annexe F)
- TIFF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)
- JPEG (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.2 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :

- dépôt en ligne (voir la section 5 de l'annexe F, et la section 2.d) de l'appendice III)
- dépôt effectué sur l'un des supports matériels suivants: CD-R ou disquette de 3,5 pouces (voir la section 5.2.1 de l'annexe F, la section 2.e) de l'appendice III et les sections 4.1 et 4.3 de l'appendice IV)

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****NL Netherlands (cont'd)****As to electronic document packaging:**

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- *epoline*® software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile and text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2, and Appendix III, section 2(i))
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1), or sent with outdated certificates, that a notification of receipt will not be generated.

Other errors, such as applications being infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)), are notified to the applicant in the acknowledgement of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****NL Pays-Bas (suite)****En ce qui concerne l’empaquetage électronique des documents :**

- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l’annexe F)
- WAD (documents constitutifs de la demande compactés; voir la section 4.1.1 de l’annexe F) seulement pour déposer sur un support matériel

En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- logiciel *epoline*®
- logiciel PCT-SAFE

En ce qui concerne les types de signature électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- signature en fac-similé et signature composée d’une chaîne de caractères (voir les sections 3.3.1 et 3.3.2 de l’annexe F et la section 2.i) de l’appendice III)
- signature électronique renforcée (voir la section 3.3.4 de l’annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures ayant trait à la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)ii) :

L’accusé de réception de toute demande internationale présumée déposée sous forme électronique auprès de l’office contient, outre les informations exigées au titre de l’instruction 704.a)i) à iv), les noms des fichiers électroniques reçus (instruction 704.a)v).

L’office fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique. Ce n’est que dans les cas où la demande n’est pas envoyée conformément au protocole sur l’interopérabilité en matière de dépôt électronique (voir la section 5.1 de l’annexe F), ou est envoyée avec des certificats caduques, qu’un accusé de réception n’est pas généré.

D’autres erreurs, telles que des demandes contaminées par des virus ou d’autres formes d’éléments malveillants (voir l’instruction 708.b)), sont notifiées au déposant dans l’accusé de réception.

Lorsqu’il s’avère que l’accusé de réception envoyé au déposant par des moyens électroniques n’est pas reçu, l’office envoie à nouveau, à bref délai, l’accusé de réception par le même moyen ou par un autre moyen (voir l’instruction 709.b)).

En ce qui concerne les moyens de paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a)ii) :

Le paiement en ligne n’est pas disponible. Seuls les modes de paiement actuellement disponibles sont acceptés.

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****NL Netherlands (cont'd)****As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):**

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 9.00 and 17.30 hours Monday to Friday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by phone at +31-70 398 66 55
- by fax at +31-70 390 01 90
- by e-mail at publieksvoorlichting@bie.minez.nl

**As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form
(Section 710(a)(iii)):**

- international applications

As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper. Furthermore, the Office will not prepare a backup copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

**As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as
alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (see Section 710(a)(v)):**

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the electronic filing system on its website (see www.bie.nl).

**As to certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of listings of the
certificate policies under which the certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):**

- European Patent Office (see www.epoline.org)
- WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

**As to procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in
electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):**

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****NL Pays-Bas (suite)****En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d'assistance (instruction 710.a)ii) :**

L'office a mis en place un service d'assistance pour répondre aux questions des utilisateurs du service. Ce service d'assistance est ouvert du lundi au vendredi, mis à part les vacances officielles, de 9h00 à 17h30. Le service d'assistance peut être contacté :

- par téléphone, au +31-70 398 66 55
- par télécopie, au +31-70 390 01 90
- par courriel, à l'adresse électronique suivante : publieksvoorlichting@bie.minez.nl

En ce qui concerne les types de documents qui peuvent être transmis à l'office sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)iii) :

- demandes internationales

En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :

L'office n'acceptera aucun dépôt de copie de sauvegarde sous forme papier. Par ailleurs, l'office ne préparera aucune copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sur papier à la demande du déposant.

En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :

Dans le cas où les systèmes informatiques ne seraient plus en état de marche au moment où une demande internationale est déposée auprès de lui, l'office mettra en œuvre tous les moyens dont il dispose pour informer le déposant des procédures de remplacement à suivre.

L'office fournira les informations relatives aux disponibilités du système de dépôt électronique sur son site Internet (voir www.bie.nl).

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office et les adresses électroniques des listes des exigences en matière de délivrance des certificats (instruction 710.a)vi) :

- Office européen des brevets (voir www.epoline.org)
- Autorité de certification de l'OMPI pour les utilisateurs (voir www.wipo.int/pct-safe/fr/certificates.htm)

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou archivées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible."

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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FI Agreement between the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

The **National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the above-mentioned Agreement, that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and as an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

The Agreement will enter into force on 1 April 2005. Pursuant to the decision of the PCT Assembly appointing the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland as an International Searching Authority and as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, that appointment will also have effect from 1 April 2005.

Furthermore, the **National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland)** has notified the International Bureau of the necessary information to complete all aspects of the Agreement. Annex C now reads as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,550
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,550
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	500
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	500
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	0.60

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reduction of Fees

- (1) [No change]
- (2) [No change]
- (3) Where the Authority benefits from:
 - (i) an earlier national search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application: refund of EUR 250;
 - (ii) an earlier international or international-type search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, 50% or 100% of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.
- (4) [No change]
- (5) [No change]”

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 44/2003, pages 24750, 24752, 24754, 24756, 24758 and 24760.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

FI Accord entre l'Office des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹

L'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement (Finlande) a notifié au Bureau international, conformément à l'article 9 de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, qu'il est disposé à commencer à exercer les fonctions d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

L'accord entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2005. Suite à la décision de l'Assemblée du PCT nommant l'Office des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, cette nomination prendra également effet le 1^{er} avril 2005.

De plus, l'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement (Finlande) a adressé au Bureau international une notification contenant toute l'information nécessaire pour compléter tous les aspects de l'accord. L'annexe C a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euros)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	1.550
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	1.550
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	500
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	500
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b), 71.2.b) et 94.2), par page	0,60

Partie II. Conditions et limites des remboursements ou des réductions de taxes

- 1) [Sans changement]
- 2) [Sans changement]
- 3) Lorsque l'Administration peut utiliser
 - i) une recherche nationale antérieure que l'Administration a déjà effectuée sur une demande dont la priorité est revendiquée pour la demande internationale : remboursement de EUR 250;
 - ii) une recherche internationale ou de type international antérieure que l'Administration a déjà effectuée sur une demande dont la priorité est revendiquée pour la demande internationale, la taxe de recherche payée est remboursée à 50% ou 100%, selon la mesure dans laquelle l'Administration peut utiliser cette recherche antérieure.
- 4) [Sans changement]
- 5) [Sans changement]”

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 44/2003, pages 24751, 24753, 24755, 24757, 24759 et 24761.

INFORMATION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**IB International Bureau**

The **International Bureau** has notified a change in the general PCT fax number which can be used for all PCT matters relating to specific international applications except those relating to the International Bureau as receiving Office, with immediate effect, as follows:

Facsimile machine: (41-22) 338 82 70 (for all PCT matters relating to specific international applications except those relating to the receiving Office)

The previous general PCT fax number ((41-22) 740 14 35) will no longer be available as from 1 August 2005.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B2(IB), page 226]

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has informed the International Bureau of a change to the time limit for the furnishing of the original of a document filed by means of telecommunication, as follows:

Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)? [No change]

Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted? [No change]

Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases? Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is the international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of the international application

No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B2(EA), page 222]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES**IB Bureau international**

Le **Bureau international** a notifié un changement relatif au numéro de télécopieur général du PCT qui peut être utilisé pour toutes les questions relatives aux demandes internationales spécifiques concernant le PCT sauf celles concernant l'office récepteur, avec effet immédiat, comme suit :

Télécopieur :	(41-22) 338 82 70 (pour toutes questions relatives aux demandes internationales spécifiques concernant le PCT sauf celles concernant l'office récepteur)
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L'ancien numéro de télécopieur général du PCT ((41-22) 740 14 35) ne sera plus en service à partir du 1^{er} août 2005.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B2(IB), page 230]

EA Organisation eurasiennne des brevets (OEAB)

L'**Office eurasienn des brevets (OEAB)** a informé le Bureau international d'un changement relatif au délai de remise de l'original d'un document déposé par des moyens de télécommunication, comme suit :

L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT)?	[Sans changement]
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Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens?	[Sans changement]
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L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas?	Oui, dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de la transmission, si le document transmis est la demande internationale ou une feuille de remplacement contenant des corrections ou des modifications apportées à la demande internationale
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Non, seulement sur invitation pour tout autre document

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B2(EA), page 226]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. It will be applicable as from 1 May 2005.

Concurrently, the Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** of the search fee, payable for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. It will be applicable as from 15 April 2005. The two amounts are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	KRW	948,000
	USD	942

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(AU), page 371]

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has introduced a new amount, in **Estonian kroons (EEK)**, of the additional fee for late furnishing of the translation or copy payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:	EEK	500
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (EE), page 455]

LT Lithuania

The **Lithuanian Patent Office** has informed the International Bureau of a modification in the conditions of payment of the national fee payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, by adding a footnote (footnote 5) relating to the filing fee and the claims fee for each claim in excess of 10. The text of this footnote is reproduced hereafter:

“This fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person in whose name the invention will be patented.”

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (LT), page 492]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **won coréens (KRW)** a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**. Il sera applicable à compter du 1^{er} mai 2005.

D'autre part, le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets** aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le dollar des États-Unis (USD) comme monnaie de paiement ou utilisent le dollar des États-Unis (USD) comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Il sera applicable à compter du 15 avril 2005. Les deux montants sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	KRW	948.000
	USD	942

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(AU), page 383]

EE Estonie

L'**Office estonien des brevets** a introduit un nouveau montant, exprimé en **couronnes estoniennes (EEK)**, de la taxe additionnelle pour remise tardive de la traduction ou de la copie, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe additionnelle pour remise tardive de la traduction ou de la copie :	EEK	500
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (EE), page 479]

LT Lituanie

L'**Office lituanien des brevets** a informé le Bureau international d'une modification des conditions de paiement de la taxe nationale payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), à savoir, l'adjonction d'une note de bas de page (note de bas de page 5) relative à la taxe de dépôt et à la taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication à compter de la 11^e. Le texte de cette note est reproduit ci-après :

“Cette taxe est réduite de 50% lorsque le déposant est une personne physique au nom de laquelle l'invention sera brevetée.”

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (LT), page 521]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**NL Netherlands**

Further to the notification by the **Netherlands Industrial Property Office** that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form with effect from 24 March 2005 (see PCT Gazette No. 11/2005, page 7068), equivalent amounts in **Euro (EUR)** of the new electronic filing reductions have been established, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Reductions (under Schedule
of Fees, item 3):

PCT EASY:	[No change]
Electronic filing (not in character coded format):	EUR 129
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	EUR 193

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(NL), page 328]

PL Poland

The **Polish Patent Office** has made changes in the amounts of the fee for priority document, in **Polish zlotys (PLZ)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The amounts now read as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	For a patent:
	PLZ 60 (up to 20 sheets)
	PLZ 125 (for more than 20 sheets)
	For a utility model:
	PLZ 60 (up to 20 sheets)
	PLZ 125 (for more than 20 sheets)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(PL), page 338]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**NL Pays-Bas**

Suite à la notification de l'**Office néerlandais de la propriété industrielle** selon laquelle l'office est disposé à recevoir les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 24 mars 2005 (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 11/2005, page 7069), les montants équivalents, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, des nouvelles réductions pour le dépôt électronique ont été établis, avec effet à compter de la même date, comme suit :

Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :

PCT EASY : [Sans changement]

Dépôt électronique
(n'étant pas en format codé
caractère par caractère) : EUR 129

Dépôt électronique
(en format codé caractère
par caractère) : EUR 193

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(NL), page 339]

PL Pologne

L'**Office polonais des brevets** a apporté des changements dans les montants de la taxe pour le document de priorité, exprimés en **zlotys polonais (PLZ)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur. Les montants sont maintenant les suivants :

Taxe pour le document de priorité (Règle 17.1.b) du PCT):	Pour un brevet :
	PLZ 60 (jusqu'à 20 feuilles) PLZ 125 (pour plus de 20 feuilles)
	Pour un modèle d'utilité :
	PLZ 60 (jusqu'à 20 feuilles) PLZ 125 (pour plus de 20 feuilles)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(PL), page 349]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**US United States of America**

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has introduced a change in the conditions of payment of the search fee, payable to it as International Searching Authority, which now read as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):

[No change]

The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior United States national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a),

- (i) prior to 8 December 2004, the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) has been paid, or
- (ii) on or after 8 December 2004, the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a), the search fee under 37 CFR 1.16(k) and the examination fee under 37 CFR 1.16(o) have been paid

and the prior US national application is identified by the application number if known, or if the application number is not known, by the filing date, title and name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket number), in the international application or accompanying the papers at the time of filing the international application.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(US), page 382]

RECEIVING OFFICES**AE United Arab Emirates**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Industrial Property Directorate, Ministry of Finance and Industry (United Arab Emirates)** has notified the International Bureau that it delegates its functions as receiving Office to the **International Bureau** until further notice.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(AE), page 230, and Annex C(IB), page 287]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

L'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** a introduit un changement dans les conditions de paiement de la taxe de recherche, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, qui ont maintenant la teneur suivante :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : [Sans changement]

Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon l'article 111.a) du titre 35 USC,

- (i) qu'avant le 8 décembre 2004, la taxe de dépôt de base a été acquittée selon le paragraphe 1.16.a) du titre 37 CFR, ou
- (ii) que le 8 décembre 2004 ou à une date ultérieure, la taxe de dépôt de base selon le paragraphe 1.16.a) du titre 37 CFR, la taxe de recherche selon le paragraphe 1.16.k) du titre 37 CFR et la taxe d'examen selon le paragraphe 1.16.o) du titre 37 CFR ont été acquittées

et que la demande nationale antérieure déposée aux États-Unis est identifiée par le numéro de la demande s'il est connu ou, si le numéro de la demande n'est pas connu, par la date de dépôt, le titre et le nom du déposant (et, de préférence, par le numéro de dossier de la demande) figurant dans la demande internationale ou accompagnant les documents au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(US), page 395]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**AE Émirats arabes unis**

En vertu de la règle 19.1.b) du PCT, la **Direction de la propriété industrielle, Ministère des finances et de l'industrie (Émirats arabes unis)** a notifié au Bureau international qu'elle délègue ses fonctions d'office récepteur au **Bureau international** jusqu'à nouvel avis.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(AE), page 235, et annexe C(IB), page 296]

RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)**FI Finland**

The **National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland)** has informed the International Bureau that it would act, in addition to the European Patent Office and the Swedish Patent Office, as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 April 2005 by nationals and residents of Finland with either the National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland) or the International Bureau of WIPO as receiving Office. The consolidated list of competent International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities now reads as follows:

Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland) or Swedish Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office, National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland) or Swedish Patent Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(FI), page 274]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)**

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. The corresponding heading now reads as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(EA), page 265]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**FI Finlande**

L'**Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement (Finlande)** a informé le Bureau international qu'il agira, en plus de l'Office européen des brevets et de l'Office suédois des brevets, en tant qu'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international compétente pour les demandes internationales déposées à partir du 1^{er} avril 2005 par les nationaux de la Finlande et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays soit auprès de l'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement (Finlande) ou auprès du Bureau international de l'OMPI en leur qualité d'office récepteur. La liste récapitulative des administrations chargées de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international compétentes est désormais la suivante :

Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale :	Office européen des brevets, Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement (Finlande) ou Office suédois des brevets
Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international :	Office européen des brevets, Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement (Finlande) ou Office suédois des brevets

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(FI), page 283]

RENONCIATIONS EN VERTU DES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**EA Organisation eurasiennne des brevets (OEAB)**

Selon les règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Organisation eurasiennne des brevets (OEAB)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce aux exigences en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon lesquelles un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise. La rubrique correspondante est désormais la suivante :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(EA), page 274]

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**

SM San Marino

General information on **San Marino** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, is given in Annexes B1(SM) and C(SM) and the Summary (SM), which are published on the following pages.

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS
OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS
OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**

SM Saint-Marin

Des informations de caractère général concernant **Saint-Marin** en tant qu'État contractant, ainsi que des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de l'**Office des brevets et des marques (Saint-Marin)** en tant qu'office récepteur et en tant qu'office désigné (ou élu), figurent aux annexes B1(SM) et C(SM) et dans le résumé (SM), qui sont publiés dans les pages suivantes.

B1	Information on Contracting States	B1
SM	SAN MARINO	SM

General information

Name of Office:	Ufficio di Stato Brevetti e Marchi (USBM) Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)
Location and mailing address:	Via 28 Luglio, 196, 47893 Borgo Maggiore, B4, San Marino
Telephone:	(378) 882982
Facsimile machine:	(378) 883856
Teleprinter:	—
E-mail:	usbm@omniway.sm
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of San Marino:	Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if San Marino is designated (or elected):	Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino) (see Volume II)
May San Marino be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of San Marino concerning international-type search:	None

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B1	Informations sur les États contractants	B1
SM	SAINT-MARIN	SM

Informations générales

Nom de l'office :	Ufficio di Stato Brevetti e Marchi (USBM) Office des brevets et des marques (Saint-Marin)
Siège et adresse postale :	Via 28 Luglio, 196, 47893 Borgo Maggiore, B4, Saint-Marin
Téléphone :	(378) 882982
Télécopieur :	(378) 883856
Téléimprimeur :	–
Courrier électronique :	usbm@omniway.sm
Internet :	–
L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT) ?	Oui, par télécopieur
Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens ?	Tous types de documents
L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas ?	Oui, dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de la transmission
L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT) ?	Oui
Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux de Saint-Marin et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées :	Office des brevets et des marques (Saint-Marin) ou Bureau international de l'OMPI, au choix du déposant (voir l'annexe C)
Office désigné (ou élu) compétent si Saint-Marin est désigné (ou élu) :	Office des brevets et des marques (Saint-Marin) (voir le volume II)
Saint-Marin peut-il être élu ?	Oui (lié par le chapitre II du PCT)
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Brevets

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B1 **Information on Contracting States** **B1****SM** **SAN MARINO** **SM***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

After international publication and as from the date on which a translation into Italian of the international application is made available to the public or communicated to the user or filed at the Office, the applicant may obtain damages and possibly the description and seizure of the articles infringing the patent and anything used in the making thereof.

Information of interest if San Marino is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if San Marino is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

Yes

B1 Informations sur les États contractants B1**SM SAINT-MARIN SM***[Suite]*

Dispositions de la législation de Saint-Marin relatives à la recherche de type international:

Néant

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale:

Après la publication internationale, le déposant peut, à compter de la date à laquelle une traduction en italien de la demande internationale a été mise à la disposition du public, transmise à l'utilisateur ou déposée auprès de l'office, obtenir des dommages et intérêts et éventuellement la constatation et la saisie des objets contrefaisant le brevet et des moyens utilisés pour leur fabrication.

Informations utiles si Saint-Marin est désigné (ou élu)

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si Saint-Marin est désigné (ou élu):

Peuvent figurer dans la requête ou être communiqués ultérieurement. S'ils n'ont pas été communiqués dans le délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office invitera le déposant à faire le nécessaire dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de réception de l'invitation.

Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique?

Oui

C **Receiving Offices** **C**

SM **PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE** **SM**

(SAN MARINO)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	San Marino
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, French, Italian or Spanish ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	No
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	EUR 50
International filing fee:	EUR 902
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 10
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	None
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 50
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in San Marino Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office
Waiver of power of attorney:	
Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332, and No. 44/2003, page 24736, Schedule of Fees, item 3(a)), the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced.

C **Offices récepteurs** **C**

SM **OFFICE DES BREVETS ET DES MARQUES** **SM**

(SAINT-MARIN)

Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux et les résidents de :	Saint-Marin
Langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée :	Anglais, espagnol, français ou italien ¹
Langue dans laquelle la requête peut être déposée :	Anglais
Nombre d'exemplaires requis par l'office récepteur :	3
L'office récepteur accepte-t-il le dépôt de demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY ² ?	Non
Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale :	Office européen des brevets
Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international :	Office européen des brevets
Taxes payables à l'office récepteur :	Monnaie: Euro (EUR)
Taxe de transmission :	EUR 50
Taxe internationale de dépôt :	EUR 902
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	EUR 10
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	Néant
Taxe de recherche :	Voir l'annexe D(EP)
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	EUR 50
L'office récepteur exige-t-il un mandataire ?	Non, si le déposant est domicilié à Saint-Marin Oui, dans le cas contraire
Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Tout conseil en brevets ou agent de brevets enregistré auprès de l'office
Renonciation au pouvoir :	
L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?	Non
L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise ?	Non

¹ Si la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée n'est pas acceptée par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (voir l'annexe D), le déposant devra remettre une traduction (règle 12.3 du PCT).

² Lorsque la requête est déposée en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec une disquette PCT-EASY et que l'office récepteur accepte ce mode de dépôt (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 51/1998, pages 17331 et 17333, et n° 44/2003, page 24737, barème de taxes, point 3.a)), le montant total de la taxe internationale de dépôt est réduit.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****SM****PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(SAN MARINO)****SM****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Italian
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, as originally filed or as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Euro (EUR) Basic fee: ² EUR 150 Additional fee for late furnishing of translation: ¹ 25% of international filing fee
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Where the basic fee has been paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the translation may be filed within a time limit fixed in the invitation by the Office, provided that the additional fee for late furnishing of the translation has been paid within that time limit.

² Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

RÉSUMÉ**Office désigné
(ou élu)****RÉSUMÉ****SM OFFICE DES BREVETS ET DES MARQUES SM
(SAINT-MARIN)****Résumé des exigences pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale**

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
Traduction de la demande internationale requise en ¹ :	Italien	
Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale ¹ :	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, seulement telles que modifiées), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé	
	En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer tel que déposé initialement ou tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international)	
Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise?	Non	
Taxe nationale :	Monnaie :	Euro (EUR)
	Taxe de base ² :	EUR 150
	Taxe additionnelle pour remise tardive de la traduction ¹ :	25% de la taxe internationale de dépôt
Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :	Néant	

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¹ Si la taxe de base a été payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, la traduction peut être déposée dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation de l'office, à condition que la taxe additionnelle pour remise tardive de la traduction soit payée dans ce délai.

² Doit être payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****SM****PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(SAN MARINO)****SM**

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):³Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in
the “Request” part of the international application⁴Statement justifying the applicant’s right to the invention where the
applicant is not the inventor or the only inventor⁴Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement to claim priority of the
earlier application⁴Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in San
MarinoTranslation of the international application to be furnished in two
copiesTranslation of priority document, if any, into Italian⁵Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the
change occurred after the international filing date and has not been
reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form
PCT/IB/306)

Who can act as agent?

Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

⁴ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁵ If the validity of the priority claim is relevant to the determination of whether the invention concerned is patentable.

RÉSUMÉ**Office désigné
(ou élu)****RÉSUMÉ****SM OFFICE DES BREVETS ET DES MARQUES SM
(SAINT-MARIN)***[Suite]*

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT)³:

Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale⁴

Déclaration justifiant du droit du déposant à l'invention lorsque le déposant n'est pas l'inventeur ou le seul inventeur⁴

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure⁴

Nomination d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié à Saint-Marin

Traduction de la demande internationale en deux exemplaires

Traduction du document de priorité en italien, le cas échéant⁵

Justification du changement du nom du déposant si le changement est survenu après la date du dépôt international et qu'il n'a pas été reflété dans une notification émanant du Bureau international (formulaire PCT/IB/306)

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?

Tout conseil en brevets ou agent de brevets enregistré auprès de l'office

³ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

⁴ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17 du PCT.

⁵ Si la validité de la revendication de priorité est pertinente pour déterminer si l'invention en question est brevetable ou non.

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

NOTIFICATIONS ET INFORMATIONS DE CARACTÈRE GÉNÉRAL

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT**NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

Following the adoption by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union), at its thirty-third (19th extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from 27 September to 5 October 2004, of amendments to the Regulations under the PCT, which will enter into force on 1 April 2005 (see PCT Gazette No. 10/2005 of 10 March 2005, pages 6376 *et seq.*), a number of modifications have been made to Sections 101, 208, 313, 403, 406, 502, 513, 603, 701, 702, 801, 802, 803, 804, 806 and to Annexes C and *C-bis* of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT.

These modifications involve:

(i) the re-location of the definition of the term “electronic” from Section 701(i) to Section 101 of the Administrative Instructions,

(ii) consequential to the amendment of PCT Rule 13*ter*, the replacement of the terms “computer readable form” by “electronic form” wherever appropriate throughout the Administrative Instructions,

(iii) the replacement of the terms “in printed form” and “in written form” by “on paper” wherever appropriate throughout the Administrative Instructions,

(iv) enabling the International Bureau to fulfill its legal obligation under PCT Article 21 by publishing international applications in electronic form,

(v) a clarification relating to sequence listings furnished for the purposes of the international search which do not form part of the international application,

(vi) editorial and reference changes consequential to the amendment of PCT Rules 13*ter*.1, 40.2, 68.2 and 68.3 wherever appropriate throughout the Administrative Instructions.

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), the modifications to Sections 101, 208, 313, 403, 406, 502, 513, 603, 701, 702, 801, 802, 803, 804, 806 and to Annexes C and *C-bis* of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT as set out on pages 8400, 8402, 8404, 8406, 8408, 8410, 8412 and 8414 are promulgated, with effect from 1 April 2005.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT**NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**

Suite à l'adoption par l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT), lors de sa trente-troisième session (19^e session extraordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 27 septembre au 5 octobre 2004, de modifications du règlement d'exécution du PCT, qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2005 (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 10/2005 du 10 mars 2005, pages 6377 et suiv.), un certain nombre de modifications ont été apportées aux instructions 101, 208, 313, 403, 406, 502, 513, 603, 701, 702, 801, 802, 803, 804, 806 et aux annexes C et C-bis des Instructions administratives du PCT.

Ces modifications comportent :

- i) le transfert de la définition du terme "électronique" de l'instruction 701.i) à l'instruction 101 des instructions administratives,
- ii) suite à la modification de la règle 13^{ter} du PCT, le remplacement des termes "forme déchiffrable par ordinateur" par "forme électronique" dans la totalité des instructions administratives, le cas échéant,
- iii) le remplacement des termes "sous forme imprimée" et "sous forme écrite" par "sur papier" dans la totalité des instructions administratives, le cas échéant,
- iv) la possibilité, pour le Bureau international, de remplir son obligation juridique en vertu de l'article 21 du PCT en procédant à la publication de demandes internationales sous forme électronique,
- v) un éclaircissement relatif aux listages des séquences fournis aux fins de la recherche internationale qui ne font pas partie de la demande internationale,
- vi) des changements de rédaction et des changements relatifs aux références, suite à la modification des règles 13^{ter}.1, 40.2, 68.2 et 68.3 du PCT, dans la totalité des instructions administratives, le cas échéant.

Après consultation avec les offices et les administrations intéressés conformément à la règle 89.2.b) du PCT, les modifications des instructions 101, 208, 313, 403, 406, 502, 513, 603, 701, 702, 801, 802, 803, 804, 806 et des annexes C et C-bis des Instructions administratives du PCT figurant aux pages 8401, 8403, 8405, 8407, 8409, 8411, 8413 et 8415 sont promulguées, avec effet au 1^{er} avril 2005.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS****Section 101
Abbreviated Expressions and Interpretation**

(a) In these Administrative Instructions:

(i) to (ix) [No change]

(x) “Director General” means the Director General as defined in Article 2(xx) of the Treaty;

(xi) “electronic” technology includes that having electrical, digital, magnetic, optical or electromagnetic capabilities.

(b) [No change]

**Section 208
Sequence Listings**

Any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing (“sequence listing”), whether on paper or in electronic form, filed as part of the international application, or furnished together with the international application or subsequently, shall comply with Annex C.

**Section 313
Documents Filed with the International Application;
Manner of Marking the Necessary Annotations in the Check List**

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) Any sequence listing not forming part of the international application, whether on paper or in electronic form, that is furnished for the purposes of the international search to the receiving Office together with the international application or subsequent to the filing of the international application, shall be transmitted to the International Searching Authority together with the search copy. Where such a sequence listing is received by the receiving Office after the transmittal of the search copy, that sequence listing shall be promptly transmitted to the International Searching Authority.

**Section 403
Transmittal of Protest Against Payment of Additional Fees and Decision Thereon
Where International Application Is Considered to Lack Unity of Invention**

Where, under Rules 40.2(c) or 68.3(c), the International Bureau receives a request from the applicant to forward to any designated or elected Office the texts of both the protest against payment of additional fees as provided for in Articles 17(3)(a) and 34(3)(a) where the international application is considered to lack unity of invention and the decision thereon by the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, as the case may be, it shall proceed according to such request.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES****Instruction 101**
Expressions abrégées et interprétation

a) Dans les présentes instructions administratives, on entend par :

i) à ix) [Sans changement]

x) “Directeur général”, le Directeur général tel qu’il est défini à l’article 2.xx) du traité;

xi) technologie “électronique”, une technologie intégrant des capacités électriques, numériques, magnétiques, optiques ou électromagnétiques.

b) [Sans changement]

Instruction 208
Listages des séquences

Tout listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d’acides aminés (“listage des séquences”) sur papier ou sous forme électronique qui est déposé en tant que partie de la demande internationale ou remis avec la demande internationale ou ultérieurement doit être conforme à l’annexe C.

Instruction 313
Documents déposés avec la demande internationale;
mode d’inscription des mentions nécessaires sur le bordereau

a) et b) [Sans changement]

c) Tout listage des séquences ne figurant pas dans la demande internationale, sur papier ou sous forme électronique, qui est remis, aux fins de la recherche internationale, à l’office récepteur en même temps que la demande internationale ou après le dépôt de celle-ci, doit être transmis à l’administration chargée de la recherche internationale en même temps que la copie de recherche. Lorsque l’office récepteur reçoit un tel listage des séquences après avoir transmis la copie de recherche, ce listage est transmis à bref délai à l’administration chargée de la recherche internationale.

Instruction 403
Transmission de la réserve à l’égard du paiement
de taxes additionnelles et de la décision y relative
lorsque la demande internationale est considérée
comme ne satisfaisant pas à l’exigence d’unité de l’invention

Le Bureau international satisfait à toute requête formulée par le déposant selon les règles 40.2.c) ou 68.3.c) et demandant la transmission, aux offices désignés ou élus, du texte de sa réserve à l’égard du paiement des taxes additionnelles prévues aux articles 17.3)a) et 34.3)a) en cas d’absence d’unité de l’invention, ainsi que du texte de la décision prise à ce sujet par l’administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou par l’administration chargée de l’examen préliminaire international, selon le cas.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)****Section 406
Pamphlets**

(a) [No change]

(b) Pamphlets may be published, for the purposes of Article 21, on paper or wholly or partly in electronic form.

(c) Details concerning the publication of pamphlets, and the form and particulars of the front page of each pamphlet, shall be decided by the Director General.

**Section 502
Transmittal of Protest Against Payment of Additional Fees and Decision Thereon
Where International Application Is Considered to Lack Unity of Invention**

The International Searching Authority shall transmit to the applicant, preferably at the latest together with the international search report, any decision which it has taken under Rule 40.2(c) on the protest of the applicant against payment of additional fees where the international application is considered to lack unity of invention. At the same time, it shall transmit to the International Bureau a copy of both the protest and the decision thereon, as well as any request by the applicant to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.

**Section 513
Sequence Listings**

(a) Where the International Searching Authority receives a correction of a defect under Rule 13^{ter}.1(f), it shall:

(i) [No change]

(ii) indelibly mark, in the middle of the bottom margin of each replacement sheet, the words “SUBSTITUTE SHEET (Rule 13^{ter}.1(f))” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application;

(iii) to (v) [No change]

(b) and (c) [No change]

(d) The International Searching Authority shall indelibly mark, in the upper right-hand corner of the first sheet of any sequence listing on paper which was not contained in the international application as filed but was furnished subsequently to that Authority, the words “SUBSEQUENTLY FURNISHED SEQUENCE LISTING” or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application.

(e) The International Searching Authority shall keep in its files:

(i) any sequence listing on paper which was not contained in the international application as filed but was furnished subsequently to that Authority; and

(ii) any sequence listing in electronic form furnished for the purposes of the international search.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 406****Brochures**

a) [Sans changement]

b) Les brochures peuvent être publiées, aux fins de l'article 21, sur papier ou entièrement ou partiellement sous forme électronique.

c) Les détails concernant la publication des brochures et la forme et les détails de la page de couverture de chaque brochure sont arrêtés par le Directeur général.

Instruction 502**Transmission de la réserve à l'égard du paiement de taxes additionnelles et de la décision y relative lorsque la demande internationale est considérée comme ne satisfaisant pas à l'exigence d'unité de l'invention**

L'administration chargée de la recherche internationale transmet au déposant, au plus tard, de préférence, en même temps que le rapport de recherche internationale, toute décision qu'elle a prise en application de la règle 40.2.c) au sujet de la réserve du déposant à l'égard du paiement de taxes additionnelles lorsque la demande internationale est considérée comme ne satisfaisant pas à l'exigence d'unité de l'invention. Parallèlement, elle transmet au Bureau international une copie de la réserve et de la décision y relative, ainsi que toute requête du déposant demandant la transmission aux offices désignés du texte de sa réserve et du texte de la décision.

Instruction 513**Listages des séquences**

a) Lorsqu'elle reçoit la correction d'une irrégularité selon la règle 13^{ter}.1.f), l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale

i) [Sans changement]

ii) appose de manière indélébile, au milieu de la marge du bas de chaque feuille de remplacement, la mention "FEUILLE DE REMPLACEMENT (Règle 13^{ter}.1.f))" ou son équivalent dans la langue de publication de la demande internationale;

iii) à v) [Sans changement]

b) et c) [Sans changement]

d) L'administration chargée de la recherche internationale appose d'une manière indélébile la mention "LISTAGE DES SÉQUENCES FOURNI ULTÉRIEUREMENT", ou son équivalent dans la langue de publication de la demande internationale, dans le coin supérieur droit de la première feuille de tout listage des séquences établi sur papier qui ne figurait pas dans la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée mais a été fourni ultérieurement à cette administration.

e) L'administration chargée de la recherche internationale garde dans ses dossiers

i) tout listage des séquences établi sur papier qui ne figurait pas dans la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée mais a été fourni ultérieurement à cette administration; et

ii) tout listage des séquences sous forme électronique fourni aux fins de la recherche internationale.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)****Section 603****Transmittal of Protest Against Payment of Additional Fees and Decision Thereon
Where International Application Is Considered to Lack Unity of Invention**

The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall transmit to the applicant, preferably at the latest together with the international preliminary examination report, any decision which it has taken under Rule 68.3(c) on the protest of the applicant against payment of additional fees where the international application is considered to lack unity of invention. At the same time, it shall transmit to the International Bureau a copy of both the protest and the decision thereon, as well as any request by the applicant to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the elected Offices.

Section 701**Abbreviated Expressions**

For the purposes of this Part and Annex F, unless the contrary clearly follows from the wording, the nature of the provision or the context:

- (i) [Deleted]
- (ii) to (vi) [No change]

Section 702**International Applications Filed in Electronic Form**

- (a) and (b) [No change]

(c) This Part and Annex F do not apply to an international application containing a sequence listing part which is filed in electronic form under Section 801(a).

Section 801**Filing of International Applications
Containing Sequence Listings and/or Tables**

(a) Pursuant to Rules 89*bis* and 89*ter*, where an international application contains disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings (“sequence listings”), the receiving Office may, if it is prepared to do so, accept that the sequence listing part of the description, as referred to in Rule 5.2(a) and/or any table related to the sequence listing(s) (“sequence listings and/or tables”), be filed, at the option of the applicant:

- (i) only on an electronic medium in electronic form in accordance with Section 802; or
- (ii) both on an electronic medium in electronic form and on paper in accordance with Section 802;

provided that the other elements of the international application are filed as otherwise provided for under the Regulations and these Instructions.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 603****Transmission de la réserve à l'égard du paiement
de taxes additionnelles et de la décision y relative
dans le cas où la demande internationale est considérée
comme ne satisfaisant pas à l'exigence d'unité de l'invention**

L'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international transmet au déposant, au plus tard, de préférence, en même temps que le rapport d'examen préliminaire international, toute décision qu'elle a prise en application de la règle 68.3.c) au sujet de la réserve du déposant à l'égard du paiement de taxes additionnelles dans le cas où la demande internationale est considérée comme ne satisfaisant pas à l'exigence d'unité de l'invention. Parallèlement, elle transmet au Bureau international copie de la réserve et de la décision y relative, ainsi que toute requête du déposant demandant la transmission aux offices élus du texte de sa réserve et du texte de la décision.

Instruction 701**Expressions abrégées**

Au sens de la présente partie et de l'annexe F, et sauf lorsqu'un sens différent découle du libellé ou de la nature de la disposition, ou du contexte, on entend par :

- i) [Supprimé]
- ii) à vi) [Sans changement]

Instruction 702**Demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique**

- a) et b) [Sans changement]

c) La présente partie et l'annexe F ne s'appliquent pas à une demande internationale contenant une partie réservée au listage des séquences qui est déposée sous forme électronique en vertu de l'instruction 801.a).

Instruction 801**Dépôt de demandes internationales
contenant des listages des séquences ou des tableaux**

a) Conformément aux règles 89*bis* et 89*ter*, lorsqu'une demande internationale contient la divulgation d'un ou plusieurs listages des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés ("listages des séquences"), l'office récepteur peut, s'il est disposé à le faire, accepter que la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences visée à la règle 5.2.a), ou que tout tableau relatif au(x) listage(s) des séquences ("listages des séquences ou tableaux"), soit déposé, au choix du déposant,

- i) seulement sur un support électronique sous forme électronique conformément à l'instruction 802, ou
- ii) à la fois sur un support électronique sous forme électronique et sur papier conformément à l'instruction 802,

à condition que les autres éléments de la demande internationale soient déposés comme prévu normalement dans le règlement d'exécution et les présentes instructions.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**

(b) Any receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing in electronic form of the sequence listings and/or tables under paragraph (a) shall notify the International Bureau accordingly. The notification shall specify the electronic media on which the receiving Office will accept such filings. The International Bureau shall promptly publish any such information in the Gazette.

(c) [No change]

(d) Where the sequence listings and/or tables are filed in electronic form under paragraph (a) but not on an electronic medium specified by the receiving Office under paragraph (b), that Office shall, under Article 14(1)(a)(v), invite the applicant to furnish to it replacement sequence listings and/or tables on an electronic medium specified under paragraph (b).

(e) Where an international application containing sequence listings and/or tables in electronic form is filed under paragraph (a) with a receiving Office which is not prepared, under paragraph (b) or (c), to accept such filings, Section 333(b) and (c) shall apply.

Section 802
Format and Identification Requirements Relating to
International Applications Containing Sequence Listings and/or Tables

(a) Paragraphs 40 to 45 of Annex C shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the sequence listing part of an international application filed in electronic form.

(b) Tables filed in electronic form under Section 801(a) shall comply with Annex C-*bis*.

(b-*bis*) Any International Searching Authority which requires that sequence listings be furnished in electronic form shall select from the technical requirements contained in Annex C-*bis* those which it will apply and it shall notify the International Bureau accordingly. The International Bureau shall promptly publish any such information in the Gazette.

(b-*ter*) Where sequence listings and tables are both filed in electronic form under Section 801(a), such listings and tables shall, respectively, be contained on separate electronic carriers which shall contain no other programs or files.

(b-*quater*) Rules 13*ter*.1 and 2 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any tables not complying with Annex C-*bis* and paragraph (b-*ter*).

(c) The label provided for in paragraph 44 of Annex C shall, in respect of the sequence listings and/or tables, also include, as the case may be, the following indications:

(i) [No change]

(ii) where the sequence listings and/or tables in electronic form are contained on more than one electronic carrier, the numbering of each such carrier (for example, "DISK 1/3," "DISK 2/3," "DISK 3/3");

(iii) where more than one copy of the sequence listings and/or tables in electronic form has been filed, the numbering of each copy (for example, "COPY 1," "COPY 2," "COPY 3").

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**

b) Tout office récepteur qui est disposé à accepter le dépôt sous forme électronique, en vertu de l'alinéa a), de listages des séquences ou de tableaux doit notifier ce fait au Bureau international. La notification doit spécifier les supports électroniques sur lesquels l'office récepteur accepte de tels dépôts. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai les informations de ce type dans la gazette.

c) [Sans changement]

d) Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sont déposés sous forme électronique en vertu de l'alinéa a) mais pas sur un support électronique spécifié par l'office récepteur selon l'alinéa b), l'office invite le déposant, en vertu de l'article 14.1)a)v), à lui remettre sur un support électronique spécifié selon l'alinéa b) des listages des séquences ou des tableaux de remplacement.

e) Lorsqu'une demande internationale contenant des listages des séquences ou des tableaux sous forme électronique est déposée en vertu de l'alinéa a) auprès d'un office récepteur qui n'est pas disposé, selon l'alinéa b) ou c), à accepter de tels dépôts, l'instruction 333.b) et c) s'applique.

Instruction 802**Exigences relatives au format et à l'identification des demandes internationales
contenant des listages des séquences ou des tableaux**

a) Les paragraphes 40 à 45 de l'annexe C s'appliquent *mutatis mutandis* à la partie réservée au listage des séquences d'une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique.

b) Les tableaux déposés sous forme électronique en vertu de l'instruction 801.a) doivent respecter l'annexe C-bis.

b-bis) Une administration chargée de la recherche internationale qui exige que les listages des séquences soient fournis sous forme électronique choisit parmi les exigences techniques figurant dans l'annexe C-bis celles qu'elle applique et notifie ce fait au Bureau international. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai les informations de ce type dans la gazette.

b-ter) Lorsque les listages des séquences et les tableaux sont tous les deux déposés sous forme électronique en vertu de l'instruction 801.a), lesdits listages et lesdits tableaux doivent figurer, respectivement, sur des supports électroniques séparés qui ne doivent contenir aucun autre programme ou fichier.

b-quater) Les règles 13ter.1 et 2 s'appliquent *mutatis mutandis* à tout tableau qui n'est pas conforme à l'annexe C-bis et à l'alinéa b-ter).

c) L'étiquette visée au paragraphe 44 de l'annexe C doit, en ce qui concerne les listages des séquences ou les tableaux, aussi comporter, selon le cas, les indications relatives aux points suivants :

i) [Sans changement]

ii) lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sous forme électronique figurent sur plus d'un support électronique, la numérotation de chacun des supports (par exemple, "DISQUE 1/3", "DISQUE 2/3", "DISQUE 3/3");

iii) lorsque plus d'un exemplaire des listages des séquences ou des tableaux sous forme électronique est déposé, la numérotation de chacun des exemplaires (par exemple, "EXEMPLAIRE 1", "EXEMPLAIRE 2", "EXEMPLAIRE 3").

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**

(d) Where any correction under Rule 26.3, any rectification of an obvious error under Rule 91, or any amendment under Article 34 is submitted in respect of the sequence listings and/or tables filed, under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii), in electronic form, replacement sequence listings and/or tables in electronic form containing the entirety of the sequence listings and/or tables with the relevant correction, rectification or amendment shall be furnished and the label referred to in paragraph (c) shall be marked accordingly (for example, "SUBMITTED FOR CORRECTION," "SUBMITTED FOR RECTIFICATION," "SUBMITTED FOR AMENDMENT"). Where the sequence listings and/or tables were filed both in electronic form and on paper under Section 801(a)(ii), replacement sheets containing the correction, rectification or amendment in question shall also be submitted on paper.

Section 803
Calculation of International Filing Fee for International Applications
Containing Sequence Listings and/or Tables

Where sequence listings and/or tables are filed in electronic form under Section 801(a), the international filing fee payable in respect of that application shall include the following two components:

(i) [No change]

(ii) an additional component, in respect of sequence listings and/or tables, equal to 400 times the fee per sheet as referred to in item 1 of the Schedule of Fees, regardless of the actual length of the sequence listings and/or tables filed in electronic form and regardless of the fact that sequence listings and/or tables may have been filed both on paper and in electronic form.

Section 804
Preparation, Identification and Transmittal of Copies
of International Applications Containing Sequence Listings and/or Tables

(a) Where sequence listings and/or tables are filed only in electronic form under Section 801(a)(i), the record copy for the purposes of Article 12 shall consist of those elements of the international application filed on paper together with the sequence listings and/or tables filed in electronic form.

(b) Where sequence listings and/or tables are filed both in electronic form and on paper under Section 801(a)(ii), the record copy for the purposes of Article 12 shall consist of all the elements of the international application filed on paper, including the sequence listings and/or tables filed on paper.

(c) Where sequence listings and/or tables are filed in electronic form under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii) in less than the number of copies required for the purposes of this Section, the receiving Office shall either:

(i) [No change]

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**

d) Pour toute correction en vertu de la règle 26.3, toute rectification d'une erreur évidente en vertu de la règle 91 ou toute modification en vertu de l'article 34 concernant les listages des séquences ou les tableaux, déposés en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i) ou ii) sous forme électronique, le déposant doit remettre des listages des séquences ou des tableaux de remplacement sous forme électronique comportant la totalité des listages ou des tableaux avec la correction, la rectification ou la modification pertinente; l'étiquette visée à l'alinéa c) doit porter les indications correspondantes (par exemple, "REMIS AUX FINS DE CORRECTION", "REMIS AUX FINS DE RECTIFICATION", "REMIS AUX FINS DE MODIFICATION"). Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux ont été déposés à la fois sous forme électronique et sur papier en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), des feuilles de remplacement contenant la correction, la rectification ou la modification en question doivent aussi être remises sur papier.

Instruction 803**Calcul de la taxe internationale de dépôt pour les demandes internationales contenant des listages des séquences ou des tableaux**

Lorsque des listages des séquences ou des tableaux sont déposés sous forme électronique en vertu de l'instruction 801.a), la taxe internationale de dépôt à acquitter en ce qui concerne la demande internationale considérée inclut les deux composantes suivantes :

i) [Sans changement]

ii) une composante supplémentaire correspondant au listage des séquences ou aux tableaux, égale à 400 fois la taxe par feuille visée au point 1 du barème de taxes, quelle que soit la longueur proprement dite des listages des séquences ou des tableaux déposés sous forme électronique et sans tenir compte du fait que les listages des séquences ou les tableaux aient pu être déposés à la fois sur papier et sous forme électronique.

Instruction 804**Préparation, identification et transmission des copies de demandes internationales contenant des listages des séquences ou des tableaux**

a) Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sont déposés seulement sous forme électronique en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), l'exemplaire original aux fins de l'article 12 est constitué des éléments de la demande internationale déposés sur papier ainsi que des listages des séquences ou des tableaux déposés sous forme électronique.

b) Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sont déposés à la fois sous forme électronique et sur papier en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), l'exemplaire original aux fins de l'article 12 est constitué de tous les éléments de la demande internationale déposés sur papier, y compris les listages des séquences ou les tableaux déposés sur papier.

c) Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sont déposés sous forme électronique en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i) ou ii) dans un nombre d'exemplaires inférieur à celui requis aux fins de la présente instruction,

i) [Sans changement]

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**

- (ii) invite the applicant to promptly furnish the additional number of copies required, accompanied by a statement that the sequence listings and/or tables in electronic form contained in those copies are identical to the sequence listings and/or tables in electronic form as filed;

provided that, where those sequence listings and/or tables were also filed on paper under Section 801(a)(ii), the receiving Office shall not, notwithstanding Rule 11.1(b), require the applicant to file additional copies of the sequence listings and/or tables on paper.

(d) Where the sequence listings and/or tables are filed under Section 801(a)(i), the receiving Office shall, in addition to proceeding under Section 305 with respect to the parts of the international application filed on paper:

- (i) mark the words “RECORD COPY—SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES” on the original electronic medium containing the sequence listings and/or tables in electronic form and transmit that part of the record copy to the International Bureau together with the paper part of the record copy;

- (ii) mark the words “SEARCH COPY—SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES” on one additional copy of the electronic medium containing the sequence listings and/or tables in electronic form and transmit that part of the search copy to the International Searching Authority, for the purposes of Rule 13*ter*.1, together with the paper part of the search copy;

- (iii) mark the words “HOME COPY—SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES” on the other such copy of the electronic medium containing the sequence listings and/or tables in electronic form and keep that part of the home copy in its files together with the paper part of the home copy.

(e) Where the sequence listings and/or tables are filed under Section 801(a)(ii), the receiving Office shall, in addition to proceeding under Section 305 with respect to the parts of the international application filed on paper:

- (i) mark the words “RECORD COPY—SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES” in the upper left-hand corner of the first page of the first sequence listing and of the first page of the first table filed on paper and transmit that part of the record copy to the International Bureau together with the paper part of the record copy; it shall also mark the words “COPY FOR INTERNATIONAL BUREAU—SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES” on one copy of the electronic medium containing the sequence listings and/or tables in electronic form and transmit that copy with the record copy;

- (ii) mark the words “SEARCH COPY—SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES” on one additional copy of the electronic medium containing the sequence listings and/or tables in electronic form and transmit that part of the search copy to the International Searching Authority, for the purposes of Rule 13*ter*.1, together with the paper part of the search copy;

- (iii) mark the words “HOME COPY—SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES” on the other such copy of the electronic medium containing the sequence listings and/or tables in electronic form and keep that part of the home copy in its files together with the paper part of the home copy.

(f) [No change]

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**

- ii) soit il invite le déposant à remettre à bref délai le nombre supplémentaire de copies requis, accompagnées d'une déclaration aux termes de laquelle les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sous forme électronique contenus dans ces copies sont identiques à ceux qui ont été déposés sous forme électronique;

étant entendu que, lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux ont aussi été déposés sur papier en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), l'office récepteur ne peut exiger du déposant, nonobstant la règle 11.1.b), qu'il dépose des exemplaires additionnels desdits listages ou tableaux sur papier.

d) Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sont déposés en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), et tout en procédant comme prévu à l'instruction 305 pour ce qui concerne tous les éléments de la demande internationale déposés sur papier, l'office récepteur

- i) appose la mention "EXEMPLAIRE ORIGINAL – LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU TABLEAUX" sur le support électronique original contenant les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sous forme électronique et transmet cette partie de l'exemplaire original au Bureau international avec la partie sur papier de l'exemplaire original;

- ii) appose la mention "COPIE DE RECHERCHE – LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU TABLEAUX" sur un exemplaire supplémentaire du support électronique contenant les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sous forme électronique et transmet cette partie de la copie de recherche à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, aux fins de la règle 13*ter*.1, avec la partie sur papier de la copie de recherche;

- iii) appose la mention "COPIE POUR L'OFFICE RÉCEPTEUR – LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU TABLEAUX" sur l'exemplaire restant du support électronique contenant les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sous forme électronique et conserve cette partie de la copie pour l'office récepteur dans ses dossiers avec la partie sur papier de la copie pour l'office récepteur.

e) Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sont déposés en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), et tout en procédant comme prévu à l'instruction 305 pour ce qui concerne tous les éléments de la demande internationale déposés sur papier, l'office récepteur

- i) appose la mention "EXEMPLAIRE ORIGINAL – LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU TABLEAUX" dans le coin supérieur gauche de la première page du premier listage des séquences et de la première page du premier tableau déposés sur papier et transmet cette partie de l'exemplaire original au Bureau international avec la partie sur papier de l'exemplaire original; de plus, il appose la mention "COPIE POUR LE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL – LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU TABLEAUX" sur un exemplaire du support électronique contenant les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sous forme électronique et transmet ladite copie avec l'exemplaire original;

- ii) appose la mention "COPIE DE RECHERCHE – LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU TABLEAUX" sur un exemplaire supplémentaire du support électronique contenant les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sous forme électronique et transmet cette partie de la copie de recherche à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, aux fins de la règle 13*ter*.1, avec la partie sur papier de la copie de recherche;

- iii) appose la mention "COPIE POUR L'OFFICE RÉCEPTEUR – LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU TABLEAUX" sur l'exemplaire restant du support électronique contenant les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sous forme électronique et conserve cette partie de la copie pour l'office récepteur dans ses dossiers avec la partie sur papier de la copie pour l'office récepteur.

f) [Sans changement]

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)****Section 806
Sequence Listings and/or Tables for Designated Office**

(a) Where sequence listings and/or tables were filed only in electronic form under Section 801(a)(i), any designated Office which does not accept the filing of sequence listings and/or tables in electronic form may require that the applicant furnish to it, for the purposes of the national phase, a copy on paper of such sequence listings complying with Annex C and a copy on paper of such tables, accompanied by a statement that the sequence listings and/or tables on paper are identical to the sequence listings and/or tables in electronic form.

(b) Rule 13^{ter}.3 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any tables filed under Section 801(a).

(c) [No change]

**ANNEX C
STANDARD FOR THE PRESENTATION
OF NUCLEOTIDE AND AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS
IN INTERNATIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS UNDER THE PCT**

1 to 38. [No change]

Electronic Form of the Sequence Listing

39. A copy of the sequence listing shall also be submitted in electronic form, in addition to the sequence listing as contained in the application, whenever this is required by the competent Authority.

40. Any sequence listing in electronic form submitted in addition to the sequence listing as contained in the application shall be identical to the sequence listing as contained in the application and shall be accompanied by a statement that “the information recorded in electronic form is identical to the sequence listing as contained in the application.”

41. [No change]

42. The electronic form shall preferably be created by dedicated software such as PatentIn or other custom computer programs; it may be created by any means, as long as the sequence listing on a submitted diskette or any other electronic medium that is acceptable to the competent Authority is machine searchable under a Personal Computer Operating system that is acceptable to the competent Authority.

43 to 45. [No change]

46. Any correction of the sequence listing as contained in the application which is submitted under PCT Rules 13^{ter}.1(b) or 26.3, any rectification of an obvious error in the sequence listing as contained in the application which is submitted under PCT Rule 91, or any amendment which includes a sequence listing as contained in the application and which is submitted under PCT Article 34, shall be accompanied by a copy in electronic form of the sequence listing including any such correction, rectification or amendment.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 806****Listages des séquences ou tableaux pour l'office désigné**

a) Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux ont été déposés seulement sous forme électronique en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), tout office désigné qui n'accepte pas le dépôt des listages des séquences ou des tableaux sous forme électronique peut exiger que le déposant lui fournisse, aux fins de la phase nationale, une copie sur papier conforme à l'annexe C des listages des séquences et une copie sur papier des tableaux, accompagnées d'une déclaration selon laquelle les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sur papier sont identiques aux listages des séquences ou aux tableaux sous forme électronique.

b) La règle 13^{ter}.3 s'applique *mutatis mutandis* à tout tableau déposé en vertu de l'instruction 801.a).

c) [Sans changement]

ANNEXE C**NORME RELATIVE À LA PRÉSENTATION
DES LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES DE NUCLÉOTIDES ET D'ACIDES AMINÉS
DANS LES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES DE BREVET DÉPOSÉES SELON LE PCT**

1 à 38. [Sans changement]

Listage des séquences sous une forme électronique

39. Outre le listage des séquences figurant dans la demande, une copie de ce même listage doit être fournie sous forme électronique chaque fois que l'administration compétente l'exige.

40. Tout listage des séquences sous forme électronique qui est remis en sus du listage des séquences figurant dans la demande doit être identique à ce dernier et être accompagné de la déclaration suivante : "Les informations enregistrées sous forme électronique sont identiques à celles du listage des séquences figurant dans la demande."

41. [Sans changement]

42. Le listage sous forme électronique doit, de préférence, être créé par un logiciel spécialisé tel que PatentIn ou d'autres programmes informatiques personnalisés; il peut être créé par tout autre moyen dans la mesure où le listage des séquences figurant sur la disquette ou sur tout autre support électronique admis par l'administration compétente est déchiffrable sous un système d'exploitation d'ordinateur individuel lui aussi admis par l'administration compétente.

43 à 45. [Sans changement]

46. Toute correction – en vertu des règles 13^{ter}.1.b) ou 26.3 du règlement d'exécution du PCT – du listage des séquences figurant dans la demande, toute rectification – en vertu de la règle 91 du règlement d'exécution du PCT – d'une erreur évidente dans le listage des séquences figurant dans la demande ou toute modification – en vertu de l'article 34 du PCT – qui comprend un listage des séquences figurant dans la demande doit être accompagnée d'une copie du listage des séquences sous forme électronique, comprenant la correction, la rectification ou la modification en question.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**

ANNEX C-bis
TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS FOR THE PRESENTATION OF TABLES
RELATED TONUCLEOTIDE AND AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS
IN INTERNATIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS UNDER THE PCT

1 and 2. [No change]

Tables related to sequence listings

3. Tables filed in electronic form under Section 801(a) shall comply with one of the following character formats:

(i) and (ii) [No change]

at the option of the competent Authority.

4 to 6. [No change]

7. Tables filed in electronic form may be created by any means, as long as the table on an electronic medium that is acceptable to the competent Authority is readable under a Personal Computer Operating system that is acceptable to the competent Authority and to the International Bureau.

8. [No change]

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****ANNEXE C-bis****EXIGENCES TECHNIQUES RELATIVES À LA PRÉSENTATION DES TABLEAUX
RELATIFS AUX LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES DE NUCLÉOTIDES ET D'ACIDES AMINÉS
DANS LES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES DE BREVET DÉPOSÉES SELON LE PCT**

1 et 2. [Sans changement]

Tableaux relatifs aux listages des séquences

3. Les tableaux déposés sous forme électronique en vertu de l'instruction 801.a) doivent respecter l'un des formats de caractères suivants :

i) et ii) [Sans changement]

au choix de l'administration compétente.

4 à 6. [Sans changement]

7. Les tableaux déposés sous forme électronique peuvent être créés par tout moyen dans la mesure où le tableau figurant sur le support électronique qui est admis par l'administration compétente est déchiffrable sous un système d'exploitation d'ordinateur individuel lui aussi admis par l'administration compétente et par le Bureau international.

8. [Sans changement]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**FI Finland**
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland)**. The amounts are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CHF 2,432
	USD 2,075

KR Republic of Korea
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** of the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**, has been established. The new amount, applicable as from 1 May 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	EUR 168
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FI Finland

Pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(c), an equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** has been established for the handling fee, payable to the **National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland)** as International Preliminary Examining Authority. This amount is specified below:

Handling fee:	EUR 129
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TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**FI Finlande****IB Bureau international**

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au **Bureau international** agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, des montants équivalents en **francs suisses (CHF)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)** de la taxe de recherche, payables pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement (Finlande)**, ont été établis. Ces montants sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	CHF 2.432
	USD 2.075

KR République de Corée**IB Bureau international**

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au **Bureau international** agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, un nouveau montant équivalent en **euros (EUR)** de la taxe de recherche, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle**, a été établi. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} mai 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	EUR 168
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FI Finlande

Conformément à la règle 57.2.c) du PCT, un montant équivalent, exprimé en **euros (EUR)**, payable à l'**Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement (Finlande)** en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, a été établi pour la taxe de traitement. Ce montant est le suivant :

Taxe de traitement :	EUR 129
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**BZ Belize**

The **Belize Intellectual Property Office** has introduced an additional e-mail address. The list of e-mail addresses now reads as follows:

E-mail: belipo@btl.net
belipobz@lycos.com
info@belipo.bz

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), B1(BZ), page 33]

ZA South Africa

The **Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa)** has notified changes in its location, mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers and e-mail address, and has introduced an Internet address, as follows:

Location: 77 Meintjies Street, Block F, Sunnyside, Pretoria 0002,
South Africa

Mailing address: Intellectual Property: Private Bag X400, Pretoria 0001,
South Africa

Telephone: (27-12) 394 50 72, 394 50 74

Facsimile machine: (27-12) 394 04 48

E-mail: ezdravkova@cipro.co.za

Internet: www.cipro.co.za

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), B1(ZA), page 215]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**BZ Belize**

L'Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Belize a introduit une adresse électronique supplémentaire. La liste des adresses électroniques est désormais la suivante :

Courrier électronique :	belipo@btl.net belipobz@lycos.com info@belipo.bz
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ZA Afrique du Sud

L'Office de l'enregistrement des sociétés et de la propriété intellectuelle (Afrique du Sud) a notifié des changements relatifs à l'adresse de son siège, son adresse postale, ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur et son adresse électronique et a introduit une adresse Internet, comme suit :

Siège :	77 Meintjies Street, Block F, Sunnyside, Pretoria 0002, Afrique du Sud
Adresse postale :	Intellectual Property : Private Bag X400, Pretoria 0001, Afrique du Sud
Téléphone :	(27-12) 394 50 72, 394 50 74
Télécopieur :	(27-12) 394 04 48
Courrier électronique :	ezdravkova@cipro.co.za
Internet :	www.cipro.co.za

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), B1(ZA), page 219]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AT Austria**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Austrian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 June 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): KRW 211,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(AT), page 369]

BZ Belize

The **Belize Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in the national fee in **Belize dollars (BZD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, namely the removal of the annual fees for the first three years for a utility model. The consolidated list of the national fee components is now as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee: BZD 300

Annual fees for the first three years: BZD 600

For utility model:

Filing fee/Grant fee: BZD 300

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (BZ), page 434]

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES****BZ Belize**

The **Belize Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as a receiving Office or as a designated (or elected) Office, as well as changes in the special requirements of the Office as a designated (or elected) Office. Information on who can act as agent and the consolidated list of the special requirements are given below:

Who can act as agent?

Any patent attorney or patent agent

Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application

Statement justifying the applicant's right to the patent if he is not the inventor

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(BZ), page 250, and Summary (BZ), page 434]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AT Autriche**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **won coréens (KRW)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office autrichien des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juin 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : KRW 211.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(AT), page 381]

BZ Belize

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Belize** a notifié un changement relatif à la taxe nationale, exprimée en **dollars du Belize (BZD)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), à savoir, le retrait des taxes annuelles pour les trois premières années pour un modèle d'utilité. La liste récapitulative des composantes de la taxe nationale est désormais la suivante :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt : BZD 300

Taxes annuelles pour les
trois premières années : BZD 600

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt/
Taxe de délivrance : BZD 300

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (BZ), page 453]

**OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS
OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)****BZ Belize**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Belize** a notifié des changements dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur ou en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), ainsi que des changements relatifs aux exigences particulières de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Les renseignements concernant quiconque peut agir en qualité de mandataire et la liste récapitulative des exigences particulières figurent ci-après :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?	Tout conseil en brevets ou agent de brevets
Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51 <i>bis</i> du PCT) :	Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale Déclaration justifiant du droit du déposant au brevet si le déposant n'est pas l'inventeur

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(BZ), page 255, et résumé (BZ), page 453]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

KR Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. The amendment relating to the cost of copies has been applicable since 1 April 2005; the amendment relating to the late furnishing fee will be applicable as from 1 May 2005. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Korean won)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2)	112,500
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.1), per page	100

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, pages 29538 to 29543; No. 52/1999, page 15878; and No. 11/2004, page 5902.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

KR Accord entre l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord susmentionné, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à l'annexe C de cet accord. La modification relative à la taxe pour la délivrance de copies est applicable depuis le 1^{er} avril 2005; la modification relative à la taxe pour remise tardive sera applicable à compter du 1^{er} mai 2005. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Won coréens)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe de réserve (règles 40.2.e) et 68.3.e))	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour remise tardive (règle 13ter.1.c) et 13ter.2)	112.500
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b), 71.2.b) et 94.1), par page	100

Partie II. [Sans changement]”

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, pages 29598 à 29603; n° 52/1999, page 15879; et n° 11/2004, page 5903.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**KR Republic of Korea**

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Korean won (KRW)** payable to it as receiving Office (fee for priority document), or as International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority (fees for copies of documents and late furnishing fees under PCT Rules 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2). The modified fees (applicable since 1 April 2005, except for the new late furnishing fees, which will be applicable as from 1 May 2005) are as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	KRW	500
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	KRW	100 per page
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	KRW	100 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94):	KRW	100 per page
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c)):	KRW	112,500
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .2):	KRW	112,500

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(KR), page 307, Annex D(KR), page 379, and Annex E(KR), page 391]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**KR République de Corée**

L'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes exprimés en **won coréens (KRW)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur (taxe pour le document de priorité) ou en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (taxes pour la délivrance de copies des documents et taxes pour remise tardive selon la règle 13ter.1.c) et 13ter.2 du PCT). Les taxes modifiées (applicables depuis le 1^{er} avril 2005, à l'exception des nouvelles taxes pour remise tardive, qui seront applicables à compter du 1^{er} mai 2005) sont les suivantes :

Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	KRW	500
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport de recherche internationale (règle 44.3 du PCT) :	KRW	100 par page
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport d'examen préliminaire international (règle 71.2 du PCT) :	KRW	100 par page
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents contenus dans le dossier de la demande internationale (règle 94 du PCT) :	KRW	100 par page
Taxe pour remise tardive (règle 13ter.1.c) du PCT) :	KRW	112.500
Taxe pour remise tardive (règle 13ter.2 du PCT) :	KRW	112.500

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(KR), page 318, annexe D(KR), page 391, et annexe E(KR), page 406]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**SY Syrian Arab Republic**

The **Directorate of Commercial and Industrial Property** (Syrian Arab Republic) has notified changes in its facsimile numbers. The facsimile numbers to be used are now as follows:

Facsimile machine: (963-11) 516 1144
(963-11) 512 2390

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 06/2005(E), Annex B1(SY), page 3776]

RECEIVING OFFICES**EC Ecuador**

The **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property** has specified the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Ecuador with the Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property as receiving Office. The consolidated list of competent International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities now reads as follows :

Competent International Searching Authority: European Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office

Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority: European Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(EC), page 267]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**SY République arabe syrienne**

La **Direction de la propriété commerciale et industrielle (République arabe syrienne)** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de télécopieur. Les numéros de télécopieur à utiliser sont désormais les suivants :

Télécopieur : (963-11) 516 1144
(963-11) 512 2390

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° 06/2005(F), annexe B1(SY), page 3777]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**EC Équateur**

L'**Institut équatorien de la propriété intellectuelle** a spécifié l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées par les nationaux de l'Équateur, et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays, auprès de l'Institut équatorien de la propriété intellectuelle en sa qualité d'office récepteur. La liste récapitulative des administrations chargées de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international compétentes est la suivante :

Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale :	Office espagnol des brevets et des marques ou Office européen des brevets
Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international :	Office espagnol des brevets et des marques ou Office européen des brevets

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES****AT Agreement between the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs of the Republic of Austria and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C**

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. These amendments will be applicable as from 1 July 2005. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges****Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges**

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	200
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	200
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	200
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	200
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	220
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, pages 29503 to 29508; No. 05/2002, page 2350; and No. 48/2004, page 28044.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

AT Accord entre le Ministre fédéral des affaires économiques de la République d'Autriche et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office autrichien des brevets a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord susmentionné, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications seront applicables à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2005. L'annexe C modifiée aura la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euros)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	200
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	200
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	200
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	200
Taxe de réserve (règles 40.2.e) et 68.3.e))	220
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b), 71.2.b) et 94.2), par page	[Sans changement]

Partie II. [Sans changement]”

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, pages 29563 à 29568; n° 05/2002, page 2351; et n° 48/2004, page 28045.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AT Austria**

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority, and has introduced a protest fee under PCT Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e). These new amounts, applicable as from 1 July 2005, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	EUR 200
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	EUR 200
Protest fee (PCT Rule 40.2(e)):	EUR 220
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	EUR 200
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	EUR 200
Protest fee (PCT Rule 68.3(e)):	EUR 220

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(AT), page 369, and Annex E(AT), page 384]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 July 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	KRW 920,000
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(JP), page 378]

NO Norway

The **Norwegian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable as from 12 July 2005, are as follows:

National fee:		
Basic fee:	NOK 1,100	[No change]
Examination fee:	NOK 3,100	[No change]
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:		[No change]
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:	NOK 850	
Annual fees for the first three years, per year:	NOK 550	

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2005(E), Summary (NO), page 509]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AT Autriche**

L'**Office autrichien des brevets** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, et a introduit une taxe de réserve selon les règles 40.2.e) et 68.3.e) du PCT. Ces nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	EUR 200
Taxe de recherche additionnelle (règle 40.2 du PCT) :	EUR 200
Taxe de réserve (règle 40.2.e) du PCT) :	EUR 220
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58 du PCT) :	EUR 200
Taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle (règle 68.3 du PCT) :	EUR 200
Taxe de réserve (règle 68.3.e) du PCT) :	EUR 220

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(AT), page 381, et annexe E(AT), page 397]

JP Japon

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **won coréens (KRW)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets du Japon**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	KRW 920.000
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(JP), page 390]

NO Norvège

L'**Office norvégien des brevets** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **couronnes norvégiennes (NOK)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Ces montants, applicables à compter du 12 juillet 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe nationale :		
Taxe de base :	NOK 1.100	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen :	NOK 3.100	[Sans changement]
Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication à compter de la 11 ^e :		[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle pour remise tardive de la traduction ou de la copie :	NOK 850	
Taxes annuelles pour les trois premières années, par année :	NOK 550	

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2005(F), résumé (NO), page 541]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**US United States of America**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the higher search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**; the equivalent amount of the lower search fee remains unchanged. The new amount, applicable as from 15 June 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): NZD 1,360 [No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(US), page 382]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

Un nouveau montant équivalent du montant le plus élevé de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**; le montant équivalent du montant le plus bas de la taxe de recherche reste inchangé. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 juin 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : NZD 1.360 [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(US), page 395]

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AT Austria	12982	AT Autriche	12983
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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AT Austria**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)**, in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and in **South African rand (ZAR)**, corresponding to the new amount of the search fee payable to the **Austrian Patent Office** with effect from 1 July 2005, as published in PCT Gazette No. 19/2005, on 12 May 2005, page 12326, have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the said office.

Concurrently, the Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and in **US dollars (USD)**, corresponding to the new amount of the search fee referred to above, payable for an international search carried out by the **Austrian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) or the US dollar (USD) as currencies of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) or the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in their national currency. The consolidated list of the equivalent amounts, applicable as from 1 July 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	KRW	264,000
	SGD	430
	ZAR	1,620
	CHF	311
	USD	262

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AT Austria
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and in **US dollars (USD)**, corresponding to the new amount of the search fee payable to the **Austrian Patent Office** with effect from 1 July 2005, as published in PCT Gazette No. 19/2005, on 12 May 2005, page 12326, have been established for the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the said office. The amounts, applicable as from 1 July 2005, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CHF	311
	USD	262

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TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AT Autriche**

Des montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **won coréens (KRW)**, en **dollars de Singapour (SGD)** et en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, correspondant au nouveau montant de la taxe de recherche payable à l'**Office autrichien des brevets** à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2005, tel que publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 19/2005, du 12 mai 2005, page 12327, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.b) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par ledit office.

D'autre part, le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi des montants équivalents correspondant au nouveau montant susmentionné de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **francs suisses (CHF)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payables pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office autrichien des brevets** aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le franc suisse (CHF) ou le dollar des États-Unis (USD) comme monnaies de paiement ou utilisent le franc suisse (CHF) ou le dollar des États-Unis (USD) comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. La liste récapitulative des montants équivalents, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2005, est la suivante :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	KRW	264.000
	SGD	430
	ZAR	1.620
	CHF	311
	USD	262

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT no S-05/2004(F), annexe D(AT), page 381]

AT Autriche**IB Bureau international**

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au **Bureau international** agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, des montants équivalents en **francs suisses (CHF)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)** de la taxe de recherche, correspondant au nouveau montant de la taxe de recherche payable à l'**Office autrichien des brevets** à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2005, tel que publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 19/2005, du 12 mai 2005, page 12327, payables pour une recherche internationale effectuée par ledit office, ont été établis. Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	CHF	311
	USD	262

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex A thereof. The amendment will enter into force on 1 June 2005. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

(i) the following States:

Republic of Korea;
any country that the Authority will specify;

(ii) [No change]”

INFORMATION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)**

The **African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)** has notified a change in the name of the Office, as follows:

Name of Office: African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B2(AP), page 220]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 July 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ZAR 5,800

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(AU), page 371, and No. 34/2004, page 19304]

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, pages 29538 to 29543; No. 52/1999, page 15878; No. 11/2004, page 5902; and No. 16/2005, page 10352.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

KR Accord entre l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe A

L'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)i) de l'accord susmentionné, une notification l'informant d'une modification apportée à l'annexe A de cet accord. La modification entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} juin 2005. L'annexe A modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe A
États et langues**

Conformément à l'article 3 de l'accord, l'Administration spécifie :

i) les États suivants :

République de Corée;
tout pays que l'Administration précisera;

ii) [Sans changement]”

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES

AP Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO)

L'Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO) a notifié un changement relatif au nom de l'office, comme suit :

Nom de l'office : Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété intellectuelle (ARIPO)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B2(AP), page 224]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

AU Australie

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : ZAR 5.800

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(AU), page 383, et n° 34/2004, page 19305]

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, pages 29598 à 29603; n° 52/1999, page 15879; n° 11/2004, page 5903; et n° 16/2005, page 10353.

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**RECEIVING OFFICES
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The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified clarifications concerning its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office and has changed (under footnote 1) the address from which the list of attorneys-at-law may be obtained, as follows:

Who can act as agent?	In case an agent is required (because the applicant is a non-resident):
	Any patent attorney or attorney-at-law ¹ resident in Germany or a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Law on the Qualifying Examination for Gaining Admission to the Profession of Patent Attorney and Law on the Professional Activities of European Lawyers in Germany), provided that a patent attorney or attorney-at-law ¹ , resident in Germany, has been authorized to receive service of official communications
	Otherwise:
	Any natural person resident in Germany

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(DE), page 260, Summary (DE), page 446, and No. 53/2004, page 31286]

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed on or after 1 June 2005 by nationals and residents of New Zealand with the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand as receiving Office. The consolidated list of competent International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities now reads as follows:

Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office ² , Korean Intellectual Property Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office ³

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(NZ), page 331]

¹ The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the Patentanwaltskammer (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Littenstrasse 9, 10179 Berlin, Germany.

² The European Patent Office is competent only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office.

³ The United States Patent and Trademark Office is competent only if the international search report has been prepared by that Office.

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)

DE Allemagne

L'**Office allemand des brevets et des marques** a notifié des éclaircissements relatifs à ses exigences concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur ou en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu) et a modifié (dans la note de bas de page 1) l'adresse à laquelle il est possible de se procurer la liste des avocats, comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Si un mandataire est exigé (parce que le déposant n'est pas domicilié en Allemagne) :
	Tout conseil en brevets ou avocat ¹ domicilié en Allemagne ou tout national d'un État membre de l'Union européenne ou d'un État partie à l'Accord sur l'Espace économique européen autorisé à exercer certaines activités professionnelles (voir la loi sur l'examen de qualification pour l'admission à la profession d'avocat et la loi sur les activités professionnelles des juristes européens en Allemagne), à condition qu'un conseil en brevets ou avocat ¹ , domicilié en Allemagne, ait été autorisé à se voir signifier toute communication officielle
	Sinon :
	Toute personne physique domiciliée en Allemagne

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(DE), page 267, résumé (DE), page 469, et n° 53/2004, page 31287]

NZ Nouvelle-Zélande

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Nouvelle-Zélande** a spécifié l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées le 1^{er} juin 2005 ou à une date ultérieure par les nationaux de la Nouvelle-Zélande et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays auprès de l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Nouvelle-Zélande en sa qualité d'office récepteur. La liste récapitulative des administrations chargées de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international compétentes est désormais la suivante :

Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale :	Office australien des brevets, Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle, Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis ou Office européen des brevets
Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international :	Office australien des brevets, Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle, Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis ² ou Office européen des brevets ³

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(NZ), page 342]

¹ On peut se procurer la liste des conseils en brevets auprès du Patentanwaltskammer (Conseil de l'ordre des conseils en brevets), Postfach 260108, 80058 Munich, Allemagne, et la liste des avocats auprès du Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer (Conseil de l'ordre des avocats), Littenstrasse 9, 10179 Berlin, Allemagne.

² L'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis n'est compétent que si le rapport de recherche internationale a été préparé par ses soins.

³ L'Office européen des brevets n'est compétent que si la recherche internationale est ou a été effectuée par ses soins.

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES (cont'd)****SL Sierra Leone**

The **Administrator and Registrar General's Department (Sierra Leone)** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase, under PCT Article 22(3), before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit is applicable for any international application filed as of 28 April 2005, although it also applies for any international application filed before that date provided that the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) would have expired on, or after, 28 April 2005. The new time limit is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (SL), page 533]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE****AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Australian Government Analytical Laboratoires (AGAL), an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

The National Measurement Institute (NMI)
1, Suakin Street
Pymble, N.S.W. 2073
Australia

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex L, page 412]

HU Hungary

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Hungarian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the address of the National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM), an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM)
Faculty of Food Sciences
Corvinus University of Budapest
Somlói út 14-16
1118 Budapest
Hungary

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex L, page 414]

**OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS
OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS) (suite)****SL Sierra Leone**

Le **Département de l'administrateur et directeur général de l'enregistrement (Sierra Leone)** a notifié un changement relatif au délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai est applicable à toute demande internationale déposée à compter du 28 avril 2005, ainsi qu'à toute demande internationale déposée avant le 28 avril 2005 pour laquelle le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT aura expiré le 28 avril 2005 ou ultérieurement. Le nouveau délai est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (SL), page 569]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
INSTITUTIONS AUPRÈS DESQUELLES DES DÉPÔTS PEUVENT ÊTRE EFFECTUÉS****AU Australie**

Conformément à la règle 13*bis*.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office australien des brevets** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à un changement de nom de l'institution dénommée "Australian Government Analytical Laboratories (AGAL)", autorité de dépôt internationale reconnue en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès de laquelle des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, comme suit :

The National Measurement Institute (NMI)
1, Suakin Street
Pymble, N.S.W. 2073
Australie

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe L, page 428]

HU Hongrie

Conformément à la règle 13*bis*.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office hongrois des brevets** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à un changement d'adresse de l'institution dénommée "National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM)", autorité de dépôt internationale reconnue en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès de laquelle des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, comme suit :

National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM)
Faculty of Food Sciences
Corvinus University of Budapest
Somlói út 14-16
1118 Budapest
Hongrie

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe L, page 430]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**DE Germany**

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **German Patent and Trade Mark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows:

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

1. If the agent is *not*:

- a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law⁴ resident in Germany,
- a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Law on the Qualifying Examination for Gaining Admission to the Profession of Patent Attorney and Law on the Professional Activities of European Lawyers in Germany).

2. In case of reasonable doubts regarding the agent's entitlement to act.

3. In case of a common representative.

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

1. If the agent is *not*:

- a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law⁴ resident in Germany,
- a national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Law on the Qualifying Examination for Gaining Admission to the Profession of Patent Attorney and Law on the Professional Activities of European Lawyers in Germany).

2. In case of reasonable doubts regarding the agent's entitlement to act.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(DE), page 260]

⁴ The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the Patentanwaltskammer (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Littenstrasse 9, 10179 Berlin, Germany.

RENONCIATIONS EN VERTU DES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**DE Allemagne**

Selon les règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office allemand des brevets et des marques**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce aux exigences en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon lesquelles un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

1. Si le mandataire *n'est pas* :

- un conseil en brevets ou un avocat⁴ domicilié en Allemagne,
 - un national d'un État membre de l'Union européenne ou d'un État partie à l'Accord sur l'Espace économique européen autorisé à exercer certaines activités professionnelles (voir la loi sur l'examen de qualification pour l'admission à la profession d'avocat et la loi sur les activités professionnelles des juristes européens en Allemagne).
2. En cas de doutes raisonnables sur la qualité à agir du mandataire.
3. S'il existe un représentant commun.

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

1. Si le mandataire *n'est pas* :

- un conseil en brevets ou un avocat⁴ domicilié en Allemagne,
 - un national d'un État membre de l'Union européenne ou d'un État partie à l'Accord sur l'Espace économique européen autorisé à exercer certaines activités professionnelles (voir la loi sur l'examen de qualification pour l'admission à la profession d'avocat et la loi sur les activités professionnelles des juristes européens en Allemagne).
2. En cas de doutes raisonnables sur la qualité à agir du mandataire.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(DE), page 267]

⁴ On peut se procurer la liste des conseils en brevets auprès du Patentanwaltskammer (Conseil de l'ordre des conseils en brevets), Postfach 260108, 80058 Munich, Allemagne, et la liste des avocats auprès du Bundesrechtsanwaltskammer (Conseil de l'ordre des avocats), Littenstrasse 9, 10179 Berlin, Allemagne.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**BA Bosnia and Herzegovina**

The **Institute for Standards, Metrology and Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** informed the International Bureau that the currency of payment of certain fees has changed from the **euro (EUR)** to the **convertible mark (BAM)**. Amounts of the fees concerned, in the new currency, have been introduced, payable to the Institute as either receiving Office (transmittal fee and fee for priority document) or designated (or elected) Office (national fee), as follows:

Transmittal fee:	BAM 50
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	BAM 35
National fee:	
Filing fee:	BAM 105
– plus for each page of the application over 30:	BAM 3
– plus for each claim over 10:	BAM 4
Publication fee:	BAM 15

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(BA), page 241, and Summary (BA), page 425]

KR Republic of Korea

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** of the search fee, payable for an international search carried out by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. The new amount, applicable as from 1 August 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CHF 272
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(KR), page 379]

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS****LV Latvia****EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Latvia deposited, on 5 April 2005, its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and will become bound by that Convention on **1 July 2005**. Thus, as from 1 July 2005, it will be possible for applicants to designate Latvia in their international applications also for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent, as at present.

Moreover, as from 1 July 2005, nationals and residents of **Latvia** will be able to file international applications with the European Patent Office as receiving Office, in addition to the Latvian Patent Office or the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(LV), page 128, Annex B2(EP), page 224, and Annex C(EP), page 270]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**BA Bosnie-Herzégovine**

L'**Institut des normes, de la métrologie et de la propriété intellectuelle de la Bosnie-Herzégovine** a informé le Bureau international que la monnaie de paiement de certaines taxes a changé, passant de l'**euro (EUR)** au **mark convertible (BAM)**. Les montants des taxes en question, payables à l'institut en sa qualité d'office récepteur (taxe de transmission et taxe pour le document de priorité) ou d'office désigné (ou élu) (taxe nationale), exprimés dans la nouvelle monnaie, ont été introduits comme suit :

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Taxe de publication :	BAM 15

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(BA), page 246, et résumé (BA), page 444]

KR République de Corée

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **francs suisses (CHF)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle** aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le franc suisse (CHF) comme monnaie de paiement ou utilisent le franc suisse (CHF) comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} août 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	CHF 272
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(KR), page 391]

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS
ET LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES****LV Lettonie****EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

La **Lettonie** a déposé, le 5 avril 2005, son instrument d'adhésion à la Convention sur le brevet européen (CBE) et deviendra liée par cette convention le **1^{er} juillet 2005**. Par conséquent, à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2005, les déposants pourront désigner la Lettonie dans leurs demandes internationales également aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet européen et non seulement aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet national, comme c'est le cas jusqu'ici.

De plus, à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2005, les ressortissants de la **Lettonie** et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales auprès de l'Office européen des brevets agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, en plus de l'Office letton des brevets ou du Bureau international de l'OMPI.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(LV), page 131, annexe B2(EP), page 228, et annexe C(EP), page 279]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** of the search fee, payable for an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. The new amount, applicable as from 1 August 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): CHF 1,126

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(AU), page 371, and No. 29/2004, page 16288]

KR Republic of Korea

Further to the announcement published in PCT Gazette No. 23/2005, of June 9, 2005, page 14972, that the Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, and pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), an equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. The new amount, applicable since 1 June 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): NZD 315

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(KR), page 379]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **francs suisses (CHF)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets** aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le franc suisse (CHF) comme monnaie de paiement ou utilisent le franc suisse (CHF) comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} août 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : CHF 1.126

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(AU), page 383, et n° 29/2004, page 16289]

KR République de Corée

Suite à l'annonce publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 23/2005, du 9 juin 2005, page 14973, informant que l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Nouvelle-Zélande a spécifié l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international, un montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.b) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle**. Le nouveau montant, applicable depuis le 1^{er} juin 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : NZD 315

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(KR), page 391]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**CA Canada**

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. This waiver will have effect from 1 July 2005. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows:

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(CA), page 251]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**CA Canada**

Selon les règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce aux exigences en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) du PCT selon lesquelles un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise. Cette renonciation sera effective à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2005. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lorsqu'un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt accomplit tout acte après le dépôt; ou lorsqu'il ne ressort pas clairement que le mandataire ou le représentant commun est mandaté pour agir au nom du déposant.

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lorsqu'un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt accomplit tout acte après le dépôt; ou lorsqu'il ne ressort pas clairement que le mandataire ou le représentant commun est mandaté pour agir au nom du déposant.

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CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****LY Libyan Arab Jamahiriya**

On 15 June 2005, the **Libyan Arab Jamahiriya** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. The Libyan Arab Jamahiriya will become the 127th Contracting State of the PCT on 15 September 2005.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 15 September 2005, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya (country code: LY) may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 15 September 2005, nationals and residents of the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES****FI Agreement between the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C**

The **National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland)** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 15 July 2005. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	550
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	550
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 44/2003, pages 24750, 24752, 24754, 24756, 24758 and 24760; and No. 12/2005, page 7728.

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)****LY Jamahiriya arabe libyenne**

Le 15 juin 2005, la **Jamahiriya arabe libyenne** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT. La Jamahiriya arabe libyenne deviendra le 127^e État contractant du PCT le 15 septembre 2005.

En conséquence, la Jamahiriya arabe libyenne (code pour le pays : LY) pourra être désignée dans toute demande internationale déposée le 15 septembre 2005 ou ultérieurement et, étant liée par le chapitre II du PCT, pourra aussi être élue. En outre, à partir du 15 septembre 2005, les nationaux de la Jamahiriya arabe libyenne et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe A du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
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FI Accord entre l'Office des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'**Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement (Finlande)** a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord susmentionné, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à la partie I de l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications entreront en vigueur le 15 juillet 2005. L'annexe C modifiée aura la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euros)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	550
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	550
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b), 71.2.b) et 94.2), par page	[Sans changement]

Partie II. [Sans changement]”

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 44/2003, pages 24751, 24753, 24755, 24757, 24759 et 24761; et n° 12/2005, page 7729.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**RU Russian Federation**

The **Federal Service on Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)** has notified changes in its general telephone number and in one of its e-mail addresses, and has introduced additional e-mail and Internet addresses. Furthermore, the teleprinter address for the Office has been deleted. The consolidated list of the Office contact details now reads as follows:

Telephone:	(70-95) 956 81 09 (general) (70-95) 240 58 88 (application processing)
Facsimile machine:	(70-95) 243 33 37
E-mail:	rospatent@rupto.ru fips@rupto.ru
Internet:	www.rupto.ru www.fips.ru

[Updating of Annex B1(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a change in the telephone number of its PCT Help Desk, applicable as from 1 July 2005, as follows:

Telephone:	(1-571) 272 43 00 (PCT Help Desk)
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[Updating of Annex B1(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**FI Finland**

The **National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland)** has notified a change in the amount of the fee for priority document, in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office (the additional amounts payable depending on whether the document is a patent or a utility model remain unchanged). The new amount, applicable since 1 June 2005, is as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 15.00
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[Updating of Annex C(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**RU Fédération de Russie**

Le **Service fédéral de la propriété intellectuelle, des brevets et des marques (Fédération de Russie)** a notifié des changements relatifs à son numéro de téléphone pour les questions d'ordre général ainsi qu'à l'une de ses adresses électroniques et a introduit des adresses électronique et Internet supplémentaires. De plus, l'adresse du téléimprimeur de l'office a été supprimée. La liste récapitulative des données concernant la communication avec l'office est désormais la suivante :

Téléphone : (70-95) 956 81 09 (questions d'ordre général)
(70-95) 240 58 88 (traitement des demandes)

Télécopieur : (70-95) 243 33 37

Courrier électronique : rospatent@rupto.ru
fips@rupto.ru

Internet : www.rupto.ru
www.fips.ru

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(RU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

L'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** a notifié un changement relatif au numéro de téléphone de son Help Desk PCT, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2005, comme suit :

Téléphone: (1-571) 272 43 00 (Help Desk PCT)

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(US) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**FI Finlande**

L'**Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement (Finlande)** a notifié un changement relatif au montant de la taxe pour le document de priorité, exprimé en **euros (EUR)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur (les montants supplémentaires payables selon que le document est un brevet ou un modèle d'utilité restent inchangés). Le nouveau montant, applicable depuis le 1^{er} juin 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe pour le document de priorité
(règle 17.1.b) du PCT) : EUR 15,00

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(FI) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**US United States of America**

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified changes in the components of the national fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. A new search fee has been added and one of the examination fees has been changed. Furthermore, the wording relating to the search fee payable when a search report has not been prepared by the Office in its capacity as an International Searching Authority but has been provided to the Office, and relating to the conditions when a surcharge is payable, has been amended. The consolidated list of the components of the national fee, applicable as from 1 July 2005, reads as follows (the amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a “small entity”):

Basic national fee:	[No change]
Search fee:	
– IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):	USD 0 (0)
– International search fee paid to the USPTO as ISA:	[No change]
– Search report has been prepared by an ISA other than the US and is provided or has been previously communicated by the IB to the USPTO:	[No change]
– All other situations:	[No change]
Examination fee:	
– IPER prepared by the IPEA/US or the written opinion was prepared by the ISA/US, all claims presented satisfied provisions of PCT Article 33(1) to (4):	USD 0 (0)
– All other situations:	[No change]
For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium):	[No change]
Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three:	[No change]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

L'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO) a notifié des changements relatifs aux composantes de la taxe nationale exprimée en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Une nouvelle taxe de recherche a été ajoutée et une des taxes d'examen a été modifiée. De plus, le libellé relatif à la taxe de recherche payable quand un rapport de recherche n'a pas été établi par l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale mais a été fourni à l'office, et relatif aux conditions dans lesquelles une surtaxe doit être payée, a été modifié. La liste récapitulative des composantes de la taxe nationale, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2005, est la suivante (les montants indiqués entre parenthèses s'appliquent dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par une "petite entité") :

Taxe nationale de base : [Sans changement]

Taxe de recherche :

- Le rapport d'examen préliminaire international a été établi par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international des États-Unis d'Amérique, ou l'opinion écrite a été établie par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale des États-Unis d'Amérique; toutes les revendications présentées satisfaisaient aux conditions énoncées aux alinéas 1) à 4) de l'article 33 du PCT : USD 0 (0)
- Taxe de recherche internationale payée à l'USPTO en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale : [Sans changement]
- Le rapport de recherche a été établi par une administration chargée de la recherche internationale autre que celle des États-Unis d'Amérique et est fourni ou a été communiqué précédemment par le Bureau international à l'USPTO : [Sans changement]
- Toutes les autres situations : [Sans changement]

Taxe d'examen :

- Le rapport d'examen préliminaire international a été établi par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international des États-Unis d'Amérique, ou l'opinion écrite a été établie par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale des États-Unis d'Amérique; toutes les revendications présentées satisfaisaient aux conditions énoncées aux alinéas 1) à 4) de l'article 33 du PCT : USD 0 (0)
- Toutes les autres situations : [Sans changement]

Pour chaque série, complète ou incomplète, de 50 feuilles du fascicule et des dessins à compter de la 101^e feuille (à l'exclusion de tout listage des séquences ou listage de programme d'ordinateur déposé au moyen d'un support électronique) : [Sans changement]

Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 4^e : [Sans changement]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**US United States of America (cont'd)**

Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20: [No change]

In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application: [No change]

Surcharge for paying any of the search fee, the examination fee, or filing the oath or declaration after the date of commencement of the national stage: [No change]

Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): [No change]

[Updating of Summary (US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES**RU Russian Federation**

The **Federal Service on Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)** has notified changes in its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney registered to practice before the Office or another representative having a power of attorney from the applicant
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[Updating of Annex C(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)

US États-Unis d'Amérique (suite)

Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication, indépendante ou non, à compter de la 21^e : [Sans changement]

De plus, si la demande contient une ou plusieurs revendications dépendantes multiples, par demande : [Sans changement]

Surtaxe pour le paiement de la taxe de recherche ou la taxe d'examen ou pour le dépôt du serment ou de la déclaration après la date d'ouverture de la phase nationale : [Sans changement]

Taxe de traitement pour le dépôt d'une traduction anglaise après l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour du résumé (US) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS

RU Fédération de Russie

Le **Service fédéral de la propriété intellectuelle, des brevets et des marques (Fédération de Russie)** a notifié des changements dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ? Tout conseil en brevets habilité à exercer auprès de l'office ou tout autre représentant ayant obtenu un pouvoir du déposant

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(RU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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GB United Kingdom	18228	GB Royaume-Uni	18229

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**DZ Algeria**

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Algerian dinars (DZD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee and maintenance fee for the 1 st year:	DZD 7,500
Fee for priority claim, per priority:	DZD 2,000
Publication fee:	DZD 5,000
– Surcharge for each set of 5 pages in excess of 10:	DZD 1,200
Maintenance fee:	
– from the 2 nd to the 5 th year, per year:	DZD 5,000

[Updating of the National Chapter (DZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**DZ Algérie**

L'**Institut national algérien de la propriété industrielle** a notifié des changements relatifs aux montants de taxes, exprimés en **dinars algériens (DZD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Taxe de dépôt et de 1 ^{re} annuité :	DZD 7.500
Taxe de revendication de priorité, par priorité :	DZD 2.000
Taxe de publication :	DZD 5.000
– taxe additionnelle par tranche de 5 pages au-delà de 10 pages :	DZD 1.200
Taxe de maintien en vigueur :	
– de la 2 ^e à la 5 ^e année, par année :	DZD 5.000

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (DZ) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has changed the conditions for, and the extent to which, the search fee shall be refunded when the Authority benefits from a European search report that has been established on an application, the priority of which is claimed in an international application filed on or after 1 July 2005, as follows:

Conditions for refund and amount
of refund of the search fee:

[No change]

[No change]

[No change]

Extent to which the search fee shall be refunded when the Authority benefits from an earlier search in carrying out international search:

- for a European search (EPC Art. 78(2)):
(*international application filed on or after 1 July 2005*)

(full benefit)	EUR 960
(partial benefit)	EUR 240
- for a European search (EPC Art. 78(2)):
(*international application filed before 1 July 2005*)

(full benefit)	EUR 690
(partial benefit)	EUR 172.50
- [No change]
- [No change]
- [No change]
- [No change]
- for a search (without written opinion) on a national application made on behalf of a national Office (BE, FR, LU, NL, TR):

(full benefit)	[No change]
(partial benefit)	[No change]

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a modifié les conditions et la mesure dans lesquelles la taxe de recherche est remboursée quand l'administration tire parti d'un rapport de recherche européenne établi pour une demande dont la priorité est revendiquée dans une demande internationale déposée le 1^{er} juillet 2005 ou ultérieurement, comme suit :

Conditions de remboursement
et montant du remboursement
de la taxe de recherche :

[Sans changement]

[Sans changement]

[Sans changement]

Mesure dans laquelle la taxe de recherche est remboursée quand l'administration tire parti d'une recherche antérieure lorsqu'elle effectue la recherche internationale :

– pour une recherche européenne (art. 78.2) de la CBE) :
(demande internationale déposée le 1^{er} juillet 2005 ou ultérieurement)

(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 960

(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 240

– pour une recherche européenne (art. 78.2) de la CBE) :
(demande internationale déposée avant le 1^{er} juillet 2005)

(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 690

(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 172,50

– [Sans changement]

– [Sans changement]

– [Sans changement]

– [Sans changement]

– pour une recherche (sans opinion écrite) sur une demande nationale effectuée pour le compte d'un office national (BE, FR, LU, NL, TR):

(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) [Sans changement]

(utilisation partielle de la recherche) [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE****GB United Kingdom**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Patent Office (United Kingdom)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the address of the National Collection of Type Cultures (NCTC), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

National Collection of Type Cultures (NCTC)
HPA Centre for Infections
61 Colindale Avenue
London NW9 5HT
United Kingdom

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
INSTITUTIONS AUPRÈS DESQUELLES DES DÉPÔTS PEUVENT ÊTRE EFFECTUÉS****GB Royaume-Uni**

Conformément à la règle 13bis.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office des brevets (Royaume-Uni)** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à un changement d'adresse de l'institution dénommée "National Collection of Type Cultures (NCTC)", autorité de dépôt internationale reconnue en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès de laquelle des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, comme suit :

National Collection of Type Cultures (NCTC)
HPA Centre for Infections
61 Colindale Avenue
London NW9 5HT
Royaume-Uni

[Mise à jour de l'annexe L du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**IN India**

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified changes in the location and mailing address as well as in the telephone and facsimile numbers of its Kolkata office, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Bouddhik Sampada Bhawan, CP-2, Sector-V, Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700 091, India
Telephone:	Kolkata: (91-33) 23 67 19 43, 23 67 19 44, 23 67 19 45, 23 67 19 87, 23 67 50 92, 23 67 50 93 (91-33) 23 67 50 91 (PCT Section)
Facsimile machine:	Kolkata: (91-33) 23 67 19 88

[Updating of Annex B1(IN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MZ Mozambique

The **Central Department of Industrial Property (Mozambique)** has notified a change in the name of the Office, as well as changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Name of Office:	Instituto da Propriedade Industrial Industrial Property Institute (Mozambique)
Location and mailing address:	Rua Consiglieri Pedroso, 165, P.O. Box 1072, Maputo, Mozambique
Telephone:	(258-1) 354 900
Facsimile machine:	(258-1) 354 944

[Updating of Annex B1(MZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**IN Inde**

L'**Office des brevets (Inde)** a notifié des changements relatifs à l'adresse ainsi qu'aux numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur de son siège de Kolkata, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale : Bouddhik Sampada Bhawan, CP-2, Sector-V,
Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700 091, Inde

Téléphone : Kolkata : (91-33) 23 67 19 43, 23 67 19 44, 23 67 19 45,
23 67 19 87, 23 67 50 92, 23 67 50 93
(91-33) 23 67 50 91 (Section du PCT)

Télécopieur : Kolkata : (91-33) 23 67 19 88

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(IN) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

MZ Mozambique

Le **Département central de la propriété industrielle (Mozambique)** a notifié un changement relatif au nom de l'office, ainsi que des changements relatifs à son adresse et à ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Nom de l'office : Instituto da Propriedade Industrial
Institut de la propriété industrielle (Mozambique)

Siège et adresse postale : Rua Consiglieri Pedroso, 165, P.O. Box 1072,
Maputo, Mozambique

Téléphone : (258-1) 354 900

Télécopieur : (258-1) 354 944

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(MZ) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia****IB International Bureau**

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** of the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**, has been established. The new amount, applicable as from 1 September 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): EUR 769

[Updating of Annex D(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CR Costa Rica

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)** has notified a change in the amount of the transmittal fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee: USD 250

[Updating of Annex C(CR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)** payable to it as receiving Office (transmittal fee and fee for priority document) and as designated (or elected) Office (national fee), as follows:

Transmittal fee: EUR 31.73

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): EUR 37.03

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee: EUR 116.36

Examination fee: EUR 211.56

Fee for the submission of each
application or document: EUR 5.29

For utility model:

Filing fee: EUR 116.36

Examination fee: EUR 211.56

Fee for the submission of each
application or document: EUR 5.29

[Updating of Annex C(PT) and National Chapter (PT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie****IB Bureau international**

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au **Bureau international** agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, un nouveau montant équivalent en **euros (EUR)** de la taxe de recherche, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**, a été établi. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : EUR 769

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(AU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

CR Costa Rica

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Costa Rica)** a notifié un changement relatif au montant de la taxe de transmission, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe de transmission : USD 250

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(CR) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

PT Portugal

L'**Institut national de la propriété industrielle (Portugal)** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur (taxe de transmission et taxe pour le document de priorité) et d'office désigné (ou élu) (taxe nationale), comme suit :

Taxe de transmission : EUR 31,73

Taxe pour le document de priorité
(règle 17.1.b) du PCT) : EUR 37,03

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt : EUR 116,36

Taxe d'examen : EUR 211,56

Taxe pour la présentation de
chaque demande ou document : EUR 5,29

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt : EUR 116,36

Taxe d'examen : EUR 211,56

Taxe pour la présentation de
chaque demande ou document : EUR 5,29

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(PT) et du chapitre national (PT) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**US United States of America**

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the higher search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. The equivalent amount of the lower search fee remains unchanged. The new amount, applicable as from 1 September 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CHF 1,269	[No change]
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[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**MZ Mozambique**

The **Industrial Property Institute (Mozambique)** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase, under PCT Article 22(3), before the Office as designated (or elected) Office. The new time limit is applicable for any international application filed as of 21 June 2005, although it also applies for any international application filed before that date provided that the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) would have expired on, or after, 21 June 2005. The new time limit is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change]

[Updating of the National Chapter (MZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES****FI Finland**

Information on the requirements of the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority is given in Annexes D(FI) and E(FI), which are published on the following pages.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi un nouveau montant équivalent (le montant le plus élevé) de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **francs suisses (CHF)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le franc suisse (CHF) comme monnaie de paiement ou utilisent le franc suisse (CHF) comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Le montant équivalent du montant le plus bas de la taxe de recherche reste inchangé. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : CHF 1.269 [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(US) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**MZ Mozambique**

L'**Institut de la propriété industrielle (Mozambique)** a notifié un changement relatif au délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Le nouveau délai est applicable à toute demande internationale déposée à compter du 21 juin 2005, ainsi qu'à toute demande internationale déposée avant le 21 juin 2005 pour laquelle le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT aura expiré le 21 juin 2005 ou ultérieurement. Le nouveau délai est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale : En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT : 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité

En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (MZ) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
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FI Finlande

Des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de l'**Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande** en tant qu'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international sont reproduits aux annexes D(FI) et E(FI), publiées aux pages suivantes.

D	International Searching Authorities	D
FI	NATIONAL BOARD OF PATENTS AND REGISTRATION OF FINLAND	FI

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	Euro (EUR) Swiss franc (CHF) US dollar (USD)	1,550 2,432 2,075
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ²	EUR 1,550	
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases: EUR 0.60 per page	
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from:</p> <p>(i) an earlier national search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application: refund of EUR 250;</p> <p>(ii) an earlier international or international-type search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application: refund of 50% or 100%, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.</p>	
Languages accepted for international search:	English, Finnish, Swedish	
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes	
Types of electronic carrier required:	CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R	
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of all subject matter searched under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Finnish patent law	

¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

D Administrations chargées de la recherche internationale D

FI OFFICE NATIONAL DES BREVETS ET DE L'ENREGISTREMENT DE LA FINLANDE FI

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) ¹ :	Euro (EUR)	1.550
	Dollar des États-Unis (USD)	2.075
	Franc suisse (CHF)	2.432

Taxe de recherche additionnelle (règle 40.2 du PCT) ² :	EUR	1.550
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Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport de recherche internationale (règle 44.3 du PCT):	Le déposant reçoit gratuitement, avec le rapport de recherche internationale, une copie de chaque document cité; dans les autres cas :
	EUR 0,60 par page

Conditions de remboursement et montant du remboursement de la taxe de recherche:	Toute somme payée par erreur, sans raison ou en excédent est remboursée. Lorsque la demande internationale est retirée ou considérée comme retirée, en vertu de l'article 14.1), 3) ou 4) du PCT, avant le début de la recherche internationale: remboursement à 100 % Lorsque l'administration peut utiliser : i) une recherche nationale antérieure que l'administration a déjà effectuée sur une demande dont la priorité est revendiquée pour la demande internationale : remboursement de EUR 250; ii) une recherche internationale ou de type international antérieure que l'administration a déjà effectuée sur une demande dont la priorité est revendiquée pour la demande internationale : remboursement de 50% ou 100%, selon la mesure dans laquelle l'administration peut utiliser cette recherche antérieure.
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Langues admises pour la recherche internationale:	Anglais, finnois, suédois
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L'administration exige-t-elle que les listages des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés soient fournis sous forme électronique (règle 13ter.1 du PCT) ?	Oui
Types de support électronique requis :	CD-ROM, CD-R, DVD, DVD-R

Objets exclus de la recherche:	Tout objet mentionné aux points i) à vi) de la règle 39.1 du PCT, à l'exception des objets soumis à une recherche selon la procédure nationale de délivrance des brevets conformément aux dispositions de la législation finlandaise sur les brevets
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¹ Taxe à verser à l'office récepteur dans la monnaie ou l'une des monnaies acceptées par cet office (voir l'annexe C).

² Taxe à verser à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et dans certains cas seulement.

E International Preliminary Examining Authorities E

FI NATIONAL BOARD OF PATENTS AND REGISTRATION OF FINLAND FI

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Euro (EUR)	550
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ²	EUR	550
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ³	EUR	129
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each document cited therein, free of charge; in other cases: EUR 0.60 per page	
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	EUR	0.60 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded. In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English, Finnish, Swedish	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items i) to vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of all subject matter examined under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Finnish patent law	

¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 75% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(1B)). For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2003, page 24736, Schedule of Fees, item 4.

E Administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international E

FI OFFICE NATIONAL DES BREVETS ET DE L'ENREGISTREMENT DE LA FINLANDE FI

Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58 du PCT) ¹ :	Euro (EUR)	550
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Taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle (règle 68.3 du PCT) ² :	EUR	550
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Taxe de traitement (règle 57.1 du PCT) ³ :	EUR	129
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Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport d'examen préliminaire international (règle 71.2 du PCT) :	Le déposant reçoit gratuitement, avec le rapport d'examen préliminaire international, une copie de chaque document cité; dans les autres cas :
	EUR 0,60 par page

Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents contenus dans le dossier de la demande internationale (règle 94.2 du PCT) :	EUR 0,60 par page
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Conditions de remboursement et montant du remboursement de la taxe d'examen préliminaire :	Tout montant payé par erreur, sans raison ou en excédent sera remboursé. Dans les cas prévus à la règle 58.3 du PCT: remboursement à 100% Si la demande internationale ou la demande d'examen préliminaire international est retirée avant le début de l'examen préliminaire international: remboursement à 100%
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Langues admises pour l'examen préliminaire international :	Anglais, finnois, suédois
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Objets exclus de l'examen :	Tout objet mentionné aux points i) à vi) de la règle 67.1 du PCT, à l'exception des objets soumis à un examen selon la procédure nationale de délivrance des brevets conformément aux dispositions de la législation finlandaise sur les brevets
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¹ Taxe à verser à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

² Taxe à verser à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international et dans certains cas seulement.

³ Taxe à verser à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international. Cette taxe est réduite de 75% si certaines conditions s'appliquent (voir la note de bas de page correspondante de l'annexe C(IB)). Pour plus de précisions, voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 44/2003, page 24737, barème de taxes, point 4.

SECTION IV

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 October 2005, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	SGD	3,150
	USD	1,877

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search carried out by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. The new amount, applicable as from 1 October 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	USD	1,877
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[Updating of Annex D(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Patent Office** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Hungarian forint (HUF)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	HUF	10,700
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	HUF	300 per page
	plus HUF	3,000 per document

National fee:

- where the Office is a designated Office:

HUF	34,000
plus HUF	1,700 per claim for the 11 th to the 20 th claim
plus HUF	3,400 per claim for the 21 st to the 30 th claim
plus HUF	5,100 for each claim in excess of 30
- where the Office is an elected Office:

HUF	17,000
plus HUF	850 per claim for the 11 th to the 20 th claim
plus HUF	1,700 per claim for the 21 st to the 30 th claim
plus HUF	2,550 for each claim in excess of 30

[Updating of Annex C(HU) and of the National Chapter (HU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **dollars de Singapour (SGD)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	SGD	3.150
	USD	1.877

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

ES Espagne

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le dollar des États-Unis (USD) comme monnaie de paiement ou utilisent le dollar des États-Unis (USD) comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	USD	1.877
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[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(ES) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

HU Hongrie

L'**Office hongrois des brevets** a notifié des changements relatifs aux montants de taxes, exprimés en **forint hongrois (HUF)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe de transmission :	HUF	10.700
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	HUF	300 par page
	plus HUF	3.000 par document

Taxe nationale :

– lorsque l'office est un office désigné :	HUF	34.000
	plus HUF	1.700 par revendication de la 11 ^e à la 20 ^e
	plus HUF	3.400 par revendication de la 21 ^e à la 30 ^e
	plus HUF	5.100 par revendication à compter de la 31 ^e
– lorsque l'office est un office élu :	HUF	17.000
	plus HUF	850 par revendication de la 11 ^e à la 20 ^e
	plus HUF	1.700 par revendication de la 21 ^e à la 30 ^e
	plus HUF	2.550 par revendication à compter de la 31 ^e

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(HU) et du chapitre national (HU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**SE Sweden**

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)** payable for an international search by the Office. The new amount, applicable as from 1 October 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): USD 1,877

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), as well as for the reduction under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 October 2005, are as follows:

International filing fee: USD 1,102

Fee per sheet in excess of 30: USD 12

Reductions (under Schedule
of Fees, item 3):

PCT-EASY: USD 79

Handling fee: USD 157

[Updating of Annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CO), C(CR), C(CU), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(KE), C(KG), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(NI), C(PH), C(RU), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(US), C(UZ) and C(ZW), and Annexes E(RU) and E(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**SE Suède**

L'**Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement** a notifié au Bureau international un nouveau montant de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : USD 1.877

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(SE) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt, la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e et la taxe de traitement, conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction selon le point 3 du barème de taxes dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt : USD 1.102

Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e : USD 12

Réductions (selon le barème

de taxes, point 3) :

PCT-EASY : USD 79

Taxe de traitement : USD 157

[Mise à jour des annexes C(AM), C(AP), C(AZ), C(BY), C(BZ), C(CO), C(CR), C(CU), C(EA), C(EC), C(EG), C(GE), C(GH), C(IB), C(IL), C(IN), C(KE), C(KG), C(KZ), C(LR), C(MD), C(NI), C(PH), C(RU), C(SY), C(TJ), C(TM), C(TT), C(UA), C(US), C(UZ) et C(ZW), et des annexes E(RU) et E(US) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**US United States of America (cont'd)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 October 2005, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ZAR 6,800	(2,100)
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The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior United States national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a),

- (i) prior to 8 December 2004, the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) has been paid, or
- (ii) on or after 8 December 2004, the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a), the search fee under 37 CFR 1.16(k) and the examination fee under 37 CFR 1.16(o) have been paid

and the prior US national application is identified by the application number if known, or if the application number is not known, by the filing date, title and name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket number), in the international application or accompanying the papers at the time of filing the international application.

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**AT Austria**

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified changes to the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent, as follows:

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

The applicant may, from the date of publication of the international application, claim payment of an indemnity from any person who, without being entitled to do so, uses the subject of the application. If the application is not published in German, this right commences from the date of publication of a translation of the international application into German submitted to the Austrian Patent Office.

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

[No change]

[Updating of Annex B1(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)

US États-Unis d'Amérique (suite)

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : ZAR 6.800 (2.100)

Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon l'article 111.a) du titre 35 USC,

- i) qu'avant le 8 décembre 2004, la taxe de dépôt de base a été acquittée selon le paragraphe 1.16.a) du titre 37 CFR, ou
- ii) que le 8 décembre 2004 ou à une date ultérieure, la taxe de dépôt de base selon le paragraphe 1.16.a) du titre 37 CFR, la taxe de recherche selon le paragraphe 1.16.k) du titre 37 CFR et la taxe d'examen selon le paragraphe 1.16.o) du titre 37 CFR ont été acquittées

et que la demande nationale antérieure déposée aux États-Unis est identifiée par le numéro de la demande s'il est connu ou, si le numéro de la demande n'est pas connu, par la date de dépôt, le titre et le nom du déposant (et, de préférence, par le numéro de dossier de la demande) figurant dans la demande internationale ou accompagnant les documents au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(US) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

AT Autriche

L'**Office autrichien des brevets** a notifié des changements dans les dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national, comme suit :

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national :

Le déposant peut, dès la date de publication de la demande internationale, exiger une indemnité de toute personne qui exploite l'objet de la demande sans titre valable. Si la demande n'est pas publiée en langue allemande, ce droit prend effet dès la date de publication d'une traduction en allemand de la demande internationale présentée à l'Office autrichien des brevets.

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen :

[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(AT) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES****AT Austria**

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified changes concerning its requirements as to whether an agent is required by the receiving Office and as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office, as well as changes in the special requirements of the Office as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant has a residence or his principal place of business in a member State of the European Union or in a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area Yes, if he has neither a residence nor his principal place of business within the territory of one of those States
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney, attorney-at-law or notary, entitled to professional representation in Austria. The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the Österreichische Patentanwaltskammer, Museumstr. 3, A-1070 Wien, Austria (www.patentanwaltskammer.at). The list of attorneys at law may be obtained from the Österreichischer Rechtsanwaltskammertag, Rotenturmstr. 13, A-1010 Wien, Austria (www.oerak.or.at). The list of notaries may be obtained from the Österreichische Notariatskammer, Landesgerichtsstr. 20, A-1010 Wien, Austria (www.notar.at). If the applicant has a residence or his principal place of business in a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area, he may be represented by any natural person having a residence or his principal place of business in Austria. If the residence or the principal place of business of the applicant is outside of Austria, he has – at least – to mention a person having residence in Austria for the reception of documents.
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis):	Appointment of an agent if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business within the territory of the European Union or in a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area

[Updating of Annex C(AT) and of the National Chapter (AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS
OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**

AT Autriche

L' **Office autrichien des brevets** a notifié des changements dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir si l'office récepteur exige un mandataire et qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur ou en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), ainsi que des changements relatifs aux exigences particulières de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

L'office récepteur exige-t-il un mandataire?

Non, si le déposant a un domicile ou son siège dans un État membre de l'Union européenne ou dans un État partie à l'Accord sur l'Espace économique européen

Oui, s'il n'a ni un domicile ni son siège sur le territoire de l'un de ces États

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?

Tout conseil en brevets, avocat ou notaire habilité à exercer en Autriche. La liste des conseils en brevets peut être obtenue auprès de l'Österreichische Patentanwaltskammer, Museumstr. 3, A-1070 Wien, Autriche (www.patentanwaltskammer.at). La liste des avocats peut être obtenue auprès de l'Österreichischer Rechtsanwaltskammertag, Rotenturmstr. 13, A-1010 Wien, Autriche (www.oerak.or.at). La liste des notaires peut être obtenue auprès de l'Österreichische Notariatskammer, Landesgerichtsstr. 20, A-1010 Wien, Autriche (www.notar.at).

Si le déposant a un domicile ou son siège dans un État membre de l'Union européenne ou dans un État partie à l'Accord sur l'Espace économique européen, il peut se faire représenter par toute personne physique ayant un domicile ou son siège en Autriche. Si le déposant n'a ni un domicile ni son siège en Autriche, il est – au moins – tenu d'indiquer une personne domiciliée en Autriche pour recevoir des documents.

Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51*bis* du PCT) :

Désignation d'un mandataire si le déposant n'a ni un domicile ni son siège sur le territoire de l'Union européenne ou dans un État partie à l'Accord sur l'Espace économique européen

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(AT) et du chapitre national (AT) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**CA Canada**

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** of the search fee, payable for an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. The new amount, applicable as from 15 September 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): CHF 1,681

CA Canada
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **euro (EUR)** of the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, has been established. The new amount, applicable as from 15 September 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): EUR 1,078

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 15 September 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): NZD 2,622

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**CA Canada**

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **francs suisses (CHF)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada** aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le franc suisse (CHF) comme monnaie de paiement ou utilisent le franc suisse (CHF) comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 septembre 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : CHF 1.681

CA Canada**IB Bureau international**

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au **Bureau international** agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, un nouveau montant équivalent en **euros (EUR)** de la taxe de recherche, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada**, a été établi. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 septembre 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : EUR 1.078

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 septembre 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : NZD 2.622

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****AU Australia**

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), no national Office or intergovernmental organization is obliged to receive or process international applications filed in electronic form or by electronic means unless it has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to do so in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Administrative Instructions. Any such notification shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette, including information on the receiving Offices' requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form (see Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions).

On 7 April 2002, the Australian Patent Office (IP Australia) notified the International Bureau of a transitional reservation under Section 703(f), under which items (ii) to (iv) of Section 703(b) relating to, respectively, the means of transmittal, the electronic document packaging and the electronic filing software were not compatible with the applicable national law and technical systems of the Office, and informing that it consequently did not have to comply with the requirements contained in sections 5.1 and 5.2.1 of Annex F and in sections 2(d), (f) and (g) of Appendix III of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions (for further details, see PCT Gazette No. 18/2002, dated 2 May 2002, page 8974).

On 14 July 2005, the **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau that it withdraws its transitional reservation as far as section 5.2.1 of Annex F and sections 2(f) and (g) of Appendix III of Annex F are concerned (the transitional reservation relating to section 5.1 of Annex F and section 2(d) of Appendix III of Annex F is maintained) with effect from 18 July 2005, and that, with effect from that same date, it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form provided that they are filed by users already registered with the Office for that purpose under its PCT-SAFE pilot introduction program for the filing of international applications in electronic form, in accordance with the following options and requirements:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

(Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing: international applications can be prepared with the PCT-SAFE software, saved on the user's hard drive and then transmitted to the Office via its Online Lodgement System (see www.ipaustralia.gov.au). Access to the Online Lodgement System requires user id and password authentication via a customer registration process through the Office's Online Services. Where the application exceeds 20 MB, online transmittal is not supported and the application shall then be filed under the PCT-SAFE's EASY mode.

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS

AU **Australie**

Depuis le 7 janvier 2002, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques appropriés est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F des instructions administratives qui contiennent, respectivement, le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires à la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement sous forme électronique des demandes internationales prévus à la règle 89*bis*.1 du PCT.

Conformément à la règle 89*bis*.1.d) du PCT, aucun office national ou organisation intergouvernementale n'est tenu de recevoir ou de traiter les demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique ou par des moyens électroniques à moins qu'il n'ait notifié au Bureau international qu'il est disposé à le faire conformément aux dispositions applicables des instructions administratives. Toute notification de ce type est publiée à bref délai par le Bureau international dans la gazette, y compris les informations relatives aux exigences et aux pratiques des offices récepteurs en matière de dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique (voir l'instruction administrative 710.a)).

Le 7 avril 2002, l'Office australien des brevets (IP Australia) a notifié au Bureau international une réserve transitoire en vertu de l'instruction 703.f), selon laquelle les points ii) à iv) de l'instruction 703.b) relatifs, respectivement, aux moyens de transmission, à l'emballage électronique des documents et aux logiciels de dépôt électronique n'étaient pas compatibles avec la législation nationale applicable et les systèmes techniques de l'office, et informant qu'il n'était par conséquent pas tenu de satisfaire aux exigences énoncées aux sections 5.1 et 5.2.1 de l'annexe F et aux sections 2.d), f) et g) de l'appendice III de l'annexe F des instructions administratives (pour de plus amples détails, voir la Gazette du PCT n° 18/2002 du 2 mai 2002, page 8975).

Le 14 juillet 2005, l'**Office australien des brevets**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international qu'il retire sa réserve transitoire en ce qui concerne la section 5.2.1 de l'annexe F et les sections 2.f) et g) de l'appendice III de l'annexe F (la réserve transitoire relative à la section 5.1 de l'annexe F et à la section 2.d) de l'appendice III de l'annexe F est maintenue) à compter du 18 juillet 2005, et qu'à partir de cette même date, il est disposé à recevoir et à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à condition qu'elles soient déposées par des utilisateurs déjà enregistrés à cette fin auprès de l'office dans le cadre de son programme pilote d'introduction du logiciel PCT-SAFE pour le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique, conformément aux options et aux exigences suivantes :

“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- XML (en général; voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- Norme OMPI ST.25 (pour les listages des séquences; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F et l'annexe C)
- PDF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.2 de l'annexe F)
- TIFF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)ii) :

- dépôt en ligne : les demandes internationales peuvent être préparées à l'aide du logiciel PCT-SAFE, sauvegardées sur le disque dur de l'utilisateur, puis transmises à l'office au moyen du système de dépôt électronique de ce dernier [Online Lodgement System] (voir www.ipaustralia.gov.au). L'accès à ce système est restreint aux utilisateurs qui sont détenteurs d'une identification et d'un mot de passe d'authentification obtenus par inscription auprès des services en ligne de l'office. Si la demande dépasse 20 Mo, la transmission en ligne ne peut pas se faire et la demande devra alors être déposée à l'aide de la fonctionnalité EASY du logiciel PCT-SAFE.

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****AU Australia (cont'd)****As to electronic document packaging:**

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signatures (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string or click-wrap signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The confirmation of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office contains, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. A confirmation of receipt will be created for any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office. Errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)), files exceeding 20 MB in size, or missing files, are notified to the applicant in the confirmation of receipt.

As to online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available through the Office's website (www.ipaustralia.gov.au). Applicants wishing to use this facility should refer to the office's website for further details prior to entering payment information into the PCT-SAFE software.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Within the framework of its services, the Office has put in place a help desk for applicants filing international applications in electronic form. The Customer Services Network helpdesk can be contacted for all general enquiries.

The help desk is open from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Australian Eastern Standard/Summer Time (AEST) and can be contacted by the following means:

- by phone at +61 2 6283 2999
- by fax at +61 2 6283 7999
- by e-mail at assist@ipaustralia.gov.au

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**AU Australie (suite)****En ce qui concerne l’empaquetage électronique des documents :**

- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l’annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- logiciel PCT-SAFE

En ce qui concerne les types de signature électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- signature en fac-similé, signature composée d’une chaîne de caractères ou signature enveloppée électroniquement selon la méthode dite du ‘click-wrap’ (voir les sections 3.3.1 à 3.3.3 de l’annexe F)
- signature électronique renforcée (voir la section 3.3.4 de l’annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures ayant trait à la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)ii) :

L’accusé de réception de tout ce qui est supposé constituer une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique auprès de l’office contient, outre les informations exigées au titre de l’instruction 704.a)i) à iv), les noms des fichiers électroniques reçus (voir l’instruction 704.a)v)).

L’office fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique. Un accusé de réception est généré pour tout ce qui est supposé constituer une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique auprès de l’office. Des erreurs, telles que l’utilisation de certificats caduques (voir la section 4.4.7 de l’appendice II de l’annexe F), des demandes contaminées par des virus ou d’autres formes d’éléments malveillants (voir l’instruction 708.b)), des fichiers dont la taille dépasse 20 Mo ou des fichiers manquants, sont notifiées au déposant dans l’accusé de réception.

En ce qui concerne le paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a)ii) :

Le paiement en ligne est possible par l’intermédiaire du site Internet de l’office (www.ipaustralia.gov.au). Les déposants qui souhaitent utiliser cette option trouveront sur le site Internet de l’office toutes les informations nécessaires à la saisie des données relatives au paiement dans le logiciel PCT-SAFE.

En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d’assistance (instruction 710.a)iii) :

Dans le cadre de ses services, l’office a mis en place un service d’assistance aux déposants de demandes internationales sous forme électronique. Ce service [Customer Services Network helpdesk] peut être contacté pour toute question d’ordre général.

Le service d’assistance est ouvert du lundi au vendredi, de 9 heures à 17 heures suivant l’horaire d’été de l’Australie orientale (AEST) et peut être contacté :

- par téléphone, au +61 2 6283 2999
- par télécopie, au +61 2 6283 7999
- par courriel, à l’adresse électronique suivante : assist@ipaustralia.gov.au

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****AU Australia (cont'd)**

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications that do not exceed 20 MB may be sent through the Online Lodgement System

As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper. Furthermore, the Office will not prepare a backup copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (see Section 710(a)(v)):

In the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or fax, to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of online filing systems on its website (www.ipaustralia.gov.au/resources/news_downtime.shtml).

As to certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of listings of the certificate policies under which the certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Gatekeeper ABN-DSC (www.verisign.com.au/gatekeeper/certificate.shtml)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**AU Australie (suite)**

En ce qui concerne les types de documents qui peuvent être transmis à l'office sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)iii) :

- les demandes internationales qui ne dépassent pas 20 Mo peuvent être envoyées au moyen du système de dépôt électronique de l'office

En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :

L'office n'acceptera aucun dépôt de copie de sauvegarde sur papier. Par ailleurs, l'office ne préparera aucune copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sur papier à la demande du déposant.

En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :

Dans le cas où les systèmes informatiques ne seraient plus en état de marche au moment où une demande internationale est déposée auprès de lui, l'office mettra en œuvre tous les moyens dont il dispose, tels que le courrier électronique ou la télécopie, pour informer le déposant des procédures de remplacement à suivre concernant le dépôt.

L'office fournira les informations relatives aux disponibilités du système de dépôt en ligne sur son site Internet (www.ipaustralia.gov.au/resources/news_downtime.shtml).

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office et les adresses électroniques des listes des exigences en matière de délivrance des certificats (instruction 710.a)vi) :

- Gatekeeper ABN-DSC (www.verisign.com.au/gatekeeper/certificate.shtml)
- Autorité de certification de l'OMPI pour les utilisateurs (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/fr/certificates.htm)

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou archivées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible.”

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AT Austria**

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office (fee for priority document) and as designated (or elected) Office (national fee). These amounts are as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 1	per page (including cover sheet), plus a fee for every four pages or fraction of four pages according to the Law on Fees (<i>Gebührengesetz</i> 1957)
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National fee:

For patent:	
Filing fee:	[No change]
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	EUR 50

[Updating of Annex C(AT) and of National Chapter (AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

US United States of America

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the lower search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. The equivalent amount of the higher search fee was recently readjusted with effect from 1 September 2005 (CHF 1,269) (see PCT Gazette No. 29/2005, page 18884). The new amount of the lower search fee, applicable as from 1 October 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CHF 390
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[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES**AT Austria**

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified a change in the languages in which international applications, as well as the request, may be filed with it as receiving Office, as follows:

Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, French or German
Language in which the request may be filed:	English, French or German

[Updating of Annex C(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AT Autriche**

L'**Office autrichien des brevets** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur (taxe pour le document de priorité) et d'office désigné (ou élu) (taxe nationale). Ces montants sont les suivants :

Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	EUR 1	par page (y compris la page de couverture), plus une taxe pour chaque série complète ou incomplète de quatre pages selon la Loi sur les taxes (<i>Gebührengesetz</i> 1957)
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Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt :	[Sans changement]
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Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt :	EUR 50
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[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(AT) et du chapitre national du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi un nouveau montant équivalent (le montant le plus bas) de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **francs suisses (CHF)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le franc suisse (CHF) comme monnaie de paiement ou utilisent le franc suisse (CHF) comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Le montant équivalent du montant le plus élevé de la taxe de recherche a été réajusté récemment avec effet au 1^{er} septembre 2005 (CHF 1.269) (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 29/2005, page 18885). Le nouveau montant le plus bas, applicable à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	CHF 390
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[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(US) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**AT Autriche**

L'**Office autrichien des brevets** a notifié des changements relatifs aux langues dans lesquelles la demande internationale ainsi que la requête peuvent être déposées auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée :	Allemand, anglais ou français
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Langue dans laquelle la requête peut être déposée :	Allemand, anglais ou français
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[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(AT) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****KN Saint Kitts and Nevis**

On 27 July 2005, **Saint Kitts and Nevis** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT, and on 27 October 2005, will become bound by the PCT. Consequently, any international application filed on or after 27 October 2005 will automatically include the designation of Saint Kitts and Nevis (country code: KN). Also, because Saint Kitts and Nevis will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, it will automatically be elected in any demand for international preliminary examination filed in respect of an international application filed on or after 27 October 2005. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Saint Kitts and Nevis will be entitled, as from 27 October 2005, to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of Annex A of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**CA Canada**

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), as well as for the reduction under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in “PCT-EASY mode”) is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 October 2005, are as follows:

International filing fee:	CAD 1,340
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD 14
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	CAD 96
Handling fee:	CAD 192

[Updating of Annex C(CA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)****KN Saint-Kitts-et-Nevis**

Le 27 juillet 2005, **Saint-Kitts-et-Nevis** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT et sera lié par le PCT le 27 octobre 2005. En conséquence, toute demande internationale déposée le 27 octobre 2005 ou ultérieurement comprendra automatiquement la désignation de Saint-Kitts-et-Nevis (code pour le pays : KN). Comme Saint-Kitts-et-Nevis sera lié par le Chapitre II du PCT, il sera automatiquement élu dans toute demande d'examen préliminaire international relative à une demande internationale déposée le 27 octobre 2005 ou ultérieurement. En outre, à partir du 27 octobre 2005, les nationaux de Saint-Kitts-et-Nevis et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe A du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**CA Canada**

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars canadiens (CAD)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt, la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e et la taxe de traitement, conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction selon le point 3 du barème de taxes dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-SAFE (fonctionnant en "mode PCT-EASY"). Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	CAD 1.340
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	CAD 14
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY :	CAD 96
Taxe de traitement :	CAD 192

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(CA) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**IB International Bureau**

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** of the transmittal fee, the fee for priority document and the supplement for airmail, as well as new equivalent amounts of the reductions available for electronic filing have been established, with effect from 1 October 2005. As from 1 October 2005, the consolidated table of the fees payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office is as follows:

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currencies: Swiss franc (CHF), euro (EUR) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	CHF 100 or EUR 64 or USD 79
International filing fee:	CHF 1,400 or EUR 902 or USD 1,102
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CHF 15 or EUR 10 or USD 12
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	CHF 100 or EUR 64 or USD 79
Electronic filing (not in character coded format):	CHF 200 or EUR 129 or USD 157
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	CHF 300 or EUR 193 or USD 236
Search fee:	For the amounts, see Annex D corresponding to International Searching Authority chosen by applicant
Fee for priority document (PCT Rules 17.1(b) and 20.9):	CHF 50 or EUR 32 or USD 39
	Supplement for airmail:
	CHF 10 or EUR 6 or USD 8

[Updating of Annexe C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**IB Bureau international**

Dans l'intérêt du **Bureau international** agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, de nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, de la taxe de transmission, de la taxe pour le document de priorité et du supplément pour expédition par voie aérienne ainsi que de nouveaux montants équivalents des réductions disponibles pour le dépôt électronique ont été établis, avec effet au 1^{er} octobre 2005. À compter du 1^{er} octobre 2005, le tableau récapitulatif des taxes payables au Bureau international agissant en qualité d'office récepteur est le suivant :

Taxes payables à l'office récepteur :	Monnaies : Franc suisse (CHF), euro (EUR) et dollar des États-Unis (USD)
Taxe de transmission :	CHF 100 ou EUR 64 ou USD 79
Taxe internationale de dépôt :	CHF 1.400 ou EUR 902 ou USD 1.102
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	CHF 15 ou EUR 10 ou USD 12
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY :	CHF 100 ou EUR 64 ou USD 79
Dépôt électronique (n'étant pas en format codé caractère par caractère) :	CHF 200 ou EUR 129 ou USD 157
Dépôt électronique (en format codé caractère par caractère) :	CHF 300 ou EUR 193 ou USD 236
Taxe de recherche :	Pour les montants, voir l'annexe D correspondant à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale choisie par le déposant
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règles 17.1.b) et 20.9 du PCT) :	CHF 50 ou EUR 32 ou USD 39
	Supplément pour expédition par voie aérienne :
	CHF 10 ou EUR 6 ou USD 8

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(IB) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**KR Republic of Korea**

New equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the international filing fee and the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), as well as for the reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 October 2005, are as follows:

International filing fee:	KRW 1,126,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	KRW 12,000
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	KRW 80,000
Electronic filing (not in character coded format):	KRW 161,000
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	KRW 241,000
Handling fee:	KRW 161,000

[Updating of Annexes C(KR) and E(KR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**KR République de Corée**

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **won coréens (KRW)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt et pour la taxe de traitement, conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, ainsi que pour les réductions selon le point 3 du barème de taxes. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	KRW 1.126.000
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	KRW 12.000
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY :	KRW 80.000
Dépôt électronique (n'étant pas en format codé caractère par caractère) :	KRW 161.000
Dépôt électronique (en format codé caractère par caractère) :	KRW 241.000
Taxe de traitement :	KRW 161.000

[Mise à jour des annexes C(KR) et E(KR) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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INFORMATION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a change in one of the addresses of its headquarters, as follows:

Location: Headquarters
at Munich:
Erhardtstr. 27
D-80469 München
Germany

Mailing address: [No change]

[Updating of Annex B2(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**CN China**
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** of the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **China Intellectual Property Office**, has been established. The new amount, applicable as from 1 October 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): CHF 240

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RU Russian Federation

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** of the search fee, payable for an international search carried out by the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. The new amount, applicable as from 1 October 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): CHF 389

[Updating of Annex D(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a notifié un changement dans l'une des adresses de son siège, comme suit :

Siège : à Munich :
Erhardtstr. 27
D-80469 München
Allemagne

Adresse postale : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B2(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**CN Chine****IB Bureau international**

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au **Bureau international** agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, un nouveau montant équivalent en **francs suisses (CHF)** de la taxe de recherche, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine**, a été établi. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : CHF 240

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(CN) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

RU Fédération de Russie

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **francs suisses (CHF)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par le **Service fédéral de la propriété intellectuelle, des brevets et des marques (Fédération de Russie)** aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le franc suisse (CHF) comme monnaie de paiement ou utilisent le franc suisse (CHF) comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : CHF 389

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(RU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****DK Denmark**

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 15 August 2005, the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as a receiving Office, notified the International Bureau under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 September 2005, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R, 3.5 inch diskette or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging:

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE software
- *epoline*® software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string and click-wrap signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****DK Danemark**

Depuis le 7 janvier 2002, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques appropriés est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F des instructions administratives du PCT qui contiennent, respectivement, le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires à la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement sous forme électronique des demandes internationales prévus à la règle 89*bis*.1 du PCT.

Le 15 août 2005, l'**Office danois des brevets et des marques**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international, selon la règle 89*bis*.1.d) et l'instruction administrative 710.a) du PCT, qu'il est disposé à recevoir et à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2005, comme suit :

“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- XML (en général; voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- Norme OMPI ST.25 (pour les listages des séquences; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F et l'annexe C)
- PDF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.2 de l'annexe F)
- TIFF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :

- dépôt en ligne (voir la section 5 de l'annexe F et la section 2.d) de l'appendice III de l'annexe F)
- dépôt effectué sur l'un des supports matériels suivants: CD-R, disquette de 3,5 pouces ou DVD-R (voir la section 5.2.1 de l'annexe F, la section 2.e) de l'appendice III et les sections 4.1, 4.3 et 4.5 de l'appendice IV de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne l'emballage électronique des documents :

- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l'annexe F)
- WAD (documents constitutifs de la demande compactés; voir la section 4.1.1 de l'annexe F) uniquement aux fins du dépôt sur un support matériel

En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- logiciel PCT-SAFE
- logiciel *epoline*®

En ce qui concerne les types de signature électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- signature en fac-similé, signature composée d'une chaîne de caractères et signature enveloppée électroniquement selon la méthode dite du 'click-wrap' (voir les sections 3.3.1 à 3.3.3 de l'annexe F)
- signature électronique renforcée (voir la section 3.3.4 de l'annexe F)

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****DK Denmark (cont'd)****As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):**

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1), or sent with outdated certificates, that a notification of receipt will not be generated.

Other errors, such as applications being infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)), are notified to the applicant in the acknowledgement of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 9:00 and 16:00 Monday to Friday excluding official holidays. The help desk may be contacted:

- by phone at +45 43 50 80 00
- by fax at +45 43 50 80 01
- by e-mail at pvs@dkpto.dk

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper. Furthermore, the Office will not prepare a backup copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****DK Danemark (suite)****En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures ayant trait à la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)ii) :**

L'accusé de réception de tout ce qui est supposé constituer une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique auprès de l'office contient, outre les informations exigées au titre de l'instruction 704.a)i) à iv), les noms des fichiers électroniques reçus (voir l'instruction 704.v)).

L'office fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique. Ce n'est que dans les cas où la demande n'est pas envoyée conformément au protocole sur l'interopérabilité en matière de dépôt électronique (voir la section 5.1 de l'annexe F), ou est envoyée avec des certificats caduques, qu'un accusé de réception ne sera pas généré.

D'autres erreurs, telles que des demandes contaminées par des virus ou d'autres formes d'éléments malveillants (voir l'instruction 708.b)), sont notifiées au déposant dans l'accusé de réception.

Lorsqu'il s'avère que l'accusé de réception envoyé au déposant par des moyens électroniques n'a pas été transmis avec succès, l'office le renvoie à bref délai par le même moyen ou par un autre moyen (voir l'instruction 709.b)).

En ce qui concerne le paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a)ii) :

Le paiement en ligne n'est pas disponible. Seuls les modes de paiement actuellement disponibles sont acceptés.

En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d'assistance (instruction 710.a)ii) :

L'office a mis en place un service d'assistance pour répondre aux questions des utilisateurs. Ce service d'assistance est ouvert du lundi au vendredi, mis à part les vacances officielles, de 9 heures à 16 heures. Il peut être contacté :

- par téléphone, au +45 43 50 80 00
- par télécopie, au +45 43 50 80 01
- par courriel, à l'adresse électronique suivante : pvs@dkpto.dk

En ce qui concerne les types de documents qui peuvent être transmis à l'office sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)iii) :

- demandes internationales

En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :

L'office n'acceptera aucun dépôt de copie de sauvegarde sur papier. Par ailleurs, l'office ne préparera aucune copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sur papier à la demande du déposant.

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****DK Denmark (cont'd)**

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the online filing system on its website (www.dkpto.dk).

As to certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of listings of the certificate policies under which the certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- European Patent Office (www.epoline.org)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- OCES CA (www.oces.dk)

As to procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES****CA Canada**

Information on the requirements of the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office** as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority is given in Annexes D(CA) and E(CA), which are published on the following pages.

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****DK Danemark (suite)**

En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :

Dans le cas où les systèmes informatiques ne seraient plus en état de marche au moment où une demande internationale est déposée auprès de lui, l'office mettra en œuvre tous les moyens dont il dispose pour informer le déposant des procédures de remplacement à suivre.

L'office fournira les informations relatives aux disponibilités du système de dépôt en ligne sur son site Internet (www.dkpto.dk).

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office et les adresses électroniques des listes des exigences en matière de délivrance des certificats (instruction 710.a)vi) :

- Office européen des brevets (www.epoline.org)
- Autorité de certification de l'OMPI pour les utilisateurs (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/fr/certificates.htm)
- OCES CA (www.oces.dk)

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou archivées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible.”

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL****CA Canada**

Des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada** en tant qu'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international sont reproduits aux annexes D(CA) et E(CA), publiées aux pages suivantes.

D **International Searching Authorities** **D**

CA **CANADIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY** **CA**

OFFICE

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ¹	<table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">Canadian dollar (CAD)</td> <td style="width: 30%; text-align: right;">1,600</td> <td style="width: 40%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>Euro (EUR)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">985(1,078)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">²</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Swiss franc (CHF)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,520</td> <td style="text-align: right;">(1,681)²</td> </tr> <tr> <td>US dollar (USD)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">1,336</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	Canadian dollar (CAD)	1,600		Euro (EUR)	985(1,078)	²	Swiss franc (CHF)	1,520	(1,681) ²	US dollar (USD)	1,336	
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Swiss franc (CHF)	1,520	(1,681) ²											
US dollar (USD)	1,336												
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2): ³	CAD 1,600												
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	CAD 1.00 per page												
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100%</p> <p>Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 25%</p>												
Languages accepted for international search:	English, French												
Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings be furnished in electronic form (PCT Rule 13 ^{ter} .1)?	Yes												
Types of electronic carrier required:	The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single diskette, CD-ROM or DVD.												
Technical requirements related to tables:	<p>Character format of sequence listings-related tables: — UTF-8-encoded Unicode 3.0</p> <p>Encoded using: — IBM Code Page 437</p> <p>Under the Personal Computer Operating Systems: — Windows 2000 or later Windows versions</p>												
Subject matter that will not be searched:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 39.1 with the exception of subject matter which is searched under Canadian patent grant procedure												

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¹ This fee is payable to the receiving Office in the currency or one of the currencies accepted by it (see Annex C).

² The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 15 September 2005.

³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

D Administrations chargées de la recherche internationale D

CA OFFICE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE DU CANADA CA

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) ¹ :	Dollar canadien (CAD)	1.600	
	Dollar des États-Unis (USD)	1.336	
	Euro (EUR)	985(1.078)	²
	Franc suisse (CHF)	1.520	(1.681) ²
Taxe de recherche additionnelle (règle 40.2 du PCT) ³ :	CAD	1.600	
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport de recherche internationale (règle 44.3 du PCT) :	CAD	1,00	par page
Conditions de remboursement et montant du remboursement de la taxe de recherche :	Toute somme payée par erreur, sans raison ou en excédent est remboursée. Lorsque la demande internationale est retirée ou considérée comme retirée, en vertu de l'article 14.1), 3) ou 4) du PCT, avant le début de la recherche internationale: remboursement à 100% Lorsque l'administration peut utiliser une recherche antérieure: remboursement à 25%		
Langues admises pour la recherche internationale :	Anglais, français		
L'administration exige-t-elle que les listages des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés soient fournis sous forme électronique (règle 13 ^{ter} .1 du PCT) ?	Oui		
Types de support électronique requis :	La copie imprimable du listage des séquences et des données permettant l'identification devrait figurer tout entière dans un seul fichier "texte" sur une seule disquette ou sur un seul CD-ROM ou DVD.		
Exigences techniques relatives aux tableaux :	Format de caractères des tableaux relatifs aux listages des séquences : – format de caractères Unicode 3.0, codage UTF-8 Codage selon : – page de code IBM 437 Déchiffable sous le système d'exploitation d'ordinateur personnel : – Windows 2000 ou versions Windows ultérieures		
Objets exclus de la recherche :	Tout objet mentionné aux points i) à vi) de la règle 39.1 du PCT, à l'exception des objets qui font l'objet d'une recherche selon la procédure canadienne de délivrance des brevets		

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¹ Taxe à verser à l'office récepteur dans la monnaie ou l'une des monnaies acceptées par cet office (voir l'annexe C).

² Le montant indiqué entre parenthèses est applicable à compter du 15 septembre 2005.

³ Taxe à verser à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et dans certains cas seulement.

D **International Searching Authorities** **D**
CA **CANADIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY** **CA**
OFFICE

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Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.

D	Administrations chargées de la recherche internationale	D
CA	OFFICE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE DU CANADA	CA

[Suite]

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise ?

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Oui

Lorsqu'un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt accomplit tout acte après le dépôt; ou lorsqu'il ne ressort pas clairement que le mandataire ou le représentant commun est mandaté pour agir au nom du déposant.

Oui

Lorsqu'un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt accomplit tout acte après le dépôt; ou lorsqu'il ne ressort pas clairement que le mandataire ou le représentant commun est mandaté pour agir au nom du déposant.

E **E**
International Preliminary
Examining Authorities
CA **CA**
CANADIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
OFFICE

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Canadian dollar (CAD)	800
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ²	CAD	800
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ³	CAD	213 (192) ⁴
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	CAD	1.00 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94.2):	CAD	1.00 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	<p>Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded.</p> <p>In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100%</p> <p>If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%</p>	
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	English, French	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of subject matter which is examined under Canadian patent grant procedure	
Waiver of power of attorney:		
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes	
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.	
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes	
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the request form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant.	

¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 75% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)). For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2003, page 24736, Schedule of Fees, item 4.

⁴ The amount in parentheses is applicable as from 1 October 2005.

E Administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international E

CA OFFICE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE DU CANADA CA

Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58 du PCT) ¹ :	Dollar canadien (CAD)	800
Taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle (règle 68.3 du PCT) ² :	CAD	800
Taxe de traitement (règle 57.1 du PCT) ³ :	CAD	213 (192) ⁴
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport d'examen préliminaire international (règle 71.2 du PCT) :	CAD	1,00 par page
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents contenus dans le dossier de la demande internationale (règle 94.2 du PCT) :	CAD	1,00 par page
Conditions de remboursement et montant du remboursement de la taxe d'examen préliminaire :	<p>Tout montant payé par erreur, sans raison ou en excédent sera remboursé.</p> <p>Dans les cas prévus à la règle 58.3 du PCT : remboursement à 100 %</p> <p>Si la demande internationale ou la demande d'examen préliminaire international est retirée avant le début de l'examen préliminaire international : remboursement à 100 %</p>	
Langues admises pour l'examen préliminaire international :	Anglais, français	
Objets exclus de l'examen :	Tout objet mentionné aux points i) à vi) de la règle 67.1 du PCT, à l'exception des objets qui font l'objet d'un examen selon la procédure canadienne de délivrance des brevets	

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¹ Taxe à verser à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

² Taxe à verser à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international et dans certains cas seulement.

³ Taxe à verser à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international. Cette taxe est réduite de 75% si certaines conditions s'appliquent (voir la note de bas de page correspondante de l'annexe C(IB)). Pour plus de précisions, voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 44/2003, page 24737, barème de taxes, point 4.

⁴ Le montant indiqué entre parenthèses est applicable à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2005.

*[There is no corresponding page
in English]*

E Administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international E
CA OFFICE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE DU CANADA CA

[Suite]

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lorsqu'un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt accomplit tout acte après le dépôt; ou lorsqu'il ne ressort pas clairement que le mandataire ou le représentant commun est mandaté pour agir au nom du déposant.

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lorsqu'un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt accomplit tout acte après le dépôt; ou lorsqu'il ne ressort pas clairement que le mandataire ou le représentant commun est mandaté pour agir au nom du déposant.

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

NOTIFICATIONS ET INFORMATIONS DE CARACTÈRE GÉNÉRAL

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**US United States of America**

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a change in the facsimile number for PCT applications, international and national phase, as follows:

Facsimile machine: (1-571) 273 32 01 (PCT applications, international and national phase)

[Updating of Annex B1(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**DK Denmark**

Further to the notification by the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 September 2005 (see PCT Gazette No. 35/2005, page 22816), equivalent amounts in **Danish kroner (DKK)** of the new electronic filing reductions have been established, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):

PCT-EASY:	[No change]
Electronic filing (not in character coded format):	DKK 960
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	DKK 1,440

[Updating of Annex C(DK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search carried out by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 November 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ISK 121,000

[Updating of Annex D(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the search fee in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** payable for an international search carried out by the Office. The new amount, applicable as from 1 November 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ISK 121,000

[Updating of Annex D(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

L'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** a notifié un changement relatif au numéro de télécopieur pour les demandes PCT, phase internationale et phase nationale, comme suit :

Télécopieur : (1-571) 273 32 01 (demandes PCT, phase internationale et phase nationale)

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(US) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**DK Danemark**

Suite à la notification de l'**Office danois des brevets et des marques** selon laquelle l'office est disposé à recevoir et à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2005 (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 35/2005, page 22817), les montants équivalents, exprimés en **couronnes danoises (DKK)**, des nouvelles réductions pour le dépôt électronique ont été établis, avec effet à compter de la même date, comme suit :

Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :

PCT-EASY : [Sans changement]

Dépôt électronique
(n'étant pas en format codé
caractère par caractère) : DKK 960

Dépôt électronique
(en format codé caractère
par caractère) : DKK 1.440

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(DK) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} novembre 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : ISK 121.000

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

SE Suède

L'**Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement** a notifié au Bureau international un nouveau montant de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} novembre 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : ISK 121.000

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(SE) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**US United States of America**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the higher search fee for an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**; the equivalent amount of the lower search fee remains unchanged. The new amount, applicable as from 1 November 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): NZD 1,460 [No change]

[Updating of Annex D(US) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**RECEIVING OFFICES****DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES****PG Papua New Guinea**

General information on **Papua New Guinea** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea** as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, is given in Annexes B1(PG) and C(PG) and the Summary (PG), which are published on the following pages.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

Un nouveau montant équivalent du montant le plus élevé de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**; le montant équivalent du montant le plus bas de la taxe de recherche reste inchangé. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} novembre 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : NZD 1.460 [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(US) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)****PG Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée**

Des informations de caractère général concernant la **Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée** en tant qu'État contractant, ainsi que des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée** en tant qu'office récepteur et en tant qu'office désigné (ou élu), figurent aux annexes B1(PG) et C(PG) et dans le résumé (PG), qui sont publiés aux pages suivantes.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****PG****PAPUA NEW GUINEA****PG****General information**

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea
Location and mailing address:	6 th Floor Monian Tower, P.O. Box 1281, Port Moresby, N.C.D., Papua New Guinea
Telephone:	(675) 321 3900, 308 4413
Facsimile machine:	(675) 321 5155
Teleprinter:	—
E-mail:	ipopng@ipa.gov.pg
Internet:	www.ipa.gov.pg
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Papua New Guinea:	Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Papua New Guinea is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea (see Volume II)
May Papua New Guinea be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Papua New Guinea concerning international-type search:	None

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B1 **Informations sur les États contractants** **B1**
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Informations générales

Nom de l'office :	Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée
Siège et adresse postale :	6 th Floor Monian Tower, P.O. Box 1281, Port Moresby, N.C.D., Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée
Téléphone :	(675) 321 3900, 308 4413
Télécopieur :	(675) 321 5155
Téléimprimeur :	—
Courrier électronique :	ipopng@ipa.gov.pg
Internet :	www.ipa.gov.pg
L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT) ?	Oui, par télécopieur
Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens ?	Tous types de documents
L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas ?	Oui, dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de la transmission
L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT) ?	Oui
Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux de la Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées :	Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée ou Bureau international de l'OMPI, au choix du déposant (voir l'annexe C)
Office désigné (ou élu) compétent si la Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée est désignée (ou élue) :	Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée (voir le volume II)
La Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée peut-elle être élue ?	Oui (liée par le chapitre II du PCT)
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Brevets
Dispositions de la législation de la Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée relatives à la recherche de type international :	Néant

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****PG****PAPUA NEW GUINEA****PG***[Continued]*Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if Papua New Guinea is designated (or elected)Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Papua New Guinea is designated
(or elected):May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already
complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT
Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply
with the requirement within two months from the date of the
invitation.Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

No

B1	Informations sur les États contractants	B1
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Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale:	Néant
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Informations utiles si la Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée est désignée (ou élue)

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si la Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée est désignée (ou élue):	Peuvent figurer dans la requête ou être communiqués ultérieurement. S'ils n'ont pas été communiqués dans le délai applicable selon l'article 22) ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office invitera le déposant à faire le nécessaire dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de l'invitation.
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Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique?	Non
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RECEIVING OFFICES
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Papua New Guinea
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ¹	Yes
Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Kina (PGK) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	PGK 250
International filing fee: ²	USD 1,134
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ²	USD 12
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY: ¹	USD 81
Search fee: ³	See Annex D(AU)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	PGK 30 plus PGK 2 per page in excess of 30
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Papua New Guinea Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Papua New Guinea

¹ Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332, and No. 44/2003, page 24736, Schedule of Fees, item 3(a)), the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced.

² This fee is reduced by 75% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)). For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2003, page 24736, Schedule of Fees, item 4. It is to be noted that, if both the PCT-EASY reduction and the 75% reduction of the international filing fee are applicable, the 75% reduction is calculated after the PCT-EASY reduction.

³ Fee payable in USD.

C **Offices récepteurs** **C**

PG **OFFICE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ** **PG**

**INTELLECTUELLE DE LA PAPOUASIE-
NOUVELLE-GUINÉE**

Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux et les résidents de :	Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée
Langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée :	Anglais
Langue dans laquelle la requête peut être déposée :	Anglais
Nombre d'exemplaires requis par l'office récepteur :	3
L'office récepteur accepte-t-il le dépôt de demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY ¹ ?	Oui
Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale :	Office australien des brevets
Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international :	Office australien des brevets
Taxes payables à l'office récepteur :	Monnaie : Kina (PGK) et dollar des États-Unis (USD)
Taxe de transmission :	PGK 250
Taxe internationale de dépôt ² :	USD 1.134
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e ² :	USD 12
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY ¹ :	USD 81
Taxe de recherche ³ :	Voir l'annexe D(AU)
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	PGK 30 plus PGK 2 par page à compter de la 31 ^e
L'office récepteur exige-t-il un mandataire ?	Non, si le déposant est domicilié en Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée Oui, dans le cas contraire
Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Toute personne physique ou morale domiciliée en Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée

¹ Lorsque la requête est déposée en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec une disquette PCT-EASY et que l'office récepteur accepte ce mode de dépôt (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 51/1998, pages 17331 et 17333, et n° 44/2003, page 24737, barème de taxes, point 3.a)), le montant total de la taxe internationale de dépôt est réduit.

² Cette taxe est réduite de 75% si certaines conditions s'appliquent (voir la note de bas de page correspondante de l'annexe C(IB)). Pour plus de précisions, voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 44/2003, page 24737, barème de taxes, point 4. Il convient de noter que, si la réduction PCT-EASY et la réduction de 75% de la taxe internationale de dépôt s'appliquent toutes deux, la réduction de 75% est calculée après la réduction PCT-EASY.

³ Taxe payable en USD.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****PG****INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA****PG****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Kina (PGK) Filing fee: ¹ PGK 1,000 If the application includes a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing filed on a compact disk or by other electronic means: PGK 1,500 Each divisional application for a patent: PGK 300 Annual fee for the second year: PGK 170
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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**OFFICE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ
INTELLECTUELLE DE LA PAPOUASIE-
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Résumé des exigences pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT : 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT : 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
Traduction de la demande internationale requise en ¹ :	Anglais
Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale ¹ :	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, à la fois telles que déposées initialement et telles que modifiées), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer à la fois tel que déposé initialement et tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international)
Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise ?	Non
Taxe nationale :	Monnaie : Kina (PGK) Taxe de dépôt ¹ : PGK 1.000 Si la demande contient un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés déposé sur un disque compact ou par d'autres moyens électroniques : PGK 1.500 Chaque demande divisionnaire pour un brevet : PGK 300 Taxe annuelle pour la deuxième année : PGK 170
Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :	Néant

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¹ Doit être remise ou payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****PG****INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
OF PAPUA NEW GUINEA****PG**

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Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Papua New Guinea. An instrument appointing the agent (authorization or power of attorney) is required.²Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application^{3,4}Evidence of entitlement to file where the applicant is not the inventor^{3,4}Evidence of entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application^{3,4}Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)⁴

Who can act as agent?

Any natural or legal person resident in Papua New Guinea

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with PCT Rule 4.17.

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

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**OFFICE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ
INTELLECTUELLE DE LA PAPOUASIE-
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Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT):

Désignation d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié en Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée. Justification de la désignation du mandataire (autorisation ou pouvoir) exigée².

Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale^{3,4}.

Justification du droit de déposer lorsque le déposant n'est pas l'inventeur^{3,4}.

Justification du droit de revendiquer la priorité lorsque le déposant n'est pas le déposant qui a déposé la demande antérieure^{3,4}.

Justification du changement du nom du déposant si le changement est survenu après la date du dépôt international et qu'il n'a pas été reflété dans une notification émanant du Bureau international (formulaire PCT/IB/306)⁴.

Qui peut agir en qualité de
mandataire?

Toute personne physique ou morale domiciliée en Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée

² Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

³ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17 du PCT.

⁴ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de réception de l'invitation.

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT**NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(a) and, as far as section 4 of Appendix IV of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT is concerned, as a result of the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 of Annex F (expedited consideration of change proposals), the modifications of Sections 102*bis*, 214, 335 and 804, Part 7 and Annex F (including its Appendices II to IV) of the Administrative Instructions are promulgated with effect from 1 October 2005.

These modifications involve:

(i) the use of all physical media that are acceptable under Annex F, such as diskettes, CD-R and DVD-R, for the filing of the PCT-EASY request data and abstract (see modifications of Sections 102*bis* and 335, and of section 4 of Appendix IV of Annex F),

(ii) the signature of the declaration of inventorship referred to under PCT Rule 4.17(iv) (see modifications of Section 214 and of paragraph 192C(ii) of the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines),

(iii) the processing and communication in electronic form of international applications filed on paper (see modifications of Sections 701, 702, 705, 710 and 713, and new Sections 705*bis* and 714),

(iv) the clarification of the wording of several provisions in Part 7 and Annex F, taking into account experience gained with the filing and processing in electronic form of international applications (see modifications of Sections 701 to 704 and 707 to 713, and new Section 714 as well as modifications of Annex F and its Appendices II to IV).

The text of the modifications of the Administrative Instructions is set out in document PCT/AI/2 Rev.4, dated 6 September 2005, that may be downloaded from the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm. The text of the modifications of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions (including its Appendices II to IV) is not, due to its highly technical content, reproduced here but has also been published, as document PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.3, dated 6 September 2005, on the WIPO website.

The present text of the Administrative Instructions is set out in the PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-04/2004, dated 1 July 2004, and in documents PCT/AI/2 Corr., dated 11 August 2004, PCT/AI/2 Rev.1, dated February 18, 2005, and PCT/AI/2 Rev.2 and Rev.3, both dated March 24, 2005. The present text of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions is set out in documents PCT/AI/ANF/1, dated 17 June 2004, PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.1, dated 2 August 2004, and PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.2, dated 2 September 2004. All these documents may be downloaded from the WIPO website.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT**NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**

Après consultation des offices et des administrations intéressés conformément à la règle 89.2.a) du PCT et, en ce qui concerne la section 4 de l'appendice IV de l'annexe F des Instructions administratives du PCT, suite à la procédure de modification prévue à la section 2.5.5 de l'annexe F (examen accéléré des propositions de modification), les modifications des instructions 102*bis*, 214, 335 et 804, de la septième partie et de l'annexe F (y compris ses appendices II à IV) des instructions administratives sont promulguées avec effet au 1^{er} octobre 2005.

Ces modifications concernent :

i) l'utilisation de tous les supports matériels conformes à l'annexe F, tels que des disquettes, CD-R et DVD-R, pour le dépôt des données relatives à la requête et de l'abrégé préparés en mode de présentation PCT-EASY (voir les modifications apportées aux instructions 102*bis* et 335 et à la section 4 de l'appendice IV de l'annexe F),

ii) la signature de la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur prévue par la règle 4.17.iv) du PCT (voir les modifications apportées à l'instruction 214 et au paragraphe 192C.ii) des Directives à l'usage des offices récepteurs du PCT),

iii) le traitement et la communication sous forme électronique des demandes internationales déposées sur papier (voir les modifications apportées aux instructions 701, 702, 705, 710 et 713, et les nouvelles instructions 705*bis* et 714),

iv) la clarification du libellé de plusieurs dispositions de la septième partie et de l'annexe F, compte tenu de l'expérience acquise en matière de dépôt et de traitement sous forme électronique des demandes internationales (voir les modifications apportées aux instructions 701 à 704 et 707 à 713, et la nouvelle instruction 714, ainsi que les modifications apportées à l'annexe F et à ses appendices II à IV).

Le texte des modifications des instructions administratives figure dans le document PCT/AI/2 Rev.4, du 6 septembre 2005, qui peut être téléchargé sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/index.htm. Le texte des modifications de l'annexe F des instructions administratives (y compris ses appendices II à IV) n'est pas reproduit ici en raison de son contenu extrêmement technique mais a également été publié, sous la forme du document PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.3, du 6 septembre 2005, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI.

Le texte actuel des instructions administratives figure dans le numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT S-04/2004, du 1^{er} juillet 2004, et dans les documents PCT/AI/2 Corr., du 11 août 2004, PCT/AI/2 Rev.1, du 18 février 2005, et PCT/AI/2 Rev.2 et Rev.3, tous deux du 24 mars 2005. Le texte actuel de l'annexe F des instructions administratives figure dans les documents PCT/AI/ANF/1, du 17 juin 2004, PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.1, du 2 août 2004, et PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.2, du 2 septembre 2004. Tous ces documents peuvent être téléchargés sur le site Internet de l'OMPI.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS****Section 102bis**
Filing of PCT-EASY Request Together with
PCT-EASY Physical Medium Containing Request Data and Abstract

(a) Pursuant to Rule 89*ter*, any receiving Office may, if it is prepared to do so, accept the filing with it of an international application containing the request presented as a print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software made available by the International Bureau (“PCT-EASY request”) together with a physical medium that has been specified by the receiving Office in accordance with Annex F. Such physical medium shall contain a copy in electronic form of the data contained in the request and of the abstract (“PCT-EASY physical medium”).

(b) Any receiving Office which, under paragraph (a), accepts the filing of PCT-EASY requests together with PCT-EASY physical media shall notify the International Bureau accordingly. The International Bureau shall promptly publish this information in the Gazette.

(c) Item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations shall apply to reduce the fees payable in respect of an international application containing a PCT-EASY request filed, together with a PCT-EASY physical medium, with a receiving Office which, under paragraph (a), accepts the filing of such international applications.

Section 214
Declaration of Inventorship

(a) A declaration of inventorship, referred to in Rule 4.17(iv), that is made for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America shall be worded as follows:

“Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51*bis*.1(a)(iv)) for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:

I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/... (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26*ter*).

I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified international application, including the claims of said application. I have identified in the request of said application, in compliance with PCT Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading “Prior Applications,” by application number, country or Member of the World Trade Organization, day, month and year of filing, any application for a patent or inventor’s certificate filed in a country other than the United States of America, including any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES****Instruction 102bis****Dépôt de la requête PCT-EASY accompagnée d'un support matériel PCT-EASY
contenant les données relatives à la requête et l'abrégé**

a) Conformément à la règle 89^{ter}, tout office récepteur peut, s'il est disposé à le faire, accepter le dépôt d'une demande internationale contenant la requête présentée sous la forme d'un imprimé établi à l'aide des fonctionnalités EASY du logiciel PCT-SAFE mis à disposition par le Bureau international ("requête PCT-EASY") accompagnée d'un support matériel qui a été déterminé par l'office récepteur conformément à l'annexe F. Ce support matériel contient une copie sous forme électronique des données contenues dans la requête et une copie de l'abrégé ("support matériel PCT-EASY").

b) Tout office récepteur qui accepte, en vertu de l'alinéa a), le dépôt de requêtes PCT-EASY accompagnées de supports matériels PCT-EASY notifie ce fait au Bureau international. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai cette information dans la gazette.

c) Le point 3.a) du barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution s'applique aux fins de réduire les taxes payables pour une demande internationale contenant une requête PCT-EASY, accompagnée d'un support matériel PCT-EASY, déposée auprès d'un office récepteur qui, en vertu de l'alinéa a), accepte le dépôt de telles demandes internationales.

Instruction 214**Déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur**

a) Une déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur, visée à la règle 4.17.iv), qui est faite aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique, doit être libellée comme suit :

"Déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (règles 4.17.iv) et 51bis.1.a)iv)) aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique :

Par la présente, je déclare que je crois être le premier inventeur original et unique (si un seul inventeur est mentionné ci-dessous) ou l'un des premiers coinventeurs (si plusieurs inventeurs sont mentionnés ci-dessous) de l'objet revendiqué pour lequel un brevet est demandé.

La présente déclaration a trait à la demande internationale dont elle fait partie (si la déclaration est déposée avec la demande).

La présente déclaration a trait à la demande internationale n° PCT/... (si la déclaration est remise en vertu de la règle 26^{ter}).

Par la présente, je déclare que mon domicile, mon adresse postale et ma nationalité sont tels qu'indiqués près de mon nom.

Par la présente, je déclare avoir passé en revue et comprendre le contenu de la demande internationale à laquelle il est fait référence ci-dessus, y compris les revendications de ladite demande. J'ai indiqué dans la requête de ladite demande, conformément à la règle 4.10 du PCT, toute revendication de priorité d'une demande étrangère et j'ai identifié ci-dessous, sous l'intitulé "Demandes antérieures", au moyen du numéro de demande, du pays ou du membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce, du jour, du mois et de l'année du dépôt, toute demande de brevet ou de certificat d'auteur d'invention déposée dans un pays autre que les États-Unis d'Amérique, y compris toute demande internationale selon le PCT désignant au moins un pays autre que les États-Unis d'Amérique, dont la date de dépôt est antérieure à celle de la demande étrangère dont la priorité est revendiquée.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**

I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Name: ...

Residence: ... (city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address: ...

Citizenship: ...

Prior Applications: ...

Inventor's Signature: ... (The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

Date: ...”

(b) Where there is more than one inventor and all inventors do not sign the same declaration referred to in paragraph (a), each declaration shall indicate the names of all the inventors.

(c) Any correction or addition under Rule 26ter.1 of a declaration referred to in paragraph (a) shall take the form of a declaration referred to in that paragraph and be signed by the inventor. In addition, any such correction shall be entitled “Supplemental declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))”.

Section 335
Transmittal of PCT-EASY Request Data and Abstract

The request data and abstract contained on a PCT-EASY physical medium furnished to the receiving Office in accordance with Section 102bis shall be transmitted by that Office to the International Bureau, in a form and manner agreed upon by that Office and that Bureau, at the same time as the record copy.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**

Par la présente, je reconnais l'obligation qui m'est faite de divulguer les renseignements dont j'ai connaissance et qui sont pertinents quant à la brevetabilité de l'invention, tels qu'ils sont définis dans le Titre 37, § 1.56, du Code fédéral des réglementations, y compris, en ce qui concerne les demandes de continuation-in-part, les renseignements pertinents qui sont devenus accessibles entre la date de dépôt de la demande antérieure et la date du dépôt international de la demande de continuation-in-part.

Je déclare par la présente que toute déclaration ci-incluse est, à ma connaissance, véridique et que toute déclaration formulée à partir de renseignements ou de suppositions est tenue pour véridique; et de plus, que toutes ces déclarations ont été formulées en sachant que toute fausse déclaration volontaire ou son équivalent est passible d'une amende ou d'une incarcération, ou des deux, en vertu de la Section 1001 du Titre 18 du Code des États-Unis, et que de telles déclarations volontairement fausses risquent de compromettre la validité de la demande de brevet ou du brevet délivré à partir de celle-ci.

Nom : ...

Domicile : ... (ville et État (des États-Unis d'Amérique), le cas échéant, ou pays)

Adresse postale : ...

Nationalité : ...

Demandes antérieures : ...

Signature de l'inventeur : ... (La signature doit être celle de l'inventeur, il ne peut s'agir de celle du mandataire)

Date : ... ”

b) Lorsqu'il y a plus d'un inventeur et que tous les inventeurs ne signent pas la même déclaration visée à l'alinéa a), chaque déclaration doit comporter le nom de tous les inventeurs.

c) Toute correction ou adjonction, faite en vertu de la règle 26ter.1, d'une déclaration visée à l'alinéa a) doit être présentée sous la forme d'une déclaration visée audit alinéa et être signée par l'inventeur. De plus, toute correction doit être intitulée "Déclaration supplémentaire relative à la qualité d'inventeur (règles 4.17.iv) et 51bis.1.a)iv)".

Instruction 335**Transmission des données relatives à la requête PCT-EASY et de l'abrégé**

Les données relatives à la requête et l'abrégé contenus sur un support matériel PCT-EASY remis à l'office récepteur conformément à l'instruction 102bis sont transmis par cet office au Bureau international, sous une forme et d'une manière acceptées par cet office et par ce bureau, en même temps que l'exemplaire original.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)****PART 7
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO THE FILING AND PROCESSING
IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS****Section 701
Abbreviated Expressions**

For the purposes of this Part and Annex F, unless the contrary clearly follows from the wording, the nature of the provision or the context:

(i) “electronic package” means a package of one or more electronic files assembled for the purposes of transmission of one or more documents in electronic form;

(ii) and (iii) [No change]

(iv) “electronic signature” means information in electronic form which is attached to, or logically associated with, a document in electronic form, which may be used to identify the signer and which indicates the signer’s approval of the content of the document;

(v) [No change]

(vi) “communication” of an international application or other document has the same meaning as in Rule 89*bis*.3;

(vii) words and expressions whose meanings are explained in Annex F have the same meanings in this Part.

**Section 702
Filing, Processing and Communication in Electronic Form of International Applications**

(a) The filing, processing and communication of international applications filed in electronic form, and the processing and communication in electronic form of international applications filed on paper, shall be in accordance with this Part and Annex F.

(b) Subject to this Part, an international application that is filed, processed or communicated in electronic form shall not be denied legal effect merely because it is in electronic form.

(c) This Part and Annex F do not apply to an international application containing a sequence listing part which is filed in electronic form under Section 801(a), except that Section 705*bis* shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to such an application to the extent that it is filed on paper.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**

SEPTIÈME PARTIE
INSTRUCTIONS RELATIVES AU DÉPÔT ET AU TRAITEMENT
SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES

Instruction 701
Expressions abrégées

Au sens de la présente partie et de l'annexe F, et sauf lorsqu'un sens différent découle du libellé ou de la nature de la disposition, ou du contexte, on entend par :

i) "paquet électronique", un paquet d'un ou plusieurs fichiers électroniques assemblés aux fins de la transmission d'un ou plusieurs documents sous forme électronique;

ii) et iii) [Sans changement]

iv) "signature électronique", une donnée sous forme électronique, qui est jointe ou liée logiquement à un document sous forme électronique, qui peut être utilisée pour identifier le signataire et qui indique l'approbation du signataire concernant le contenu du document;

v) [Sans changement]

vi) "communication", la communication d'une demande internationale ou d'un autre document au sens de la règle 89*bis*.3;

vii) les termes et expressions dont la définition figure dans l'annexe F gardent le même sens dans la présente partie.

Instruction 702
Dépôt, traitement et communication sous forme électronique
des demandes internationales

a) Le dépôt, le traitement et la communication des demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique, ainsi que le traitement et la communication sous forme électronique des demandes internationales déposées sur papier, doivent être conformes à la présente partie et à l'annexe F.

b) Sous réserve de la présente partie, une demande internationale qui est déposée, traitée ou communiquée sous forme électronique ne doit pas être dénuée d'effet juridique au seul motif qu'elle est sous forme électronique.

c) La présente partie et l'annexe F ne s'appliquent pas à une demande internationale contenant une partie réservée au listage des séquences qui est déposée sous une forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a), à l'exception de l'instruction 705*bis* qui s'applique *mutatis mutandis* à une telle demande en ce qui concerne ses documents constitutifs déposés sur papier.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)****Section 703
Filing Requirements; Basic Common Standard**

(a) [No change]

(b) An international application filed in electronic form shall be:

(i) and (ii) [No change]

(iii) in the form of an electronic package, appropriate to the means of transmittal, that has been specified by the receiving Office in accordance with Annex F or that complies with the basic common standard;

(iv) and (v) [No change]

(c) to (f) [No change]

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 703****Conditions relatives au dépôt; norme commune de base**

a) [Sans changement]

b) Une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique doit être :

i) dans un format électronique de document qui a été déterminé par l'office récepteur conformément à l'annexe F, ou qui est conforme à la norme commune de base;

ii) déposée par un moyen de transmission qui a été déterminé par l'office récepteur conformément à l'annexe F ou qui est conforme à la norme commune de base;

iii) sous la forme d'un paquet électronique, adapté au moyen de transmission, qui a été déterminé par l'office récepteur conformément à l'annexe F ou qui est conforme à la norme commune de base;

iv) élaborée et déposée au moyen d'un logiciel de dépôt électronique qui a été déterminé par l'office récepteur conformément à l'annexe F ou qui est conforme à la norme commune de base; et

v) [Sans changement]

c) Une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique doit, aux fins de l'article 14.1.a)i), être signée par le déposant au moyen d'un type de signature électronique qui a été déterminé par l'office récepteur conformément à l'annexe F, ou, sous réserve de l'instruction 704.g), qui est conforme à la norme commune de base.

d) et e) [Sans changement]

f) Si, le 7 janvier 2002, la législation nationale applicable et les systèmes techniques d'un office national permettent le dépôt des demandes nationales sous forme électronique conformément à des exigences qui sont incompatibles avec l'un des points ii) à iv) de l'alinéa b),

i) les dispositions concernées ne s'appliquent pas à cet office en vertu de sa qualité d'office récepteur aussi longtemps que l'incompatibilité persiste; et

ii) l'office peut en revanche permettre le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à cette législation nationale et à ces systèmes techniques;

à condition que l'office en informe le Bureau international à la date à laquelle il lui envoie une notification en vertu de la règle 89*bis*.1.d), et en tout état de cause pas après le 7 avril 2002. L'information reçue est publiée à bref délai dans la gazette par le Bureau international.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)****Section 704****Receipt; International Filing Date; Signature; Physical Requirements**

(a) to (g) [No change]

Section 705**Home Copy, Record Copy and Search Copy
where International Application Is Filed in Electronic Form**

(a) to (d) [No change]

Section 705bis**Processing in Electronic Form of International Applications Filed on Paper;
Home Copy, Record Copy and Search Copy**

(a) Where an international application is filed on paper, it may, subject to this Part, be processed and kept as a complete and accurate copy in electronic form prepared by the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the International Bureau. Any receiving Office, International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority which proceeds under this paragraph shall notify the International Bureau accordingly.

(b) Pursuant to paragraph (a) and for the purposes of Article 12, where an international application is filed on paper:

(i) the receiving Office may keep a copy in electronic form referred to in that paragraph as the home copy;

(ii) the International Bureau may keep a copy in electronic form referred to in that paragraph as the record copy;

(iii) the International Searching Authority may keep a copy in electronic form referred to in that paragraph as the search copy.

(c) Where a copy in electronic form is kept as the record copy under paragraph (b)(ii), the original of the international application as filed on paper shall be kept, for a period of at least 10 years from the international filing date, by the International Bureau or, where so agreed by the receiving Office and the International Bureau, by the receiving Office on behalf of the International Bureau. The original shall be marked with the words "INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION – ORIGINAL AS FILED ON PAPER (SECTION 705bis)" or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application on the bottom of the first page of the request and of the first page of the description.

(d) Where, before the expiration of the period referred to in paragraph (c), the International Bureau finds, upon request for correction made by the applicant or otherwise, that a copy in electronic form kept as the record copy under paragraph (b)(ii) is not in fact a complete and accurate copy of the original kept under paragraph (c), it shall correct the record copy so as to bring it into conformity with the original. If the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or a designated or elected Office considers that the International Bureau should make a finding under the first sentence of this paragraph, it shall call the relevant facts to the attention of the International Bureau.

(e) Where the International Bureau has corrected the record copy in accordance with paragraph (d), it shall promptly notify the applicant, publish the corrected international application together with a revised front page, and publish a notice of this fact in the Gazette. Section 422(a)(i) to (v) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* with regard to the notification of the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority, the International Preliminary Examining Authority and the designated and elected Offices.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 704****Réception; date du dépôt international; signature; conditions matérielles**

a) L'office récepteur doit notifier à bref délai au déposant la réception de ce qui est supposé constituer une demande internationale sous forme électronique ou, à défaut, lui permettre d'en obtenir confirmation. La notification ou la confirmation doit indiquer ou contenir :

i) à vii) [Sans changement]

b) Lorsque l'office récepteur refuse, conformément à la règle 89*bis*.1.d) ou à l'instruction 703.e), de recevoir ce qui est supposé constituer une demande internationale qui lui est présentée sous forme électronique, il le notifie à bref délai au déposant si les indications fournies par celui-ci le permettent.

c) Dès qu'il a reçu une prétendue demande internationale sous forme électronique, l'office récepteur détermine si ce qui est supposé constituer la demande est conforme aux exigences de l'article 11.1) et agit en conséquence.

d) à g) [Sans changement]

Instruction 705**Copie pour l'office récepteur, exemplaire original et copie de recherche lorsque la demande internationale est déposée sous forme électronique**

a) à d) [Sans changement]

Instruction 705*bis***Traitement sous forme électronique des demandes internationales déposées sur papier; copie pour l'office récepteur, exemplaire original et copie de recherche**

a) Lorsqu'une demande internationale est déposée sur papier, elle peut, sous réserve de la présente partie, être traitée et conservée sous la forme d'une copie intégrale et fidèle sous forme électronique établie par l'office récepteur, l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ou le Bureau international. Tout office récepteur, toute administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou toute administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui procède de la manière prévue au présent alinéa notifie ce fait au Bureau international.

b) Conformément à l'alinéa a) et aux fins de l'article 12, lorsqu'une demande internationale est déposée sur papier :

i) l'office récepteur peut conserver une copie sous forme électronique visée à cet alinéa en tant que copie pour l'office récepteur;

ii) le Bureau international peut conserver une copie sous forme électronique visée à cet alinéa en tant qu'exemplaire original;

iii) l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale peut conserver une copie sous forme électronique visée à cet alinéa en tant que copie de recherche.

*[There is no corresponding page
in English]*

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**

c) Lorsqu'une copie sous forme électronique est conservée en tant qu'exemplaire original en vertu de l'alinéa b)ii), l'original de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée sur papier est conservé, pendant dix années au moins à compter de la date du dépôt international, par le Bureau international ou, lorsque l'office récepteur et le Bureau international en sont convenus, par l'office récepteur au nom du Bureau international. La mention "DEMANDE INTERNATIONALE – ORIGINAL DÉPOSÉ SUR PAPIER (INSTRUCTION 705*bis*)" ou son équivalent dans la langue de publication de la demande internationale doit être apposée sur l'original en bas de la première page de la requête et de la première page de la description.

d) Lorsque, avant l'expiration du délai visé à l'alinéa c), le Bureau international constate, sur requête en correction présentée par le déposant ou d'une autre manière, qu'une copie sous forme électronique conservée en tant qu'exemplaire original en vertu de l'alinéa b)ii) n'est en fait pas une copie intégrale et fidèle de l'original conservé conformément à l'alinéa c), il corrige l'exemplaire original afin de le mettre en conformité avec l'original. Si l'office récepteur, l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ou un office désigné ou élu estime que le Bureau international devrait procéder à une constatation en vertu de la première phrase du présent alinéa, il porte les faits pertinents à l'attention du Bureau international.

e) Lorsque le Bureau international a corrigé l'exemplaire original conformément à l'alinéa d), il notifie ce fait au déposant à bref délai, publie la demande internationale corrigée avec une page de couverture révisée et publie un avis relatif à ce fait dans la gazette. L'instruction 422.a)i) à v) s'applique *mutatis mutandis* en ce qui concerne la notification à l'office récepteur, à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international et aux offices désignés ou élus.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)****Section 706**

[No change]

Section 707**Calculation of International Filing Fee and Fee Reduction**

(a) Where an international application is filed in electronic form, the international filing fee shall, subject to paragraph (a-bis), be calculated on the basis of the number of sheets that the application would contain if presented as a print-out complying with the physical requirements prescribed in Rule 11.

(a-bis) Where an international application filed in electronic form contains a sequence listing as referred to in Rule 5.2(a), the calculation of the international filing fee shall not take into account any sheet of the sequence listing nor any sheet of any tables related thereto in excess of 400 sheets.

(b) [No change]

Section 708**Special Provisions Concerning Legibility,
Completeness, Infection by Viruses, Etc.**

(a) Where an international application is filed in electronic form, the receiving Office shall promptly check whether the application is legible and whether it appears to have been fully received. Where the Office finds that all or part of the international application is illegible or that part of the application appears not to have been received, the international application shall be treated as not having been received to the extent that it is illegible or, where transmitted by electronic means, that the attempted transmission failed, and the Office shall, if practicable having regard to the indications furnished by the applicant, promptly notify the applicant accordingly.

(b) Where a purported international application is received in electronic form, the receiving Office shall promptly check it for infection by viruses and other forms of malicious logic. Where the Office finds that the purported application is so infected:

(i) to (v) [No change]

Section 709**Means of Communication with the Receiving Office**

(a) to (c) [No change]

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 706**

[Sans changement]

Instruction 707**Calcul de la taxe internationale de dépôt et réduction de taxes**

a) Lorsqu'une demande internationale est déposée sous forme électronique, la taxe internationale de dépôt est, sous réserve de l'alinéa *a-bis*), calculée sur la base du nombre de feuilles que cette demande contiendrait si elle était déposée sous la forme d'un imprimé conformément aux conditions matérielles prescrites par la règle 11.

a-bis) Lorsqu'une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique contient un listage des séquences conformément à la règle 5.2.a), le calcul de la taxe internationale de dépôt ne tient pas compte de toute feuille du listage des séquences, ni de toute feuille de tableau y relatif, à compter de la 401^e feuille.

b) [Sans changement]

Instruction 708**Dispositions particulières concernant la lisibilité,
le caractère complet de la demande, la contamination par virus, etc.**

a) Lorsqu'une demande internationale est déposée sous forme électronique, l'office récepteur vérifie à bref délai si la demande est lisible et si elle semble avoir été reçue dans sa totalité. Lorsque l'office constate que la totalité ou une partie de la demande internationale est illisible ou qu'une partie de la demande semble ne pas avoir été reçue, la demande internationale est traitée comme si elle n'avait pas été reçue dans la mesure où elle est illisible ou, lorsqu'elle transmise par des moyens électroniques, dans la mesure où la tentative de transmission n'a pas abouti et l'office notifie ce fait à bref délai au déposant si les indications fournies par ce dernier le permettent.

b) Lorsque ce qui est supposé constituer une demande internationale est reçu sous forme électronique, l'office récepteur vérifie à bref délai si ce qui est supposé constituer une demande est contaminé par des virus ou d'autres formes d'éléments malveillants. Lorsque l'office constate que ce qui est supposé constituer une demande est contaminé :

i) à v) [Sans changement]

Instruction 709**Moyens de communication avec l'office récepteur**

a) à c) [Sans changement]

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)****Section 710****Notification and Publication of Receiving Offices' Requirements and Practices**

(a) A notification by a receiving Office to the International Bureau under Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 703(a) that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form shall indicate, where applicable:

(i) the electronic document formats, means of transmittal, types of electronic packages, electronic filing software and types of electronic signature specified by it under Section 703(b)(i) to (iv) and (c), and any options specified by it under the basic common standard;

(ii) the conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt, including hours of operation, choices for processes to verify or acknowledge receipt, choices for electronic communication of invitations and notifications, any methods of online payment, details concerning any help desks, electronic and software requirements and other administrative matters related to the filing in electronic form of international applications and related documents;

(iii) to (v) [No change]

(vi) the certification authorities that are accepted by the Office, and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued;

(vii) [No change]

(b) The receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of any change in the matters previously indicated by it in a notification under Section 705*bis*(a) or paragraph (a) of this Section.

(c) The International Bureau shall promptly publish in the Gazette any notification received by it under Section 705*bis*(a) or paragraph (a) or (b) of this Section.

(d) [No change]

Section 711**Electronic Records Management**

(a) Records, copies and files in electronic form in relation to international applications shall be processed and, for the purposes of Rule 93, kept in accordance with the requirements of authentication, integrity, confidentiality and non-repudiation, and having due regard to the principles of electronic records management, set out in Annex F.

(b) [No change]

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 710****Notification et publication des exigences et des pratiques des offices récepteurs**

a) Une notification envoyée par un office récepteur au Bureau international en vertu de la règle 89*bis*.1.d) et de l'instruction 703.a) selon laquelle il est disposé à recevoir des demandes internationales sous forme électronique doit indiquer, le cas échéant :

i) les formats électroniques de documents, les moyens de transmission, les types de paquets électroniques, le logiciel de dépôt électronique et les types de signature électronique qu'il a déterminés en vertu de l'instruction 703.b)i) à iv), et c), ainsi que toute option qu'il a choisie en vertu de la norme commune de base;

ii) les conditions, règles et procédures concernant la réception électronique, y compris les heures de fonctionnement, les choix possibles en matière de vérification et d'accusé de réception, les choix possibles en matière de communication électronique des invitations et des notifications, les moyens de paiement en ligne, les renseignements relatifs à d'éventuels services d'assistance, les exigences en termes d'électronique et de logiciel et d'autres questions administratives en rapport avec le dépôt sous forme électronique des demandes internationales et des documents connexes;

iii) à v) [Sans changement]

vi) les autorités de certification qui sont acceptées par l'office et les adresses électroniques des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés;

vii) [Sans changement]

b) L'office récepteur notifie au Bureau international toute modification des choix qu'il a antérieurement indiqués dans la notification visée à l'instruction 705*bis*.a) ou à l'alinéa a) de la présente instruction.

c) Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette toute notification qu'il a reçue en vertu de l'instruction 705*bis*.a) ou de l'alinéa a) ou b) de la présente instruction.

d) [Sans changement]

Instruction 711**Gestion des dossiers électroniques**

a) Les dossiers, les copies et les registres sous forme électronique en rapport avec les demandes internationales doivent être traités et, aux fins de la règle 93, conservés conformément aux exigences en matière d'authenticité, d'intégrité, de confidentialité et de non-répudiation et compte tenu des principes de gestion des dossiers électroniques visés à l'annexe F.

b) [Sans changement]

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)****Section 712
Access to Electronic Records**

Access permitted by the Treaty, the Regulations or these Administrative Instructions to documents contained in the file of an international application filed, processed or kept in electronic form may, at the option of the national Office or intergovernmental organization concerned, be provided by electronic means or in electronic form, having due regard to the need to ensure the integrity and where applicable confidentiality of data, the principles of electronic records management set out in Annex F, and the need to ensure security of the electronic networks, systems and applications of the Office or organization.

**Section 713
Application of Provisions to International Authorities and the International Bureau,
and to Notifications, Communications, Correspondence and Other Documents**

(a) The provisions of this Part, other than Sections 703(c), 704(c) to (g), 706, 707, 708(b)(iii) to (v), 710(a)(iv) and 714(b), shall, if they are capable of applying but do not expressly apply to the International Searching Authorities, the International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau, apply *mutatis mutandis* to those Authorities and that Bureau.

(b) The provisions of this Part, other than Sections 702(c), 703(c), 704(c) to (f), 705, 705bis(b) to (e), 706, 707, 708(b)(iii) to (v) and 710(a)(iv), shall, if they are capable of applying but do not expressly apply to notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications that are filed, processed or communicated in electronic form, shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to such notifications, communications, correspondence or other documents relating to international applications.

**Section 714
Furnishing by the International Bureau of Copies of Documents
Kept in Electronic Form; Designated Offices' Signature Requirements**

(a) Where any International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority or designated Office has not notified the International Bureau in accordance with Rule 89bis.1(d) or Section 705bis(a) that it is prepared to process international applications in electronic form, the International Bureau shall furnish to that Office or Authority a copy on paper of any document which is kept by the International Bureau in electronic form and which that Office or Authority is entitled to receive. The International Bureau may also, upon request by the Authority or Office concerned, furnish such copy in electronic form.

(b) Any designated Office may require that any document or correspondence submitted to it by the applicant in electronic form be signed by the applicant using a type of electronic signature specified by it in accordance with Annex F.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 712****Accès aux dossiers électroniques**

L'accès autorisé par le traité, le règlement d'exécution ou les présentes instructions administratives aux documents contenus dans le dossier d'une demande internationale déposée, traitée ou conservée sous forme électronique peut, au choix de l'office national ou de l'organisation intergouvernementale concernée, se faire sous forme ou par des moyens électroniques, compte tenu du besoin d'assurer l'intégrité des données et, lorsque cela est réalisable, de leur caractère confidentiel, des principes de gestion des dossiers électroniques énoncés à l'annexe F et du besoin d'assurer la sécurité des réseaux, des systèmes et des applications électroniques de l'office ou de l'organisation.

Instruction 713**Application des dispositions aux administrations internationales
et au Bureau international, ainsi qu'aux notifications, aux communications,
aux éléments de correspondance et aux autres documents**

a) Les dispositions de la présente partie, à l'exception des instructions 703.c), 704.c) à g), 706, 707, 708(b)(iii) à (v), 710(a)(iv) et 714.b), si elles peuvent s'appliquer – mais ne le font pas expressément – aux administrations chargées de la recherche internationale, aux administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international et au Bureau international, s'appliquent *mutatis mutandis* à ces administrations et à ce Bureau.

b) Les dispositions de la présente partie, à l'exception des instructions 702(c), 703(c), 704(c) à (f), 705, 705bis(b) à (e), 706, 707, 708(b)(iii) à (v) et 710(a)(iv), si elles peuvent s'appliquer – mais ne le font pas expressément – aux notifications, aux communications, aux éléments de correspondance et aux autres documents relatifs aux demandes internationales qui sont déposés, traités ou communiqués sous forme électronique, s'appliquent *mutatis mutandis* à ces notifications, communications, éléments de correspondance et autres documents relatifs aux demandes internationales.

Instruction 714**Remise des copies des documents conservés sous forme électronique;
conditions des offices désignés en matière de signature**

a) Lorsqu'une administration chargée de la recherche internationale, une administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ou un office désigné n'a pas notifié au Bureau international, conformément à la règle 89bis.1.d) ou à l'instruction 705bis.a), qu'il est disposé à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique, le Bureau international remet à cet office ou à cette administration une copie sur papier de tout document qui est conservé sous forme électronique par le Bureau international et que cet office ou cette administration est autorisé à recevoir. Le Bureau international peut également, à la demande de l'administration ou de l'office concerné, remettre une telle copie sous forme électronique.

b) Tout office désigné peut exiger que tout document ou toute correspondance qui lui est présentée sous forme électronique soit signée par le déposant au moyen d'un type de signature électronique accepté par l'office conformément à l'annexe F.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (cont'd)**

Section 804
Preparation, Identification and Transmittal of Copies
of International Applications Containing Sequence Listings and/or Tables

(a) Where sequence listings and/or tables are filed only in electronic form under Section 801(a)(i), the record copy for the purposes of Article 12 shall, subject to Sections 702(c) and 705*bis*, consist of those elements of the international application filed on paper together with the sequence listings and/or tables filed in electronic form.

(b) Where sequence listings and/or tables are filed both in electronic form and on paper under Section 801(a)(ii), the record copy for the purposes of Article 12 shall, subject to Sections 702(c) and 705*bis*, consist of all the elements of the international application filed on paper, including the sequence listings and/or tables filed on paper.

(c) [No change]

(d) Where the sequence listings and/or tables are filed under Section 801(a)(i), the receiving Office shall, subject to Sections 702(c) and 705*bis*, in addition to proceeding under Section 305 with respect to the parts of the international application filed on paper:

(i) to (iii) [No change]

(e) Where the sequence listings and/or tables are filed under Section 801(a)(ii), the receiving Office shall, subject to Sections 702(c) and 705*bis*, in addition to proceeding under Section 305 with respect to the parts of the international application filed on paper:

(i) to (iii) [No change]

(f) [No change]

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 804****Préparation, identification et transmission des copies
de demandes internationales contenant des listages des séquences ou des tableaux**

a) Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sont déposés seulement sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), l'exemplaire original aux fins de l'article 12 est, sous réserve des instructions 702.c) et 705*bis*, constitué des éléments de la demande internationale déposés sur papier ainsi que des listages des séquences ou des tableaux déposés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

b) Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sont déposés à la fois sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et sous forme écrite en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), l'exemplaire original aux fins de l'article 12 est, sous réserve des instructions 702.c) et 705*bis*, constitué de tous les éléments de la demande internationale déposés sur papier, y compris les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sous forme écrite.

c) [Sans changement]

d) Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sont déposés en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), et tout en procédant comme prévu à l'instruction 305 pour ce qui concerne tous les éléments de la demande internationale déposés sur papier, l'office récepteur, sous réserve des instructions 702.c) et 705*bis*,

i) à iii) [Sans changement]

e) Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sont déposés en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), et tout en procédant comme prévu à l'instruction 305 pour ce qui concerne tous les éléments de la demande internationale déposés sur papier, l'office récepteur, sous réserve des instructions 702.c) et 705*bis*,

i) à iii) [Sans changement]

f) [Sans changement]

MODIFICATIONS OF THE PCT RECEIVING OFFICE GUIDELINES**NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

After consultation with the receiving Offices under the PCT, the modification of paragraph 192C(ii) of the PCT Receiving Office Guidelines is promulgated with effect from 1 October 2005. The modification involves the signature of the declaration of inventorship referred to under PCT Rule 4.17(iv).

TEXT OF THE PCT RECEIVING OFFICE GUIDELINES

192C. Where the request contains one or more declarations referred to in Rule 4.17, the receiving Office may check (Rule 26*ter*.2(a)) that:

(i) each declaration is worded as prescribed by Sections 211 to 215, as applicable, and indicates the designated States to which it applies (as explained in the Notes to the request form). The standardized wording of the declaration of inventorship which is applicable only for the purpose of the designation of the United States of America is pre-printed in Box No. VIII (iv) since no part of that wording may be omitted by the applicant;

(ii) any declaration of inventorship in Box No. VIII (iv) is signed and dated directly by the inventor for the United States of America – a signature by an appointed agent is not sufficient for that purpose.

The receiving Office carries out no further checks on any declarations contained in the request form. In particular, it does not check that the name(s) and address(es) of the person(s) making a declaration correspond to the name(s) and address(es) of the applicant(s) or inventor(s) indicated in Boxes Nos. II and III of the request form. It also does not check for the purposes of which State a given declaration is made under Rule 4.17.

MODIFICATIONS DES DIRECTIVES À L'USAGE DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DU PCT**NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**

Après consultation des offices récepteurs selon le PCT, la modification du paragraphe 192C.ii) des Directives à l'usage des offices récepteurs du PCT est promulguée avec effet au 1^{er} octobre 2005. La modification concerne la signature de la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur prévue par la règle 4.17(iv) du PCT.

TEXTE DES DIRECTIVES À L'USAGE DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DU PCT

192C. Si la requête contient une ou plusieurs déclarations visées à la règle 4.17, l'office récepteur peut vérifier (règle 26ter.2.a)) que :

i) chaque déclaration est libellée de la façon prescrite dans les instructions 211 à 215, selon le cas, et comporte l'indication des États désignés auxquels elle s'applique (comme il est expliqué dans les notes relatives au formulaire de requête). Le libellé standard de la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (applicable uniquement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique) est préimprimé dans le cadre n^o VIII.iv), car aucune mention ne doit être omise par le déposant;

ii) toute déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur figurant dans le cadre n^o VIII.iv) est signée et datée directement par l'inventeur pour les États-Unis d'Amérique – la signature d'un mandataire désigné en l'occurrence insuffisante.

L'office récepteur ne procède à aucune autre vérification quant aux déclarations figurant dans le formulaire de requête. Il ne vérifie pas, notamment, que les nom et adresse de la ou des personnes qui font une déclaration correspondent à ceux du ou des déposants ou encore de l'inventeur ou des inventeurs indiqués dans les cadres n^{os} II et III du formulaire de requête. Il ne vérifie pas non plus aux fins de quel État une déclaration donnée est faite en vertu de la règle 4.17.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**FI Finland****IB International Bureau**

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** of the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**, has been established. The new amount, applicable as from 1 October 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): USD 1,877

[Updating of Annex D(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**FI Finland****IB Bureau international**

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au **Bureau international** agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, un nouveau montant équivalent en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)** de la taxe de recherche, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande**, a été établi. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : USD 1,877

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(FI) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea	26302	KP République populaire démocratique de Corée	26303

INFORMATION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**IB International Bureau**

The **International Bureau** has introduced a new telephone number and a new e-mail address for receiving Office purposes only. The consolidated list of telephone numbers and e-mail addresses is now as follows:

Telephone:	(41-22) 338 91 11	
	(41-22) 338 92 22	(for receiving Office purposes only)
	(41-22) 338 83 38	(PCT Information Service)
E-mail:	wipo.mail@wipo.int	
	ro.ib@wipo.int	(for receiving Office purposes only)
	pct.infoline@wipo.int	(PCT Information Service)

[Updating of Annex B2(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

The **Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea** has notified an e-mail address and deleted its teleprinter address. The new e-mail address is as follows:

E-mail:	kpip@co.chesin.com
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[Updating of Annex B1(KP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES**IB Bureau international**

Le **Bureau international** a introduit un nouveau numéro de téléphone et une nouvelle adresse électronique pour les questions concernant l'office récepteur seulement. La liste récapitulative des numéros de téléphone et des adresses électroniques est désormais la suivante :

Téléphone :	(41-22) 338 91 11	
	(41-22) 338 92 22	(seulement pour les questions concernant l'office récepteur)
	(41-22) 338 83 38	(service d'information directe du PCT)
Courrier électronique :	wipo.mail@wipo.int	
	ro.ib@wipo.int	(seulement pour les questions concernant l'office récepteur)
	pct.infoline@wipo.int	(service d'information directe du PCT)

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B2(IB) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**KP République populaire démocratique de Corée**

L'**Office des inventions de la République populaire démocratique de Corée** a notifié une adresse électronique et supprimé l'adresse de son téléimprimeur. La nouvelle adresse électronique est la suivante :

Courrier électronique : kpip@co.chesin.com

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(KP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**PG Papua New Guinea**

The international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and the PCT-EASY reduction (under Schedule of Fees, item 3), were incorrectly indicated when publishing the requirements of the **Intellectual Property Office of Papua New Guinea** as receiving Office in Annex C(PG), in PCT Gazette No. 37/2005, page 24196. The correct amounts of the fees, expressed in **US dollars (USD)**, applying for the period from 1 March 2005 until 30 September 2005 should have been USD 1,211 (international filing fee), USD 13 (fee per sheet in excess of 30) and USD 87 (PCT-EASY reduction). Notwithstanding this corrigendum, new amounts of these fees are applicable since October 1, 2005, as follows:

International filing fee:	USD 1,102
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD 12
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	USD 79

[Updating of Annex C(PG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**
KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea

The **Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea** has notified changes concerning the languages in which international applications may be filed with it as receiving Office, as well as changes concerning its requirements as to whether an agent is required by the receiving Office and as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, French, Korean or Russian
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any patent agent

[Updating of Annex C(KP) and of the National Chapter (KP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**PG Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée**

Les indications concernant la taxe internationale de dépôt, la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e et la réduction PCT-EASY (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) étaient erronées lors de la publication des exigences de l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée** en tant qu'office récepteur dans l'annexe C(PG), dans la Gazette du PCT n° 37/2005, page 24197. Les montants corrects des taxes, exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, pour la période du 1^{er} mars 2005 au 30 septembre 2005 auraient dû être les suivants : USD 1.211 (taxe internationale de dépôt), USD 13 (taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e) et USD 87 (réduction PCT-EASY). Nonobstant ce rectificatif, de nouveaux montants de ces taxes sont applicables depuis le 1^{er} octobre 2005, comme suit :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	USD 1.102
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	USD 12
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY :	USD 79

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(PG) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS
OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)

KP République populaire démocratique de Corée

L'**Office des inventions de la République populaire démocratique de Corée** a notifié des changements relatifs aux langues dans lesquelles la demande internationale peut être déposée auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, ainsi que dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir si l'office récepteur exige un mandataire et qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur ou en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée :	Anglais, coréen, français ou russe
L'office récepteur exige-t-il un mandataire?	Non, si le déposant est domicilié en République populaire démocratique de Corée Oui, dans le cas contraire
Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?	Tout agent de brevets

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(KP) et du chapitre national (KP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

SECTION IV

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RU Russian Federation	27006	RU Fédération de Russie	27007

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**KZ Kazakhstan**

The **Kazakh Patent Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office and in its location and mailing address and has introduced two additional Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Kazakhstan Respublikasy Adilet ministriginin Sanatkerlik menshik kuckygy zhonindegi komiteti, Ultyk sanatkerlik menshik instituty (USMI Kazakhstan Respublikasy) Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Committee of Intellectual Property Rights, National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP Republic of Kazakhstan)
Location and mailing address:	Kazakhstan Respublikasy Adilet ministriginin Sanatkerlik menshik kuckygy zhonindegi komiteti, 48, Omarova St., Astana 010000, Kazakhstan (general matters) Ultyk sanatkerlik menshik instituty, 6, R&M Abdullins St., Almaty 050002, Kazakhstan (application processing)
Internet:	www.kazpatent.org www.intellkaz.kz www.kazpatent.kz

[Updating of Annex B1(KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone:	(371) 709 96 22
Facsimile machine:	(371) 709 96 50

[Updating of Annex B1(LV) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MZ Mozambique

The **Industrial Property Institute (Mozambique)** has notified a change in its Internet address, as follows:

Internet:	www.ipi.gov.mz
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[Updating of Annex B1(MZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**KZ Kazakhstan**

L'**Office kazakh des brevets** a notifié des changements relatifs au nom de l'office, à l'adresse de son siège et à son adresse postale, et a introduit deux adresses Internet supplémentaires, comme suit :

Nom de l'office :	Kazakhstan Respublikasy Adilet ministriginin Sanatkerlik menshik kuckygy zhonindegi komiteti, Ultyk sanatkerlik menshik instituty (USMI Kazakhstan Respublikasy) Ministère de la justice de la République du Kazakhstan, Comité des droits de propriété intellectuelle, Institut national de la propriété intellectuelle (INPI République du Kazakhstan)
Siège et adresse postale :	Kazakhstan Respublikasy Adilet ministriginin Sanatkerlik menshik kuckygy zhonindegi komiteti, 48, Omarova St., Astana 010000, Kazakhstan (questions d'ordre général) Ultyk sanatkerlik menshik instituty, 6, R&M Abdullins St., Almaty 050002, Kazakhstan (traitement des demandes)
Internet :	www.kazpatent.org www.intellkaz.kz www.kazpatent.kz

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(KZ) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

LV Lettonie

L'**Office letton des brevets** a notifié des changements relatifs à ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Téléphone :	(371) 709 96 22
Télécopieur :	(371) 709 96 50

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(LV) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

MZ Mozambique

L'**Institut de la propriété industrielle (Mozambique)** a notifié un changement relatif à son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Internet :	www.ipi.gov.mz
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[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(MZ) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (cont'd)**SM San Marino**

The **Patent and Trademark Office (San Marino)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, and has introduced an Internet address, as follows:

Telephone: (378) 549 882 982

Facsimile machine: (378) 549 883 856

Internet: www.usbm.sm

[Updating of Annex B1(SM) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**NO Norway**

The **Norwegian Patent Office** has notified a change in the amount of the transmittal fee in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee: NOK 550

[Updating of Annex C(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE****RU Russian Federation**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the addresses of the Russian Collection of Microorganisms (VKM) and of the Russian National Collection of Industrial Microorganisms (VKPM), international depositary authorities under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

Russian Collection of Microorganisms (VKM)
G.K. Skryabin Institute of Biochemistry and Physiology of Microorganisms
Russian Academy of Sciences
Prospekt Nauki No. 5
Pushchino 142290 (Moscow Region)
Russian Federation

Russian National Collection of Industrial Microorganisms (VKPM)
FGUP GosNII Genetika
1 Dorozhny proezd, 1
Moscow 117545
Russian Federation

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**SM Saint-Marin**

L'**Office des brevets et des marques (Saint-Marin)** a notifié des changements relatifs à ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur et a introduit une adresse Internet, comme suit :

Téléphone : (378) 549 882 982

Télécopieur : (378) 549 883 856

Internet : www.usbm.sm

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(SM) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**NO Norvège**

L'**Office norvégien des brevets** a notifié un changement relatif au montant de la taxe de transmission, exprimé en **couronnes norvégiennes (NOK)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe de transmission : NOK 550

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(NO) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
INSTITUTIONS AUPRÈS DESQUELLES DES DÉPÔTS PEUVENT ÊTRE EFFECTUÉS****RU Fédération de Russie**

Conformément à la règle 13bis.7.b) du PCT, le **Service fédéral de la propriété intellectuelle, des brevets et des marques (Fédération de Russie)** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à un changement d'adresse des institutions dénommées "Russian Collection of Microorganisms (VKM)" et "Russian National Collection of Industrial Microorganisms (VKPM)", autorités de dépôt internationales reconnues en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès desquelles des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, comme suit :

Russian Collection of Microorganisms (VKM)
G.K. Skryabin Institute of Biochemistry and Physiology of Microorganisms
Russian Academy of Sciences
Prospekt Nauki No. 5
Pushchino 142290 (Moscow Region)
Fédération de Russie

Russian National Collection of Industrial Microorganisms (VKPM)
FGUP GosNII Genetika
1 Dorozhny proezd, 1
Moscow 117545
Fédération de Russie

[Mise à jour de l'annexe L du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT:
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After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(a), and as a result of the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 of Annex F (expedited consideration of change proposals) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the modifications of sections 3.4 (declarations (Rules 4.17 and 51bis.1(a)) and 5.7 (IB publication) of Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions are promulgated with effect from 1 November 2005.

The text of the modifications of Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions is not, due to its highly technical content, reproduced here but has been published, as document PCT/AI/DTD/2 Rev.1, dated 18 October 2005, on WIPO's website (see www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm).

The text of Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions currently in force is set out in document PCT/AI/DTD/2, dated 16 December 2004. The consolidated text of this Appendix, which will be in force from 1 November 2005, has been published, as document PCT/AI/DTD/3, dated 18 October 2005, on WIPO's website (see www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm).

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**KG Kyrgyzstan**

The **Kyrgyz Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in the Kyrgyz name of the Office, as follows:

Name of Office: Kyrgyz Respublikasynyn Okmotunun aldyndagy
Intellektualdyk Menchik bojuncha Mamlekettik
Agentstvosu

[Updating of Annex B1(KG) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT :
MODIFICATIONS DE L'APPENDICE I DE L'ANNEXE F****NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**

Après consultation des offices et des administrations intéressés conformément à la règle 89.2.a) du PCT, et suite à la procédure de modification prévue à la section 2.5.5 de l'annexe F (examen accéléré des propositions de modification) des Instructions administratives du PCT, les modifications des sections 3.4 (déclarations (règles 4.17 et 51*bis*.1.a)) et 5.7 (publication par le Bureau international) de l'appendice I de l'annexe F des instructions administratives sont promulguées avec effet au 1^{er} novembre 2005.

Le texte des modifications de l'appendice I de l'annexe F des instructions administratives n'est pas reproduit ici en raison de son contenu extrêmement technique mais a été publié, sous la forme du document PCT/AI/DTD/2 Rev.1, du 18 octobre 2005, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI (voir www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/index.htm).

Le texte de l'appendice I de l'annexe F des instructions administratives actuellement en vigueur figure dans le document PCT/AI/DTD/2, du 16 décembre 2004. Le texte consolidé de cet appendice, qui entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} novembre 2005, a été publié, sous la forme du document PCT/AI/DTD/3, du 18 octobre 2005, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI (voir www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/index.htm).

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**KG Kirghizistan**

L'**Office kirghiz de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié un changement relatif au nom kirghiz de l'office, comme suit :

Nom de l'office : Kyrgyz Respublikasynyn Okmotunun aldyndagy
Intellektualdyk Menchik bojuncha Mamlekettik
Agentstvosu

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(KG) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**KZ Kazakhstan**

The **Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Committee of Intellectual Property Rights, National Institute of Intellectual Property (NIIP Republic of Kazakhstan)** has introduced new amounts of fees in **Kazakh tenge (KZT)**, payable to it as receiving Office (transmittal fee and fee for priority document) and as designated (or elected) Office (national fee). The new amounts of the transmittal fee and fee for priority document make the existing footnote to these fees no longer relevant and it has been deleted. Two new footnotes have been introduced. The new amounts, and corresponding footnotes, applicable since 1 October 2005, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	KZT 7,360 ¹
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	KZT 1,840 ¹
National fee: ^{1,2}	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	KZT 14,260
Examination fee:	KZT 56,120
Annual fees for the first three years, per year:	KZT 14,260
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	KZT 12,880
Annual fees for the first three years, per year:	KZT 10,120

[Updating of Annex C(KZ) and of the National Chapter (KZ) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**AP African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)**

The **African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO)** has notified a change in its requirement as to whether a copy of the international application is required for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Is a copy of the international application required?	Yes
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[Updating of the National Chapter (AP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ This fee is subject to value added tax (VAT). Applicants may consult the receiving Office or a registered patent attorney for the latest applicable VAT rate.

² Applicants who reside in a State in which per capita national income is below USD 3,000 pay the following reduced amounts: in the case of a legal entity, 10% of the fee amount; in the case of a natural person, 5% of the fee amount.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**KZ Kazakhstan**

Le **Ministère de la justice de la République du Kazakhstan, Comité des droits de propriété intellectuelle, Institut national de la propriété intellectuelle (INPI République du Kazakhstan)** a introduit de nouveaux montants de taxes exprimés en **tenge kazakhs (KZT)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur (taxe de transmission et taxe pour le document de priorité) et en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu) (taxe nationale). Étant donné les nouveaux montants de la taxe de transmission et de la taxe pour le document de priorité, la note de bas de page y relative n'est plus pertinente et a été supprimée. Deux nouvelles notes de bas de page ont été introduites. Les nouveaux montants, ainsi que les notes de bas de page correspondantes, applicables depuis le 1^{er} octobre 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe de transmission :	KZT 7.360 ¹
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	KZT 1.840 ¹
Taxe nationale ^{1,2} :	
Pour un brevet :	
Taxe de dépôt :	KZT 14.260
Taxe d'examen :	KZT 56.120
Taxes annuelles pour les trois premières années, par année :	KZT 14.260
Pour un modèle d'utilité :	
Taxe de dépôt :	KZT 12.880
Taxes annuelles pour les trois premières années, par année :	KZT 10.120

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(KZ) et du chapitre national (KZ) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**AP Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété intellectuelle (ARIPO)**

L'**Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété intellectuelle (ARIPO)** a notifié un changement dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir si une copie de la demande internationale est requise pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise?	Oui
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[Mise à jour du chapitre national (AP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

¹ Cette taxe est soumise à la taxe à la valeur ajoutée (TVA). Les déposants peuvent consulter l'office récepteur ou un conseil en brevet agréé pour connaître le dernier taux en vigueur de cette taxe.

² Les déposants domiciliés dans un État dans lequel le revenu national par habitant est inférieur à USD 3.000 doivent s'acquitter des montants réduits suivants : dans le cas d'une personne morale, 10% du montant de la taxe; dans le cas d'une personne physique, 5% du montant de la taxe.

**FILING OF PCT-EASY REQUESTS TOGETHER WITH PCT-EASY PHYSICAL MEDIA:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****IB International Bureau (as receiving Office)**

In accordance with Section 102*bis*(b) of the Administrative Instructions, the International Bureau as receiving Office hereby announces that it will be prepared to receive, with effect from 1 November 2005, any international application filed under Section 102*bis*(a) with a PCT-EASY request and one of the following PCT-EASY physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R or DVD-R.

[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****IB International Bureau (as receiving Office)**

In accordance with Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions, the International Bureau as receiving Office announced on 21 August 2003 that it was prepared to receive international applications in electronic form as from 25 August 2003, provided that they were filed by users already registered with the International Bureau as receiving Office for that purpose under the PCT-SAFE pilot (see PCT Gazette No. 34/2003, dated 21 August 2003, page 19248).

In accordance with Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions, the International Bureau as receiving Office announced on 12 February 2004 that, with effect from that date, it was prepared to receive any international application in electronic form that complies with the necessary requirements and that the restriction to filings by registered pilot users would no longer apply (see PCT Gazette No. 07/2004, dated 12 February 2004, page 3796).

In accordance with Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions, the International Bureau as receiving Office hereby announces the following changes to the practice of the Office with regard to the means of transmittal of international applications in electronic form, with effect from 1 November 2005:

“As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- on-line filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
 - filing by means of one of the following physical media: CD-R and DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e), and Appendix IV, sections 4.3 and 4.5, respectively)”
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**DÉPÔT DE REQUÊTES PCT-EASY ACCOMPAGNÉES DE SUPPORTS MATÉRIELS PCT-EASY :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****IB Bureau international (en sa qualité d'office récepteur)**

Conformément à l'instruction administrative 102bis.b), le Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur annonce qu'il sera prêt à recevoir, avec effet à compter du 1^{er} novembre 2005, toute demande internationale déposée en vertu de l'instruction 102bis.a) avec une requête PCT-EASY et l'un des supports matériels PCT-EASY suivants : disquette de 3,5 pouces, CD-R ou DVD-R.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(IB) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES
INTERNATIONALES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****IB Bureau international (en sa qualité d'office récepteur)**

Conformément à l'instruction administrative 710.a), le Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur a annoncé, le 21 août 2003, qu'il était disposé à recevoir des demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 25 août 2003 à condition qu'elles soient déposées par des utilisateurs déjà enregistrés à cette fin auprès du Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur dans le cadre du logiciel pilote PCT-SAFE (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 34/2003, du 21 août 2003, page 19249).

Conformément à l'instruction administrative 710.b), le Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur a annoncé, le 12 février 2004, qu'il était disposé à recevoir, à compter de cette même date, toute demande internationale sous forme électronique remplissant les exigences nécessaires et que la restriction consistant à ne permettre qu'aux seuls utilisateurs enregistrés dans le cadre du logiciel pilote de déposer ne s'appliquerait plus (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 07/2004, du 12 février 2004, page 3797).

Conformément à l'instruction administrative 710.b), le Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur annonce à présent les modifications suivantes de la pratique de l'office en ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission des demandes internationales sous forme électronique, avec effet à compter du 1^{er} novembre 2005 :

“En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :

- dépôt en ligne (voir la section 5.1 de l'annexe F et la section 2.d) de l'appendice III)
 - dépôt effectué sur l'un des supports matériels suivants : CD-R ou DVD-R (voir la section 5.2.1, la section 2.e) de l'appendice III et les sections 4.3 et 4.5 de l'appendice IV de l'annexe F, respectivement)”
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**AT Austria**

The **Austrian Patent Office** has deleted an e-mail address and an Internet address. Its e-mail and Internet addresses are now as follows:

E-mail: ingrid.weidinger@patentamt.at

Internet: www.patentamt.at

[Updating of Annex B1(AT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CH Switzerland

The **Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Institute** has informed the International Bureau of a change to the time limit for the furnishing of the original of a document filed by means of telecommunication, as follows:

Does the Office accept the filing
of documents by means of
telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)? [No change]

Which kinds of documents
may be so transmitted? [No change]

Must the original of the document
be furnished in all cases? Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission

[Updating of Annex B1(CH) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**AT Autriche**

L'**Office autrichien des brevets** a supprimé une adresse électronique et une adresse Internet. Ses adresses électronique et Internet sont désormais les suivantes :

Courrier électronique : ingrid.weidinger@patentamt.at

Internet : www.patentamt.at

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(AT) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

CH Suisse

L'**Institut Fédéral de la Propriété Intellectuelle (Suisse)** a informé le Bureau international d'un changement relatif au délai de remise de l'original d'un document déposé par des moyens de télécommunication, comme suit :

L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents
par des moyens de télécommunication
(règle 92.4 du PCT)? [Sans changement]

Quels types de documents peuvent
être transmis par ces moyens? [Sans changement]

L'original du document doit-il être
remis dans tous les cas? Oui, dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de la
transmission

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(CH) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (cont'd)**HR Croatia**

The **Croatian Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its e-mail addresses as well as changes to the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

E-mail: ipo.croatia@patent.htnet.hr
ipo.croatia@dziv.hr

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

The applicant must submit to the Office a translation of the international application into Croatian. The provisional protection (see Article 60 of the Patent Law) applies as from the date of the publication of the translation of the international application in the Official Gazette of the Croatian Intellectual Property Office (see Article 35 of the Patent Law).

Where the designation is made for the purposes of an extended European patent:

A published European patent application shall provisionally confer the protection as conferred by a published national patent application under Article 60 of the Patent Law as from the date on which a translation of the published European patent application into the Croatian language has been communicated by the applicant to the person using the invention in Croatia.

[Updating of Annex B1(HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The **State Office of Industrial Property (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, telephone and facsimile numbers, as well as changes to the provisions for provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Veljko Vlahovic No. 11, 1000 Skopje,
The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Telephone: (389-2) 311 63 79

Facsimile machine: (389-2) 313 71 49

Provisional protection after international publication:

After international publication, the furnishing of a translation of the international application into Macedonian gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages (see Articles 11(3), 11(4), 201 and 202 of the Law on Industrial Property).

[Updating of Annex B1(MK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**HR Croatie**

L'**Office croate de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié des changements relatifs à ses adresses électroniques ainsi que des changements concernant les dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale, comme suit :

Courrier électronique :	ipo.croatia@patent.htnet.hr ipo.croatia@dziv.hr
Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :	Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national : Le déposant doit fournir à l'office une traduction en croate de la demande internationale. La protection provisoire (voir l'article 60 de la loi sur les brevets) est effective à compter de la date de publication de la traduction de la demande internationale dans la Gazette officielle de l'Office croate de la propriété intellectuelle (voir l'article 35 de la loi sur les brevets). Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen aux effets étendus : Une demande de brevet européen publiée confère à titre provisoire la protection conférée par une demande de brevet national publiée prévue à l'article 60 de la loi sur les brevets à compter de la date à laquelle une traduction en croate de la demande de brevet européen publiée a été remise par le déposant à la personne qui utilise l'invention en Croatie.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(HR) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine

L'**Office d'État de la propriété industrielle (ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine)** a notifié des changements relatifs à son adresse et à ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, ainsi que des changements concernant les dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale :	Veljko Vlahovic No. 11, 1000 Skopje, ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine
Téléphone :	(389-2) 311 63 79
Télécopieur :	(389-2) 313 71 49
Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :	Après la publication internationale, la remise d'une traduction de la demande internationale en macédonien donne au déposant une protection provisoire en ce sens que, dès la délivrance du brevet, il peut obtenir des dommages-intérêts (voir les articles 11.3), 11.4), 201 et 202 de la loi sur la propriété industrielle).

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(MK) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (cont'd)**NO Norway**

The **Norwegian Patent Office** has introduced an e-mail address and an Internet address, as follows:

E-mail: mail@patentstyret.no

Internet: www.patentstyret.no

[Updating of Annex B1(NO) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SI Slovenia

The **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** has informed the International Bureau of changes: to the time limit for the furnishing of the original of a document filed by means of telecommunication; with relation to whether the Office accepts evidence of mailing of a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used; to provisional protection after international publication; and to filing requirements for protection as a result of the accession of Slovenia to the European Patent Convention on 1 December 2002 with the simultaneous closing of the national route (see PCT Gazette No. 48/2002, dated 28 November 2002, page 24400), as follows:

Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	[No change]
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	[No change]
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation

Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
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Competent designated (or elected) Office if Slovenia is designated (or elected):	European Patent Office (EPO) (see Volume II)
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Types of protection available via the PCT:	European patents
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Provisional protection after international publication:	Designation for the purposes of a European patent: A published European patent application provisionally confers the protection conferred by Articles 26(2), 121 and 122 of the Industrial Property Act (rights to recover damages for infringement and prohibit infringing acts) as from the date on which a translation of the claims of the published European patent application into Slovene has been communicated by the applicant to the person using the invention in Slovenia.
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[Updating of Annex B1(SI) and the National Chapter (SI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**NO Norvège**

L'**Office norvégien des brevets** a introduit une adresse électronique et une adresse Internet, comme suit :

Courrier électronique : mail@patentstyret.no

Internet : www.patentstyret.no

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(NO) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

SI Slovénie

L'**Office slovène de la propriété intellectuelle** a informé le Bureau international de changements relatifs : au délai pour la remise de l'original d'un document déposé par des moyens de télécommunication; à l'acceptation par l'office que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale; à la protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale; et aux exigences concernant le dépôt aux fins de la protection, suite à l'adhésion de la Slovénie à la Convention sur le brevet européen, le 1^{er} décembre 2002, et à la fermeture simultanée de sa voie nationale (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 48/2002, du 28 novembre 2002, page 24401), comme suit :

L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT)?

[Sans changement]

Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens?

[Sans changement]

L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas?

Non, seulement sur invitation

L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT)?

Non

Office désigné (ou élu) compétent si la Slovénie est désignée (ou élue) :

Office européen des brevets (OEB) (voir le volume II)

Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :

Brevets européens

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :

Désignation aux fins d'un brevet européen :

Une demande de brevet européen publiée confère à titre provisoire la protection prévue aux articles 26.2), 121 et 122 de la loi sur la propriété industrielle (droit à des dommages-intérêts pour atteinte aux droits protégés et droit d'interdire toute atteinte à ces droits) à compter de la date à laquelle une traduction en slovène des revendications de la demande de brevet européen publiée a été remise par le déposant à la personne qui utilise l'invention en Slovénie.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(SI) et du chapitre national (SI) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**HR Croatia**

The **Croatian Intellectual Property Office** has introduced new amounts of fees in **Croatian kunas (HRK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee: HRK 1,300

For consensual patent:

Filing fee: HRK 1,300

[Updating of the National Chapter (HR) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RECEIVING OFFICES**NG/IB Nigeria/International Bureau**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 19.1(b), the **Registry of Trademarks, Patents and Designs, Ministry of Commerce and Tourism of Nigeria** has notified the International Bureau that it delegates its functions as receiving Office to the **International Bureau** until further notice.

The International Bureau acting for the Registry of Trademarks, Patents and Designs, Ministry of Commerce and Tourism of Nigeria has specified the Australian Patent Office, the Canadian Intellectual Property Office and the European Patent Office (EPO) as competent International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Nigeria with the International Bureau as receiving Office, as follows:

Competent International Searching Authority:	For nationals and residents of Nigeria: Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office or European Patent Office
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Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	For nationals and residents of Nigeria: Australian Patent Office, Canadian Intellectual Property Office and European Patent Office
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[Updating of Annex C(IB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SI Slovenia

The **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change concerning its requirements as to whether an agent is required by the receiving Office, as follows:

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No
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[Updating of Annex C(SI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**HR Croatie**

L'**Office croate de la propriété intellectuelle** a introduit de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **kunas croates (HRK)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt : HRK 1.300

Pour un *consensual patent* :

Taxe de dépôt : HRK 1.300

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (HR) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**NG/IB Nigéria/Bureau international**

En vertu de la règle 19.1.b) du PCT, l'**Office des marques, des brevets et des dessins et modèles, Ministère du commerce et du tourisme du Nigéria** a notifié au Bureau international qu'il délègue ses fonctions d'office récepteur au **Bureau international** jusqu'à nouvel avis.

Le Bureau international agissant pour l'Office des marques, des brevets et des dessins et modèles, Ministère du commerce et du tourisme du Nigéria a spécifié l'Office australien des brevets, l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada et l'Office européen des brevets (OEB) en tant qu'administrations chargées de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international compétentes pour les demandes internationales déposées par les nationaux du Nigéria et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays auprès du Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale :	Pour les nationaux et résidents du Nigéria : Office australien des brevets, Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada ou Office européen des brevets
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Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international :	Pour les nationaux et résidents du Nigéria : Office australien des brevets, Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada ou Office européen des brevets
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[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(IB) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

SI Slovénie

L'**Office slovène de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié un changement relatif à ses exigences concernant la question de savoir si l'office récepteur exige un mandataire, comme suit :

L'office récepteur exige-t-il un mandataire?	Non
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[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(SI) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

HR Croatia

The **Croatian Intellectual Property Office** has notified new requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. The consolidated table of requirements reads as follows:

<p>Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:</p>		<p>Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned</p>
<p>the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)</p>	<p>any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column</p>	
<p>Where applicant requests publication earlier than 18 months from the priority date, not later than that request</p>	<p>At the time of filing (as part of the application)</p>	<p>To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism</p>
<p>Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Croatian Intellectual Property Office with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty.</p> <p>Samples shall be, upon request, made available between the publication of the application and the granting of the patent to anyone requesting them, or, if the applicant so requests, only to an independent expert, or to, after the patent has been granted, and notwithstanding cancellation or revocation of the patent, anyone requesting them;</p> <p>Samples shall be made available only if the person requesting them undertakes, for the term during which the patent is in force:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. not to make them or any material derived from them available to third parties; 2. not to use them or any material derived from it except for experimental or research purposes, unless the applicant for or owner of the patent, as applicable, expressly waives such undertaking. 		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
EXIGENCES DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS ET ÉLUS**

HR Croatie

L'Office croate de la propriété intellectuelle a notifié de nouvelles exigences relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique. Le tableau récapitulatif des exigences est le suivant :

Délai (éventuel) inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, dans lequel le déposant doit fournir :		Indications (éventuelles) qui doivent figurer outre celles exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii) selon les notifications des offices intéressés
les indications exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii)	toute indication supplémentaire spécifiée dans la colonne adjacente de droite	
Lorsque le déposant requiert la publication dans un délai inférieur à 18 mois à compter de la date de priorité, pas plus tard qu'une telle requête	Lors du dépôt (comme partie de la demande)	Dans la mesure où ils sont accessibles au déposant, renseignements se rapportant aux caractéristiques du micro-organisme
<p>Les dépôts aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets devant l'Office croate de la propriété intellectuelle peuvent également être effectués auprès de toute institution de dépôt ayant acquis le statut d'autorité de dépôt internationale en vertu du Traité de Budapest.</p> <p>Des échantillons peuvent, sur requête, être mis, entre la date de publication de la demande et la date de délivrance du brevet, à disposition de quiconque en fait la demande, ou, sur la demande du déposant, uniquement à disposition d'un expert indépendant, ou, après la délivrance du brevet, et nonobstant l'annulation ou la révocation de celui-ci, à disposition de quiconque en fait la demande.</p> <p>Les échantillons sont mis à disposition seulement si la personne qui en fait la demande s'engage, durant tout la durée de validité du brevet :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. à ne pas mettre à disposition de tiers lesdits échantillons ou toute matière qui en est dérivée; 2. à ne pas utiliser les échantillons ou toute matière qui en est dérivée si ce n'est à des fins expérimentales ou de recherche, à moins que le déposant ou le titulaire du brevet, selon le cas, renonce expressément à ce qu'un tel engagement soit pris. 		

[Mise à jour de l'annexe L du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**FI Finland**

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**, in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. These waivers have had effect since 1 October 2005. A new heading will be incorporated into Annexes C, D and E, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form or in the demand form at the time of their filing

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form or in the demand form at the time of their filing

[Updating of Annex C(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RENONCIATIONS EN VERTU DES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**FI Finlande**

Selon les règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce aux exigences en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) du PCT selon lesquelles un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doivent lui être remis. Ces renonciations ont pris effet le 1^{er} octobre 2005. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans les annexes C, D et E, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête ou dans le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international au moment de leur dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans ces formulaires au moment de leur dépôt

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête ou dans le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international au moment de leur dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans ces formulaires au moment de leur dépôt

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(FI) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c) (cont'd)**FI Finland (cont'd)**

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form or in the demand form at the time of their filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form or in the demand form at the time of their filing

[Updating of Annexes D(FI) and E(FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT (suite)**FI Finlande (suite)**

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête ou dans le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international au moment de leur dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans ces formulaires au moment de leur dépôt

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête ou dans le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international au moment de leur dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans ces formulaires au moment de leur dépôt

[Mise à jour des annexes D(FI) et E(FI) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**LT Lithuania**

The **Lithuanian Patent Office** has notified changes in its e-mail address and Internet address as well as changes to the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

E-mail:	spb@vpb.gov.lt
Internet:	www.vpb.gov.lt/engl
Provisional protection after international publication:	Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent: [No change] Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent: Provisional protection shall be effective in Lithuania as from the date on which the Lithuanian Patent Office publishes the translation of the claims into Lithuanian (see Article 59 of the Lithuanian Patent Law).

[Updating of Annex B1(LT) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**LT Lituanie**

L'**Office lituanien des brevets** a notifié des changements relatifs à son adresse électronique et son adresse Internet ainsi que des changements concernant les dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale, comme suit :

Courrier électronique :	spb@vpb.gov.lt
Internet :	www.vpb.gov.lt/engl
Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :	Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national :
	[Sans changement]
	Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen :
	La protection provisoire est effective en Lituanie à compter de la date à laquelle l'Office lituanien des brevets publie la traduction des revendications en lituanien (voir l'article 59 de la loi lituanienne sur les brevets).

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(LT) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS****EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)**

The **Eurasian Patent Office** has notified a change in its facsimile number, as follows:

Facsimile machine: (70-95) 616 22 53

[Updating of Annex B2(EA) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

GB United Kingdom

The **Patent Office (United Kingdom)** has clarified the conditions of its national law under which a United Kingdom resident may file directly at the European Patent Office or at the International Bureau of WIPO (only the footnote relating to the competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the United Kingdom has been modified). The clarification is as follows:

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the United Kingdom:	The Patent Office (United Kingdom), European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant ¹ (see Annex C)
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[Updating of Annex B1(GB) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Intellectual Property (Republic of Moldova)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers. The list of telephone and facsimile numbers is now as follows:

Telephone: (37322) 44 32 53, 40 06 07, 40 06 08

Facsimile machine: (37322) 44 01 19, 44 00 94

[Updating of Annex B1(MD) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ In most cases, a United Kingdom resident may file an application direct at the European Patent Office or at the International Bureau of WIPO. However, restrictions apply where the application contains information which relates to military technology or which might be prejudicial to United Kingdom national security or the safety of the public. In these cases, a United Kingdom resident may only file such an application direct at the European Patent Office or at the International Bureau of WIPO: (i) after having obtained written authorization from the Patent Office (United Kingdom); or (ii) after an application for a patent for the same invention has been filed at the Patent Office (United Kingdom) and not less than six weeks have elapsed without the Comptroller of the Patent Office (United Kingdom) giving a direction prohibiting publication or communication of the invention. These restrictions do not apply to an application for a patent for an invention for which an application for a patent has first been filed in a country outside the United Kingdom by a person resident outside the United Kingdom. Further details can be obtained from the Patent Office (United Kingdom): Security Section, Concept House, Cardiff Road, Newport, South Wales, NP10 8QQ; tel: (44-1633) 81 35 58.

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS
ET LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES****EA Organisation eurasienne des brevets (OEAB)**

L'**Office eurasien des brevets** a notifié un changement relatif à son numéro de télécopieur, comme suit :

Télécopieur : (70-95) 616 22 53

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B2(EA) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

GB Royaume-Uni

L'**Office des brevets (Royaume-Uni)** a apporté des précisions relatives aux conditions dans lesquelles, en vertu de sa législation nationale, une personne domiciliée au Royaume-Uni peut déposer une demande internationale directement auprès de l'Office européen des brevets ou du Bureau international de l'OMPI (seule la note de bas de page relative à l'office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux du Royaume-Uni et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées a été modifiée). Les précisions sont les suivantes :

Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux du Royaume-Uni et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées :	Office des brevets (Royaume-Uni), Office européen des brevets (OEB) ou Bureau international de l'OMPI, au choix du déposant ¹ (voir l'annexe C)
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[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(GB) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

MD République de Moldova

L'**Office d'État pour la propriété intellectuelle (République de Moldova)** a notifié des changements relatifs à ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur. La liste des numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur est désormais la suivante :

Téléphone : (37322) 44 32 53, 40 06 07, 40 06 08

Télécopieur : (37322) 44 01 19, 44 00 94

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(MD) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

¹ Dans la plupart des cas, une personne domiciliée au Royaume-Uni peut déposer une demande internationale directement auprès de l'Office européen des brevets ou du Bureau international de l'OMPI. Cependant, des restrictions sont applicables lorsque la demande contient des renseignements relatifs à la technologie militaire ou qui pourraient porter préjudice à la sécurité nationale ou à la sûreté publique du Royaume-Uni. Dans ces cas, une personne domiciliée au Royaume-Uni peut déposer une telle demande auprès de l'Office européen des brevets ou du Bureau international de l'OMPI uniquement : i) après avoir obtenu une autorisation écrite de l'Office des brevets (Royaume-Uni), ou ii) après le dépôt d'une demande de brevet auprès de l'Office des brevets (Royaume-Uni) pour la même invention et si au moins six semaines se sont écoulées sans que le *Comptroller* de l'Office des brevets (Royaume-Uni) ait donné d'instructions interdisant la publication ou la communication de l'invention. Ces restrictions ne sont pas applicables à une demande de brevet portant sur une invention pour laquelle une demande de brevet a été déposée auparavant hors du Royaume-Uni par une personne non domiciliée au Royaume-Uni. On peut obtenir des renseignements supplémentaires auprès de l'Office des brevets (Royaume-Uni) à l'adresse suivante : Security Section, Concept House, Cardiff Road, Newport, South Wales, NP10 8QQ; tél. : (44-1633) 81 35 58.

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (cont'd)****MN Mongolia**

The **Mongolian Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office: Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia

E-mail: ipom@magicnet.mn

Internet: www.ipom.mn

[Updating of Annex B1(MN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PL Poland

The **Polish Patent Office** has notified changes in its facsimile number, as well as changes to the types of protection available via the PCT, as follows:

Facsimile machine: (48-22) 825 83 49

Types of protection available via the PCT:	National:	Patents, utility models
	European:	[No change]

[Updating of Annex B1(PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified a change in its facsimile number, as follows:

Facsimile machine: (421-48) 413 25 63

[Updating of Annex B1(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS
ET LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES (suite)****MN Mongolie**

L'**Office mongol de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié des changements relatifs au nom de l'office ainsi qu'à son adresse électronique et son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Nom de l'office :	Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Mongolie
Courrier électronique :	ipom@magicnet.mn
Internet :	www.ipom.mn

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(MN) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

PL Pologne

L'**Office polonais des brevets** a notifié des changements relatifs à son numéro de télécopieur ainsi qu'aux types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT, comme suit :

Télécopieur :	(48-22) 825 83 49
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Nationale : Brevets, modèles d'utilité Européenne : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(PL) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

SK Slovaquie

L'**Office de la propriété industrielle (Slovaquie)** a notifié un changement relatif à son numéro de télécopieur, comme suit :

Télécopieur :	(421-48) 413 25 63
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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**MX Mexico**

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified new amounts of fees in **Mexican pesos (MXP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable since 24 March 2005, are as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:	MXP	6,499 ²
	MXP	4,336 ³

For utility model:

Filing fee:	MXP	1,885 ²
	MXP	1,257 ³

[Updating of the National Chapter (MX) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

PL Poland

The **Polish Patent Office** has introduced new amounts of fees, in **Polish zlotys (PLZ)**, payable to it as receiving Office (fee for priority document) and as designated (or elected) Office (national fee). These amounts now read as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	For a patent or a utility model:
	PLZ 60 (up to 20 sheets) or
	PLZ 125 (for more than 20 sheets)

National fee:

For patent or utility model:

– where an international preliminary examination has been carried out:	PLZ 350
– where no international preliminary examination has been carried out:	PLZ 500
– additional fee for each sheet in excess of 20:	[No change]
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	PLZ 100

[Updating of Annex C(PL) and of the National Chapter (PL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

² Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 22. This fee includes a 25% reduction based on the establishment of an international search report.

³ Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 39(1). This fee includes a 50% reduction based on the establishment of an international preliminary examination report.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**MX Mexique**

L'**Institut mexicain de la propriété industrielle** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **pesos mexicains (MXP)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Ces montants, applicables depuis le 24 mars 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt :	MXP 6.499 ²
	MXP 4.336 ³

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt :	MXP 1.885 ²
	MXP 1.257 ³

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (MX) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

PL Pologne

L'**Office polonais des brevets** a introduit de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **zlotys polonais (PLZ)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur (taxe pour le document de priorité) et en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu) (taxe nationale). Ces montants sont désormais les suivants :

Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	Pour un brevet ou un modèle d'utilité :
	PLZ 60 (jusqu'à 20 feuilles) ou
	PLZ 125 (pour plus de 20 feuilles)

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet ou un modèle d'utilité :

- lorsqu'un examen préliminaire international a été effectué : PLZ 350
- lorsque aucun examen préliminaire international n'a été effectué : PLZ 500
- taxe additionnelle pour chaque feuille à compter de la 21^e : [Sans changement]

Taxe de revendication de priorité, par priorité :	PLZ 100
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[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(PL) et du chapitre national (PL) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

² Doit être acquittée lorsque la phase nationale est abordée en vertu de l'article 22 du PCT. Cette taxe comprend une réduction de 25% qui est basée sur l'établissement d'un rapport de recherche internationale.

³ Doit être acquittée lorsque la phase nationale est abordée en vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT. Cette taxe comprend une réduction de 50% qui est basée sur l'établissement d'un rapport d'examen préliminaire international.

RECEIVING OFFICES**RU Russian Federation**

The **Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation)** has notified a change in its requirement as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent? Any patent attorney registered to practice before the Office

[Updating of Annex C(RU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES**JP Japan**

The **Japan Patent Office** has clarified, by means of a new footnote, cases in which English shall be accepted as a language for international search, as follows:

Languages accepted for international search: English⁴, Japanese

[Updating of Annex D(JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**JP Japan**

The **Japan Patent Office** has clarified the time limit for submission of the Japanese translation of the international application for entry into the national phase, resulting in the deletion of footnote 2 and the renumbering of the remaining footnotes.

[Updating of the National Chapter (JP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

⁴ The Japan Patent Office is competent only if the international application is filed in English with either that office as a receiving office or the Intellectual Property Office (Philippines).

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**RU Fédération de Russie**

Le **Service fédéral de la propriété intellectuelle, des brevets et des marques (Fédération de Russie)** a notifié un changement relatif à son exigence concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire? Tout conseil en brevets habilité à exercer auprès de l'office

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(RU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE**JP Japon**

L'**Office des brevets du Japon** a précisé, par une nouvelle note de bas de page, les cas dans lesquels l'anglais est une langue admise pour la recherche internationale, comme suit :

Langues admises pour
la recherche internationale : Anglais⁴, japonais

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(JP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**JP Japon**

L'**Office des brevets du Japon** a précisé le délai de la remise de la traduction en japonais de la demande internationale pour l'entrée dans la phase nationale, ce qui entraîne la suppression de la note de bas de page 2 et la renumérotation des notes restantes.

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (JP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

⁴ L'Office des brevets du Japon est compétent seulement si la demande internationale est déposée en anglais soit auprès de cet office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, soit auprès de l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Philippines).

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****SK Slovakia**

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 21 October 2005, the **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)**, in its capacity as a receiving Office, notified the International Bureau under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 January 2006, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R, 3.5 inch diskette or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- *epoline*® software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string and click-wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****SK Slovaquie**

Depuis le 7 janvier 2002, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques appropriés est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F des Instructions administratives du PCT qui contiennent, respectivement, le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires à la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement sous forme électronique des demandes internationales prévus à la règle 89*bis*.1 du PCT.

Le 21 octobre 2005, l'**Office de la propriété industrielle (Slovaquie)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international, selon la règle 89*bis*.1.d) et l'instruction administrative 710.a) du PCT, qu'il est disposé à recevoir et à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2006, comme suit :

“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- XML (en général; voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- Norme OMPI ST.25 (pour les listages des séquences; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F et l'annexe C)
- PDF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.2 de l'annexe F)
- TIFF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :

- dépôt en ligne (voir la section 5 de l'annexe F et la section 2.d) de l'appendice III de l'annexe F)
- dépôt effectué sur l'un des supports matériels suivants : CD-R, disquette de 3,5 pouces ou DVD-R (voir la section 5.2.1 de l'annexe F, la section 2.e) de l'appendice III et les sections 4.1, 4.3 et 4.5 de l'appendice IV de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne l'emballage électronique des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l'annexe F)
- WAD (documents constitutifs de la demande compactés; voir la section 4.1.1 de l'annexe F) uniquement aux fins du dépôt sur un support matériel

En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- logiciel *epoline*®
- logiciel PCT-SAFE

En ce qui concerne les types de signature électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- signature en fac-similé, signature composée d'une chaîne de caractères et signature enveloppée électroniquement selon la méthode dite du 'click-wrap' (voir les sections 3.3.1 à 3.3.3 de l'annexe F)
- signature électronique renforcée (voir la section 3.3.4 de l'annexe F)

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****SK Slovakia (cont'd)****As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):**

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1), or sent with outdated certificates, that a notification of receipt will not be generated.

Other errors, such as applications being infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)), are notified to the applicant in the acknowledgement of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. The following means of deferred payment are accepted: payment by check or by bank transfer.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of patents, the Office has put in place a help desk for applicants. The task of this help desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of patents, and in particular to serve as a technical hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

The help desk will be available between 8:00 and 17:00 Monday to Friday excluding official holidays. It may be contacted:

- by phone at +421 48 4300 332
- by fax at +421 48 4300 350
- by e-mail at helpdesk@indprop.gov.sk

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper. Furthermore, the Office will not prepare a backup copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES: NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**SK Slovaquie (suite)****En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures ayant trait à la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)ii) :**

L'accusé de réception de tout ce qui est supposé constituer une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique auprès de l'office contiendra, outre les informations exigées au titre de l'instruction 704.a)i) à iv), les noms des fichiers électroniques reçus (voir l'instruction 704.v)).

L'office fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique. Ce n'est que dans les cas où la demande n'est pas envoyée conformément au protocole sur l'interopérabilité en matière de dépôt électronique (voir la section 5.1 de l'annexe F), ou est envoyée avec des certificats caduques, qu'un accusé de réception ne sera pas généré.

D'autres erreurs, telles que des demandes contaminées par des virus ou d'autres formes d'éléments malveillants (voir l'instruction 708.b)), sont notifiées au déposant dans l'accusé de réception.

Lorsqu'il s'avère que l'accusé de réception envoyé au déposant par des moyens électroniques n'a pas été transmis avec succès, l'office le renverra à bref délai par le même moyen ou par un autre moyen (voir l'instruction 709.b)).

En ce qui concerne les moyens de paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a)ii) :

Le paiement en ligne n'est pas disponible. Les modes de paiement en différé suivants sont acceptés : paiement par chèque ou par virement bancaire.

En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d'assistance (instruction 710.a)ii) :

Dans le cadre de son service de dépôt électronique des brevets, l'office a mis en place un service d'assistance aux déposants. L'objectif de ce service d'assistance est de répondre aux questions des utilisateurs du service de dépôt électronique des brevets, et en particulier de servir de ligne d'urgence pour aider les déposants lorsqu'ils sont confrontés à des bogues ou à d'autres problèmes techniques en rapport avec le logiciel ou le serveur.

Le service d'assistance est ouvert du lundi au vendredi, mis à part les vacances officielles, de 8 heures à 17 heures. Il peut être contacté :

- par téléphone, au +421 48 4300 332
- par télécopie, au +421 48 4300 350
- par courriel, à l'adresse électronique suivante : helpdesk@indprop.gov.sk

En ce qui concerne les types de documents qui peuvent être transmis à l'office sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)iii) :

- demandes internationales

En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :

L'office n'acceptera aucun dépôt de copies de sauvegarde sur papier. Par ailleurs, l'office ne préparera aucune copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sur papier à la demande du déposant.

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****SK Slovakia (cont'd)**

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the electronic filing systems on its website (www.upv.sk).

As to the certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
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En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :

Dans le cas où les systèmes informatiques ne seraient plus en état de marche au moment où une demande internationale est déposée auprès de lui, l'office mettra en œuvre tous les moyens dont il dispose pour informer le déposant des procédures de remplacement à suivre.

L'office fournira les informations relatives aux disponibilités des systèmes de dépôt électronique sur son site Internet (www.upv.sk).

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office et les adresses électroniques des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés (instruction 710.a)vi) :

- Autorité de certification pour l'Office européen des brevets (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- Autorité de certification de l'OMPI pour les utilisateurs (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/fr/certificates.htm)

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou archivées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible.”

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** has notified new requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. The consolidated table of requirements reads as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
Where applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, not later than that request	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
The applicant may request that, until the patent has been granted by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office or if the application has been finally decided upon without resulting in the grant of the patent, the furnishing of a sample shall only be effected to an expert in the art. The same is applied to rejected or withdrawn applications within a period of 20 years from the filing date. The request to restrict the furnishing of a sample to an expert in the art shall be filed by the applicant with the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, at the latest, by the day upon which technical preparations for publication of the application are considered to be completed.		

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF MODIFIED PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS

ZM Zambia

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Article 22(1), as modified with effect from 1 April 2002, with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **Patents and Companies Registration Office (Zambia)** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 22 September 2005. The new time limit is now as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:

Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date
Under PCT Article 39(1): [No change]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE :
EXIGENCES DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS ET ÉLUS**

SE Suède

L'Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement a notifié de nouvelles exigences relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique. Le tableau récapitulatif des exigences est le suivant :

Délai (éventuel) inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, dans lequel le déposant doit fournir :		Indications (éventuelles) qui doivent figurer outre celles exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii) selon les notifications des offices intéressés
les indications exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii)	toute indication supplémentaire spécifiée dans la colonne adjacente de droite	
Lorsque le déposant requiert la publication dans un délai inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, pas plus tard qu'une telle requête	Lors du dépôt (comme partie de la demande)	Dans la mesure où ils sont accessibles au déposant, renseignements se rapportant aux caractéristiques du micro-organisme
Le déposant peut demander que, jusqu'à ce que le brevet soit délivré par l'Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement ou si la décision finale n'a pas abouti à l'obtention du brevet, un échantillon ne soit remis qu'à un expert en la matière. Il en va de même des demandes rejetées ou retirées dans un délai de 20 ans à compter de la date de dépôt. La demande visant à limiter la fourniture d'un échantillon à un expert en la matière doit être présentée par le déposant à l'Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement, au plus tard, le jour où la préparation technique en vue de la publication de la demande est considérée comme achevée.		

[Mise à jour de l'annexe L du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT MODIFIÉ

ZM Zambie

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de l'article 22.1) du PCT tel que modifié à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002 (voir la Gazette du PCT n°08/2002, page 3887), le **Bureau d'enregistrement des brevets et des sociétés (Zambie)** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 22 septembre 2005. Le nouveau délai est désormais le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :

En vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT : 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité

En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : [Sans changement]

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**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS****EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a modification in its requirements as to the acceptability of evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used, as follows:

Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?

Yes, provided that the delivery service is Chronopost, Deutsche Post Express, DHL, Federal Express, LTA, TNT, SkyNet or UPS

[Updating of Annex B2(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has deleted one of its telephone numbers. The list of telephone numbers of the Office now reads as follows:

Telephone: (972-2) 5651 705, 5651 695

[Updating of Annex B1(IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS
ET LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES****EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a notifié une modification de ses exigences quant à l'acceptation, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, de la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par un entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale, comme suit :

L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT)?

Oui, à condition que l'entreprise d'acheminement soit Chronopost, Deutsche Post Express, DHL, Federal Express, LTA, TNT, SkyNet ou UPS

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B2(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

IL Israël

L'**Office des brevets d'Israël** a supprimé un de ses numéros de téléphone. La liste des numéros de téléphone de l'office est désormais la suivante :

Téléphone : (972-2) 5651 705, 5651 695

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(IL) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (cont'd)****LU Luxembourg**

The **Intellectual Property Office (Luxembourg)** has notified changes in the name and the location of the Office and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as well as the deletion of its teleprinter number, resulting in a change in the means of telecommunication accepted for filing documents, as follows:

Name of Office:	Direction de la propriété intellectuelle (Luxembourg) Intellectual Property Directorate (Luxembourg)
Location:	Ministère de l'économie et du commerce extérieur, 19-21, Boulevard Royal, Luxembourg-Ville, Luxembourg
Teleprinter:	[Deleted]
E-mail:	dpi@eco.etat.lu
Internet:	www.eco.public.lu
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	[No change]
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	[No change]

[Updating of Annex B1(LU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS
ET LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES (suite)****LU Luxembourg**

Le **Service de la propriété intellectuelle (Luxembourg)** a notifié des changements relatifs au nom de l'office, à l'adresse de son siège et à ses adresses électronique et Internet, ainsi que la suppression de son numéro de télécopieur, ce qui entraîne un changement relatif aux moyens de télécommunication acceptés pour le dépôt de documents, comme suit :

Nom de l'office :	Direction de la propriété intellectuelle (Luxembourg)
Siège :	Ministère de l'économie et du commerce extérieur, 19-21, Boulevard Royal, Luxembourg-Ville, Luxembourg
Télécopieur :	[Supprimé]
Courrier électronique :	dpi@eco.etat.lu
Internet :	www.eco.public.lu
L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT)?	Oui, par télécopieur
Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens?	[Sans changement]
L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas?	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(LU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (cont'd)****SK Slovakia**

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified changes to the provisions for provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent and has provided provisions for cases where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent, as follows:

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

Under Sections 13(2) and 15(2) of the Patent Law, the applicant is entitled to appropriate remuneration only after publication of the international application in the Slovak language.

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

(1) International application published in one of the EPO official languages: compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation into Slovak of the claims in the application have been met (see Section 60 of the Patent Law) and upon grant of the patent. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent.

(2) International application published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the protection referred to in (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages.

[Updating of Annex B1(SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS
ET LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES (suite)****SK Slovaquie**

L'**Office de la propriété industrielle (Slovaquie)** a notifié des changements concernant les dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national et a fourni des dispositions pour les cas où la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen, comme suit :

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national :

Selon les articles 13.2) et 15.2) de la loi sur les brevets, le déposant a le droit de réclamer une rémunération raisonnable seulement après la publication de la demande internationale en langue slovaque.

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen :

1) Demande internationale publiée dans l'une des langues officielles de l'OEB : indemnité raisonnable en l'espèce, sous réserve qu'il ait été satisfait aux exigences nationales, le cas échéant, relatives à la traduction en slovaque des revendications de la demande (voir l'article 60 de la loi sur les brevets) et dès la délivrance du brevet. La protection est limitée à ce qui est revendiqué à la fois dans la demande et dans le brevet.

2) Demande internationale publiée dans une langue autre que l'une des langues officielles de l'OEB : la protection évoquée au point 1) ne prend effet qu'à partir de la publication par l'OEB de la demande internationale qui lui est remise dans l'une de ses langues officielles.

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(SK) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office and in the conditions relating to exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee, as follows:

National fee, comprising:

- national basic fee:
 - where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed online: [No change]
 - where the form for entry into the European phase (EPO Form 1200) is filed on paper: [No change]
- designation fee for each EPO Contracting State designated and for the joint designation of Switzerland and Liechtenstein; paying seven times the amount of this fee is deemed payment for all EPC Contracting States: [No change]
- extension fee (for extension of the European patent to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia and Montenegro or the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia): [No change]
- Claims fee for the 11th and each subsequent claim: [No change]
- Search fee:
 - for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 690
 - for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 960
- Surcharge for late filing of either the translation of the international application or the request for examination, or for late payment of the national basic fee, the search fee, the examination fee or the designation fees: [No change]
- Examination fee:
 - for (international) applications filed before 1 July 2005: EUR 1,430
 - for (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which no supplementary European search report is drawn up: EUR 1,430
 - for all other (international) applications filed on or after 1 July 2005: EUR 1,280
- Renewal fee for the third year: [No change]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a notifié des changements relatifs aux montants des taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu) et aux conditions concernant l'exemption, la réduction ou le remboursement de la taxe nationale, comme suit :

Taxe nationale, composée :

- d'une taxe nationale de base :
 - quand le formulaire pour l'ouverture de la phase européenne (formulaire OEB 1200) est déposé en ligne : [Sans changement]
 - quand le formulaire pour l'ouverture de la phase européenne (formulaire OEB 1200) est déposé sous forme papier : [Sans changement]
- d'une taxe de désignation pour chaque État membre de l'OEB désigné et pour la désignation conjointe de la Suisse et du Liechtenstein; le fait de payer sept fois le montant de cette taxe est considéré comme un paiement pour tous les États parties à la CBE : [Sans changement]
- d'une taxe d'extension (pour l'extension des effets du brevet européen à l'Albanie, la Bosnie-Herzégovine, la Croatie, l'ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine ou la Serbie-et-Monténégro) : [Sans changement]

Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication à compter de la 11^e : [Sans changement]

Taxe de recherche :

- pour les demandes (internationales) déposées avant le 1^{er} juillet 2005 : EUR 690
- pour les demandes (internationales) déposées le 1^{er} juillet 2005 ou ultérieurement : EUR 960

Surtaxe pour remise tardive de la traduction de la demande internationale, pour présentation tardive de la requête en examen ou pour retard de paiement de la taxe nationale de base, de la taxe de recherche, de la taxe d'examen ou des taxes de désignation : [Sans changement]

Taxe d'examen :

- pour les demandes (internationales) déposées avant le 1^{er} juillet 2005 : EUR 1.430
- pour les demandes (internationales) déposées le 1^{er} juillet 2005 ou ultérieurement pour lesquelles aucun rapport complémentaire de recherche européenne n'a été établi : EUR 1.430
- pour toutes les autres demandes (internationales) déposées le 1^{er} juillet 2005 ou ultérieurement : EUR 1.280

Taxe annuelle pour la troisième année : [Sans changement]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO) (cont'd)**

Exemptions, reductions or refunds
of the national fee:

No search fee is payable where the international search report has been established by the EPO, the Austrian Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the international application has been filed before 1 July 2005.

The search fee is reduced by EUR 190 where the international search report has been established by the Australian Patent Office, the China Intellectual Property Office, the Federal Service for Intellectual Property, Patents and Trademarks (Russian Federation), the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office or the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

The search fee is reduced by EUR 810 for international applications filed on or after 1 July 2005 for which the international search report has been established by the Austrian Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, and for international applications filed on or after 1 April 2005 for which it has been established by the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland.

The examination fee is reduced by 50% where the international preliminary examination report has been established by the EPO except if it is a “rationalized” international preliminary examination report (see OJ EPO 2001, 539).

Furthermore, in certain cases the examination fee is reduced by 20% for language reasons (see paragraph EP.16 of national chapter EP).

[Updating of the National Chapter (EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified a change in the amount of the national fee in **Slovak koruny (SKK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee: SKK 1,600

[Updating of the National Chapter (SK) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB) (suite)**

Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :

Aucune taxe de recherche n'est à payer lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale a été établi par l'OEB, l'Office autrichien des brevets, l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques ou l'Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement et que la demande internationale a été déposée avant le 1^{er} juillet 2005.

La taxe de recherche est réduite de EUR 190 lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale a été établi par l'Office australien des brevets, l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle, l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine, l'Office des brevets du Japon, l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis ou le Service fédéral de la propriété intellectuelle, des brevets et des marques (Fédération de Russie).

La taxe de recherche est réduite de EUR 810 pour les demandes internationales déposées le 1^{er} juillet 2005 ou ultérieurement pour lesquelles le rapport de recherche internationale a été établi par l'Office autrichien des brevets, l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques ou l'Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement et pour les demandes internationales déposées le 1^{er} avril 2005 ou ultérieurement pour lesquelles ledit rapport a été établi par l'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande.

La taxe d'examen est réduite de 50% lorsque le rapport d'examen préliminaire international a été établi par l'OEB, sauf s'il s'agit d'un rapport d'examen préliminaire international "rationalisé" (voir JO OEB 2001, 539).

En outre, la taxe d'examen est réduite de 20% dans certains cas, pour des raisons linguistiques (voir le paragraphe EP.16 du chapitre national EP).

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

SK Slovaquie

L'**Office de la propriété industrielle (Slovaquie)** a notifié un changement relatif au montant de la taxe nationale, exprimé en **couroannes slovaques (SKK)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Taxe de dépôt : SKK 1.600

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (SK) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

RECEIVING OFFICES**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has modified details on how to obtain the list of agents qualified to practice before the Office as receiving Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?	Any professional representative entered on the relevant list maintained by the EPO (the directory of professional representatives can be ordered at the EPO, Vienna, or consulted on the EPO website)
	[No change]

[Updating of Annex C(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified changes to the International Searching Authorities that may perform search for an international application for which international preliminary examination is subsequently performed by the EPO. Only the relevant footnote text is reproduced hereafter:

“The EPO may act as International Preliminary Examining Authority only if the international search is or has been performed by the EPO, the Austrian Patent Office, the National Board of Patent and Registration of Finland, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent and Registration Office.”

The EPO has also updated the footnote text relating to the conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee, as follows:

“Applicable to international applications for which the EPO drew up a rationalized international preliminary examination report as from 3 January 2002 (see OJ EPO 11/2001, 539). For international applications filed on or after 1 January 2004, the rationalized procedure has been discontinued (see OJ EPO 5/2004, 304).”

[Updating of Annex E(EP) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a modifié des détails relatifs à la manière d'obtenir la liste des mandataires habilités à exercer auprès de l'office agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?	Tout mandataire agréé inscrit sur la liste tenue par l'OEB (le répertoire des mandataires peut être commandé auprès de l'OEB, Vienne, ou consulté sur le site Internet de l'OEB)
	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a notifié des changements relatifs aux administrations chargées de la recherche internationale qui peuvent effectuer la recherche pour une demande internationale dont l'examen préliminaire international sera ensuite effectué par ses soins. Seul le texte de la note de bas de page y relative est reproduit ci-après :

“L'OEB n'agira en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international que si la recherche internationale est ou a été effectuée par ses soins, par l'Office autrichien des brevets, par l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques, par l'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande ou par l'Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement.”

L'OEB a également mis à jour la note de bas de page relative aux conditions de remboursement et au montant du remboursement de la taxe d'examen préliminaire, comme suit :

“Applicable à toute demande internationale pour laquelle l'OEB a rédigé un rapport d'examen préliminaire international rationalisé à compter du 3 janvier 2002 (voir JO OEB 11/2001, 539). Pour les demandes internationales déposées le 1^{er} janvier 2004 ou ultérieurement, la procédure rationalisée n'est plus appliquée (voir JO OEB 5/2004, 304).”

[Mise à jour de l'annexe E(EP) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office has notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rules 44*bis*.3(a) and 72.1, that where either an international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty) or an international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty) has been issued in a language other than one of its official languages, the Office will require a translation of the report into English. According to PCT Rule 44*bis*.3(b) and PCT Article 36(2)(b), either translation shall be prepared by or under the responsibility of the International Bureau.

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has introduced a new footnote relating to its special requirements. The consolidated list of the special requirements of the Office now reads as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>): ¹	Document evidencing a change of name of applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date ²
	Document of assignment or transfer if the applicant has changed after the international filing date ²
	Address for notification in Israel if the applicant is not resident in Israel
	Two copies of the international application (if in English) or of its translation
	Verified translation of international application into English or Hebrew
	Verified translation of priority document, if any, into English or Hebrew ³

[Updating of the National Chapter (IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months fixed in the invitation.

² If the change is recorded by the International Bureau, and the Israel Patent Office is able to verify it by consulting the International Bureau's electronic records, no further document is required.

³ If the validity of the priority claim is relevant to the determination of whether the invention concerned is patentable.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Conformément aux règles 44*bis*.3.a) et 72.1 du PCT, l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), a notifié au Bureau international qu'il exigera une traduction en anglais du rapport préliminaire international sur la brevetabilité (chapitre I du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets) ou du rapport préliminaire international sur la brevetabilité (chapitre II du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets) si ce rapport n'a pas été établi dans l'une des langues officielles de l'office. Conformément à la règle 44*bis*.3.b) et à l'article 36.2)b) du PCT, cette traduction sera préparée par le Bureau international ou sous sa responsabilité.

IL Israël

L'**Office des brevets d'Israël** a introduit une nouvelle note de bas de page relative à ses exigences particulières. La liste récapitulative des exigences particulières de l'office est désormais la suivante :

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT)¹ :

Justification du changement de nom du déposant si le changement est survenu après la date du dépôt international²

Acte de cession ou de transfert lorsque le déposant a changé après la date du dépôt international²

Adresse pour l'envoi des notifications en Israël si le déposant n'y est pas domicilié

Demande internationale (si celle-ci est en anglais) ou traduction de cette dernière en deux exemplaires

Traduction vérifiée de la demande internationale en anglais ou en hébreu

Traduction vérifiée du document de priorité, le cas échéant, en anglais ou en hébreu³

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (IL) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

¹ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai de trois mois fixé dans l'invitation.

² Si le changement a été enregistré par le Bureau international et que l'Office des brevets d'Israël peut le vérifier en consultant les dossiers électroniques du Bureau international, aucun autre document n'est exigé.

³ Si la validité de la revendication de priorité est pertinente pour déterminer si l'invention en question est brevetable ou non.

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 31 October 2002, the **European Patent Office**, in its capacity as a receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it was prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 November 2002 (see PCT Gazette No. 47/2002, page 23832).

On 2 November 2005, the European Patent Office, in its capacity as a receiving Office, notified the International Bureau, under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, that it is prepared to accept the use of certificates issued by new certification authorities with effect from 2 November 2005, in accordance with the following notification, thereby replacing the item relating to the certification authorities accepted by the Office of the previous notification published in PCT Gazette No. 47/2002. In particular, the Office accepts the use of certificates issued by the Certification Authority for the European Patent Office or by the WIPO customer CA for the filing of international applications in electronic form.

“As to the certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)
- Västöräkisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi) (FINEID smartcards)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (CERES certificates)”

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Depuis le 7 janvier 2002, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques appropriés est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F des Instructions administratives du PCT qui contiennent, respectivement, le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires à la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement sous forme électronique des demandes internationales prévus à la règle 89*bis*.1 du PCT.

Le 31 octobre 2002, l'**Office européen des brevets**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international, selon la règle 89*bis*.1.d) et l'instruction administrative 710.a) du PCT, qu'il était disposé à recevoir et à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 1^{er} novembre 2002 (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 47/2002, page 23833).

Le 2 novembre 2005, l'Office européen des brevets, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international, selon la règle 89*bis*.1.d) et l'instruction administrative 710.b) du PCT, qu'il est disposé à accepter l'utilisation de certificats délivrés par de nouvelles autorités de certification à compter du 2 novembre 2005, conformément à la notification suivante, qui remplace ainsi le point relatif aux autorités de certification acceptées par l'office de la notification précédente publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 47/2002. En particulier, l'Office accepte l'utilisation de certificats délivrés par l'Autorité de certification pour l'Office européen des brevets ou par l'Autorité de certification de l'OMPI pour les utilisateurs pour le dépôt de demandes internationales sous forme électronique.

“En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office et les adresses électroniques des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés (instruction 710.a)vi) :

- Autorité de certification pour l'Office européen des brevets (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- Autorité de certification de l'OMPI pour les utilisateurs (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/fr/certificates.htm)
- Västörrekisterikeskus (VRK) (www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi) (cartes à puces FINEID)
- Fábrica Nacional de Moneda y Timbre (FNMT) (www.cert.fnmt.es) (certificats CERES)”

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****SE Sweden**

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 1 November 2005, the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office**, in its capacity as a receiving Office, notified the International Bureau under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 February 2006, as follows:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: CD-R or CD-ROM (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.2 and 4.3)

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- *epoline*® software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile or text string signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2, and Appendix III, section 2(i))
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****SE Suède**

Depuis le 7 janvier 2002, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques appropriés est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F des Instructions administratives du PCT qui contiennent, respectivement, le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires à la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement sous forme électronique des demandes internationales prévus à la règle 89*bis*.1 du PCT.

Le 1^{er} novembre 2005, l'**Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international, selon la règle 89*bis*.1.d) et l'instruction administrative 710.a) du PCT, qu'il est disposé à recevoir et à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 1^{er} février 2006, comme suit :

“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- XML (en général; voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- Norme OMPI ST.25 (pour les listages des séquences; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F et l'annexe C)
- PDF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.2 de l'annexe F)
- TIFF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :

- dépôt en ligne (voir la section 5 de l'annexe F et la section 2.d) de l'appendice III de l'annexe F)
- dépôt effectué sur l'un des supports matériels suivants : CD-R ou CD-ROM (voir la section 5.2.1 de l'annexe F, la section 2.e) de l'appendice III et les sections 4.2 et 4.3 de l'appendice IV de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne l'emballage électronique des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l'annexe F)
- WAD (documents constitutifs de la demande compactés; voir la section 4.1.1 de l'annexe F) aux fins du dépôt sur un support matériel

En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- logiciel *epoline*®
- logiciel PCT-SAFE

En ce qui concerne les types de signature électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- signature en fac-similé ou signature composée d'une chaîne de caractères (voir les sections 3.3.1 et 3.3.2 de l'annexe F et la section 2.i) de l'appendice III de l'annexe F)
- signature électronique renforcée (voir la section 3.3.4 de l'annexe F)

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****SE Sweden (cont'd)****As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):**

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office contains, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1), or if the package submitted does not contain any files, that a notification or confirmation of receipt will not be generated.

Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications being infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that a notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or other means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available. Only currently available means of payment are accepted.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 8:00 and 17:00 (15 September to 14 May) and between 8:00 and 15:30 (15 May to 14 September) CET (Central European Time) from Monday to Friday excluding Swedish public holidays. It may be contacted:

- by phone at +46 8 782 26 00
- by e-mail at prv.patent@prv.se

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will accept the filing of backup copies of the application on paper or on one of the physical media accepted under Section 710(a)(i) as provided for under Section 706(a).

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****SE Suède (suite)****En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures ayant trait à la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)ii) :**

L'accusé de réception de tout ce qui est supposé constituer une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique auprès de l'office contiendra, outre les informations obligatoires exigées au titre de l'instruction 704.a)i) à iv), les noms des fichiers électroniques reçus (voir l'instruction 704.a)v)).

L'office fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique. Ce n'est que dans les cas où la demande n'est pas envoyée conformément au protocole sur l'interopérabilité en matière de dépôt électronique (voir la section 5.1 de l'annexe F), ou si le paquet présenté ne contient aucun fichier, qu'un accusé de réception ne sera pas généré.

D'autres erreurs, telles que l'utilisation de certificats caduques (voir la section 4.4.7 de l'appendice II de l'annexe F), des demandes contaminées par des virus ou d'autres formes d'éléments malveillants (voir l'instruction 708.b)) ou des fichiers manquants, sont notifiées au déposant dans l'accusé de réception.

Lorsqu'il s'avère qu'un accusé de réception envoyé au déposant par des moyens électroniques n'a pas été transmis avec succès, l'office le renverra à bref délai par le même moyen ou par d'autres moyens (voir l'instruction 709.b)).

En ce qui concerne les moyens de paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a)ii) :

Le paiement en ligne n'est pas disponible. Seuls les modes de paiement actuellement disponibles sont acceptés.

En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d'assistance (instruction 710.a)ii) :

L'office a mis en place un service d'assistance pour répondre aux questions des utilisateurs du service. Ce service d'assistance est ouvert du lundi au vendredi, mis à part les vacances officielles suédoises, de 8 heures à 17 heures (du 15 septembre au 14 mai) et de 8 heures à 15 heures 30 (du 15 mai au 14 septembre) (heure d'Europe centrale). Il peut être contacté :

- par téléphone, au +46 8 782 26 00
- par courriel, à l'adresse électronique suivante : prv.patent@prv.se

En ce qui concerne les types de documents qui peuvent être transmis à l'office sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)iii) :

- demandes internationales

En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :

L'office acceptera le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde de la demande sur papier ou sur l'un des supports matériels acceptés selon l'instruction 710.a)i) en vertu de l'instruction 706.a).

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****SE Sweden (cont'd)**

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of the electronic filing systems on its website (www.prv.se/olf).

As to the certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Certification Authority (CA) for the European Patent Office (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- Nordea (www.nordea.se/sitemod/default/index.aspx?pid=207904)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****SE Suède (suite)**

En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :

Dans le cas où les systèmes informatiques ne seraient plus en état de marche au moment où une demande internationale est déposée auprès de lui, l'office mettra en œuvre tous les moyens dont il dispose pour informer le déposant des procédures de remplacement à suivre.

L'office fournira les informations relatives aux disponibilités des systèmes de dépôt électronique sur son site Internet (www.prv.se/olf).

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office et les adresses électroniques des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés (instruction 710.a)vi) :

- Autorité de certification pour l'Office européen des brevets (www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- Nordea (www.nordea.se/sitemod/default/index.aspx?pid=207904)
- Autorité de certification de l'OMPI pour les utilisateurs (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/fr/certificates.htm)

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou archivées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible.”

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL:
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE****ES Spain**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

Banco Nacional de Algas (BNA)
Marine Biotechnology Center
University of Las Palmas, Gran Canaria
Muelle de Taliarte s/n
35214 Telde
Las Palmas
Spain

[Updating of Annex L of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF
MODIFIED PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS;
NOTIFICATION UNDER PCT ARTICLE 22(3);
NOTIFICATION UNDER PCT ARTICLE 39(1)(b)****FI Finland**

Further to the notification by the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** of the withdrawal of its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with its national law with effect from 1 January 2005 (see PCT Gazette No. 50/2004, page 29372), the Office has informed the International Bureau that the 31-month time limit under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b) applies only in the case where national protection by means of a patent is being sought in Finland. In the case where national protection by means of a utility model is being sought, the time limit under PCT Articles 22(1) and 39(1)(a), that is, 30 months from the priority date, has applied since 1 January 2005 and will continue to apply until further notice. The consolidated list of time limits is now as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry
into the national phase:

Under PCT Article 22(3):
where national protection by patent is sought:
31 months from the priority date;
where national protection by utility model is sought:
30 months from the priority date

Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):
where national protection by patent is sought:
31 months from the priority date;
where national protection by utility model is sought:
30 months from the priority date

[Updating of the National Chapter (FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE :
INSTITUTIONS AUPRÈS DESQUELLES DES DÉPÔTS PEUVENT ÊTRE EFFECTUÉS****ES Espagne**

Conformément à la règle 13bis.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à la désignation d'une institution de dépôt ayant acquis le statut d'autorité de dépôt internationale en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès de laquelle des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, comme suit :

Banco Nacional de Algas (BNA)
Marine Biotechnology Center
University of Las Palmas, Gran Canaria
Muelle de Taliarte s/n
35214 Telde
Las Palmas
Espagne

[Mise à jour de l'annexe L du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ
AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT MODIFIÉ;
NOTIFICATION EN VERTU DE L'ARTICLE 22.3) DU PCT;
NOTIFICATION EN VERTU DE L'ARTICLE 39.1)b) DU PCT****FI Finlande**

Suite à la notification par l'**Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande** du retrait de sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de l'article 22.1) du PCT tel que modifié, avec effet à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2005 (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 50/2004, page 29373), l'office a informé le Bureau international que le délai de 31 mois en vertu des articles 22.3) et 39.1)b) du PCT s'applique uniquement dans le cas où la protection nationale par brevet est recherchée en Finlande. Dans le cas où la protection nationale par modèle d'utilité est recherchée, le délai en vertu des articles 22.1) et 39.1)a) du PCT, à savoir, 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité, est applicable depuis le 1^{er} janvier 2005 et continuera de s'appliquer jusqu'à nouvel avis. La liste récapitulative des délais est désormais la suivante :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture
de la phase nationale :

En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :

lorsque la protection nationale par brevet est recherchée :
31 mois à compter de la date de priorité;

lorsque la protection nationale par modèle d'utilité est
recherchée : 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité

En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :

lorsque la protection nationale par brevet est recherchée :
31 mois à compter de la date de priorité;

lorsque la protection nationale par modèle d'utilité est
recherchée : 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (FI) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER NOTIFICATIONS ET INFORMATIONS DE CARACTÈRE GÉNÉRAL

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**

The **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its facsimile number, and has introduced an additional telephone number and e-mail address, as well as notifying an Internet address. The Office has also notified a change to the types of protection available via the PCT. The changes are reflected as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Ground Floor, Methodist Commercial Building, Granby Street, Kingstown, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Telephone:	(1-784) 451 28 94, 456 15 16
Facsimile machine:	(1-784) 457 13 97
E-mail:	ciposvg@vincysurf.com, office.cipo@mail.gov.vc
Internet:	www.gov.vc/govt/cipo/index.asp
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility certificates

[Updating of Annex B1(VC) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**PCT Fees – Establishing of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees**

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, and pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new equivalent amounts of the international filing fee, of the fee per sheet over 30 and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts for the reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2006, in various currencies, as indicated in the table published on pages 32102 and 32104.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in receiving offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities, with effect from 1 January 2006, as indicated in the table published on page 32106.

In both tables, the new amounts are distinguished from currently applicable amounts by indicating them in bold print.

[Updating of Annexes C, D and E of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**VC Saint-Vincent-et-les Grenadines**

L'Office du commerce et de la propriété intellectuelle (Saint-Vincent-et-les Grenadines) a notifié des changements relatifs à l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale et à son numéro de télécopieur, et a introduit un numéro de téléphone et une adresse électronique supplémentaires, ainsi qu'une adresse Internet. L'office a également notifié un changement relatif aux types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT. Les changements sont reflétés comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale :	Ground Floor, Methodist Commercial Building, Granby Street, Kingstown, Saint-Vincent-et-les Grenadines
Téléphone :	(1-784) 451 28 94, 456 15 16
Télécopieur :	(1-784) 457 13 97
Courrier électronique :	ciposvg@vincysurf.com, office.cipo@mail.gov.vc
Internet :	www.gov.vc/govt/cipo/index.asp
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Brevets, certificats d'utilité

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(VC) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**Taxes du PCT – Établissement de nouveaux montants équivalents de taxes**

Suite aux consultations menées par le Directeur général lors de la trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire) de l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, et conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, de nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe internationale de dépôt, de la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e et de la taxe de traitement, ainsi que les montants équivalents pour les réductions selon le point 3 du barème de taxes, ont été établis, avec effet au 1^{er} janvier 2006, dans diverses monnaies, comme indiqué dans le tableau publié aux pages 32103 et 32105.

Conformément à la règle 16.1.d) du PCT, de nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche ont été établis dans les monnaies des offices récepteurs pour toutes les administrations chargées de la recherche internationale, avec effet au 1^{er} janvier 2006, comme indiqué dans le tableau publié à la page 32107.

Dans les deux tableaux, les nouveaux montants figurent en caractères gras pour être différenciés des montants actuellement applicables.

[Mise à jour des annexes C, D et E du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

Table 1 – PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2006)

Country/ Regional Office	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 26.09.05	International filing fee	Fee per sheet in excess of 30	Fee reduction			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a)
				Filing with PCT-EASY	Filing in electronic form not in character coded format (PDF)	Filing in electronic form in character coded format (XML)	
Currency	Rule 15.2	Rule 15.2(a)	Schedule of fees item 3(a)	Schedule of fees item 3(b)	Schedule of fees item 3(c)	Schedule of fees item 2	
Reference currency Swiss franc	1,400	15	100	200	300	200	Current amount
AT - Austria Euro	902 900	10 10	64 64	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	129 129	Current amount New amount
AU - Australia Australian dollar	1,525 1,435	16 15	109 103	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	218 205	Current amount New amount
BE - Belgium Euro	902 900	10 10	64 64	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	129 129	Current amount New amount
CA - Canada Canadian dollar	1,340 1,273	14 14	96 91	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	192 182	Current amount* New amount
CY - Cyprus Cyprus pound	526 516	6 6	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
DE - Germany Euro	902 900	10 10	64 64	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	129 129	Current amount New amount
DK - Denmark Danish krone	6,700 6,710	70 70	480 480	960 960	1,440 1,440	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
EP - European Patent Office Euro	902 900	10 10	64 64	129 129	193 193	129 129	Current amount New amount
ES - Spain Euro	902 900	10 10	64 64	129 129	193 193	129 129	Current amount New amount
FI - Finland Euro	902 900	10 10	64 64	129 129	193 193	129 129	Current amount New amount
FR - France Euro	902 900	10 10	64 64	129 129	193 193	129 129	Current amount New amount
GB - United Kingdom Pound sterling	628 611	7 7	45 44	90 87	134 131	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
GR - Greece Euro	902 900	10 10	64 64	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	129 129	Current amount New amount
IB - International Bureau Swiss franc Euro US dollar	** ** **	** ** **	** ** **	** ** 157	** ** 236	** ** 233	** ** ** Current amount* New amount

* Amounts applicable as from October 1, 2005.

** The corresponding equivalent amounts are indicated above for the Swiss franc and the Euro and below for the US dollar.

Tableau 1 – Taxes PCT : Nouveaux montants équivalents pour la taxe internationale de dépôt et la taxe de traitement (dans les monnaies prescrites)
(applicables au 1^{er} janvier 2006)

Pays / Office régional	Taux de change en franc suisse le 26.09.05	Taxe internationale de dépôt règle 15.2	Taxe pour chaque feuille à compter de la 31 ^e règle 15.2a	Réduction de taxe			Taxe de traitement règle 57.2.a)
				Dépôt avec PCT-EASY point 3.a)	Dépôt sous forme électronique n'étant pas en format à codage de caractères (PDF) Barème de taxes point 3.b)	Dépôt sous forme électronique en format à codage de caractères (XML) Barème de taxes point 3.c)	
Monnaie							
Monnaie de référence Franc suisse		1400	15	100	200	300	200 Montant actuel
AT - Autriche Euro	1,5559	902 900	10 10	64 64	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	129 129 Nouveau montant
AU - Australie Dollar australien	0,9755	1525 1435	16 15	109 103	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	218 205 Nouveau montant
BE - Belgique Euro	1,5559	902 900	10 10	64 64	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	129 129 Nouveau montant
CA - Canada Dollar canadien	1,0994	1340 1273	14 14	96 91	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	192 182 Nouveau montant
CY - Chypre Livre chypriote	2,7147	526 516	6 6	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a. Nouveau montant
DE - Allemagne Euro	1,5559	902 900	10 10	64 64	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	129 129 Nouveau montant
DK - Danemark Couronne danoise	0,2086	6700 6710	70 70	480 480	960 960	1440 1440	n.a. n.a. Nouveau montant
EP - Office européen des brevets Euro	1,5559	902 900	10 10	64 64	129 129	193 193	129 129 Nouveau montant
ES - Espagne Euro	1,5559	902 900	10 10	64 64	129 129	193 193	129 129 Nouveau montant
FI - Finlande Euro	1,5559	902 900	10 10	64 64	129 129	193 193	129 129 Nouveau montant
FR - France Euro	1,5559	902 900	10 10	64 64	129 129	193 193	129 129 Nouveau montant
GB - Royaume-Uni Livre sterling	2,2923	628 611	7 7	45 44	90 87	134 131	n.a. n.a. Nouveau montant
GR - Grèce Euro	1,5559	902 900	10 10	64 64	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	129 129 Nouveau montant
IB - Bureau international Franc suisse Euro Dollar des Etats-Unis		** ** **	** ** **	** ** **	** ** **	** ** **	** ** ** Montant actuel* Nouveau montant

* Montants applicables à partir du 1^{er} octobre 2005.

** Les montants équivalents correspondants sont ceux indiqués ci-dessus pour le franc suisse et l'euro et ci-après pour le dollar des Etats-Unis.

Table 1 – PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for international filing fee and handling fee (in prescribed currencies)
(applicable from January 1, 2006) (continued)

Country/Regional Office Currency	Exchange rate in Swiss franc on 26.09.05	International filing fee	Fee per sheet in excess of 30	Fee reduction			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a)	Schedule of fees item 2
				Filing with PCT-EASY item 3(a)	Filing in electronic form not in character coded format (PDF) Schedule of fees item 3(b)	Filing in electronic form in character coded format (XML) Schedule of fees item 3(c)		
Reference currency Swiss franc		Rule 15.2	Rule 15.2(a)					
IE - Ireland Euro	1.5559	902 900	10 10	64 64	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	200	Current amount 129 129 New amount
IS - Iceland Icelandic krona	0.0206	74,000 68,000	800 700	5,300 4,900	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount n.a. New amount
IT - Italy Euro	1.5559	902 900	10 10	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	129 129	Current amount New amount
JP - Japan Japanese yen	0.0115	123,200 121,800	1,300 1,300	8,800 8,700	n.a. n.a.	26,400 26,100	17,600 17,400	Current amount New amount
KR - Republic of Korea Korean won	0.0012	1,126,000 1,123,000	12,000 12,000	80,000 80,000	n.a. n.a.	241,000 241,000	161,000 160,000	Current amount* New amount
LU - Luxembourg Euro	1.5559	902 900	10 10	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	129 129	Current amount New amount
MW - Malawi Malawian kwacha	0.0104	111,100 134,700	1,200 1,400	7,900 9,600	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NL - Netherlands Euro	1.5559	902 900	10 10	64 64	129 129	193 193	129 129	Current amount New amount
NO - Norway Norwegian krone	0.1992	7,370 7,030	80 80	530 500	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
NZ - New Zealand New Zealand dollar	0.8841	1,653 1,584	18 17	118 113	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
PT - Portugal Euro	1.5559	902 900	10 10	64 64	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	129 129	Current amount New amount
SE - Sweden Swedish krona	0.1657	8,140 8,450	90 90	580 600	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	1,160 1,210	Current amount New amount
SG - Singapore Singapore dollar	0.7634	1,926 1,834	21 20	138 131	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount
US - United States of America US dollar	1.2887	1,102 1,086	12 12	79 78	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	157 155	Current amount* New amount
ZA - South Africa South African rand	0.2025	7,270 6,910	80 70	520 490	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Current amount New amount

* Amounts applicable as from October 1, 2005.

Tableau 1 – Taxes PCT : Nouveaux montants équivalents pour la taxe internationale de dépôt et la taxe de traitement (dans les monnaies prescrites)
(applicables au 1^{er} janvier 2006) (suite)

Pays / Office régional Monnaie	Taux de change en franc suisse le 26.09.05	Taxe internationale de dépôt règle 15.2	Taxe pour chaque feuille à compter de la 31 ^e	Dépôt avec PCT-EASY point 3.a)	Réduction de taxe			Taxe de traitement règle 57.2.a)
					Dépôt sous forme électronique n'étant pas en format à codage de caractères (PDF) point 3.b)	Dépôt sous forme électronique en format à codage de caractères (XML) point 3.c)	Barème de taxes point 2	
Monnaie de référence								
France suisse		1400	15	100	200	300	200	Montant actuel
IE - Irlande		902 900	10 10	64 64	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	129 129	Montant actuel Nouveau montant
Euro	1,5559						n.a.	Montant actuel
IS - Islande		74000 68000	800 700	5300 4900	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Montant actuel Nouveau montant
Couronne islandaise	0,0206							
IT - Italie		902 900	10 10	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	129 129	Montant actuel Nouveau montant
Euro	1,5559							
JP - Japon		123200 121800	1300 1300	8800 8700	n.a. n.a.	26400 26100	17600 17400	Montant actuel Nouveau montant
Yen japonais	0,0115							
KR - République de Corée		1126000 1123000	12000 12000	80000 80000	n.a. n.a.	241000 241000	161000 160000	Montant actuel* Nouveau montant
Won coréen	0,0012							
LU - Luxembourg		902 900	10 10	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	129 129	Montant actuel Nouveau montant
Euro	1,5559							
MW - Malawi		111100 134700	1200 1400	7900 9600	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Montant actuel Nouveau montant
Kwacha malawien	0,0104							
NL - Pays-Bas		902 900	10 10	64 64	129 129	193	129 129	Montant actuel Nouveau montant
Euro	1,5559							
NO - Norvège		7370 7030	80 80	530 500	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Montant actuel Nouveau montant
Couronne norvégienne	0,1992							
NZ - Nouvelle-Zélande		1653 1584	18 17	118 113	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Montant actuel Nouveau montant
Dollar néo-zélandais	0,8841							
PT - Portugal		902 900	10 10	64 64	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	129 129	Montant actuel Nouveau montant
Euro	1,5559							
SE - Suède		8140 8450	90 90	580 600	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	1160 1210	Montant actuel Nouveau montant
Couronne suédoise	0,1657							
SG - Singapour		1926 1834	21 20	138 131	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Montant actuel Nouveau montant
Dollar de Singapour	0,7634							
US - Etats-Unis d'Amérique		1102 1086	12 12	79 78	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	157 155	Montant actuel* Nouveau montant
Dollar des Etats-Unis	1,2887							
ZA - Afrique du Sud		7270 6910	80 70	520 490	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	n.a. n.a.	Montant actuel Nouveau montant
Rand sud-africain	0,2025							

* Montants applicables à partir du 1^{er} octobre 2005.

Table 2 – PCT Fees: New equivalent amounts for search fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from January 1, 2006)

International Searching Authority	Austrian Patent Office		Australian Patent Office		Canadian Patent Office		Chinese Patent Office		European Patent Office		Spanish Patent and Trademark Office		National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland)		Japan Patent Office		Korean Intellectual Property Office		Russian Patent Office		Swedish Patent Office ¹		United States Patent and Trademark Office			
	EUR	Exch. rate	AUD	Exch. rate	CAD	Exch. rate	CNY	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate	EUR	Exch. rate	JPY	Exch. rate	KRW	Exch. rate	USD	Exch. rate	SEK	Exch. rate	USD	Exch. rate		
Reference currency & Amount	200		1,200		1,600		1,500		1,550		1,550		1,550		97,000		225,000		300		300		1,000		300	
Exchange rates applicable on 26/09/05	311 ²		1,126 ²		1,681 ²		2,40 ^{2,3}		2,432 ²		2,432 ²		2,432 ²		1,097 ²		272 ²		389 ^{2,3}		13,870		1,269 ²		390 ^{2,3}	
CHF - Swiss franc	1,5559	0,9755	1,171 ²	1,0994	1,759 ²	0,1593	2,39 ²	1,5559	2,412 ²	1,5559	2,412 ²	1,5559	2,412 ²	0,0114949	1,115 ²	0,0012464	0,0012464	1,2887	1,2887	1,2887	1,2887	1,2887	1,2887	1,2887	1,2887	
USD - US dollar	262 ²		942 ²		1,336 ²		181 ²	1,877 ^{2,3}	1,877 ^{2,3}	1,877 ^{2,3}	1,877 ^{2,3}	1,877 ^{2,3}	1,877 ^{2,3}	0,0114949	887 ²	1033,9011	1033,9011	1,2074	1,2074	1,2074	1,2074	1,2074	1,2074	1,2074	1,2074	
EUR - Euro	241 ²	1,3210	908 ²	1,1721	1,365 ²	8,0895	185 ²	0,8282	1,871 ²	0,8282	1,871 ²	0,8282	1,871 ²	112,1063	865 ²	692 ²	168 ²	1,550 ²	1,550 ²	1,550 ²	1,550 ²	1,550 ²	1,550 ²	1,550 ²	224 ²	
CYP - Cyprus pound			769 ²		1,078 ²		137 ²							135,3553	717 ²	1248,3145	180 ²	180 ²	1,2074	1,2074	1,2074	1,2074	1,2074	1,2074	248 ²	
DKK - Danish krone			1,5950		1,131 ²		154 ²																			
GBP - Pound sterling																										
ISK - Icelandic krona																										
JPY - Japanese yen																										
KRW - Korean won																										
MWK - Malawian kwacha																										
NOK - Norwegian krone																										
NZD - New Zealand dollar																										
SEK - Swedish krona																										
SGD - Singapore dollar																										
ZAR - South African rand																										

1 All amounts appearing in this column, with effect from January 1, 2006, fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here only for the purposes of completeness of table 2.

2 New equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

3 Amounts applicable as from October 1, 2005.

4 Amounts applicable as from November 1, 2005.

5 New amount expected to be notified by the Swedish Patent Office and to be applicable as from January 1, 2006.

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DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**DE Germany**

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified the deletion of one of its special requirements as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of special requirements now reads as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Where the applicant is a legal entity, indication of the name of an officer representing that entity
	Declaration concerning the inventor and the right of the applicant to apply for a patent
	Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Germany
	If the international application is for a patent and a utility model, the translation and the power of attorney must be furnished in duplicate
	Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in electronic form
	Furnishing of any missing indication of the address and residence of each of the applicants

[Updating of the National Chapter (DE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF MODIFIED PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS**FI Finland – Corrigendum**

The consolidated list of time limits for entry into the national phase before the **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland**, published in PCT Gazette No. 47/2005, page 31404, was erroneous in that the citation of the Articles was incorrect in respect of the time limits to enter the national phase for utility models. The corrected consolidated list (including a new footnote) is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase :	For patents:	
	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 ¹ months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	31 months from the priority date
	For utility models:	
	Under PCT Article 22(1):	30 ² months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(a):	30 months from the priority date

[Updating of the National Chapter (FI) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

¹ Where the 20-month time limit under former Article 22(1) expires on or after 1 January 2005 and where the applicant has not yet performed the acts referred to in Article 22(1), the applicable time limit is, as from 1 January 2005, 31 months as fixed by the Office under Article 22(3).

² Where the 20-month time limit under former Article 22(1) expires on or after 1 January 2005 and where the applicant has not yet performed the acts referred to in Article 22(1), the applicable time limit is, as from 1 January 2005, 30 months as fixed by the Office under Article 22(1).

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**DE Allemagne**

L'**Office allemand des brevets et des marques** a notifié la suppression d'une de ses exigences particulières en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). La liste récapitulative des exigences particulières est désormais la suivante :

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT) :

Lorsque le déposant est une personne morale, indication du nom d'un administrateur représentant cette personne morale

Déclaration concernant l'inventeur et le droit du déposant de demander un brevet

Nomination d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié en Allemagne

Si la demande internationale porte sur un brevet et sur un modèle d'utilité, la traduction et le pouvoir doivent être remis en deux exemplaires

Obtention, le cas échéant, d'un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés sous forme électronique

Obtention de toute indication manquante concernant l'adresse et le domicile de chacun des déposants

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (DE) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT MODIFIÉ

FI Finlande – rectificatif

La liste récapitulative des délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'**Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande** publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 47/2005, page 31405, était erronée dans la mesure où la mention des articles était incorrecte en ce qui concerne les délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale pour les modèles d'utilité. La liste récapitulative corrigée (qui comporte une nouvelle note de bas de page) est la suivante :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture
de la phase nationale :

Pour les brevets :

En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT : 31¹ mois à compter de la date de priorité

En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT : 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité

Pour les modèles d'utilité :

En vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT : 30² mois à compter de la date de priorité

En vertu de l'article 39.1)a) du PCT : 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (FI) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

¹ Lorsque le délai de 20 mois selon l'ancien article 22.1) expire le 1^{er} janvier 2005 ou ultérieurement et que le déposant n'a pas encore accompli les actes visés à l'article 22.1), c'est le délai de 31 mois fixé par l'office selon l'article 22.3) qui s'applique à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2005.

² Lorsque le délai de 20 mois selon l'ancien article 22.1) expire le 1^{er} janvier 2005 ou ultérieurement et que le déposant n'a pas encore accompli les actes visés à l'article 22.1), c'est le délai de 30 mois fixé par l'office selon l'article 22.1) qui s'applique à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2005.

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**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****AU Australia**

Since 7 January 2002, any receiving Office having the adequate technical systems in place is able to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of filing and processing in electronic form of international applications, as provided for under PCT Rule 89*bis*.1.

On 7 April 2002, the **Australian Patent Office (IP Australia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau of a transitional reservation under Section 703(f) of the Administrative Instructions, under which items (ii) to (iv) of Section 703(b) relating to, respectively, the means of transmittal, the electronic document packaging and the electronic filing software were not compatible with the applicable national law and technical systems of the Office; consequently, the Office did not have to comply with the requirements contained in sections 5.1 and 5.2.1 of Annex F and in sections 2(d), (f) and (g) of Appendix III of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions (for further details, see PCT Gazette No. 18/2002, dated 2 May 2002, page 8974).

On 14 July 2005, the Australian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau that it was withdrawing its transitional reservation as far as section 5.2.1 of Annex F and sections 2(f) and (g) of Appendix III of Annex F were concerned (the transitional reservation relating to section 5.1 of Annex F and section 2(d) of Appendix III of Annex F was maintained) with effect from 18 July 2005, and that, with effect from that same date, it was prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form provided that they were filed by users already registered with the Office for that purpose under its PCT-SAFE pilot introduction program for the filing of international applications in electronic form (for further details, see PCT Gazette No. 31/2005, dated 4 August 2005, page 20184).

On 24 November 2005, the Australian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, notified the International Bureau that the international application online filing system pilot program, implemented on 18 July 2005, would end on 15 December 2005 and that, with effect from that date, the Office is prepared to receive any international application in electronic form that complies with the necessary requirements. The restriction to filings by registered pilot users will no longer apply.

More detailed information about how to file international applications in electronic form with the Australian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, is available on the Office website at www.ipaustralia.gov.au.

In accordance with Section 710(b), the Australian Patent Office, in its capacity as receiving Office, informed the International Bureau of its requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form. Those requirements and practices are the same as those already notified in the above-mentioned PCT Gazette No. 31/2005. They are hereby reproduced for information purposes:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES:
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****AU Australie**

Depuis le 7 janvier 2002, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques appropriés est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F des Instructions administratives du PCT qui contiennent, respectivement, le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires à la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement sous forme électronique des demandes internationales prévus à la règle 89*bis*.1 du PCT.

Le 7 avril 2002, l'**Office australien des brevets (IP Australia)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international une réserve transitoire en vertu de l'instruction administrative 703.f), selon laquelle les points ii) à iv) de l'instruction 703.b) relatifs, respectivement, aux moyens de transmission, à l'emballage électronique des documents et aux logiciels de dépôt électronique n'étaient pas compatibles avec la législation nationale applicable et les systèmes techniques de l'office; l'office n'était, par conséquent, pas tenu de satisfaire aux exigences énoncées aux sections 5.1 et 5.2.1 de l'annexe F et aux sections 2.d), f) et g) de l'appendice III de l'annexe F des instructions administratives (pour de plus amples détails, voir la Gazette du PCT n° 18/2002, du 2 mai 2002, page 8975).

Le 14 juillet 2005, l'Office australien des brevets, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international qu'il retirait sa réserve transitoire en ce qui concernait la section 5.2.1 de l'annexe F et les sections 2.f) et g) de l'appendice III de l'annexe F (la réserve transitoire relative à la section 5.1 de l'annexe F et à la section 2.d) de l'appendice III de l'annexe F était maintenue) à compter du 18 juillet 2005, et qu'à partir de cette même date, il était disposé à recevoir et à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à condition qu'elles soient déposées par des utilisateurs déjà enregistrés à cette fin auprès de l'office dans le cadre de son programme pilote d'introduction du logiciel PCT-SAFE pour le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique (pour de plus amples détails, voir la Gazette du PCT n° 31/2005, du 4 août 2005, page 20185).

Le 24 novembre 2005, l'Office australien des brevets, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international que le programme pilote relatif au système de dépôt en ligne des demandes internationales, mis en œuvre le 18 juillet 2005, prendrait fin le 15 décembre 2005, date à compter de laquelle il est disposé à recevoir toute demande internationale sous forme électronique qui remplit les exigences nécessaires. La restriction consistant à ne permettre le dépôt sous forme électronique qu'aux utilisateurs enregistrés dans le cadre du programme pilote ne s'appliquera plus.

Des informations plus détaillées sur la manière de déposer des demandes internationales sous forme électronique auprès de l'Office australien des brevets, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, sont disponibles sur le site Internet de l'office à l'adresse suivante : www.ipaustralia.gov.au.

Conformément à l'instruction 710.b), l'Office australien des brevets, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international de ses exigences et pratiques en matière de dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique. Ces exigences et pratiques sont les mêmes que celles qui ont déjà été notifiées dans la Gazette du PCT n° 31/2005 précitée. Elles sont reproduites ci-après à des fins d'information:

“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- XML (en général; voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- Norme OMPI ST.25 (pour les listages des séquences; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F et l'annexe C)
- PDF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.2 de l'annexe F)
- TIFF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****AU Australia (cont'd)****As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):**

– online filing: international applications can be prepared with the PCT-SAFE software, saved on the user's hard drive and then transmitted to the Office via its Online Lodgement System (see www.ipaustralia.gov.au). Access to the Online Lodgement System requires user id and password authentication via a customer registration process through the Office's Online Services. Where the application exceeds 20 MB, online transmittal is not supported and the application shall then be filed under the PCT-SAFE's EASY mode.

As to electronic document packaging (Section 710(a)(i)):

– WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

– PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signature (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string or click-wrap signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The confirmation of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office contains, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. A confirmation of receipt will be created for any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office. Errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)), files exceeding 20 MB in size, or missing files, are notified to the applicant in the confirmation of receipt.

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is available through the Office's website (www.ipaustralia.gov.au). Applicants wishing to use this facility should refer to the Office's website for further details prior to entering payment information into the PCT-SAFE software.

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES: NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**AU Australie (suite)****En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :**

– dépôt en ligne : les demandes internationales peuvent être préparées à l'aide du logiciel PCT-SAFE, sauvegardées sur le disque dur de l'utilisateur, puis transmises à l'office au moyen du système de dépôt électronique de ce dernier [Online Lodgement System] (voir www.ipaustralia.gov.au). L'accès à ce système est restreint aux utilisateurs qui sont détenteurs d'une identification et d'un mot de passe d'authentification obtenus par inscription auprès des services en ligne de l'office. Si la demande dépasse 20 Mo, la transmission en ligne ne peut pas se faire et la demande devra alors être déposée à l'aide de la fonctionnalité EASY du logiciel PCT-SAFE.

En ce qui concerne l'emballage électronique des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

– WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

– logiciel PCT-SAFE

En ce qui concerne les types de signature électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- signature en fac-similé, signature composée d'une chaîne de caractères ou signature enveloppée électroniquement selon la méthode dite du 'click-wrap' (voir les sections 3.3.1 à 3.3.3 de l'annexe F)
- signature électronique renforcée (voir la section 3.3.4 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures ayant trait à la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)ii) :

L'accusé de réception de tout ce qui est supposé constituer une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique auprès de l'office contient, outre les informations exigées au titre de l'instruction 704.a)i) à iv), les noms des fichiers électroniques reçus (voir l'instruction 704.a)v)).

L'office fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique. Un accusé de réception est généré pour tout ce qui est supposé constituer une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique auprès de l'office. Des erreurs, telles que l'utilisation de certificats caduques (voir la section 4.4.7 de l'appendice II de l'annexe F), des demandes contaminées par des virus ou d'autres formes d'éléments malveillants (voir l'instruction 708.b)), des fichiers dont la taille dépasse 20 Mo ou des fichiers manquants, sont notifiées au déposant dans l'accusé de réception.

En ce qui concerne les moyens de paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a)ii) :

Le paiement en ligne est possible par l'intermédiaire du site Internet de l'office (www.ipaustralia.gov.au). Les déposants qui souhaitent utiliser cette option trouveront sur le site Internet de l'office toutes les informations nécessaires à la saisie des données relatives au paiement dans le logiciel PCT-SAFE.

**FILING AND PROCESSING IN ELECTRONIC FORM OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (cont'd)****AU Australia (cont'd)****As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):**

Within the framework of its services, the Office has put in place a help desk for applicants filing international applications in electronic form. The Customer Services Network helpdesk can be contacted for all general enquiries.

The help desk is open from Monday to Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Australian Eastern Standard/Summer Time (AEST) and can be contacted by the following means:

- by phone at +61 2 6283 2999
- by fax at +61 2 6283 7999
- by e-mail at assist@ipaaustralia.gov.au

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications that do not exceed 20 MB may be sent through the Online Lodgement System

As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper. Furthermore, the Office will not prepare a backup copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (see Section 710(a)(v)):

In the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or fax, to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

The Office will provide information concerning the availability of online filing systems on its website (www.ipaustralia.gov.au/resources/news_downtime.shtml).

As to the certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic addresses of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- Gatekeeper ABN-DSC (www.verisign.com.au/gatekeeper/certificate.shtml)
- WIPO customer CA (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to the procedures relating to access to the files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES: NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**AU Australie (suite)****En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d'assistance (instruction 710.a)ii) :**

Dans le cadre de ses services, l'office a mis en place un service d'assistance aux déposants de demandes internationales sous forme électronique. Ce service [Customer Services Network helpdesk] peut être contacté pour toute question d'ordre général.

Le service d'assistance est ouvert du lundi au vendredi, de 9 heures à 17 heures suivant l'horaire d'été de l'Australie orientale et peut être contacté :

- par téléphone, au +61 2 6283 2999
- par télécopie, au +61 2 6283 7999
- par courriel, à l'adresse électronique suivante : assist@ipaaustralia.gov.au

En ce qui concerne les types de documents qui peuvent être transmis à l'office sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)iii) :

- les demandes internationales qui ne dépassent pas 20 Mo peuvent être envoyées au moyen du système de dépôt électronique de l'office

En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :

L'office n'acceptera aucun dépôt de copie de sauvegarde sur papier. Par ailleurs, l'office ne préparera aucune copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sur papier à la demande du déposant.

En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :

Dans le cas où les systèmes informatiques ne seraient plus en état de marche au moment où une demande internationale est déposée auprès de lui, l'office mettra en œuvre tous les moyens dont il dispose, tels que le courrier électronique ou la télécopie, pour informer le déposant des procédures de remplacement à suivre concernant le dépôt.

L'office fournira les informations relatives aux disponibilités du système de dépôt en ligne sur son site Internet (www.ipaaustralia.gov.au/resources/news_downtime.shtml).

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office et les adresses électroniques des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés (instruction 710.a)vi) :

- Gatekeeper ABN-DSC (www.verisign.com.au/gatekeeper/certificate.shtml)
- Autorité de certification de l'OMPI pour les utilisateurs (www.wipo.int/pct-safe/fr/certificates.htm)

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou archivées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Further to the notification by the **Australian Patent Office** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 15 December 2005 (see above), equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** of the new electronic filing reductions have been established, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Reductions (under Schedule
of Fees, item 3):

PCT-EASY:	[No change]
Electronic filing (not in character coded format):	AUD 218
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	AUD 327

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

Suite à la notification de l'**Office australien des brevets** selon laquelle l'office est disposé à recevoir et à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 15 décembre 2005 (voir ci-dessus), les montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars australiens (AUD)**, des nouvelles réductions pour le dépôt électronique ont été établis, avec effet à compter de la même date, comme suit :

Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :

PCT-EASY : [Sans changement]

Dépôt électronique
(n'étant pas en format codé
caractère par caractère) : AUD 218

Dépôt électronique
(en format codé caractère
par caractère) : AUD 327

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(AU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**CN China**

The **China Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in the name of the Office, as follows:

Name of Office: State Intellectual Property Office of the People's
Republic of China

[Updating of Annex B1(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as well as the deletion of its teleprinter number, as follows:

Telephone: (537) 861 01 85, 862 97 71, 862 43 79, 861 36 02, 862 43 95

Facsimile machine: (537) 866 56 10

Teleprinter: [Deleted]

[Updating of Annex B1(CU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**CN Chine**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine** a notifié un changement relatif au nom de l'office, comme suit :

Nom de l'office : Office d'État de la propriété intellectuelle de la République populaire de Chine

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(CN) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

CU Cuba

L'**Office cubain de la propriété industrielle** a notifié des changements relatifs à ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, ainsi que la suppression de son numéro de tél'imprimeur, comme suit :

Téléphone : (537) 861 01 85, 862 97 71, 862 43 79, 861 36 02, 862 43 95

Télécopieur : (537) 866 56 10

Tél'imprimeur : [Supprimé]

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(CU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

CN Agreement between the State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2006. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Yuan renminbi)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	2,100
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	2,100
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Late furnishing fee (Rule 13 ^{ter} .1(c) and 13 ^{ter} .2)	200
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_cn.pdf.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

CN Accord entre l'Office d'État de la propriété intellectuelle de la République populaire de Chine et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office d'État de la propriété intellectuelle de la République populaire de Chine a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord susmentionné, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à la partie I de l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2006. L'annexe C modifiée aura la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Yuan renminbi)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	2.100
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	2.100
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe de réserve (règles 40.2.e) et 68.3.e))	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour remise tardive (règle 13ter.1.c) et 13ter.2)	200
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b), 71.2.b) et 94.2), par page	[Sans changement]

Partie II. [Sans changement]”

¹ Disponible (en anglais) sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_cn.pdf.

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES (cont'd)****ES Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex C**

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2006. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges****Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges**

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	523.29
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	523.29
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b))	
– national documents, per document	[No change]
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

² Available on the WIPO website at: www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL (suite)**

ES Accord entre l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle² – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord susmentionné, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à la partie I de l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2006. L'annexe C modifiée aura la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euros)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	523,29
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	523,29
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b) et 71.2.b))	
– documents nationaux, par document	[Sans changement]
– documents étrangers, par document	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règle 94.2), par page	[Sans changement]

Partie II. [Sans changement]”

² Disponible (en anglais) sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/agreements/ag_es.pdf.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**CN China**

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China** has notified new amounts of the search fee and additional search fee under PCT Rules 16.1(a) and 40.2(a) and has introduced late furnishing fees under PCT Rule 13*ter*.1(c) and 13*ter*.2 in **yuan renminbi (CNY)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority. The new amounts and the new fees, applicable as from 1 January 2006, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CNY 2,100
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	CNY 2,100
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1(c)):	CNY 200
Late furnishing fee (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .2):	CNY 200

[Updating of Annexes D(CN) and E(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of the preliminary examination fee and the additional preliminary examination fee under PCT Rules 58 and 68.3 in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2006, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	EUR 523.29
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	EUR 523.29

[Updating of Annex E(ES) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

SE Sweden

Further to the notification by the **Swedish Patent and Registration Office** that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 February 2006 (see PCT Gazette No. 47/2005, page 31398), equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** of the new electronic filing reductions have been established, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	[No change]
Electronic filing (not in character coded format):	SEK 1,210
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	SEK 1,810

[Updating of Annex C(SE) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**CN Chine**

L'**Office d'État de la propriété intellectuelle de la République populaire de Chine** a notifié de nouveaux montants de la taxe de recherche et de la taxe additionnelle de recherche selon les règles 16.1.a) et 40.2.a) du PCT et a introduit des taxes pour remise tardive selon la règle 13ter.1.c) et 13ter.2 du PCT, exprimés en **yuan renminbi (CNY)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international. Les nouveaux montants et les nouvelles taxes, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	CNY 2.100
Taxe de recherche additionnelle (règle 40.2 du PCT) :	CNY 2.100
Taxe pour remise tardive (règle 13ter.1.c) du PCT) :	CNY 200
Taxe pour remise tardive (règle 13ter.2 du PCT) :	CNY 200

[Mise à jour des annexes D(CN) et E(CN) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

ES Espagne

L'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a notifié de nouveaux montants de la taxe d'examen préliminaire et de la taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle selon les règles 58 et 68.3 du PCT, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58 du PCT) :	EUR 523,29
Taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle (règle 68.3 du PCT) :	EUR 523,29

[Mise à jour de l'annexe E(ES) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

SE Suède

Suite à la notification de l'**Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement** selon laquelle l'office est disposé à recevoir et à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 1^{er} février 2006 (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 47/2005, page 31399), les montants équivalents, exprimés en **couronnes suédoises (SEK)**, des nouvelles réductions pour le dépôt électronique ont été établis, avec effet à compter de la même date, comme suit :

Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY :	[Sans changement]
Dépôt électronique (n'étant pas en format codé caractère par caractère) :	SEK 1.210
Dépôt électronique (en format codé caractère par caractère) :	SEK 1.810

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(SE) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

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NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF APPLICABILITY OF PCT RULE 4.9(b)**JP Japan**

During its thirty-fourth (15th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 26 September to 5 October 2005, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, amongst others, an amendment to Rule 4.9 of the PCT Regulations concerning an automatic and all-inclusive coverage of all designations available under the PCT. This amended Rule will enter into force on 1 April 2006.

The amended Rule 4.9(b) states that: “Notwithstanding paragraph (a)(i), if, on October 5, 2005, the national law of a Contracting State provides that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of that State and claims the priority of an earlier national application having effect in that State shall have the result that the earlier national application ceases to have effect with the same consequences as the withdrawal of the earlier national application, any request in which the priority of an earlier national application filed in that State is claimed may contain an indication that the designation of that State is not made, provided that the designated Office notifies the International Bureau by January 5, 2006, that this paragraph shall apply in respect of designations of that State and that the notification is still in force on the international filing date. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The **Japan Patent Office** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that Rule 4.9(b), as so amended, shall apply in respect of the designation of Japan.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**CN China**

The **State Intellectual Property Office of the People’s Republic of China** has notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its general telephone number and has introduced an Internet address. The changes are reflected as follows:

Location and mailing address:	6 Xituchenglu, Jimen Bridge, Haidian District, P.O. Box 8020, Beijing 100088, China
Telephone:	(86-10) 62 08 32 68 (general) [No change] (PCT matters)
Internet:	www.sipo.gov.cn

[Updating of Annex B1(CN) of the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*]

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'APPLICABILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 4.9.b) DU PCT**JP Japon**

Durant sa trente-quatrième session (15^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 26 septembre au 5 octobre 2005, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité, entre autres, une modification de la règle 4.9 du Règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant une couverture automatique et générale de toutes les désignations disponibles selon le traité. Cette règle modifiée entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2006.

La règle 4.9.b) modifiée stipule que : "Nonobstant l'alinéa a)i), si, le 5 octobre 2005, la législation nationale d'un État contractant prévoit que le dépôt d'une demande internationale qui contient la désignation de cet État et revendique la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure produisant ses effets dans cet État a pour résultat que la demande nationale antérieure cesse de produire ses effets avec les mêmes conséquences que le retrait de ladite demande, toute requête dans laquelle la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure déposée dans cet État est revendiquée peut contenir une indication selon laquelle la désignation de cet État n'est pas faite, à condition que l'office en question notifie au Bureau international le 5 janvier 2006 au plus tard que le présent alinéa s'applique aux désignations de cet État et que la notification soit toujours en vigueur à la date du dépôt international. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues."

L'**Office des brevets du Japon** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international que la règle 4.9.b), ainsi modifiée, s'applique en ce qui concerne la désignation du Japon.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**CN Chine**

L'**Office d'État de la propriété intellectuelle de la République populaire de Chine** a notifié des changements relatifs à l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale ainsi qu'à son numéro de téléphone pour les questions d'ordre général, et a introduit une adresse Internet. Les changements sont reflétés comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale :	6 Xituchenglu, Jimen Bridge, Haidian District, P.O. Box 8020, Beijing 100088, Chine
Téléphone :	(86-10) 62 08 32 68 (questions d'ordre général) [Sans changement] (questions PCT)
Internet :	www.sipo.gov.cn

[Mise à jour de l'annexe B1(CN) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, payable to the **Australian Patent Office** as receiving Office, have been established for the reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2006, are as follows:

Reductions (under Schedule
of Fees, item 3):

PCT-EASY:	[No change]
Electronic filing (not in character coded format):	AUD 205
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	AUD 308

[Updating of Annex C(AU) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **euro (EUR)** and **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **State Intellectual Property Office of the People's Republic of China**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2006, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CHF 335
	EUR 215
	USD 260

[Updating of Annex D(CN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified changes in the amounts of the transmittal fee and of the national fee in **new Israel shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2006, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	ILS 480
National fee:	
Filing fee:	ILS 921

[Updating of Annex C(IL) and of the National Chapter (IL) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars australiens (AUD)**, payables à l'**Office australien des brevets** en sa qualité d'office récepteur, ont été établis pour les réductions selon le point 3 du barème de taxes. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2006, sont les suivants :

Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :

PCT-EASY : [Sans changement]

Dépôt électronique
(n'étant pas en format codé
caractère par caractère) : AUD 205

Dépôt électronique
(en format codé caractère
par caractère) : AUD 308

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(AU) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

CN Chine

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **francs suisses (CHF)**, en **euros (EUR)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office d'État de la propriété intellectuelle de la République populaire de Chine**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : CHF 335
EUR 215
USD 260

[Mise à jour de l'annexe D(CN) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

IL Israël

L'**Office des brevets d'Israël** a notifié des changements relatifs aux montants de la taxe de transmission et de la taxe nationale, exprimés en **nouveaux shekels israéliens (ILS)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2006, sont les suivants :

Taxe de transmission : ILS 480

Taxe nationale :
Taxe de dépôt : ILS 921

[Mise à jour de l'annexe C(IL) et du chapitre national (IL) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**MN Mongolia**

The **Intellectual Property Office of Mongolia** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as designated (or elected) Office. The time limit, which has been applicable since January 1, 2005, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change]

[Updating of the National Chapter (MN) of the *PCT Applicant's Guide*]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**Non-Working Days**

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5, it is to be noted that the days on which **the International Bureau will not be open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2006, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and
2 and 10 January 2006
14 and 17 April 2006
25 May 2006
5 June 2006
1 August 2006
7 September 2006
25 and 26 December 2006

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other international organizations.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**MN Mongolie**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Mongolie** a notifié un changement relatif au délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Le délai, applicable depuis le 1^{er} janvier 2005, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour du chapitre national (MN) du *Guide du déposant du PCT*]

BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**Jours chômés**

Aux fins du calcul des délais selon la règle 80.5 du PCT, il convient de noter que **le Bureau international ne sera pas ouvert** les jours suivants, pendant la période du 1^{er} janvier au 31 décembre 2006 :

tous les samedis et dimanches et
les 2 et 10 janvier 2006
les 14 et 17 avril 2006
le 25 mai 2006
le 5 juin 2006
le 1^{er} août 2006
le 7 septembre 2006
les 25 et 26 décembre 2006

Il est important de noter que les jours susmentionnés concernent **le Bureau international exclusivement et non pas** les offices nationaux ni d'autres organisations intergouvernementales.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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The **Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization** and the **President of the European Patent Office**, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, have agreed to an amendment of Part II of Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 January 2004. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges****Part I. [No change]****Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees**

(1) and (2) [No change]

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search (including a privately commissioned “standard” search) already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application and depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from the earlier search in carrying out the international search and any other task entrusted to it, the search fee paid shall be refunded, to the extent provided for in a communication from the Authority to the International Bureau and published in the Gazette.

(4) and (5) [No change]”.

¹ Published in *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2001, page 19948, No. 45/2001, page 20502, No. 01/2002, page 476, and No. 49/2003, page 27782.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

EP Accord entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

Le **Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** et le **Président de l'Office européen des brevets**, en vertu de l'article 11.2) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, sont convenus d'une modification de la partie II de l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. [Sans changement]

Partie II. Conditions et limites des remboursements ou des réductions de taxes

1) et 2) [Sans changement]

3) Lorsque l'Administration peut utiliser une recherche antérieure (y compris une recherche “standard” demandée à titre privé) que l'Administration a déjà effectuée pour une demande dont la priorité est revendiquée pour la demande internationale et selon la mesure dans laquelle l'Administration tire parti de cette recherche antérieure lorsqu'elle effectue la recherche internationale et toute autre tâche qui lui est confiée, la taxe de recherche est remboursée selon des conditions stipulées dans une communication adressée par l'Administration au Bureau international et publiées dans la Gazette.

4) et 5) [Sans changement]”.

¹ Publié dans la *Gazette du PCT* n° 44/2001, page 19949, n° 45/2001, page 20503, n° 01/2002, page 477, et n° 49/2003, page 27783.

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES (Cont'd)**

ES Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 January 2004. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,550 ³
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,550 ³
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	502.97
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	502.97
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b))	
– national documents, per document	3.89
– foreign documents, per document	5.48
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2)	
– per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]

Information on the requirements of the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is given in Annex E(ES), which is published on the last page of this Section IV.

² Published in *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2001, page 19936, No. 49/2001, page 22744, No. 52/2001, page 24252, No. 1/2002, page 478, No. 12/2002, page 5950, No. 02/2003, page 1014, and No. 20/2003, page 11782.

³ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations (see also corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB) and *PCT Gazette* No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234), and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, 446).

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL (suite)**

ES Accord entre l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle² – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euros)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	1.550 ³
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	1.550 ³
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	502,97
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	502,97
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b) et 71.2.b))	
– documents nationaux, par document	3,89
– documents étrangers, par document	5,48
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règle 94.2))	
– par page	[Sans changement]

Partie II. [Sans changement]”.

Des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international sont reproduits à l'annexe E(ES), publiée à la dernière page de la présente Section IV.

² Publié dans la *Gazette du PCT* n° 44/2001, page 19937, n° 49/2001, page 22745, n° 52/2001, page 24253, n° 1/2002, page 479, n° 12/2002, page 5951, n° 02/2003, page 1015, et n° 20/2003, page 11783.

³ Cette taxe est réduite de 75 % lorsque le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux, est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et qui est domiciliée dans un État, qui n'est pas partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen et qui remplit les conditions applicables à la réduction correspondante de certaines taxes du PCT telles qu'elles figurent dans le barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT (voir également la note correspondante de bas de page de l'annexe C(IB) et la *Gazette du PCT* n° 50/1995, pages 19267 et 19268), et conformément à la décision du Conseil d'administration de l'OEB du 11 octobre 2000 (JO OEB 2000, 446).

RECEIVING OFFICES**CO Colombia**

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has specified the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Colombia with the Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia) as receiving Office. The consolidated list of competent International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities now reads as follows:

Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Russian Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
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Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office ⁴ , Russian Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(CO), page 256]

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has specified the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority, for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Cuba with the Cuban Industrial Property Office as receiving Office. The consolidated list of competent International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities now reads as follows:

Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Russian Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
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Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office ⁴ , Russian Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(CU), page 258]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has informed the International Bureau that it would act as an International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Spain with the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office. The consolidated list of competent International Preliminary Examining Authorities now reads as follows:

Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(ES), page 272]

⁴ The European Patent Office is competent only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office, the Austrian Patent Office or the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office.

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS

CO Colombie

La **Surintendance de l'industrie et du commerce (Colombie)** a spécifié l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées par les nationaux de la Colombie, et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays, auprès de la Surintendance de l'industrie et du commerce (Colombie) en sa qualité d'office récepteur. La liste récapitulative des administrations chargées de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international compétentes est la suivante :

Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale :	Office autrichien des brevets, Office espagnol des brevets et des marques, Office européen des brevets ou Office russe des brevets
Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international :	Office autrichien des brevets, Office espagnol des brevets et des marques, Office européen des brevets ⁴ ou Office russe des brevets

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(CO), page 261]

CU Cuba

L'**Office cubain de la propriété industrielle** a spécifié l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées par les nationaux de Cuba, et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays, auprès de l'Office cubain de la propriété industrielle en sa qualité d'office récepteur. La liste récapitulative des administrations chargées de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international compétentes est la suivante :

Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale :	Office autrichien des brevets, Office espagnol des brevets et des marques, Office européen des brevets ou Office russe des brevets
Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international :	Office autrichien des brevets, Office espagnol des brevets et des marques, Office européen des brevets ⁴ ou Office russe des brevets

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(CU), page 263]

ES Espagne

L'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a informé le Bureau international qu'il agira en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées par les nationaux de l'Espagne, et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays, auprès de l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques en sa qualité d'office récepteur. La liste complète des administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international est la suivante :

Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international :	Office espagnol des brevets et des marques ou Office européen des brevets
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(ES), page 278]

⁴ L'Office européen des brevets n'est compétent que si la recherche a été effectuée par ses soins, par l'Office autrichien des brevets ou par l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques.

RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)**MX Mexico**

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has specified the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Mexico with the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property as receiving Office. The consolidated list of competent International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities now reads as follows:

Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office, Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office ⁵ , Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, Swedish Patent Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(MX), page 315]

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****ES Spain**

Following the coming into effect on 7 January 2002 of new Part 7 and new Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of electronic filing and processing of international applications under the PCT, as provided for by Rule 89*bis*.1, any receiving Office having the necessary technical systems in place is able to decide to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), no national Office or intergovernmental organization is obliged to receive or process international applications filed in electronic form or by electronic means unless it has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to do so in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Administrative Instructions. Any such notification shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette, including information on the receiving Offices' requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form (see Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions).

⁵ The European Patent Office is competent only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or the Swedish Patent Office.

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**MX Mexique**

L'**Institut mexicain de la propriété industrielle** a spécifié l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées par les nationaux du Mexique, et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays, auprès de l'Institut mexicain de la propriété industrielle en sa qualité d'office récepteur. La liste récapitulative des administrations chargées de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international compétentes est la suivante :

Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale :

Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis, Office espagnol des brevets et des marques, Office européen des brevets ou Office suédois des brevets

Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international :

Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis, Office espagnol des brevets et des marques, Office européen des brevets⁵ ou Office suédois des brevets

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(MX), page 323]

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**ES Espagne**

Suite à l'entrée en vigueur, le 7 janvier 2002, de la nouvelle septième partie et de la nouvelle annexe F des instructions administratives contenant respectivement le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires pour la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement électroniques des demandes internationales selon le PCT, tel que prévu à la règle 89*bis*.1, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques nécessaires est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F.

Conformément à la règle 89*bis*.1.d) du PCT, aucun office national ni aucune organisation internationale n'est tenu de recevoir ou de traiter les demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique ou par des moyens électroniques à moins qu'il ait notifié au Bureau international qu'il est disposé à le faire conformément aux dispositions applicables des instructions administratives. Toute notification de ce type est publiée à bref délai par le Bureau international dans la gazette, y compris les informations relatives aux exigences et à la pratique suivie par les offices récepteurs en matière de dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique (voir l'instruction administrative 710).

⁵ L'Office européen des brevets n'est compétent que si la recherche a été effectuée par ses soins, l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques ou par l'Office suédois des brevets.

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****ES Spain (Cont'd)**

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office (OEPM), in its capacity as a receiving Office, announces that, with effect from 15 January 2004, it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form. In accordance with Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office notifies the following requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form with it as receiving Office:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- on-line filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging:

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Document; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) but only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- *epoline*® software
- PCT-SAFE software

As to types of electronic signatures (Section 710(a)(i)):

- text string or facsimile signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)
- the international application is embedded in a compact package which is signed by means of a PKCS#7-type enhanced electronic signature. Such an enhanced electronic signature is made by means of a digital certificate issued by the Fábrica Nacional de la Moneda y Timbre (*National Factory for Coin and Stamp* in English).

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**

ES Espagne (suite)

L'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques (OEPM) annonce qu'il est prêt, en sa qualité d'office récepteur, à compter du 15 janvier 2004, à recevoir des demandes internationales sous forme électronique. Conformément à l'instruction administrative 710.a), l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques notifie ci-après ses exigences et pratiques en matière de dépôt de demandes internationales sous forme électronique lorsqu'il agit en sa qualité d'office récepteur :

“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- XML (en général; voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- Norme OMPI ST.25 (pour les listages des séquences; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F et l'annexe C)
- PDF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.2 de l'annexe F)
- TIFF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :

- dépôt en ligne (voir la section 5.1 de l'annexe F et la section 2.d) de l'appendice III)
- dépôt effectué sur l'un des supports matériels suivants : disquette de 3,5 pouces, CD-R ou DVD-R (voir la section 5.2.1 de l'annexe F, la section 2.e) de l'appendice III et les sections 4.1, 4.3 et 4.5 de l'appendice IV)

En ce qui concerne l'emballage électronique des documents :

- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l'annexe F)
- WAD (paquet contenant les documents constitutifs de la demande compactés; voir la section 4.1.1 de l'annexe F) mais seulement pour déposer sur un support matériel

En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- logiciel *epoline*®
- logiciel PCT-SAFE

En ce qui concerne les types de signatures électroniques (instruction 710.a)i) :

- signature en fac-similé ou alpha numérique (voir les sections 3.3.1 et 3.3.2 de l'annexe F)
- signature électronique renforcée (voir la section 3.3.4 de l'annexe F)
- la demande internationale est emballée sous la forme d'un paquet compacté qui est signé au moyen d'une signature électronique renforcée, de type PKCS#7. Cette signature électronique renforcée est créée par le biais d'un certificat numérique émis par la Fábrica Nacional de la Moneda y Timbre (*Fabrique Nationale de la Monnaie et du Timbre* en français).

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****ES Spain (Cont'd)****As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):**

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed with OEPM as receiving Office will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

OEPM as receiving Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1), if outdated or revoked certificates have been used, or if files transmitted by the applicant are empty, that no acknowledgement of receipt will be generated.

Where it appears that the acknowledgement of receipt transmitted to the applicant by electronic means was not successfully transmitted, OEPM will promptly retransmit the acknowledgement of receipt by the same or any other means (see Section 709(b)).

Other errors, such as files being infected by any virus (see Section 708(b)), are notified to the applicant in the acknowledgment of receipt.

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

On-line payment made with the software is not available within this stage: only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning helpdesks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The help-desk on technical aspects of the setting-up and use of the system for electronic filing is opened from Monday to Friday, from 9 am until 2:30 pm (European time). It may be contacted with the following means :

- by e-mail : ayudausuarios@oepm.es
- by phone : (+34) 91 349 53 34
- by fax : (+34) 91 349 30 13

Every attempt will be made to respond to e-mail questions within 24 hours.

As to kinds of documents transmitted in electronic form to the Office (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):

OEPM as receiving Office will not accept the filing of a back-up copy on paper (see Section 706(a)). OEPM will not prepare a back-up copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**

ES Espagne (suite)

En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures ayant trait à la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)ii) :

L'accusé de réception de toute demande internationale présumée, qui est déposée auprès de l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques lorsqu'il agit en sa qualité d'office récepteur, contiendra, outre les informations exigées au titre de l'instruction 704.a)i) à iv), les noms des fichiers électroniques reçus (voir l'instruction 704.a)v)).

L'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques en sa qualité d'office récepteur fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique. Ce n'est que lorsque la demande n'est pas envoyée conformément au protocole sur l'interopérabilité en matière de dépôt électronique (voir la section 5.1 de l'annexe F), lorsque des certificats caduques ou révoqués ont été utilisés, ou lorsque les fichiers envoyés par le déposant sont vides, que l'accusé de réception n'est pas généré.

Lorsqu'il s'avère que l'accusé de réception envoyé au déposant par des moyens de transmission électroniques n'est pas reçu, l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques envoie à nouveau, à bref délai, l'accusé de réception par le même ou tout autre moyen (voir l'instruction 709.b)).

D'autres erreurs, telles que des fichiers contaminés par un virus quelconque (voir l'instruction 708.b)), sont notifiées au déposant dans l'accusé de réception.

En ce qui concerne le paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a)ii) :

Le paiement en ligne intégré dans l'application n'est pas disponible lors de la présente phase : seuls les modes de paiement actuellement disponibles sont permis.

En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d'assistance (instruction 710.a)iii) :

Le service d'assistance relatif aux aspects techniques de l'installation et de l'utilisation du système de dépôt électronique est ouvert du lundi au vendredi, de 9h00 à 14h30 (heure européenne). Il peut être contacté de la manière suivante :

- par courriel : ayudausuarios@oepm.es
- par téléphone: (+34) 91 349 53 34
- par télécopie: (+34) 91 349 30 13

Dans la mesure du possible, il sera répondu aux questions posées par courriel dans un délai de 24 heures.

En ce qui concerne les types de documents transmis en ligne à l'office (instruction 710.a)iii) :

- demandes internationales

En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :

L'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques en sa qualité d'office récepteur n'acceptera pas le dépôt d'une copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sous forme papier (voir l'instruction 706.a)). L'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques ne préparera pas de copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sous forme papier à la demande du déposant.

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****ES Spain (Cont'd)****As to procedures for notifying applicants of the procedures to follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):**

In the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, OEPM as receiving Office will use all means available, such as e-mail, to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

OEPM as receiving Office will provide on its Web site (see <http://www.oepm.es>) information concerning the availability of the electronic filing system.

As to certification authorities accepted by the Office, and the electronic address of a listing of the certificate policies under which the certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

The certification authority accepted by OEPM is the *Fábrica Nacional de la Moneda y Timbre (National Factory for Coin and Stamp* in English) (see <http://www.cert.fnmt.es>), which issues the “CERES clase 2” digital certificates.

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No on-line file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****ES Espagne (suite)****En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :**

Dans le cas où les systèmes informatiques ne seraient plus en état de marche au moment où une demande internationale est déposée, l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques en sa qualité d'office récepteur mettra en œuvre tous les moyens dont il dispose, tels que le courrier électronique, pour informer le déposant des procédures de remplacement à suivre.

L'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques fournira sur son site Internet (voir <http://www.oepm.es>) les informations relatives à la disponibilité du système de dépôt électronique.

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office, et l'adresse électronique de la liste des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés (instruction 710.a)vi) :

L'autorité de certification acceptée par l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques est la Fábrica Nacional de la Moneda y Timbre (*Fabrique Nationale de la Monnaie et du Timbre* en français) (voir <http://www.cert.fnmt.es>), qui émet les certificats numériques "CERES clase 2".

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou conservées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible."

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**ES Spain**

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, International Searching Authority, International Preliminary Examining Authority and designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2004, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	63.99
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	25.60
Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	EUR	1,550
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	EUR	1,550
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	EUR	3.89 per national document EUR 5.48 per foreign document
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	EUR	502.97
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	EUR	502.97
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	EUR	3.89 per national document EUR 5.48 per foreign document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94):	EUR	0.23 per page
National fee:		
For patent:		
Filing fee:	EUR	83.05
For utility model:		
Filing fee:	EUR	83.05

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(ES), page 272, Annex D(ES), page 359, and Summary (ES), page 439; new Annex E(ES), incorporating these changes, published on the last page of this Section IV]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**ES Espagne**

L'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en euros (EUR), payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international et d'office désigné (ou élu). Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe de transmission :	EUR	63,99
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	EUR	25,60
Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	EUR	1.550
Taxe de recherche additionnelle (règle 40.2 du PCT)	EUR	1.550
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport de recherche internationale (règle 44.3 du PCT) :	EUR	3,89 par document national EUR 5,48 par document étranger
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58 du PCT) :	EUR	502,97
Taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle (règle 68.3 du PCT) :	EUR	502,97
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport d'examen préliminaire international (règle 71.2 du PCT) :	EUR	3,89 par document national EUR 5,48 par document étranger
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents contenus dans le dossier de la demande internationale (règle 94 du PCT) :	EUR	0,23 par page
Taxe nationale :		
Pour un brevet :		
Taxe de dépôt :	EUR	83,05
Pour un modèle d'utilité :		
Taxe de dépôt :	EUR	83,05

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(ES), page 278, annexe D(ES), page 369, et résumé (ES), page 460; nouvelle annexe E(ES), intégrant ces changements, publiée à la dernière page de la présente Section IV]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. The consolidated table of requirements reads as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
Where applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, two months from notification of the Office	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material
<p>For the purposes of patent procedure before the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office a deposit is required not later than at the date of filing the international application with any legally recognized institution and, in any case, with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms (Article 25.2.a) SPL).</p> <p>If the applicant wishes that, until the publication of the mention of the grant of a Spanish patent or for 20 years from the date of filing if the application is refused or withdrawn, the biological material shall be made available as provided in Article 45 SPL only by the issue of a sample to an independent expert, the applicant must, by a written statement, inform the International Bureau accordingly before completion of technical preparations for publication of the international application. Such statement must be separate from the description and claims of the international application and must preferably be made on Form PCT/RO/134, referred to in Section 209 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT and reproduced in Annex Z of Volume I of the <i>PCT Applicant's Guide</i>.</p>		

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex L, page 386]

FURNISHING BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF COPIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT: NOTIFICATION BY ELECTED OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 94.1(c)

Under new PCT Rule 94.1(c), which will enter into force on 1 January 2004, the Offices of the following States and Organization in their capacities as elected Offices have requested the International Bureau to furnish copies of the international preliminary examination report on their behalf:

- AT Austria
- EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
EXIGENCES DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS ET ÉLUS**

ES Espagne

L'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques a notifié de nouvelles exigences relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique. Le tableau récapitulatif des exigences est le suivant :

Délai (éventuel) inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, dans lequel le déposant doit fournir :		Indications (éventuelles) qui doivent figurer outre celles exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii) selon les notifications des offices intéressés
les indications exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii)	toute indication supplémentaire spécifiée dans la colonne adjacente de droite	
Lorsque le déposant requiert la publication dans un délai inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, deux mois à compter de la notification de l'office	Lors du dépôt (comme partie de la demande)	Dans la mesure où ils sont accessibles au déposant, renseignements se rapportant aux caractéristiques du matériel biologique
<p>Un dépôt aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès de l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques est exigé au plus tard à la date du dépôt de la demande internationale auprès de toute institution reconnue sur le plan juridique et, en tout état de cause, auprès de toute institution de dépôt ayant acquis le statut d'autorité de dépôt internationale en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes (article 25.2.a) SPL).</p> <p>Si le déposant souhaite que, jusqu'à la publication de la mention de la délivrance d'un brevet espagnol ou pendant 20 ans à compter de la date du dépôt de la demande, si cette dernière est, rejetée ou retirée, l'accessibilité au matériel biologique prévue à l'article 45 SPL ne soit réalisée que par la remise d'un échantillon à un expert indépendant, il doit en informer, par une déclaration écrite, le Bureau international avant l'achèvement de la préparation technique de la publication de la demande internationale. Cette déclaration doit être distincte de la description et des revendications de la demande internationale et être de préférence effectuée en utilisant le formulaire PCT/RO/134 visé dans l'instruction 209 des Instructions administratives du PCT, reproduit à l'annexe Z du volume I du <i>Guide du déposant du PCT</i>.</p>		

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe L, page 391]

DÉLIVRANCE PAR LE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DE COPIES DU RAPPORT D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES ÉLUS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 94.1.c) DU PCT

En vertu de la nouvelle règle 94.1.c) du PCT, qui entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, les offices des États suivants et de l'Organisation suivante agissant en leur capacité d'offices élus, ont demandé au Bureau international de délivrer des copies du rapport d'examen préliminaire international en leur nom:

- AT Autriche
- EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

NOTIFICATIONS BY INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES OF APPLICABILITY OF PCT RULE 66.1bis(b)

During its thirty-first (18th extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from 23 September to 1 October 2002, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, amongst others, an amendment to Rule 66 of the PCT Regulations concerning the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority. This amended Rule, which entered into force on 1 January 2004, was published in PCT Gazette No. 49/2002, page 25040, on 5 December 2002.

It is recalled that Rule 66.1bis(b) states that: “An International Preliminary Examining Authority may notify the International Bureau that paragraph (a) shall not apply to the procedure before it in respect of written opinions established under Rule 43bis.1 by the International Searching Authority or Authorities specified in the notification, provided that such a notification shall not apply to cases where the national Office or intergovernmental organization that acted as International Searching Authority is also acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority. The International Bureau shall promptly publish any such notification in the Gazette.”

The European Patent Office (EPO), in its capacity as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that Rule 66.1bis(a) shall apply as follows:

“[...] the EPO will not consider a written opinion performed by any ISA other than the EPO itself as a written opinion of the IPEA for the purposes of Rule 66.2(a) PCT. This means that Rule 66.1bis(a) PCT will not apply to the procedure before the EPO as IPEA in respect of written opinions established under Rule 43bis.1 PCT by the Austrian Patent Office, the Swedish Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or by the Finnish Patent Office when it commences its activity as an ISA or by any other industrial property office which may be appointed as an ISA in the future.”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**

General information on **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)** as designated (or elected) Office, is reproduced in Annex B1(VC) and in the Summary (VC), on the following pages.

NOTIFICATIONS DES ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL RELATIVES À L'APPLICABILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 66.1bis.b) DU PCT

Durant sa trente et unième session (18^e session extraordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 23 septembre au 1^{er} octobre 2002, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté, entre autres, une modification à la règle 66 du règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant la procédure au sein de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international. Cette règle modifiée, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, a été publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 49/2002, page 25041, le 5 décembre 2002.

Il est rappelé que la règle 66.1bis.b) stipule que : "Toute administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international peut notifier au Bureau international que l'alinéa a) ne s'applique pas à sa propre procédure à l'égard des opinions écrites établies en vertu de la règle 43bis.1 par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou les administrations indiquées dans la notification, étant entendu que cette notification ne s'applique pas dans le cas où l'office national ou l'organisation intergouvernementale qui a agi en tant qu'administration chargée de la recherche internationale agit également en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai toute notification de ce type dans la gazette."

L'office européen des brevets (OEB), en sa qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, a notifié au Bureau international en vertu de la règle 66.1bis.b) que la règle 66.1bis.a) s'applique comme suit (traduction française établie par le Bureau international) :

"L'OEB ne considérera pas une opinion écrite établie par une administration chargée de la recherche internationale autre que l'OEB lui-même comme une opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international aux fins de la règle 66.2.a) du PCT. Cela signifie que la règle 66.1bis.a) du PCT ne s'appliquera pas à la procédure auprès de l'OEB en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international vis à vis d'opinions écrites établies en vertu de la règle 43bis.1 du PCT par l'Office autrichien des brevets, l'Office suédois des brevets, l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques ou par l'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement (Finlande) lorsqu'il commencera ses activités en tant qu'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou par tout autre office de propriété industrielle qui pourrait être nommé à l'avenir en tant qu'administration chargée de la recherche internationale."

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS
OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)****VC Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines**

Des informations de caractère général concernant **Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines** en tant qu'État contractant, ainsi que des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de l'**Office du commerce et de la propriété intellectuelle (Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines)** en tant qu'office désigné (ou élu), sont reproduites dans l'annexe B1(VC) et dans le résumé (VC), aux pages suivantes.

B1 **Information on Contracting States** **B1**
VC **SAINT VINCENT AND THE GRENADINES** **VC**

General information

Name of Office:	Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines)
Location and mailing address:	Top Floor, Methodist Commercial Building, Granby Street, Kingstown, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Telephone:	(1-784) 451 28 94
Facsimile machine:	(1-784) 457 28 98
Teleprinter:	—
E-mail:	Ciposvg@vincysurf.com
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is designated (or elected):	Commerce and Intellectual Property Office (Saint Vincent and the Grenadines) (See Volume II)
May Saint Vincent and the Grenadines be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Saint Vincent and the Grenadines is designated (or elected):	Within two months from the date of the invitation by the Office
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	No

B1 **Informations sur les États contractants** **B1**
VC **SAINT-VINCENT-ET-LES-GRENADINES** **VC**

Informations générales

Nom de l'office :	Office du commerce et de la propriété intellectuelle (Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines)
Siège et adresse postale :	Top Floor, Methodist Commercial Building, Granby Street, Kingstown, Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines
Téléphone :	(1-784) 451 28 94
Télécopieur :	(1-784) 457 28 98
Téléimprimeur :	–
Courrier électronique :	Ciposvg@vincysurf.com
Internet :	–
L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT) ?	Non
L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT) ?	Oui
Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux de Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées :	Bureau international de l'OMPI (voir l'annexe C)
Office désigné (ou élu) compétent si Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines est désignée (ou élue) :	Office du commerce et de la propriété intellectuelle (Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines) (voir le volume II)
Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines peut-elle être élue ?	Oui (liée par le chapitre II du PCT)
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Brevets
Dispositions de la législation de Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines relatives à la recherche de type international :	Néant

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*[There is no corresponding page
in English]*

B1 **Informations sur les États contractants** **B1**
VC **SAINT-VINCENT-ET-LES-GRENADINES** **VC**

[Suite]

Protection provisoire à la suite de la
publication internationale: Néant

Informations utiles si Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines est désignée (ou élue)

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de
l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si
Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines est
désignée (ou élue): Dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de l'invitation par
l'office

Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières
relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes
et autre matériel biologique? Non

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****VC****COMMERCE AND INTELLECTUAL
PROPERTY OFFICE (SAINT VINCENT AND
THE GRENADINES)****VC****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee: ¹	Currency: Eastern Caribbean dollar (XCD) National processing fee: XCD ² ... Annual fee for the fourth year: XCD ² ...
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51bis): ³	The applicant does not have to be represented by an agent, but an address for service in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines must be given if the applicant is not resident in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Saint Vincent and the Grenadines

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² The amount of the fee is not yet known. It will be fixed in the near future. The Office should be consulted for the applicable amount of fee.

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

RÉSUMÉ

**Office désigné
(ou élu)**

RÉSUMÉ

VC

**OFFICE DU COMMERCE ET DE LA
PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE
(SAINT-VINCENT-ET-LES-GRENADINES)**

VC

Résumé des exigences pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT: 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité En vertu de l'article 39.1)a) du PCT: 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité
Traduction de la demande internationale requise en ¹ :	Anglais
Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale ¹ :	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT: Description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, à la fois telles que déposées initialement et telles que modifiées, ainsi que toute déclaration faite en vertu de l'article 19 du PCT), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer à la fois tel que déposé initialement et tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international)
Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise?	Non
Taxe nationale ¹ :	Monnaie: Dollar des Caraïbes orientales (XCD) Taxe nationale de traitement : XCD ² ... Taxe annuelle pour la 4 ^e année : XCD ² ...
Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :	Néant
Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51bis du PCT) ³ :	Il n'est pas nécessaire pour le déposant de se faire représenter par un mandataire mais une adresse pour la correspondance à Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines doit être indiquée si le déposant n'est pas domicilié dans ce pays
Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?	Toute personne physique ou morale domiciliée à Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines

¹ Doit être remise ou payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

² Le montant de la taxe n'est pas encore connu. Il sera fixé prochainement. Pour connaître le montant de la taxe en vigueur, se renseigner auprès de l'office.

³ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de réception de l'invitation.

E **E**
International Preliminary
Examining Authorities
ES **ES**
SPANISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK
OFFICE

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ¹	Euro (EUR)	502.97
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3): ²	EUR	502.97
Handling fee (PCT Rule 57.1): ³	EUR	129
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	EUR EUR	3.89 per national document 5.48 per foreign document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94): ²	EUR	0.23 per page
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100% If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 100%	
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	Spanish	
Subject matter that will not be examined:	The subject matter specified in items (i) to (vi) of PCT Rule 67.1 with the exception of all subject matter which is examined in Spanish national applications	

¹ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations (see also corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB) and *PCT Gazette* No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234), and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, 446).

² This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 75% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)) relating to the international filing fee. For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2003, page 24736, Schedule of Fees, item 4.

E Administrations chargées de l'examen E
préliminaire international
ES OFFICE ESPAGNOL DES BREVETS ET ES
DES MARQUES

Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58 du PCT) ¹ :	Euro (EUR)	502,97
Taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle (règle 68.3 du PCT) ² :	EUR	502,97
Taxe de traitement (règle 57.1 du PCT) ³ :	EUR	129
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport d'examen préliminaire international (règle 71.2 du PCT):	EUR EUR	3,89 par document national 5,48 par document étranger
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents contenus dans le dossier de la demande internationale (règle 94 du PCT) ² :	EUR	0,23 par page
Conditions de remboursement et montant du remboursement de la taxe d'examen préliminaire:	Tout montant payé par erreur, sans raison ou en excédent sera remboursé Dans les cas prévus à la règle 58.3 du PCT : remboursement à 100% Si la demande internationale ou la demande d'examen préliminaire international est retirée avant le début de l'examen préliminaire international : remboursement à 100%	
Langues admises pour l'examen préliminaire international:	Espagnol	
Objets exclus de l'examen:	Tout objet mentionné aux points i) à vi) de la règle 67.1 du PCT, à l'exception de tout objet pour lequel des demandes nationales espagnoles sont soumises à l'examen	

¹ Taxe à verser à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international. La taxe est réduite de 75% lorsque le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux, est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et qui est domiciliée dans un État, qui n'est pas partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen et qui remplit les conditions applicables à la réduction correspondante de certaines taxes du PCT telles qu'elles figurent dans le barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT (voir également la note de bas de page correspondante de l'annexe C(IB) et la *Gazette du PCT* n° 50/1995, pages 19267 et 19268), et conformément à la décision du Conseil d'administration de l'OEB du 11 octobre 2000 (JO OEB 2000, 446).

² Taxe à verser à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international et dans certains cas seulement.

³ Taxe à verser à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international. Cette taxe est réduite de 75% si certaines conditions s'appliquent (voir la note de bas de page correspondante de l'annexe C(IB) relative à la taxe internationale de dépôt. Pour plus de précisions, voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 44/2003, page 24737, barème de taxes, point 4.

SECTION IV

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AT Austria**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Austrian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 March 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Austrian Patent Office): KRW 235,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(AT), page 353]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), equivalent amounts in **Euro (EUR)**, **Korean won (KRW)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, **South African rand (ZAR)**, **Swiss francs (CHF)** and in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Australian Patent Office**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2004, are as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Australian Patent Office):	EUR	738	ZAR	5,800
	KRW	1,014,000	CHF	1,157
	NZD	1,370	USD	865
	SGD	1,490		

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(AU), page 354]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified new conditions of refund of the search fee, applicable as from 1 January 2004, as follows:

Conditions for refund and amount of
refund of the search fee:

[No change]

[No change]

Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search (including a privately commissioned “standard” search) already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application and depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from the earlier search in carrying out the international search and any other task entrusted to it, the search fee paid shall be refunded, to the extent provided for in a communication from the Authority to the International Bureau and published in the Gazette

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(EP), page 357]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AT Autriche**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **won coréens (KRW)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office autrichien des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} mars 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office autrichien des brevets) :	KRW 235.000
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AU Australie

Des montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, en **won coréens (KRW)**, en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, en **dollars de Singapour (SGD)**, en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, en **francs suisses (CHF)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.b) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, sont les suivants:

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office australien des brevets) :	EUR	738	ZAR	5.800
	KRW	1.014.000	CHF	1.157
	NZD	1.370	USD	865
	SGD	1.490		

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EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a notifié de nouvelles conditions de remboursement de la taxe de recherche, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, comme suit :

Conditions de remboursement et montant du remboursement de la taxe de recherche :	[Sans changement] [Sans changement] Lorsque l'Administration peut utiliser une recherche antérieure (y compris une recherche "standard" demandée à titre privé) que l'Administration a déjà effectuée pour une demande dont la priorité est revendiquée pour la demande internationale et selon la mesure dans laquelle l'Administration tire parti de cette recherche antérieure lorsqu'elle effectue la recherche internationale et toute autre tâche qui lui est confiée, la taxe de recherche est remboursée selon des conditions stipulées dans une communication adressée par l'Administration au Bureau international et publiées dans la Gazette
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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**JP Japan**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), equivalent amounts in **Euro (EUR)**, **Korean won (KRW)**, **Swiss francs (CHF)** and in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Japan Patent Office**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2004, are as follows:

Search fee (international search	EUR	752	CHF	1,168
by the Japan Patent Office):	KRW	1,066,000	USD	887

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(JP), page 360]

KR Republic of Korea

New equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** have been established for the international filing fee and the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), as well as for the reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 March 2004, are specified below:

International filing fee:	KRW	1,329,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	KRW	14,000
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):		
PCT-EASY:	KRW	95,000
Electronic filing (not in character coded format):	KRW	190,000
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	KRW	285,000
Handling fee:	KRW	190,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(KR), page 301, and Annex E(KR), page 372]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**JP Japon**

Des montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, en **won coréens (KRW)**, en **francs suisses (CHF)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.b) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets du Japon**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets du Japon) :	EUR	752	CHF	1.168
	KRW	1.066.000	USD	887

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KR République de Corée

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **won coréens (KRW)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt et pour la taxe de traitement, conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, ainsi que pour les réductions selon le point 3 du barème de taxes. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} mars 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	KRW	1.329.000
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	KRW	14.000
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :		
PCT-EASY :	KRW	95.000
Dépôt électronique (n'étant pas en format codé caractère par caractère) :	KRW	190.000
Dépôt électronique (en format codé caractère par caractère) :	KRW	285.000
Taxe de traitement	KRW	190.000

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**US United States of America**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), equivalent amounts in **Euro (EUR)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, **South African rand (ZAR)** and in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2004, are as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the United States Patent and
Trademark Office):

EUR	848	(254)	ZAR	6,500	(2,000)
NZD	1,570	(470)	CHF	1,318	(395)

The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior United States national application has been filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a), the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) has been paid and the prior US national application is identified by the application number if known, or if the application number is not known, by the filing date, title and name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket number), in the international application or accompanying the papers at the time of filing the international application

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TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

Des montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)** et en **francs suisses (CHF)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.b) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :

EUR	848	(254)	ZAR	6.500	(2.000)
NZD	1.570	(470)	CHF	1.318	(395)

Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon la section 111.a) du titre 35 U.S.C., que la taxe de dépôt de base a été acquittée selon la section 1.16 a) du titre 37 CFR et que la demande nationale antérieure déposée aux États-Unis est identifiée par le numéro de la demande s'il est connu ou, si le numéro de la demande n'est pas connu, par la date de dépôt, le titre et le nom du déposant (et, de préférence, par le numéro de dossier de la demande) figurant dans la demande internationale ou accompagnant les documents au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe D(US), page 375]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**AU Australia—Corrigendum**

Pursuant to its notification of waivers of the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii), the Australian Patent Office has notified the International Bureau of particular instances in which a copy of a separate power of attorney or a copy of a general power of attorney would be required, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes [No change]
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s)
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes [No change]
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(AU), page 242]

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes [No change]
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s)
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes [No change]
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(AU), page 354, and Annex E(AU), page 367]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**AU Australie – rectificatif**

Suite à sa notification relative aux renoncements à l'exigence selon les règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) du PCT, l'**Office australien des brevets** a notifié au Bureau international les cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis, comme suit :

Renoncement au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Oui [Sans changement]

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

En cas de litige non résolu portant sur la question de savoir qui est le mandataire représentant le ou les déposants

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis ?

Oui [Sans changement]

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

En cas de litige non résolu portant sur la question de savoir qui est le mandataire représentant le ou les déposants

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(AU), page 246]

Renoncement au pouvoir :

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Oui [Sans changement]

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

En cas de litige non résolu portant sur la question de savoir qui est le mandataire représentant le ou les déposants

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis ?

Oui [Sans changement]

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

En cas de litige non résolu portant sur la question de savoir qui est le mandataire représentant le ou les déposants

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe D(AU), page 364, et annexe E(AU), page 378]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c) (Cont'd)**EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)**

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it does not waive the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
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Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(EA), page 266]

FR France

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (France)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it does not waive the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
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Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(FR), page 275]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT (suite)**EA Organisation eurasienne des brevets (OEAB)**

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office eurasien des brevets (OEAB)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il ne renonce pas à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?	Non
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L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis ?	Non
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(EA), page 272]

FR France

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Institut national de la propriété industrielle (France)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il ne renonce pas à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?	Non
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L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis ?	Non
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(FR), page 282]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c) (cont'd)**JP Japan**

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annexes C, D and E, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(JP), page 297]

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(JP), page 360, and Annex E(JP), page 371]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT (suite)

JP Japon

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office des brevets du Japon**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans les annexes C, D et E, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lorsqu'un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt accomplit tout acte après le dépôt

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lorsqu'un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt accomplit tout acte après le dépôt

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(JP), page 305]

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lorsqu'un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt accomplit tout acte après le dépôt

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lorsqu'un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt accomplit tout acte après le dépôt

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe D(JP), page 370, et annexe E(JP), page 382]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c) (Cont'd)**KG Kyrgyzstan**

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Kyrgyz Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of its requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	None

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(KG), page 299]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT (suite)**KG Kirghizistan**

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office kirghize de la propriété intellectuelle**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international ses exigences en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?	Non
L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis ?	Oui
Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :	Néant

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(KG), page 307]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c) (cont'd)**KR Republic of Korea**

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has informed the International Bureau that it does not waive the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annexes C, D and E, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney
be submitted? No

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of
attorney be submitted? No

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(KR), page 301]

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney
be submitted? No

Has the Authority waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of
attorney be submitted? No

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(KR), page 361, and Annex E(KR), page 372]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT (suite)**KR République de Corée**

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, a informé le Bureau international qu'il ne renonce pas à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans les annexes C, D et E, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence
selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit
lui être remis ? Non

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence
selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir
général doit lui être remis ? Non

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(KR), page 310]

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à
l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir
distinct doit lui être remis ? Non

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à
l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un
pouvoir général doit lui être remis ? Non

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe D(KR), page 371, et annexe E(KR), page 383]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c) (cont'd)**NZ New Zealand**

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where there is a change in representation, that is where an applicant is represented by a new agent or representative

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where there is a change in representation, that is where an applicant is represented by a new agent or representative

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(NZ), page 320]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT (suite)**NZ Nouvelle-Zélande**

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Nouvelle-Zélande**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence
selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit
lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels
un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lorsqu'il y a changement de représentation, notamment
lorsqu'un déposant est représenté par un nouveau
mandataire ou a un nouveau représentant

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence
selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir
général doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie
d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lorsqu'il y a changement de représentation, notamment
lorsqu'un déposant est représenté par un nouveau
mandataire ou a un nouveau représentant

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(NZ), page 328]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c) (cont'd)**US United States of America**

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annexes C, D and E, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where it is unclear whether a purported agent has the power to act on behalf of the applicant, and for certain changes under PCT Rule *92bis*

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where it is unclear whether a purported agent has the power to act on behalf of the applicant, and for certain changes under PCT Rule *92bis*

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(US), page 345]

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where it is unclear whether a purported agent has the power to act on behalf of the applicant, and for certain changes under PCT Rule *92bis*

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where it is unclear whether a purported agent has the power to act on behalf of the applicant, and for certain changes under PCT Rule *92bis*

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(US), page 364, and Annex E(US), page 375]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT (suite)**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans les annexes C, D et E, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lorsqu'il n'est pas clair si un mandataire présumé est autorisé à agir au nom du déposant, et pour certains changements selon la règle 92*bis* du PCT

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lorsqu'il n'est pas clair si un mandataire présumé est autorisé à agir au nom du déposant, et pour certains changements selon la règle 92*bis* du PCT

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(US), page 354]

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lorsqu'il n'est pas clair si un mandataire présumé est autorisé à agir au nom du déposant, et pour certains changements selon la règle 92*bis* du PCT

l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lorsqu'il n'est pas clair si un mandataire présumé est autorisé à agir au nom du déposant, et pour certains changements selon la règle 92*bis* du PCT

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe D(US), page 375, et annexe E(US), page 386]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**Non-Working Days**

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5,* it is to be noted that the days on which the International Bureau **is not open for business** are, for the period from 2 February 2004 to 31 December 2004, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and	9 September 2004
2 February 2004	24 December 2004
9 April 2004	27 December 2004
12 April 2004	30 December 2004
20 May 2004	31 December 2004
31 May 2004	

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other international organizations.

* Rule 80.5 **Expiration on a Non-Working Day or Official Holiday**

“If the expiration of any period during which any document or fee must reach a national Office or intergovernmental organization falls on a day:

- (i) on which such Office or organization is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business;
- (ii) on which ordinary mail is not delivered in the locality in which such Office or organization is situated;
- (iii) which, where such Office or organization is situated in more than one locality, is an official holiday in at least one of the localities in which such Office or organization is situated, and in circumstances where the national law applicable by that Office or organization provides, in respect of national applications, that, in such a case, such period shall expire on a subsequent day; or
- (iv) which, where such Office is the government authority of a Contracting State entrusted with the granting of patents, is an official holiday in part of that Contracting State, and in circumstances where the national law applicable by that Office provides, in respect of national applications, that, in such a case, such period shall expire on a subsequent day;

the period shall expire on the next subsequent day on which none of the said four circumstances exists.”

BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**Jours chômés**

Aux fins du calcul des délais selon la règle 80.5* du PCT, il convient de noter que le Bureau international **ne sera pas ouvert** les jours suivants, pendant la période du 2 février 2004 au 31 décembre 2004 :

tous les samedis et dimanches et	le 9 septembre 2004
le 2 février 2004	le 24 décembre 2004
le 9 avril 2004	le 27 décembre 2004
le 12 avril 2004	le 30 décembre 2004
le 20 mai 2004	le 31 décembre 2004
le 31 mai 2004	

Il est important de noter que les jours susmentionnés concernent le **Bureau international exclusivement** et **non pas** les offices nationaux ni d'autres organisations intergouvernementales.

* Règle 80.5 **Expiration un jour chômé ou un jour férié**

“Si un délai quelconque pendant lequel un document ou une taxe doit parvenir à un office national ou à une organisation intergouvernementale expire un jour

- i) où cet office ou cette organisation n'est pas ouvert au public pour traiter d'affaires officielles;
- ii) où le courrier ordinaire n'est pas délivré dans la localité où cet office ou cette organisation est situé;
- iii) qui, lorsque cet office ou cette organisation est situé dans plus d'une localité, est un jour férié dans au moins une des localités dans lesquelles cet office ou cette organisation est situé, et dans le cas où la législation nationale applicable par cet office ou cette organisation prévoit, à l'égard des demandes nationales, que, dans cette situation, ce délai prend fin le jour suivant; ou
- iv) qui, lorsque cet office est l'administration gouvernementale d'un État contractant chargée de délivrer des brevets, est un jour férié dans une partie de cet État contractant, et dans le cas où la législation nationale applicable par cet office prévoit, à l'égard des demandes nationales, que, dans cette situation, ce délai prend fin le jour suivant;

le délai prend fin le premier jour suivant auquel aucune de ces quatre circonstances n'existe plus.”

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2004, are as follows:

Search fee (international search	CHF	2,432
by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office):	USD	1,818

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(ES), page 359]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**CN China**

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **China Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has informed the International Bureau that it does not waive the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annexes C, D and E, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
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Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(CN), page 255]

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
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Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(CN), page 356, and Annex E(CN), page 368]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**ES Espagne**

Des montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **francs suisses (CHF)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.b) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques) :	CHF	2,432
	USD	1,818

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe D(ES), page 369]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT (suite)**CN Chine**

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, a informé le Bureau international qu'il ne renonce pas à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans les annexes C, D et E, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?	Non
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L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis ?	Non
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(CN), page 260]

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?	Non
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L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis ?	Non
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WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c) (Cont'd)**DK Denmark**

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(DK), page 263]

MC Monaco

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion (Monaco)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it does not waive the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

No

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

No

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(MC), page 310]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT (suite)**DK Danemark**

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office danois des brevets et des marques**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(DK), page 269]

MC Monaco

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, la **Division de la propriété intellectuelle, Direction de l'expansion économique (Monaco)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il ne renonce pas à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Non

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis ?

Non

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(MC), page 318]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c) (Cont'd)**VN Viet Nam**

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it does not waive the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney
be submitted? No

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of
attorney be submitted? No

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(VN), page 348]

FURNISHING BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF COPIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT: NOTIFICATION BY ELECTED OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 94.1(c)

Under new PCT Rule 94.1(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the Office of the following State in its capacity as elected Office has requested the International Bureau to furnish copies of the international preliminary examination report on its behalf:

NO Norway

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT (suite)**VN Viet Nam**

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office national de la propriété industrielle (Viet Nam)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il ne renonce pas à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence
selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit
lui être remis ? Non

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence
selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir
général doit lui être remis ? Non

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(VN), page 357]

DÉLIVRANCE PAR LE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DE COPIES DU RAPPORT D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES ÉLUS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 94.1.c) DU PCT

En vertu de la nouvelle règle 94.1.c) du PCT, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'office de l'État suivant en sa capacité d'office élu, a demandé au Bureau international de délivrer des copies du rapport d'examen préliminaire international en son nom:

NO Norvège

SECTION IV

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)—Corrigendum**

The International Bureau published erroneous information in PCT Gazette No. 49/2003, page 27788, on 4 December 2003, namely, that there was no longer a surcharge for late filing of the request for examination to be paid to the EPO as designated (or elected) Office. The surcharge, however, still exists and appears under the following fee:

Surcharge for late filing of either the translation of the international application or the request for examination, or for late payment of the national basic fee, the search fee or the designation fees:	50% of the relevant fees but at least EUR 500 for late filing of the translation, up to a maximum of: EUR 1,750
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Summary (EP), page 437]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**AT Austria**

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Austrian Patent Office**, in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annexes C, D and E, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	None
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	None

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(AT), page 240]

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	None
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	None

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(AT), page 353, and Annex E(AT), page 366]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB) – rectificatif**

Le Bureau international a publié une information erronée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 49/2003, page 27789, le 4 décembre 2003, à savoir qu'il n'y avait plus de surtaxe pour présentation tardive de la requête en examen à payer à l'OEB en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Toutefois, cette surtaxe existe toujours et figure sous la taxe suivante :

Surtaxe pour production tardive de la traduction de la demande internationale, pour présentation tardive de la requête en examen ou pour retard de paiement de la taxe nationale de base, de la taxe de recherche ou des taxes de désignation :	50% des taxes concernées, sans que le montant puisse être inférieur à EUR 500 en cas de production tardive de la traduction et sans que le montant total puisse dépasser : EUR 1.750
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01 /2004 (F), résumé (EP), page 458]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**AT Autriche**

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office autrichien des brevets**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans les annexes C, D et E, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?	Oui
Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :	Néant
L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis ?	Oui
Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :	Néant

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(AT), page 244]

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?	Oui
Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :	Néant
L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis ?	Oui
Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :	Néant

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe D(AT), page 363, et annexe E(AT), page 377]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c) (Cont'd)**IS Iceland**

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Icelandic Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it does not waive the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
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Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(IS), page 294]

PH Philippines

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
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Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent or common representative; or the Office receives notices or communications from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of, or in addition to the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.
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RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT (suite)

IS Islande

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office islandais des brevets**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il ne renonce pas à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence
selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit
lui être remis ? Non

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence
selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir
général doit lui être remis ? Non

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(IS), page 302]

PH Philippines

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Philippines)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence
selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit
lui être remis ? Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels
un pouvoir distinct est requis :
Lorsque l'office reçoit une déclaration ou une communication d'un mandataire secondaire désigné par le mandataire ou le représentant commun ; ou lorsque l'office reçoit des déclarations ou des communications d'un autre mandataire ou d'un autre représentant commun qui est désigné par le déposant en remplacement de, ou en plus du mandataire ou du représentant commun désigné précédemment par le déposant ; ou lorsque l'office reçoit une déclaration ou une communication d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun contenant le nom de déposants supplémentaires qui n'étaient pas nommés dans le formulaire de requête.

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c) (Cont'd)**PH Philippines (Cont'd)**

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where the Office receives a notice or communication from a sub-agent appointed by the agent or common representative; or the Office receives notices or communications from an agent or common representative who is appointed by the applicant in replacement of, or in addition to the agent or common representative previously appointed by the applicant; or the Office receives a notice or communication from an agent or a common representative submitting the names of additional applicants not named in the request form.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(PH), page 324]

FURNISHING BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF COPIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT: NOTIFICATION BY ELECTED OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 94.1(c)

Under new PCT Rule 94.1(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the Office of the following State in its capacity as elected Office has requested the International Bureau to furnish copies of the international preliminary examination report on its behalf:

AU Australia

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT (suite)**PH Philippines (suite)**

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis ?

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Oui

Lorsque l'office reçoit une déclaration ou une communication d'un mandataire secondaire désigné par le mandataire ou le représentant commun ; ou lorsque l'office reçoit des déclarations ou des communications d'un autre mandataire ou d'un autre représentant commun qui est désigné par le déposant en remplacement de, ou en plus du mandataire ou du représentant commun désigné précédemment par le déposant ; ou lorsque l'office reçoit une déclaration ou une communication d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun contenant le nom de déposants supplémentaires qui n'étaient pas nommés dans le formulaire de requête.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(PH), page 332]

DÉLIVRANCE PAR LE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DE COPIES DU RAPPORT D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES ÉLUS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 94.1.c) DU PCT

En vertu de la nouvelle règle 94.1.c) du PCT, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'office de l'État suivant en sa capacité d'office élu, a demandé au Bureau international de délivrer des copies du rapport d'examen préliminaire international en son nom :

AU Australie

SECTION IV

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT: STANDARD FOR THE ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS – MODIFICATIONS OF ANNEX F**NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and the technical standard for electronic filing and processing of international applications entered into force on 7 January 2002 (see PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-04/2001 dated 27 December 2001). Annex F, including Appendix I thereof, was subsequently the subject of modifications that entered into force on 12 December 2002 (see PCT Gazette No. 50/2002 dated 12 December 2002), 19 June 2003 (see PCT Gazette No. 25/2003 dated 19 June 2003) and 1 January 2004 (see PCT Gazette No. 51/2003 dated 18 December 2003).

Modifications of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to Rule 89.2(b), in accordance with the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 of Annex F (expedited consideration of proposals for change), Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, including Appendix I thereof, is now modified, with effect from 12 February 2004.

The main body of Annex F is modified as follows:

- (i) modification of section 4.3 (“Recommended file naming convention”).

In addition, Appendix I of Annex F (“XML DTDs for the E-PCT Standard”) is modified as follows:

- (i) addition of a new section 2.5, called “DTD Versioning”;
- (ii) addition of a new section 2.6, called “XML Document Prolog”.

The text of the modifications of the main body of Annex F appears on the following pages. The text of the modifications of Appendix I of Annex F is not, due to its highly technical content, reproduced here but has been published, as document PCT/AI/1 Rev.1 Add.12, on WIPO’s Website at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm>; paper copies are available from the International Bureau upon request.

The present text of the Administrative Instructions is set out in the following issues of the PCT Gazette:

- Special Issue No. S-03/2001, dated 30 August 2001, with subsequent modifications indicated below,
- new Part 7 and new Annex F, as set out in Special Issue No. S-04/2001 dated 27 December 2001,
- modified Section 404, as set out in No. 47/2001 dated 22 November 2001, page 21586,
- modified Sections 801 to 806 and new Annex C-*bis*, as set out in No. 36/2002 dated 6 September 2002, page 17634,
- modified Sections 102*bis* and 707, as set out in No. 42/2002 dated 17 October 2002, page 21002,
- modified Annex F, as set out in No. 50/2002 dated 12 December 2002, page 25614,
- modified Sections 102, 103, 104, 305*bis*, 308, 311, 332, 405 and 506 and Annex D as set out in No. 52/2002 dated 27 December 2002, page 26706,
- modified Annex F and Appendix I of Annex F, as set out in No. 25/2003 dated 19 June 2003, page 14334,
- modified Sections 102, 102*bis*, 105, 108, 114, 202, 209, 210, 304, 315, 320, 321, 325, 334, 336, 402, 413, 414, 415, 417, 418, 421, 422, 422*bis*, 423, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 503, 509, 513, 514, 516, 517, 518, 601, 602, 606, 606*bis*, 617, 707, 803, and Annexes C, D, E, and Appendix I of Annex F, as set out in No. 51/2003 dated 18 December 2003, page 28984.

INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT : NORME CONCERNANT LE DÉPÔT ET LE TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES – MODIFICATIONS DE L'ANNEXE F**NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**

La septième partie et l'annexe F des instructions administratives relatives, respectivement, au cadre juridique et à la norme technique nécessaires à la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement électroniques des demandes internationales sont entrées en vigueur le 7 janvier 2002 (voir le numéro spécial S-04/2001, du 27 décembre 2001, de la Gazette du PCT). L'annexe F, y compris l'appendice I, a par la suite fait l'objet de modifications qui sont entrées en vigueur le 12 décembre 2002 (voir le n° 50/2002, du 12 décembre 2002, de la Gazette du PCT), le 19 juin 2003 (voir le n° 25/2003, du 19 juin 2003, de la Gazette du PCT) et le 1^{er} janvier 2004 (voir le n° 51/2003, du 18 décembre 2003, de la Gazette du PCT).

Modifications de l'annexe F des instructions administratives

Après consultation des offices et des administrations intéressés, conformément à la règle 89.2.b), selon la procédure de modification prévue à la section 2.5.5 de l'annexe F (examen accéléré des propositions de modification), l'annexe F des instructions administratives, y compris l'appendice I, est maintenant modifiée, avec effet au 12 février 2004.

La partie principale de l'annexe F est modifiée comme suit :

i) modification de la section 4.3 ("Convention recommandée de nommage des fichiers").

En outre, l'appendice I de l'annexe F ("DTDs en XML pour la norme E-PCT") est modifiée comme suit :

i) ajout d'une nouvelle section 2.5, intitulée "Versions des DTDs";

ii) ajout d'une nouvelle section 2.6, intitulée "Texte introductif des documents en XML".

Le texte des modifications de la partie principale de l'annexe F figure sur les pages suivantes. Le texte des modifications de l'appendice I de l'annexe F n'est pas reproduit ici en raison de son contenu extrêmement technique mais il a été publié, en tant que document PCT/AI/1 Rev.1 Add.12, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/index.htm>; des exemplaires papier sont disponibles sur simple demande adressée au Bureau international.

Le texte actuel des instructions administratives figure dans les numéros suivants de la Gazette du PCT :

- numéro spécial S-03/2001, du 30 août 2001, les modifications ultérieures étant indiquées ci-dessous,
- nouvelle septième partie et nouvelle annexe F dans le numéro spécial S-04/2001, du 27 décembre 2001,
- instruction 404 modifiée dans le n° 47/2001, du 22 novembre 2001, page 21587,
- instructions 801 à 806 modifiées et nouvelle annexe C-bis dans le n° 36/2002, du 6 septembre 2002, pages 17635,
- instructions 102bis and 707 modifiées dans le n° 42/2002 du 17 octobre 2002, page 21003.
- annexe F modifiée dans le n° 50/2002, du 12 décembre 2002, page 25615,
- instructions 102, 103, 104, 305bis, 308, 311, 332, 405 et 506 modifiées et annexe D dans le n° 52/2002, du 27 décembre 2002, page 26707,
- annexe F et appendice I de l'annexe F modifiés dans le n° 25/2003, du 19 juin 2003, page 14335,
- instructions 102, 102bis, 105, 108, 114, 202, 209, 210, 304, 315, 320, 321, 325, 334, 336, 402, 413, 414, 415, 417, 418, 421, 422, 422bis, 423, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 503, 509, 513, 514, 516, 517, 518, 601, 602, 606, 606bis, 617, 707, 803, et annexes C, D, E, et appendice I de l'annexe F modifiés dans le n° 51/2003, du 18 décembre 2003, page 28985.

MODIFICATIONS OF ANNEX F OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

1. to 3. [No change]

4. IA DOCUMENTS PACKAGING

[No change to the introductory text]

4.1 and 4.2 [No change]

4.3 *Recommended file naming convention* [Modified]

An electronic filing of a patent application will have multiple files associated with it. Filing name conventions need to be established in order to enhance server automation, as well as to establish a client side software workflow and a good work practice for user understanding. The following set of tables constitutes the recommended file naming convention and the client side software should automatically produce the suffixes and extensions accordingly. Each of these tables addresses a level of the standard, followed with tables of examples.

4.3.1 *Tables*

Table 1

<i>Codes used in the descriptions below</i>	
A	One character from the following set: {ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz}
A...	Any combination of at least two characters from the following set: {ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz0123456789}
AAA	Any combination of one to three characters from the following set: {ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz0123456789}
NNNNNN	Any combination of six characters from the following set: {0123456789}

Table 2

<i>Each instance of a document type</i>		
A...	Applicant's or Office's identifier, not to exceed 50 positions	Mandatory
-	Separator (dash)	
A...	Document type (<i>see Table 6</i>) or Subdocument type (<i>see Table 7</i>)	Optional
-	Separator (dash)	
A	Entity type (<i>see Table 8</i>), in case of image file	
NNNNNN	Document sequence number, right justified, left padded with zero	Mandatory
.	Separator (period)	
AAA	File type (<i>see Table 5</i>)	

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1. à 3. [Sans changement]

4. EMPAQUETAGE DES DOCUMENTS CONSTITUTIFS DE DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES

[Texte introductif sans changement]

4.1 et 4.2 [Sans changement]

4.3 *Convention recommandée de nommage des fichiers* [Modifiée]

Un dépôt électronique d'une demande de brevet comporte un certain nombre de fichiers associés. L'établissement de conventions de nommage des fichiers permet de renforcer l'automatisation des serveurs, de faciliter le travail produit au niveau du logiciel client et d'établir une bonne pratique de travail aux fins d'une meilleure compréhension par les utilisateurs du système. La série de tableaux qui suit constitue la convention recommandée de nommage des fichiers et les logiciels clients devraient produire de manière automatique les suffixes et les extensions des fichiers en conséquence. Chacun de ces tableaux représente un niveau de la convention, suivie de tableaux présentant des exemples.

4.3.1 *Tableaux*

Tableau 1

<i>Codes à utiliser en fonction des descriptifs</i>	
A	un seul caractère issu de la liste suivante : {ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz}
A...	toute combinaison d'au moins deux caractères issus de la liste suivante : {ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz0123456789}
AAA	toute combinaison de un, deux ou trois caractères issus de la liste suivante : {ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz0123456789}
NNNNNN	toute combinaison de six caractères issus de la liste suivante : {0123456789}

Tableau 2

<i>Codes à utiliser à chaque fois</i>		
A...	identifiant du déposant ou de l'office, ne peut pas dépasser 50 numéros	Obligatoire
-	séparateur (tiret)	
A...	nature du document (<i>voir le tableau 6</i>) ou du sous-document (<i>voir le tableau 7</i>)	Optionnel
-	séparateur (tiret)	
A	type de document (<i>voir le tableau 8</i>) dans le cas d'un fichier d'image	
NNNNNN	numéro de la séquence du document, justifié à droite, avec des zéros à gauche pour remplir le vide	Obligatoire
.	séparateur (point)	
AAA	nature du fichier (<i>voir le tableau 5</i>)	

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Table 3

<i>External entities referenced from within document instances</i>		
A...	Applicant's or Office's identifier, not to exceed 50 positions	Mandatory
-	Separator (dash)	
A...	Document type (<i>see Table 6</i>) or Subdocument type (<i>see Table 7</i>)	
-	Separator (dash)	
A	Entity type (<i>see Table 8</i>)	
NNNNNN	Entity sequence number, right-justified, left-padded with zero	Optional
-	Separator (dash)	
NNNNNN	Page sequence number, right-justified, left-padded with zero	Mandatory
.	Separator (period)	
AAA	File type (<i>see Table 5</i>)	

Table 4

<i>Files not referenced from within document instances</i>		
A...	Applicant's or Office's identifier, not to exceed 50 positions	Mandatory
-	Separator (dash)	Optional
A...	Document name as provided by applicant, not to exceed 50 positions	
.	Separator (period)	Mandatory
AAA	File type	

Table 5

<i>File name extensions accepted</i>	
txt	Text file, see section 3.1.1.3
xml	XML file, see section 3.1.1.1
tif	TIFF file, see section 3.1.3.1
jpg	JFIF file, see section 3.1.3.2
pdf	Portable document format (PDF) file, see section 3.1.2
app	ST.25 file, see section 3.1.1.2
zip	Archive file containing one or more files

Table 6

<i>Document and package types currently accepted for initial ePCT filing</i>	
<i>Document type</i>	<i>Code</i>
record copy (package)	reco
home copy (package)	home
package header	pkgh
package data	pkda
request	requ
receiving office information	rrri
declarations	decl
application body	appb
fee sheet	fees
original separate power of attorney	poat
original general power of attorney	gpoa
copy of general power of attorney	cgpa
statement explaining the lack of signature	lacs

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Tableau 3

<i>Codes des fichiers externes référencés dans les documents</i>		
A...	identifiant du déposant ou de l'office, ne peut pas dépasser 50 caractères	Obligatoire
-	séparateur (tiret)	
A...	nature du document (<i>voir le tableau 6</i>) ou du sous-document (<i>voir le tableau 7</i>)	
-	séparateur (tiret)	
A	type de document (<i>voir le tableau 8</i>)	Optionnel
NNNNNN	numéro de la séquence du type de document, justifié à droite, avec des zéros à gauche pour remplir le vide	
-	séparateur (tiret)	
NNNNNN	numéro de la séquence de la page, justifié à droite, avec des zéros à gauche pour remplir le vide	Obligatoire
.	séparateur (point)	
AAA	nature du fichier (<i>voir le tableau 5</i>)	

Tableau 4

<i>Fichiers non référencés dans les documents</i>		
A...	identifiant du déposant ou de l'office, ne peut pas dépasser 50 caractères	Obligatoire
-	séparateur (tiret)	Optionnel
A...	nom du document tel que fourni par le déposant, ne peut pas dépasser 50 caractères	
.	séparateur (point)	Obligatoire
AAA	nature du fichier	

Tableau 5

<i>Extensions de noms de fichiers acceptées</i>	
txt	fichier en format texte, voir la section 3.1.1.3
xml	fichier en format XML, voir la section 3.1.1.1
tif	fichier en format TIFF, voir la section 3.1.3.1
jpg	fichier en format JFIF, voir la section 3.1.3.2
pdf	fichier en format PDF (Portable Document Format), voir la section 3.1.2
app	fichier en format ST.25, voir la section 3.1.1.2
zip	dossier contenant un ou plusieurs fichiers

Tableau 6

<i>Documents acceptés pour la phase initiale du dépôt électronique du PCT</i>	
<i>Documents</i>	<i>Code</i>
exemplaire original (paquet)	reco
copie pour l'office récepteur (paquet)	home
en-tête du paquet	pkgh
paquet de données	pkda
requête	requ
informations apportées par l'office récepteur	rrri
déclarations	decl
corps de la demande	appb
feuille de taxes	fees
pouvoir distinct original	poat
pouvoir général original	gpoa
copie du pouvoir général	cgpa
déclaration expliquant le manque de signature	lacs

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priority documents	pdoc
translation of application	tapp
biological deposit	biod
sequence listing (ST.25)	seql
sequence listing table	seqt
table external	tabx
record copy	reco
home copy	hoco
transmission receipt	xmre
amendment request	amnd
change of bibliographic material	bibc
ex-officio correction	exoc
correspondence	crsp
notification	noti
demand	dmnd
IPEA demand receiving information	idri
fee-sheet-chapter2	fee2
international search report (ISR)	isre
international preliminary examination report (IPER)	iper
international search opinion (ISO)	isop
translation of international search report	isrt
translation of preliminary examination report	ipet
translation of international search opinion	isot
published application	papp
office specific document types	[2-position country code]AA
table exceeding fifty printed pages	mtbl

Table 7

<i>Subdocument types currently accepted for initial ePCT filing</i>	
<i>Subdocument type</i>	<i>Code</i>
description	desc
claims	clms
abstract	abst
drawings	draw

Table 8

<i>Entity types</i>	
T	Table
M	Mathematical formula
C	Chemical structure or formula
S	Sequence listing
D	Drawing page (contains one or more figures per image page and one or more image pages)
F	Figure (exactly one figure on exactly one image page)
I	Embedded image (one or more image pages)
P	Document page

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documents de priorité	pdoc
traduction de la demande	tapp
dépôt biologique	biod
listage des séquences (ST.25)	seq1
tableau de listage des séquences	seqt
autre tableau	tabx
exemplaire original	reco
copie pour l'office récepteur	hoco
reçu de la transmission	xmre
modification apportée à la requête	amnd
modification des données bibliographiques	bibc
correction <i>ex-officio</i>	exoc
correspondance	crsp
notification	noti
demande d'examen préliminaire international	dmnd
informations apportées par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international	idri
feuille de taxes du chapitre II	fee2
rapport de recherche international	isre
rapport d'examen préliminaire international	iper
opinion relative à la recherche internationale	isop
traduction du rapport de recherche international	isrt
traduction du rapport d'examen préliminaire international	ipet
traduction de l'opinion relative à la recherche internationale	isot
demande publiée	papp
documents propres à l'office	[code-pays à 2 caractères]AA
tableau contenant plus de cinquante pages imprimées	mtbl

Tableau 7

<i>Sous-documents acceptés pour la phase initiale du dépôt électronique du PCT</i>	
<i>Sous-documents</i>	<i>Code</i>
description	desc
revendications	clms
abrégé	abst
dessins	draw

Tableau 8

<i>Types de documents</i>	
T	tableau
M	formule mathématique
C	structure ou formule chimique
S	listage des séquences
D	page de dessin (contient un ou plusieurs dessins par page d'image et une ou plusieurs pages d'image)
F	dessin (un seul dessin dans une seule page d'image)
I	image (contient une ou plusieurs pages d'image)
P	page du document

MODIFICATIONS OF ANNEX F OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (Con'd)*4.3.2 Applicant's identifier*

The applicant's identifier is determined by the applicant with or without the help of the filing tool. The name of every file that is part of a submission will begin with the same applicant's identifier. Applicant's identifier might be a name or a docket number or some other string that has significance to the applicant. An applicant's identifier is not necessarily unique to each submission, that is, it might be used for another submission associated with prosecution of the same application; it could even be used by the applicant for all submissions for all his applications. The applicant's identifier is placed first so that in a directory listing, all the files for a particular submission or application or applicant will sort together.

Example of Applicant Package containing an international application

<i>File</i>	<i>Contents</i>
dupont0340-pkda.xml	Package data
dupont0340-requ.xml	Request
dupont0340-fees.xml	Fee sheet
dupont0340-biod.xml	Biological deposit
dupont0340-decl-000001.xml	First declaration
dupont0340-decl-000002.xml	Second declaration
dupont0340-poat-000001.xml	First power of attorney
dupont0340-poat-I000001.tif	First image of first power of attorney
dupont0340-poat-I000002.tif	Second image of first power of attorney
dupont0340-poat-000002.xml	Second power of attorney
dupont0340-poat-I000003.tif	First image of second power of attorney
dupont0340-lacs-I000001.tif	First lack of signature
dupont0340-lacs-I000002.tif	Second lack of signature
dupont0340-seql.app	Sequence listing (ST.25)
dupont0340-appb.xml	Application
dupont0340-appb-C000001.tif	First chemical structure, TIFF format
dupont0340-appb-C000001.cdx	First chemical structure, ChemDraw format
dupont0340-appb-C000001.mol	First chemical structure, MOL format
dupont0340-appb-M000001.tif	First mathematical formula, TIFF format
dupont0340-appb-M000002.tif	Second mathematical formula, TIFF format
dupont0340-appb-T000001.tif	First table, TIFF format
dupont0340-appb-T000002-000001.tif	Second table, first page, TIFF format
dupont0340-appb-T000002-000002.tif	Second table, second page, TIFF format

MODIFICATIONS DE L'ANNEXE F DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)*4.3.2 Identifiant du déposant*

L'identifiant du déposant est choisi par le déposant avec ou sans l'aide du logiciel de dépôt. Le nom des fichiers contenus dans le paquet électronique de la demande internationale commence par le même identifiant. L'identifiant peut être un nom, un numéro d'enregistrement ou une autre chaîne de caractères signifiant quelque chose pour le déposant. L'identifiant peut être utilisé dans d'autres circonstances que pour le seul dépôt de la demande internationale comme par exemple pour nommer les fichiers électroniques présentés à l'office dans le cadre du traitement de la même demande internationale; il pourrait même être utilisé par le déposant dans le cadre de toutes ses demandes internationales. L'identifiant est placé en premier de telle sorte que tous les fichiers relatifs à un dépôt, à une demande internationale ou à un déposant apparaissent ensemble dans le répertoire.

Exemple de paquet du déposant contenant une demande internationale

<i>Fichier</i>	<i>Contenu</i>
dupont0340-pkda.xml	Paquet de données
dupont0340-requ.xml	Requête
dupont0340-fees.xml	Feuille de taxes
dupont0340-biod.xml	Dépôt biologique
dupont0340-decl-000001.xml	Première déclaration
dupont0340-decl-000002.xml	Deuxième déclaration
dupont0340-poat-000001.xml	Premier pouvoir
dupont0340-poat-I000001.tif	Première image du premier pouvoir
dupont0340-poat-I000002.tif	Deuxième image du premier pouvoir
dupont0340-poat-000002.xml	Deuxième pouvoir
dupont0340-poat-I000003.tif	Première image du deuxième pouvoir
dupont0340-lacs-I000001.tif	Premier manque de signature
dupont0340-lacs-I000002.tif	Deuxième manque de signature
dupont0340-seql.app	Listage des séquences (ST.25)
dupont0340-appb.xml	Demande
dupont0340-appb-D000001.tif	Première page de dessin, format TIFF
dupont0340-appb-C000001.tif	Première structure chimique, format TIFF
dupont0340-appb-C000001.cdx	Première structure chimique, format ChemDraw
dupont0340-appb-C000001.mol	Première structure chimique, format MOL
dupont0340-appb-M000001.tif	Première formule mathématique, format TIFF
dupont0340-appb-M000002.tif	Deuxième formule mathématique, format TIFF
dupont0340-appb-T000001.tif	Premier tableau, format TIFF
dupont0340-appb-T000002-000001.tif	Deuxième tableau, première page, format TIFF
dupont0340-appb-T000002-000002.tif	Deuxième tableau, deuxième page, format TIFF

MODIFICATIONS OF ANNEX F OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (Con'd)**4.3.3 Office's identifier**

The office's identifier is determined by each office with or without the help of their system. The name of every file should begin with 'pct | RO-code | IA-number', for example 'pctib2004012345'.

Example of RO Package containing a record copy (pctib2004012345-reco.wsp)

<i>File</i>	<i>Contents</i>
pctib2004012345-pkda.xml	Package data
pctib2004012345-requ.xml	Request
pctib2004012345-rrri.xml	Receiving office information
pctib2004012345-fees.xml	Fee sheet
pctib2004012345-biod.xml	Biological deposit
pctib2004012345-decl-000001.xml	First declaration
pctib2004012345-decl-000002.xml	Second declaration
pctib2004012345-poat-000001.xml	First power of attorney
pctib2004012345-poat-I000001.tif	First image of first power of attorney
pctib2004012345-poat-I000002.tif	Second image of first power of attorney
pctib2004012345-poat-000002.xml	Second power of attorney
pctib2004012345-poat-I000003.tif	First image of second power of attorney
pctib2004012345-lacs-I000001.tif	First lack of signature
pctib2004012345-lacs-I000002.tif	Second lack of signature
pctib2004012345-seql.app	Sequence listing (ST.25)
pctib2004012345-exoc.xml	<i>Ex-officio</i> correction
pctib2004012345-appb.xml	Application
pctib2004012345-appb-C000001.tif	First chemical structure, TIFF format
pctib2004012345-appb-M000001.tif	First mathematical formula, TIFF format
pctib2004012345-appb-M000002.tif	Second mathematical formula, TIFF format
pctib2004012345-appb-T000001.tif	First table, TIFF format
pctib2004012345-appb-T000002-000001.tif	Second table, first page, TIFF format
pctib2004012345-appb-T000002-000002.tif	Second table, second page, TIFF format

5. to 9. [No change]

MODIFICATIONS DE L'ANNEXE F DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)*4.3.3 Identifiant de l'office*

L'identifiant de l'office est défini par celui-ci avec ou sans l'aide de son système. Le nom de chaque fichier doit commencer par 'pct|code RO|numéro de la demande', comme par exemple: 'pctib2004012345'.

Exemple de paquet d'office récepteur contenant un exemplaire original (pctib2004012345-reco.wsp)

<i>Fichier</i>	<i>Contenu</i>
pctib2004012345-pkda.xml	Paquet de données
pctib2004012345-requ.xml	Requête
pctib2004012345-rrri.xml	Informations apportées par l'office récepteur
pctib2004012345-fees.xml	Feuille de taxes
pctib2004012345-biod.xml	Dépôt biologique
pctib2004012345-decl-000001.xml	Première déclaration
pctib2004012345-decl-000002.xml	Deuxième déclaration
pctib2004012345-poat-000001.xml	Premier pouvoir
pctib2004012345-poat-I000001.tif	Première image du premier pouvoir
pctib2004012345-poat-I000002.tif	Deuxième image du premier pouvoir
pctib2004012345-poat-000002.xml	Deuxième pouvoir
pctib2004012345-poat-I000003.tif	Première image du deuxième pouvoir
pctib2004012345-lacs-I000001.tif	Premier manque de signature
pctib2004012345-lacs-I000002.tif	Deuxième manque de signature
pctib2004012345-seql.app	Listage des séquences (ST.25)
pctib2004012345-exoc.xml	Correction <i>ex-officio</i>
pctib2004012345-appb.xml	Demande
pctib2004012345-appb-C000001.tif	Première structure chimique, format TIFF
pctib2004012345-appb-M000001.tif	Première formule mathématique, format TIFF
pctib2004012345-appb-M000002.tif	Deuxième formule mathématique, format TIFF
pctib2004012345-appb-T000001.tif	Premier tableau, format TIFF
pctib2004012345-appb-T000002-000001.tif	Deuxième tableau, première page, format TIFF
pctib2004012345-appb-T000002-000002.tif	Deuxième tableau, deuxième page, format TIFF

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**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****IB International Bureau (as receiving Office)**

Following the coming into effect on 7 January 2002 of new Part 7 and new Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of electronic filing and processing of international applications under the PCT, as provided for by Rule 89*bis*.1, any receiving Office having the necessary technical systems in place is able to decide to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F.

On 21 August 2003, the International Bureau as receiving Office announced that it was prepared to receive international applications in electronic form as from 25 August 2003, *provided that* they were filed by users already registered with the International Bureau as receiving Office for that purpose under the PCT-SAFE pilot, and also announced that electronic filing would be introduced on a wider basis when electronic systems so permitted (see PCT Gazette No. 34/2003, page 19248).

The International Bureau as receiving Office now announces that the PCT-SAFE pilot program will end on 12 February 2004 and that, with effect from that date, it is prepared to receive any international application in electronic form that complies with the necessary requirements. The restriction to filings by registered pilot users only will no longer apply.

More detailed information about how to file international applications in electronic form with the International Bureau as receiving Office is available on WIPO's Website at www.wipo.int/pct-safe.

In accordance with Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions, the International Bureau hereby notifies its requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form with it as receiving Office. Those requirements and practices are the same as those already notified in PCT Gazette No. 34/2003, with the exception of the part relating to the certification authorities which are accepted by the International Bureau as receiving Office, which has been modified.

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2 and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- on-line filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging:

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Document; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) but only for filing on a physical medium

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS

IB Bureau international (en sa qualité d'office récepteur)

Suite à l'entrée en vigueur, le 7 janvier 2002, de la nouvelle septième partie et de la nouvelle annexe F des instructions administratives contenant respectivement le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires pour la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement électroniques des demandes internationales selon le PCT, tel que prévu à la règle 89*bis*.1, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques nécessaires est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F.

Le 21 août 2003, le Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur a annoncé qu'il était prêt, à compter du 25 août 2003, à recevoir des demandes internationales sous forme électronique à *condition qu'*elles soient déposées par des utilisateurs déjà enregistrés à cette fin auprès du Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur dans le cadre du logiciel pilote PCT-SAFE, et a également annoncé que le dépôt électronique serait ouvert à un plus large public lorsque les systèmes informatiques le permettraient (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 34/2003, page 19249).

Le Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur annonce à présent que le programme pilote relatif au logiciel PCT-SAFE prendra fin le 12 février 2004, date à compter de laquelle il est prêt à recevoir toute demande internationale sous forme électronique qui remplit les exigences nécessaires. La restriction consistant à ne permettre qu'aux seuls utilisateurs enregistrés de déposer ne s'appliquera plus.

Une information plus détaillée sur la manière de déposer des demandes internationales sous forme électronique auprès du Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur est publiée sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.wipo.int/pct-safe.

Conformément à l'instruction 710.b) des instructions administratives, le Bureau international notifie ci-après ses exigences et pratiques en matière de dépôt de demandes internationales sous forme électronique lorsqu'il agit en sa qualité d'office récepteur. Ces exigences et pratiques sont les mêmes que celles qui ont déjà été notifiées dans la Gazette du PCT n° 34/2003, à l'exception de la partie relative aux autorités de certification qui sont acceptées par le Bureau international lorsqu'il agit en sa qualité d'office récepteur, qui a été modifiée.

“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- XML (en général; voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- Norme OMPI ST.25 (pour les listages des séquences; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F et l'annexe C)
- PDF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.2 de l'annexe F)
- TIFF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :

- dépôt en ligne (voir la section 5.1 de l'annexe F et la section 2.d) de l'appendice III)
- dépôt effectué sur l'un des supports matériels suivants : disquette de 3,5 pouces, CD-R ou DVD-R (voir la section 5.2.1 de l'annexe F, la section 2.e) de l'appendice III et les sections 4.1, 4.3 et 4.5 de l'appendice IV)

En ce qui concerne l'emballage électronique des documents :

- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l'annexe F)
- WAD (paquet contenant les documents constitutifs de la demande compactés; voir la section 4.1.1 de l'annexe F) mais seulement pour déposer sur un support matériel

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****IB International Bureau (as receiving Office) (Cont'd)****As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):**

- PCT-SAFE and *epoline*® software

As to types of electronic signatures (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the International Bureau as receiving Office will contain the information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

The International Bureau as receiving Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated. Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the International Bureau will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Payment online is not available at this stage: only currently available methods of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The PCT-SAFE Help Desk is available from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm Central European time and can be contacted as follows:

via e-mail: pctsafe.help@wipo.int
by telephone: (+41-22) 338 9523
by facsimile: (+41-22) 338 8040

Every attempt will be made to respond to e-mail questions within 24 hours.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office on-line (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

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NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****IB Bureau international (en sa qualité d'office récepteur) (suite)****En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :**

- logiciels PCT-SAFE et *epoline*®

En ce qui concerne les types de signatures électroniques (instruction 710.a)ii) :

- signature en fac-similé, signature composée d'une chaîne de caractères et signature enveloppée électroniquement selon la méthode dite du "click-wrap" (voir les sections 3.3.1 à 3.3.3 de l'annexe F)
- signature numérique renforcée (voir la section 3.3.4 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures ayant trait à la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)iii) :

L'accusé de réception de toute demande internationale présumée, qui est déposée auprès du Bureau international lorsqu'il agit en sa qualité d'office récepteur, contient les informations exigées au titre de l'instruction 704.a)i) à iv).

Le Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique. Ce n'est que dans le cas où la demande n'est pas envoyée conformément au protocole sur l'interopérabilité en matière de dépôt électronique (voir la section 5.1 de l'annexe F) que l'accusé de réception n'est pas généré. Lorsqu'il s'avère que l'accusé de réception envoyé au déposant par des moyens de transmission électroniques n'est pas reçu, le Bureau international envoie à nouveau, à bref délai, l'accusé de réception par le même moyen ou par un autre moyen (voir l'instruction 709.b)).

En ce qui concerne le paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a)iv) :

À ce stade, le paiement en ligne n'est pas possible : seuls les modes de paiement disponibles actuellement sont acceptés.

En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d'assistance (instruction 710.a)v) :

Le service d'assistance PCT-SAFE est ouvert de 8h30 à 16h, heure centre-européenne, et peut être contacté de la façon suivante:

par courriel, à l'adresse suivante : pctsafe.help@wipo.int

par téléphone, au (+ 41-22) 338 9523

par télécopie, au (+ 41-22) 338 8040

Dans la mesure du possible, il sera répondu aux questions posées par courriel dans un délai de 24 heures.

En ce qui concerne les types de documents transmis en ligne à l'office (instruction 710.a)vi) :

- demandes internationales

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****IB International Bureau (as receiving Office) (Cont'd)****As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):**

The International Bureau as receiving Office will accept the filing with it of a backup copy of the international application on paper or on one of the physical media accepted under Section 710(a)(i) (see above).

As to procedures for notifying applicants of the procedures to follow as alternatives when electronic systems of the Office are not available (see Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the International Bureau as receiving Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or fax, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The International Bureau as receiving Office will provide, on the PCT-SAFE web site (see <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe>), information concerning the availability of on-line filing systems and backup filing procedures.

As to certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic address of a listing of the certificate policies under which certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates)
- The International Bureau as receiving Office will also accept certificates issued by certification authorities which are accepted by other PCT receiving Offices and which have been notified accordingly to the International Bureau under Section 710, *provided that* such certificates are permitted, under the relevant certificate policy, to be used for filing with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No on-line file inspection by applicants is provided at present.”

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****IB Bureau international (en sa qualité d'office récepteur) (suite)****En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :**

Le Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur acceptera le dépôt d'une copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sous forme papier ou sur l'un des supports matériels acceptés en vertu de l'instruction 710.a)i) (voir ci-dessus).

En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :

Dans le cas où les systèmes informatiques ne seraient plus en état de marche au moment où une demande internationale est déposée auprès de lui, le Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur mettra en œuvre tous les moyens dont il dispose, tels que le courriel ou la télécopie, pour informer le déposant des procédures de remplacement à suivre.

Le Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur fournira, sur le site Internet du PCT-SAFE (voir <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe>), les informations relatives aux disponibilités des systèmes de dépôt en ligne et aux procédures de dépôt de copies de sauvegarde.

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office et l'adresse électronique de la liste des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés (instruction 710.a)vi) :

- WIPO customer CA (voir www.wipo.int/pct-safe/fr/certificates)
- Le Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur acceptera également les certificats délivrés par les autorités de certification qui sont acceptées par d'autres offices récepteurs du PCT et qui ont été notifiées au Bureau international selon l'instruction 710, à condition que ces certificats puissent, selon la politique de certification pertinente, être utilisés pour déposer auprès du Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur.

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou conservées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible".

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**DE Germany—Corrigendum**

The International Bureau published erroneous information in PCT Gazette No. 49/2003, page 27786, on 4 December 2003, concerning the payment of the annual fee for the third year to the German Patent and Trademark Office as designated (or elected) Office. The correct footnote 3 relating the annual fee for the third year should read as follows:

“It is due on the last day of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date. If the applicant does not initiate early entry into the national phase, he does not have to pay the third annual fee before the expiration of the 30-month time limit under PCT Article 22(1) or 39(1)(a). In that case, the third annual fee may be paid without surcharge before the expiration of the second month after the expiration of the 30-month time limit. If the third annual fee is not paid within this two-month time limit, the fee may still be paid with a surcharge before the expiration of the sixth month after the expiration of the 30-month time limit.”

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Summary (DE), page 425]

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), as well as for the reduction under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 April 2004, are specified below:

International filing fee:	USD 1,134
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD 12
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	USD 81
Handling fee:	USD 162

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(AM), page 238, Annex C(AP), page 239, Annex C(AZ), page 244, Annex C(BY), page 251, Annex C(BZ), page 252, Annex C(CO), page 256, Annex C(CR), page 257, Annex C(CU), page 258, Annex C(EA), page 266, Annex C(EC), page 267, Annex C(GE), page 279, Annex C(GH), page 280, Annex C(IB), page 284, Annex C(IL), page 290, Annex C(IN), page 292, Annex C(KE), page 298, Annex C(KG), page 299, Annex C(KZ), page 303, Annex C(LR), page 304, Annex C(LV), page 308, Annex C(MD), page 311, Annex C(NI), page 317, Annex C(PH), page 324, Annex C(RU), page 329, Annex C(TJ), page 339, Annex C(TM), page 340, Annex C(TT), page 343, Annex C(UA), page 344, Annex C(US), page 345, Annex C(UZ), page 346, Annex C(ZW), page 352, Annex E(RU), page 373, and Annex E(US), page 375]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**DE Allemagne – rectificatif**

Le Bureau international a publié une information erronée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 49/2003, page 27787, le 4 décembre 2003, concernant le paiement de la taxe annuelle pour la troisième année à l'Office allemand des brevets et des marques en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). La note de bas de page 3 correcte, relative à la taxe annuelle pour la troisième année, doit se lire comme suit :

“Elle est due le dernier jour du mois dans lequel tombe le deuxième anniversaire (24 mois) de la date du dépôt international. Si le déposant ne demande pas l'ouverture anticipée de la phase nationale, il n'a pas à acquitter la taxe annuelle pour la troisième année avant l'expiration d'un délai de 30 mois en vertu de l'article 22.1) ou 39.1.a) du PCT. Dans ce cas, la troisième taxe annuelle peut être acquittée sans surtaxe avant l'expiration du deuxième mois après l'expiration du délai de 30 mois. Si la troisième taxe annuelle n'est pas acquittée dans ce délai de deux mois, elle peut encore être acquittée sans surtaxe avant l'expiration du sixième mois après l'expiration du délai de 30 mois.”

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), résumé (DE), page 445]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt, la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e et la taxe de traitement, conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction selon le point 3 du barème de taxes dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} avril 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	USD 1.134
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	USD 12
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY :	USD 81
Taxe de traitement	USD 162

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WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**BE Belgium**

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it does not waive the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney
be submitted? No

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of
attorney be submitted? No

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(BE), page 246]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**BE Belgique**

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Belgique)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il ne renonce pas à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence
selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit
lui être remis ? Non

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence
selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir
général doit lui être remis ? Non

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(BE), page 250]

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 April 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): CAD 2,520

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(EP), page 357]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 15 March 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Korean Intellectual Property Office): EUR 100

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(KR), page 361]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**PL Poland****EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Poland deposited, on 30 December 2003, its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and will therefore become bound by that Convention on **1 March 2004**. Thus, as from 1 March 2004, it will be possible for applicants to designate Poland in their international applications also for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent, as at present.

Moreover, as from 1 March 2004, nationals and residents of **Poland** will be able to file international applications with the European Patent Office as receiving Office, in addition to the Polish Patent Office or the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004(E), Annex B1(PL), page 169, Annex B2(EP), page 229, Annex C(EP), page 270, and Summary (PL), page 497]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified a change in one of its e-mail addresses. The e-mail addresses to be used are now as follows:

E-mail: epoline@epo.org (Helpdesk for all branches)
isa.ep.helpdesk@epo.org (ISA/EP matters)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex B2(EP), page 229]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars canadiens (CAD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) : CAD 2.520

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe D(EP), page 367]

KR République de Corée

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **euros (EUR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 mars 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle) : EUR 100

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INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES**PL Pologne****EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

La **Pologne** a déposé, le 31 décembre 2003, son instrument d'adhésion à la Convention sur le brevet européen (CBE) et deviendra ainsi liée par cette convention le **1^{er} mars 2004**. Par conséquent, à compter du 1^{er} mars 2004, les déposants pourront désigner la Pologne dans leurs demandes internationales également aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet européen et non seulement aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet national, comme c'est le cas jusqu'ici.

De plus, à compter du 1^{er} mars 2004, les ressortissants de la **Pologne**, et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays, pourront déposer des demandes internationales auprès de l'Office européen des brevets agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, en plus de l'Office polonais des brevets ou du Bureau international de l'OMPI.

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EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a notifié un changement dans l'une de ses adresses électroniques. Les adresses électroniques à utiliser sont désormais les suivantes :

Courrier électronique : epoline@epo.org (service d'assistance pour toutes les agences)
isa.ep.helpdesk@epo.org (questions concernant ISA/EP)

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WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF MODIFIED PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS; NOTIFICATION UNDER PCT ARTICLES 22(3) AND 39(1)(b)

NO Norway

Further to its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **Norwegian Patent Office** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 February 2004.

Furthermore, the **Norwegian Patent Office**, pursuant to PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b), has notified changes in the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase, with effect from the same date. The new time limits are as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	31 months from the priority date

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WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)

BY Belarus

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where there is a change in representation, that is, where any action before the Office is performed by an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where there is a change in representation, that is, where any action before the Office is performed by an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

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RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT MODIFIÉ; NOTIFICATION EN VERTU DES ARTICLES 22.3) ET 39.1)B) DU PCT

NO Norvège

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de l'article 22.1) du PCT modifié (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 08/2002, page 3887), l'**Office norvégien des brevets** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 1^{er} février 2004.

De plus, l'**Office norvégien des brevets**, conformément aux articles 22.3) et 39.1)b) du PCT, a notifié des changements dans les délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, avec effet à compter de la même date. Les nouveaux délais sont les suivants :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité

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RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT

BY Bélarus

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, le **Centre national pour la propriété intellectuelle (Bélarus)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lorsqu'il y a changement de représentation, notamment lorsque tout acte auprès de l'office est accompli par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt.

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lorsqu'il y a changement de représentation, notamment lorsque tout acte auprès de l'office est accompli par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt.

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WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c) (Cont'd)**LT Lithuania**

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Lithuanian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau of its requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	None

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(LT), page 306]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT (suite)**LT Lituanie**

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office lituanien des brevets**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international ses exigences en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?	Non
L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise ?	Oui
Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :	Néant

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SECTION IV

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Following publication of a change in Annex C of the Agreement between the European Patent Organisation (EPO) and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) (see PCT Gazette No. 03/2004, of 15 January 2004, page 1726), the EPO has specified to the International Bureau its conditions for refund and amounts of refund of the search fee, as follows:

European search (Art. 78(2) EPC)	(full benefit)	EUR 690
	(partial benefit)	EUR 172.50
International search (Art. 15(1) PCT) <i>(international application filed on or after 1 January 2004)</i>	(full benefit)	EUR 1,550
	(partial benefit)	EUR 387.50
International search (Art. 15(1) PCT) <i>(international application filed before 1 January 2004)</i>	(full benefit)	EUR 945
	(partial benefit)	EUR 236.25
International-type search (Art. 15(5) PCT)	(full benefit)	EUR 945
	(partial benefit)	EUR 236.25
Standard search	(full benefit)	EUR 945
	(partial benefit)	EUR 236.25
Search on behalf of a national office (BE, FR, LU, NL, TR)	(full benefit)	EUR 945
	(partial benefit)	EUR 236.25

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Suite à la publication d'une modification de l'annexe C de l'Accord conclu entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB) et l'Organisation mondiale de la propriété intellectuelle (OMPI) (voir le n° 03/2004, du 15 janvier 2004, de la Gazette du PCT, page 1727), l'OEB a spécifié au Bureau international ses conditions et les montants de remboursement de la taxe de recherche, comme suit :

Recherche européenne (art. 78(2) CBE)	(utilisation intégrale de la recherche)	EUR 690
	(utilisation partielle de la recherche)	EUR 172,50
Recherche internationale (art. 15(1) PCT) <i>(demande internationale déposée le 1^{er} janvier 2004 ou ultérieurement)</i>	(utilisation intégrale de la recherche)	EUR 1.550
	(utilisation partielle de la recherche)	EUR 387,50
Recherche internationale (art. 15(1) PCT) <i>(demande internationale déposée avant le 1^{er} janvier 2004)</i>	(utilisation intégrale de la recherche)	EUR 945
	(utilisation partielle de la recherche)	EUR 236,25
Recherche de type international (art. 15(5) PCT)	(utilisation intégrale de la recherche)	EUR 945
	(utilisation partielle de la recherche)	EUR 236,25
Recherche standard	(utilisation intégrale de la recherche)	EUR 945
	(utilisation partielle de la recherche)	EUR 236,25
Recherche effectuée pour le compte d'un office national (BE, FR, LU, NL, TR)	(utilisation intégrale de la recherche)	EUR 945
	(utilisation partielle de la recherche)	EUR 236,25

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO) (Cont'd)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has specified its conditions of refund of the search fee, applicable as from 1 January 2004, as follows:

Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	[No change]
	[No change]
	[No change]
	Extents to which the search fee shall be refunded when the Authority benefits from an earlier search in carrying out international search:
	—for a European search (Art. 78(2) EPC):
	(full benefit) EUR 690
	(partial benefit) EUR 172.50
	—for an international search (Art. 15(1) PCT) (<i>international application filed on or after 1 January 2004</i>):
	(full benefit) EUR 1,550
	(partial benefit) EUR 387.50
	—for an international search (Art. 15(1) PCT) (<i>international application filed before 1 January 2004</i>):
	(full benefit) EUR 945
	(partial benefit) EUR 236.25
	—for an international-type search (Art. 15(5) PCT):
	(full benefit) EUR 945
	(partial benefit) EUR 236.25
	—for a standard search:
	(full benefit) EUR 945
	(partial benefit) EUR 236.25
	—for a search on behalf of a national Office (BE, FR, LU, NL, TR):
	(full benefit) EUR 945
	(partial benefit) EUR 236.25

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TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB) (suite)**

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a spécifié ses conditions de remboursement de la taxe de recherche, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, comme suit :

Conditions de remboursement et montant du remboursement de la taxe de recherche	[Sans changement] [Sans changement] [Sans changement]
	Mesures dans lesquelles la taxe de recherche est remboursée quand l'Administration tire parti d'une recherche antérieure lorsqu'elle effectue la recherche internationale :
	–pour une recherche européenne (art. 78(2) CBE) :
	(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 690
	(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 172,50
	–pour une recherche internationale (art. 15(1) PCT) (demande internationale déposée le 1 ^{er} janvier 2004 ou ultérieurement) :
	(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 1.550
	(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 387,50
	–pour une recherche internationale (art. 15(1) PCT) (demande internationale déposée avant le 1 ^{er} janvier 2004) :
	(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 945
	(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 236,25
	–pour une recherche de type international (art. 15(5) PCT) :
	(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 945
	(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 236,25
	–pour une recherche standard :
	(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 945
	(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 236,25
	–pour une recherche effectuée pour le compte d'un office national (BE, FR, LU, NL, TR) :
	(utilisation intégrale de la recherche) EUR 945
	(utilisation partielle de la recherche) EUR 236,25

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO) (Cont'd)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **United States dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 April 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	USD 1,920
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SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)** payable for an international search by the Office. The new amount, applicable as from 1 April 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Swedish Patent Office):	USD 1,920
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(SE), page 363]

SG Singapore

New equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), as well as for the reduction under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 April 2004, are specified below:

International filing fee:	SGD 1,926
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SGD 21
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	SGD 138

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(SG), page 334]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB) (suite)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) :	USD 1.920
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SE Suède

L'**Office suédois des brevets** a notifié au Bureau international un nouveau montant de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office suédois des brevets) :	USD 1.920
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SG Singapour

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars de Singapour (SGD)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt et la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e, conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction selon le point 3 du barème de taxes dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} avril 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	SGD 1.926
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	SGD 21
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY :	SGD 138

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**US United States of America**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 April 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the United States Patent and
Trademark Office):

ZAR 7,300 (2,000)

The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior United States national application has been filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a), the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) has been paid and the prior US national application is identified by the application number if known, or if the application number is not known, by the filing date, title and name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket number), in the international application or accompanying the papers at the time of filing the international application

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(US), page 364]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)** a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.b) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :

ZAR 7.300 (2.000)

Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon la section 111.a) du titre 35 U.S.C., que la taxe de dépôt de base a été acquittée selon la section 1.16 a) du titre 37 CFR et que la demande nationale antérieure déposée aux États-Unis est identifiée par le numéro de la demande s'il est connu ou, si le numéro de la demande n'est pas connu, par la date de dépôt, le titre et le nom du déposant (et, de préférence, par le numéro de dossier de la demande) figurant dans la demande internationale ou accompagnant les documents au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale

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WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**GE Georgia**

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Georgian Intellectual Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it does not waive the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(GE), page 279]

IE Ireland

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Patent Office (Ireland)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it does not waive the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

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RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**GE Géorgie**

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office géorgien de la propriété intellectuelle**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il ne renonce pas à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence
selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit
lui être remis ? Non

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence
selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir
général doit lui être remis ? Non

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(GE), page 286]

IE Irlande

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office des Brevets (Irlande)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il ne renonce pas à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

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L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence
selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir
général doit lui être remis ? Non

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SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

NOTIFICATIONS ET INFORMATIONS DE CARACTÈRE GÉNÉRAL

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**IB International Bureau**

Further to the publication in PCT Gazette No. 07/2004, page 3802, on 12 February 2004, of new equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** of certain PCT fees, new equivalent amounts of the new electronic filing reductions have now been established, with effect from 1 April 2004 for the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office. At the same time, the transmittal fee and the fee for priority document have been readjusted in US dollars (USD). The recapitulative table of the fees payable, as from 1 April 2004, to the International Bureau as receiving Office is as follows:

Fees payable to the receiving Office: ¹	Currency: Swiss Franc (CHF), euro (EUR) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee: ²	CHF 100 or EUR 64 or USD 81

¹ Fees may be paid in the following ways:

- by debit of a current account established with WIPO (Swiss francs only);
- by bank transfer to WIPO bank account CH35 0425 1048 7080 8100 0 (Swiss francs), CH17 0425 1048 7080 8200 3 (euro) or CH98 0425 1048 7080 8200 0 (US dollars), SWIFT code: CRESCH ZZ12A at the Swiss Credit Bank, 1211 Geneva 70, Switzerland;
- by transfer to WIPO postal account No. 12-5000-8, Geneva, Switzerland (Swiss francs only);
- by check made payable to the World Intellectual Property Organization (Swiss francs, euro or US dollars);
- in cash (only if payment is made in person) (Swiss francs only).

² Applicants who qualify for the 75% reduction of the international fee (see footnote 3) do not have to pay the transmittal fee.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**IB Bureau international**

Suite à la publication dans la Gazette du PCT n° 07/2004, page 3803, le 12 février 2004, des nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, de certaines taxes du PCT, de nouveaux montants équivalents des nouvelles réductions pour le dépôt électronique, ont été établis, avec effet au 1^{er} avril 2004 aux fins du **Bureau international** agissant en qualité d'office récepteur. Dans le même temps, la taxe de transmission et la taxe pour le document de priorité ont été réajustées en dollars des États-Unis (USD). Le tableau récapitulatif des taxes payables, à compter du 1^{er} avril 2004, au Bureau international agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur est le suivant :

Taxes payables à l'office récepteur ¹ :	Monnaie : Franc suisse (CHF), euro (EUR) et dollar des États-Unis (USD)
Taxe de transmission ² :	CHF 100 ou EUR 64 ou USD 81

¹ Les taxes peuvent être payées de la façon suivante:

- par débit d'un compte courant auprès de l'OMPI (francs suisses seulement);
- par virement bancaire sur le compte bancaire de l'OMPI CH35 0425 1048 7080 8100 0 (francs suisses), CH17 0425 1048 7080 8200 3 (euros) ou CH98 0425 1048 7080 8200 0 (dollars des États-Unis), code SWIFT : CRESCH ZZ12A auprès du Crédit Suisse, 1211 Genève 70, Suisse;
- par virement sur le compte postal de l'OMPI n° 12-5000-8, Genève, Suisse (francs suisses seulement);
- par chèque payable à l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle (francs suisses, euros ou dollars des États-Unis);
- en espèces (uniquement si le paiement est effectué en personne) (francs suisses seulement).

² Les déposants qui bénéficient de la réduction de 75% de la taxe internationale (voir la note 3) sont entièrement exonérés de la taxe de transmission.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**IB International Bureau (Cont'd)**

Fees payable to the receiving Office (Cont'd):	Currency: Swiss Franc (CHF), euro (EUR) and US dollar (USD)
International filing fee: ³	CHF 1,400 or EUR 902 or USD 1,134
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ^{3, 4}	CHF 15 or EUR 10 or USD 12
Additional component: ^{3, 4}	Where applicable
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY: ⁵	CHF 100 or EUR 64 or USD 81
Electronic filing (not in character coded format):	CHF 200 or EUR 129 or USD 162
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	CHF 300 or EUR 193 or USD 243
Search fee:	For the amounts, see Annex D corresponding to International Searching Authority chosen by applicant

³ This fee is reduced by 75% if the international application is filed by:

(a) an applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below USD 3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997);

(i) States which are PCT Contracting States: Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe;

(ii) States which are not PCT Contracting States: Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bolivia, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chile, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Micronesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Solomon Islands, Thailand, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela and Yemen; or

(b) an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is classed as a least developed country by the United Nations;

(i) States which are PCT Contracting States: Benin, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia;

(ii) States which are not PCT Contracting States: Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Haiti, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Yemen;

provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria set out in either sub-item (a) or (b).

For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2003, page 24736, Schedule of Fees, item 4. It is to be noted that, if both the electronic filing reduction and the 75% reduction of the international filing fee are applicable, the 75% reduction is calculated after the electronic filing reduction.

⁴ If the sequence listing part of the description of an international application and/or any table related to such sequence listing have been filed on an electronic medium only (Section 801(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions) or both on an electronic medium and on paper (Section 801(a)(ii) of the Administrative Instructions), an additional component of the international filing fee, equal to 400 times the fee per sheet in excess of 30—regardless of the actual length of the sequence listings and/or tables, and regardless of the fact that sequence listings and/or tables may have been filed both on paper and in computer readable form—will be payable in respect of the sequence listings and/or tables (instead of the fee per sheet which would otherwise have been payable for those sheets) (see *PCT Gazette* No. 02/2001, page 818 *et seq.*, and No. 36/2002, page 17632 *et seq.*). Where the sequence listings and/or any tables related thereto are not furnished on an electronic medium under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions but only under PCT Rule 13ter or Section 802(b-quater), respectively, the above does not apply.

⁵ Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332, and No. 44/2003, page 24736, Schedule of Fees, item 3(a)), the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**IB Bureau international (suite)**

Taxes payables à l'office récepteur (<i>suite</i>) :	Monnaie : Franc suisse (CHF), euro (EUR) et dollar des États-Unis (USD)
Taxe internationale de dépôt ³ :	CHF 1.400 ou EUR 902 ou USD 1.134
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e , ^{3,4} :	CHF 15 ou EUR 10 ou USD 12
Composante supplémentaire ^{3,4} :	Le cas échéant
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY ⁵ :	CHF 100 ou EUR 64 ou USD 81
Dépôt électronique (n'étant pas en format codé caractère par caractère) :	CHF 200 ou EUR 129 ou USD 162
Dépôt électronique (en format codé caractère par caractère) :	CHF 300 ou EUR 193 ou USD 243
Taxe de recherche :	Pour les montants, voir l'annexe D correspondant à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale choisie par le déposant

³ Cette taxe est réduite de 75% si la demande internationale est déposée par :

- a) un déposant qui est une personne physique et qui est ressortissant d'un État, et est domicilié dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations-Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3.000 dollars des États-Unis;
- i) États qui sont des États contractants du PCT : Afrique du Sud, Albanie, Algérie, Arménie, Azerbaïdjan, Bélarus, Belize, Bénin, Bosnie-Herzégovine, Botswana, Brésil, Bulgarie, Burkina Faso, Cameroun, Chine, Colombie, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatie, Cuba, Dominique, Égypte, Équateur, Estonie, Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, Fédération de Russie, Gabon, Gambie, Géorgie, Ghana, Grenade, Guinée, Guinée équatoriale, Guinée-Bissau, Hongrie, Inde, Indonésie, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kirghizistan, Lesotho, Lettonie, Libéria, Lituanie, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Maroc, Mauritanie, Mexique, Mongolie, Mozambique, Namibie, Nicaragua, Niger, Ouganda, Ouzbékistan, Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée, Philippines, Pologne, République arabe syrienne, République centrafricaine, République de Moldova, République populaire démocratique de Corée, République tchèque, République-Unie de Tanzanie, Roumanie, Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines, Sainte-Lucie, Sénégal, Serbie-et-Monténégro, Sierra Leone, Slovaquie, Soudan, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Tadjikistan, Tchad, Togo, Tunisie, Turkménistan, Turquie, Ukraine, Viet Nam, Zambie et Zimbabwe;
- ii) États qui ne sont pas des États contractants du PCT : Afghanistan, Angola, Argentine, Bangladesh, Bhoutan, Bolivie, Burundi, Cambodge, Cap-Vert, Chili, Comores, Djibouti, El Salvador, Érythrée, Éthiopie, Fidji, Guatemala, Guyana, Haïti, Honduras, Îles Salomon, Iran (République islamique d'), Iraq, Jamaïque, Jordanie, Kiribati, Liban, Malaisie, Maldives, Îles Marshall, Maurice, Micronésie, Myanmar, Népal, Nigéria, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Pérou, République démocratique du Congo, République démocratique populaire lao, République dominicaine, Rwanda, Saint-Kitts-et-Névis, Samoa, Sao Tomé-et-Principe, Somalie, Thaïlande, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela et Yémen; ou
- b) un déposant, personne physique ou non, qui est ressortissant d'un État, et est domicilié dans un État, qui est classé dans la catégorie des pays les moins avancés par l'Organisation des Nations-Unies;
- i) États qui sont des États contractants du PCT : Bénin, Burkina Faso, Gambie, Guinée, Guinée équatoriale, Guinée-Bissau, Lesotho, Libéria, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritanie, Mozambique, Niger, Ouganda, République centrafricaine, République-Unie de Tanzanie, Sénégal, Sierra Leone, Soudan, Tchad, Togo et Zambie;
- ii) États qui ne sont pas des États contractants du PCT : Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Bhoutan, Burundi, Cambodge, Cap-Vert, Comores, Djibouti, Érythrée, Éthiopie, Haïti, Îles Salomon, Kiribati, Maldives, Myanmar, Népal, République démocratique du Congo, République démocratique populaire lao, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tomé-et-Principe, Somalie, Tuvalu, Vanuatu et Yémen;

étant entendu que, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire aux critères énoncés au point a) ou b).

Pour plus de précisions, voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 44/2003, page 24737, barème de taxes, point 4. Il convient de noter que, si la réduction PCT-EASY et la réduction de 75% de la taxe internationale de dépôt s'appliquent toutes deux, la réduction de 75% est calculée après la réduction pour le dépôt électronique.

⁴ Si la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences d'une demande internationale ou tout tableau relatif à un tel listage des séquences ont été déposés sur un support électronique seulement (instruction administrative 801.a)i) ou à la fois sur un support électronique et sur papier (instruction administrative 801.a)ii), une composante supplémentaire de la taxe internationale de dépôt, égale à 400 fois la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e – quelle que soit la longueur proprement dite des listages des séquences ou des tableaux et sans tenir compte du fait que les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs aient pu être déposés à la fois sous forme écrite et sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur – devra être acquittée en ce qui concerne les listages des séquences ou les tableaux (au lieu de la taxe par feuille qui aurait dû sinon être payée pour les feuilles concernées) (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 02/2001, page 819 et suiv., et n° 36/2002, page 17633 et suiv.). Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs ne sont pas remis sur un support électronique en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801 mais seulement en vertu de la règle 13^{ter} du PCT ou de l'instruction 802.b-*quater*), respectivement, ce qui précède ne s'applique pas.

⁵ Lorsque la requête est déposée en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec une disquette PCT-EASY et que l'office récepteur accepte ce mode de dépôt (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 51/1998, pages 17331 et 17333, et n° 44/2003, page 24737, barème de taxes, point 3.a)), le montant total de la taxe internationale de dépôt est réduit.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**IB International Bureau (Cont'd)**

Fees payable to the receiving Office (<i>Cont'd</i>):	Currency: Swiss Franc (CHF), euro (EUR) and US dollar (USD)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rules 17.1(b) and 20.9):	CHF 50 or EUR 32 or USD 41
	Supplement for airmail:
	CHF 10 or EUR 6 or USD 8

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(IB), page 284, and No. 7/2004, page 3802]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**IB Bureau international (suite)**

Taxes payables à l'office récepteur
(*suite*) :

Monnaie : Franc suisse (CHF), euro (EUR) et
dollar des États-Unis (USD)

Taxe pour le document de priorité
(règles 17.1.b) et 20.9 du PCT) :

CHF 50 ou EUR 32 ou USD 41

Supplément pour expédition par voie aérienne :

CHF 10 ou EUR 6 ou USD 8

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(IB), page 291, et n°7/2004, page 3803]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has clarified the search restriction criteria for international applications for which it is not competent to carry out international search, according to the date of filing of the international applications, as follows:

International applications for which this International Searching Authority has indicated that it is not competent:¹

International applications filed — by a national or a resident of the United States of America — with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the International Bureau as receiving Office where such applications contain one or more claims relating to:

- business methods, and the international application was filed on or after 1 March 2002
- biotechnology, and the international application was filed between 1 March 2002 and 31 December 2003.

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has also clarified the examination restriction criteria for international applications for which it is not competent to carry out preliminary examination, according to the date of filing of the international applications or the demands, as follows:

International applications for which this International Preliminary Examining Authority has indicated that it is not competent:¹

International applications filed — by a national or a resident of the United States — with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the International Bureau as receiving Office, where such applications contain one or more claims relating to:

- business methods, and the demand was filed on or after 1 March 2002
- biotechnology, and the international application was filed before 1 January 2004
- telecommunications, and a demand is filed before 1 July 2004.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(EP), page 357, and Annex E(EP), page 369]

¹ For details, see footnote 7 of Annex C(IB), *PCT Gazette* No. 52/2001, page 24248, No. 48/2003, page 27114, and OJ EPO 2002, 52 and 175 and OJ EPO 2003, 633.

ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a clarifié les critères de restriction de recherche pour les demandes internationales pour lesquelles il n'est pas compétent pour effectuer la recherche internationale, selon la date de dépôt des demandes internationales, comme suit :

Demandes internationales pour lesquelles l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale a indiqué qu'elle n'est pas compétente¹ :

Demandes internationales déposées – par un ressortissant des États-Unis d'Amérique ou une personne domiciliée dans cet État – auprès de l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis ou du Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur lorsque ces demandes contiennent une ou plusieurs revendications relatives :

- aux méthodes commerciales lorsque la demande internationale a été déposée le 1^{er} mars 2002 ou ultérieurement
- à la biotechnologie lorsque la demande internationale a été déposée entre le 1^{er} mars 2002 et le 31 décembre 2003.

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a également clarifié les critères de restriction d'examen pour les demandes internationales pour lesquelles il n'est pas compétent pour effectuer l'examen préliminaire international, selon la date de dépôt des demandes internationales ou des demandes d'examen préliminaire international, comme suit :

Demandes internationales pour lesquelles l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international a indiqué qu'elle n'est pas compétente¹ :

Demandes internationales déposées – par un ressortissant des États-Unis d'Amérique ou une personne domiciliée dans cet État – auprès de l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis ou du Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, lorsque ces demandes contiennent une ou plusieurs revendications relatives :

- aux méthodes commerciales lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international a été présentée le 1^{er} mars 2002 ou ultérieurement
- à la biotechnologie lorsque la demande internationale a été déposée avant le 1^{er} janvier 2004
- aux télécommunications lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international a été présentée avant le 1^{er} juillet 2004.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe D(EP), page 367, et annexe E(EP), page 380]

¹ Pour plus de précisions, voir la note 7 de l'annexe C(IB), la *Gazette du PCT* n° 52/2001, page 24249, n° 48/2003, page 27115, JO OEB 2002, 52 et 175, et JO OEB 2003, 633.

**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES****PT Portugal**

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified changes in its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?	An official industrial property agent, an appointed lawyer, or a registered representative.
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(PT), page 327 and Summary (PT), page 498]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**AZ Azerbaijan**

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **State Agency for Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it does not waive the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(AZ), page 244]

**OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS
OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)****PT Portugal**

L'**Institut national de la propriété industrielle (Portugal)** a notifié des changements dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur ou en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Un mandataire officiel en propriété industrielle, un avocat désigné ou un représentant agréé.
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(PT), page 335 et résumé (PT), page 529]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**AZ Azerbaïdjan**

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Agence d'État pour la normalisation, la métrologie et les brevets (Azerbaïdjan)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il ne renonce pas à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?	Non
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L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis ?	Non
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(AZ), page 248]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c) (Cont'd)**PT Portugal**

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows:

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

If the applicant is not represented by an official industrial property agent.

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

If the applicant is not represented by an official industrial property agent.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(PT), page 327]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT (suite)**PT Portugal**

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Institut national de la propriété industrielle (Portugal)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Si le déposant n'est pas représenté par un mandataire officiel en propriété industrielle.

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Si le déposant n'est pas représenté par un mandataire officiel en propriété industrielle.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(PT), page 335]

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES****KR Agreement between the Korean Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C**

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2004. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges****Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges**

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Korean won)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	225,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	225,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	225,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	225,000
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.1)), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Published in *PCT Gazette* No. 56/1997, page 29538, and No. 52/1999, page 15878.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

KR Accord entre l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2004. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Won coréen)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	225.000
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	225.000
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¹ Publié dans la *Gazette du PCT* n° 56/1997, page 29598, et n° 52/1999, page 15879.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**KR Republic of Korea**

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable to it as International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable as from 1 April 2004, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	KRW 225,000
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	KRW 225,000
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	KRW 225,000
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	KRW 225,000

Furthermore, pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), equivalent amounts in **Euro (EUR)**, **Swiss francs (CHF)** and in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 April 2004, are as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Korean Intellectual Property Office):	EUR 151
	CHF 238
	USD 194

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(KR), page 361, and Annex E(KR), page 372]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**KR République de Corée**

L'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **won coréens (KRW)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international. Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} avril 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	KRW 225.000
Taxe de recherche additionnelle (règle 40.2 du PCT) :	KRW 225.000
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58 du PCT) :	KRW 225.000
Taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle (règle 68.3 du PCT) :	KRW 225.000

En outre, des montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, en **francs suisses (CHF)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.b) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} avril 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle) :	EUR 151
	CHF 238
	USD 194

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe D(KR), page 371, et annexe E(KR), page 383]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**BZ Belize**

The **Belize Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in the structure and the amounts of fees in **Belize dollars (BZD)** for utility models, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

For utility model:

Filing fee/Grant fee: ¹	BZD 300
Annual fees for the first three years:	BZD 300

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Summary (BZ), page 413]

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a change in the amount of the filing fee for patents in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:

— For international applications filed on or after 1 April 2004:	JPY 16,000
— For international applications filed on or before 31 March 2004:	JPY 21,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Summary (JP), page 457]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**GR Greece****Official closing**

Due to emergency reasons (force majeure) caused by unpropitious weather conditions, the **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** was not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business on 13 February 2004.

Consequently, pursuant to PCT Rule 80.5, if the expiration of any period during which any document or fee in connection with an international application was required to reach the **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)** fell on 13 February 2004, that period is extended so as to expire on 16 February 2004.

As regards other possible excuses of delay or loss in the mail, due to the above weather conditions, of documents or letters addressed to the **Industrial Property Organization (OBI) (Greece)**, see PCT Rules 82.1 and 82.2.

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**BZ Belize**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Belize** a notifié des changements dans la structure et les montants des taxes, exprimés en **dollars du Belize (BZD)**, pour les modèles d'utilité, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt/Taxe de délivrance¹ : BZD 300

Taxes annuelles pour les
trois premières années : BZD 300

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), résumé (BZ), page 429]

JP Japon

L'**Office des brevets du Japon** a notifié un changement dans le montant de la taxe de dépôt pour les brevets, exprimé en **yen japonais (JPY)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt :

– Pour les demandes internationales
déposées le 1^{er} avril 2004
ou ultérieurement : JPY 16.000

– Pour les demandes internationales
déposées jusqu'au 31 mars 2004
y compris : JPY 21.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), résumé (JP), page 484]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**GR Grèce****Fermeture officielle**

En raison de conditions météorologiques défavorables (cas de force majeure), l'**Organisation de la propriété industrielle (OBI) (Grèce)** n'était pas ouverte au public pour traiter d'affaires officielles le 13 février 2004.

Par conséquent, en vertu de la règle 80.5 du PCT, si un délai quelconque pendant lequel un document ou une taxe en rapport avec une demande internationale devait parvenir à l'**Organisation de la propriété industrielle (OBI) (Grèce)** a expiré le 13 février 2004, ce délai est prorogé jusqu'au 16 février 2004.

En ce qui concerne d'autres excuses éventuelles de retard ou de la perte du courrier, dus aux conditions météorologiques mentionnées ci-dessus, pour des documents ou des lettres adressés à l'**Organisation de la propriété industrielle (OBI) (Grèce)**, il convient de se référer aux règles 82.1 et 82.2 du PCT.

¹ Doit être remise ou payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annexes C, D and E, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where procedural acts are performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record, or if both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where procedural acts are performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record, or if both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(EP), page 270]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans les annexes C, D et E, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Oui

Lorsque des actes à caractère formel sont accomplis par un mandataire présumé qui n'est pas le mandataire indiqué dans la demande internationale, sauf si ce mandataire présumé travaille pour la même entité que le mandataire qui figure dans la demande internationale ou s'ils sont tous les deux employés par le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, par le représentant commun; ou, d'une manière générale, en cas de doute sur la qualité à agir du mandataire.

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise ?

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Oui

Lorsque des actes à caractère formel sont accomplis par un mandataire présumé qui n'est pas le mandataire indiqué dans la demande internationale, sauf si ce mandataire présumé travaille pour la même entité que le mandataire qui figure dans la demande internationale ou s'ils sont tous les deux employés par le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, par le représentant commun; ou, d'une manière générale, en cas de doute sur la qualité à agir du mandataire.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(EP), page 276]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c) (Cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO) (Cont'd)**

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where procedural acts are performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record, or if both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where procedural acts are performed by a purported agent who is not the agent of record, unless the purported agent belongs to the same office as the agent of record, or if both the purported agent and the agent of record are employees of the applicant or, if there is more than one applicant, of the common representative; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(EP), page 357, and Annex E(EP), page 369]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT (suite)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB) (suite)**

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lorsque des actes à caractère formel sont accomplis par un mandataire présumé qui n'est pas le mandataire indiqué dans la demande internationale, sauf si ce mandataire présumé travaille pour la même entité que le mandataire qui figure dans la demande internationale ou s'ils sont tous les deux employés par le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, par le représentant commun; ou, d'une manière générale, en cas de doute sur la qualité à agir du mandataire.

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lorsque des actes à caractère formel sont accomplis par un mandataire présumé qui n'est pas le mandataire indiqué dans la demande internationale, sauf si ce mandataire présumé travaille pour la même entité que le mandataire qui figure dans la demande internationale ou s'ils sont tous les deux employés par le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, par le représentant commun; ou, d'une manière générale, en cas de doute sur la qualité à agir du mandataire.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe D(EP), page 367, et annexe E(EP), page 380]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Australian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 May 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Australian Patent Office): ZAR 6,500

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(AU), page 354]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 May 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): ZAR 13,600

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(EP), page 357]

ES Spain

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search by the **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating an equivalent amount in the national currency. The new amount, applicable as from 1 April 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Spanish Patent and
Trademark Office): USD 1,920

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(ES), page 359]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} mai 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office australien des brevets) : ZAR 6.500

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe D(AU), page 364]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} mai 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) : ZAR 13.600

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe D(EP), page 367]

ES Espagne

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le dollar des États-Unis (USD) comme monnaie de paiement ou comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques) : USD 1.920

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe D(ES), page 369]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**US** United States of America
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, a new higher equivalent amount in **Euro (EUR)** of the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**, has been established; the equivalent amount of the lower search fee remains unchanged. The new amount, applicable as from 1 May 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the United States Patent and
Trademark Office):

EUR 787 (254)

The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a), the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) has been paid and the prior US national application is identified by the application number if known, or if the application number is not known, by the filing date, title and name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket number), in the international application or accompanying the papers at the time of filing the international application

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(US), page 364]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE****HU** Hungary

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Hungarian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM)
Budapest University of Economics and Public Administration
Faculty of Food Sciences
Somlói út 14-16
1118 Budapest
Hungary

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex L, page 393]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)

US États-Unis d'Amérique
IB Bureau international

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, un nouveau montant équivalent (le montant le plus élevé) en **euros (EUR)** de la taxe de recherche, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**, a été établi; le montant équivalent du montant le plus bas de la taxe de recherche reste inchangé. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} mai 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :

EUR 787 (254)

Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon le paragraphe 111.a) du titre 35 USC, que la taxe de dépôt de base a été acquittée selon la section 1.16.a) du titre 37 CFR et que la demande nationale antérieure déposée aux États-Unis est identifiée par le numéro de la demande s'il est connu ou, si le numéro de la demande n'est pas connu, par la date de dépôt, le titre et le nom du déposant (et, de préférence, par le numéro de dossier de la demande) figurant dans la demande internationale ou accompagnant les documents au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe D(US), page 375]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
INSTITUTIONS AUPRÈS DESQUELLES DES DÉPÔTS PEUVENT ÊTRE EFFECTUÉS**

HU Hongrie

Conformément à la règle 13*bis*.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office hongrois des brevets** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à un changement de nom de l'institution nommée "National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM)", institution de dépôt internationale reconnue en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets, auprès de laquelle des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, comme suit :

National Collection of Agricultural and Industrial Microorganisms (NCAIM)
Budapest University of Economics and Public Administration
Faculty of Food Sciences
Somlói út 14-16
1118 Budapest
Hongrie

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe L, page 406]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**BZ Belize**

The **Belize Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Summary (BZ), page 413]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**TR Turkey**

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Turkish Patent Institute**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows:

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where there is an unresolved dispute about who is the agent representing the applicant(s); or upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(TR), page 342]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**BZ Belize**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Belize** a notifié un changement dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?

Tout conseil en brevets ou agent de brevets habilité à exercer auprès de l'office

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), résumé (BZ), page 429]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**TR Turquie**

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Institut turc des brevets**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

En cas de litige non résolu portant sur la question de savoir qui est le mandataire représentant le ou les déposants; ou lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun ou lors de la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt.

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

En cas de litige non résolu portant sur la question de savoir qui est le mandataire représentant le ou les déposants; ou lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun ou lors de la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**CA Canada**

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in “PCT-EASY mode”) is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 May 2004, are specified below:

International filing fee:	CAD 1,489
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD 16
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	CAD 106

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(CA), page 253]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in the amounts of the fees in **Korean won (KRW)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 April 2004, are as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	KRW 10,000 plus KRW 3,500 per document for a patent or KRW 2,000 per document for a utility model
National fee: ¹	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	KRW 38,000 plus KRW 1,000 per sheet in excess of one
Fee for request for examination:	KRW 109,000 plus KRW 32,000 for the second and each subsequent claim
Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year:	KRW 27,000
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	KRW 17,000 plus KRW 1,000 per sheet in excess of one
Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year:	KRW 20,000 plus KRW 5,000 for the second and each subsequent claim

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(KR), page 301, and Summary (KR), page 463]

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**CA Canada**

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars canadiens (CAD)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt et la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction selon le point 3 du barème de taxes dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-SAFE (fonctionnant en "mode PCT-EASY"). Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} mai 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	CAD 1.489
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	CAD 16
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY :	CAD 106

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(CA), page 258]

KR République de Corée

L'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié des changements dans les montants des taxes, exprimés en **won coréens (KRW)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu). Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} avril 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	KRW 10.000 plus KRW 3.500 par document pour un brevet ou KRW 2.000 par document pour un modèle d'utilité
Taxe nationale ¹ :	
Pour un brevet :	
Taxe de dépôt :	KRW 38.000 plus KRW 1.000 par feuille à compter de la 2 ^e
Taxe de requête en examen :	KRW 109.000 plus KRW 32.000 pour chaque revendication à compter de la 2 ^e
Taxes annuelles pour la 1 ^{re} à la 3 ^e année, par année :	KRW 27.000
Pour un modèle d'utilité :	
Taxe de dépôt :	KRW 17.000 plus KRW 1.000 par feuille à compter de la 2 ^e
Taxes annuelles pour la 1 ^{re} à la 3 ^e année, par année :	KRW 20.000 plus KRW 5.000 pour chaque revendication à compter de la 2 ^e

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(KR), page 309, et résumé (KR), page 490]

¹ Doit être remise ou payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

**FURNISHING BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF COPIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT: NOTIFICATION BY ELECTED OFFICES UNDER PCT
RULE 94.1(c)**

Under PCT Rule 94.1(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the Offices of the following States in their capacities as elected Offices have requested the International Bureau to furnish copies of the international preliminary examination report on their behalf:

EG Egypt
SY Syrian Arab Republic

DÉLIVRANCE PAR LE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DE COPIES DU RAPPORT D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES ÉLUS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 94.1.c) DU PCT

En vertu de la règle 94.1.c) du PCT, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, les offices des États suivants agissant en leur capacité d'offices élus, ont demandé au Bureau international de délivrer des copies du rapport d'examen préliminaire international en leur nom:

EG Égypte

SY République arabe syrienne

SECTION IV

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 June 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): NOK 13,450

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(EP), page 357]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee and the fee per sheet in excess of 30, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction under item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees where the PCT-SAFE software (operating in “PCT-EASY mode”) is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 June 2004, are specified below:

International filing fee: NZD 1,624
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: NZD 17
Reductions (under Schedule
of Fees, item 3):
PCT-EASY: NZD 116

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(NZ), page 320]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the search fee in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** payable for an international search by the Office. The new amount, applicable as from 1 June 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Swedish Patent Office): NOK 13,450

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(SE), page 363]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **couronnes norvégiennes (NOK)** a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juin 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) :	NOK 13.450
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NZ Nouvelle-Zélande

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt et la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction selon le point 3.a) du barème de taxes dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-SAFE (fonctionnant en "mode PCT-EASY"). Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} juin 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	NZD 1.624
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	NZD 17
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY :	NZD 116

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SE Suède

L'**Office suédois des brevets** a notifié au Bureau international un nouveau montant de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **couronnes norvégiennes (NOK)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juin 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office suédois des brevets) :	NOK 13.450
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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**US United States of America**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**; the equivalent amount of the lower search fee remains unchanged. The new amount, applicable as from 1 June 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office):	ZAR 6,600 (2,000)
	The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior United States national application has been filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a), the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) has been paid and the prior US national application is identified by the application number if known, or if the application number is not known, by the filing date, title and name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket number), in the international application or accompanying the papers at the time of filing the international application

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WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**GB United Kingdom**

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **United Kingdom Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or common representative, who is not indicated on the Request form at the time of filing, performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	Where an agent or common representative, who is not indicated on the Request form at the time of filing, performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(GB), page 276]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)** a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**; le montant équivalent du montant le plus bas de la taxe de recherche reste inchangé. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juin 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :	ZAR 6.600 (2.000)
	Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon la section 111.a) du titre 35 U.S.C., que la taxe de dépôt de base a été acquittée selon la section 1.16 a) du titre 37 CFR et que la demande nationale antérieure déposée aux États-Unis est identifiée par le numéro de la demande s'il est connu ou, si le numéro de la demande n'est pas connu, par la date de dépôt, le titre et le nom du déposant (et, de préférence, par le numéro de dossier de la demande) figurant dans la demande internationale ou accompagnant les documents au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe D(US), page 375]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**GB Royaume-Uni**

Selon les règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lorsqu'un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt accomplit tout acte après le dépôt; ou lorsqu'il ne ressort pas clairement que le mandataire ou le représentant commun est mandaté pour agir au nom du déposant

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lorsqu'un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt accomplit tout acte après le dépôt; ou lorsqu'il ne ressort pas clairement que le mandataire ou le représentant commun est mandaté pour agir au nom du déposant

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(GB), page 283]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c) (Cont'd)**MX Mexico**

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it does not waive the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	No
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Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	No
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(MX), page 315]

NL Netherlands

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Netherlands Industrial Property Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
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Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	None
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Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
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Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	None
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(NL), page 318]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT (suite)**MX Mexique**

Selon les règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Institut mexicain de la propriété industrielle**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il ne renonce pas à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?	Non
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L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise ?	Non
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(MX), page 323]

NL Pays-Bas

Selon les règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office néerlandais de la propriété industrielle**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?	Oui
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Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :	Néant
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L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise ?	Oui
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Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :	Néant
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SECTION IV

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**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****JP Japan**

Following the coming into effect on 7 January 2002 of new Part 7 and new Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of electronic filing and processing of international applications under the PCT, as provided for by Rule 89*bis*.1, any receiving Office having the necessary technical systems in place is able to decide to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), no national Office or intergovernmental organization is obliged to receive or process international applications filed in electronic form or by electronic means unless it has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to do so in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Administrative Instructions. Any such notification shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette, including information on the receiving Offices' requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form (see Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions).

It is recalled that the Japan Patent Office (JPO) has notified the International Bureau, under Section 703(f) of the Administrative Instructions, that items (ii) to (iv) of Section 703(b) relating to, respectively, the means of transmittal, the electronic document packaging and the electronic filling software, are not compatible with its applicable national law and technical systems, and that consequently the Japan Patent Office does not have to comply with the requirements contained in sections 5.1 and 5.2.1 of Annex F, as well as in sections 2(d) to (g) of Appendix III of Annex F (for further details, see PCT Gazette No. 18/2002 dated 2 May 2002, page 8974).

It is also recalled that, on request, a joint statement of the Trilateral Offices (European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office) on Section 703(f) has been published in the Gazette (for further details, see PCT Gazette No. 43/2002 dated 24 October 2002, page 21568).

On 5 April 2004, the Japan Patent Office (JPO), in its capacity as a receiving Office, notified the International Bureau under Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 28 April 2004, as follows :

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
 - (a) JISX 0208
 - (b) Shift-JIS
 - (c) IBM943-Unicode3.0/UTF-8 table in IBM AIX
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2 and Annex C)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JFIF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- on-line filing : the Office uses different protocols based on ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network), and the electronic package containing the international application is transmitted via ISDN, which is a secured transmission channel.

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****JP Japon**

Suite à l'entrée en vigueur, le 7 janvier 2002, de la nouvelle septième partie et de la nouvelle annexe F des instructions administratives contenant respectivement le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires pour la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement électroniques des demandes internationales selon le PCT, tel que prévu à la règle 89*bis*.1, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques nécessaires est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F.

Conformément à la règle 89*bis*.1.d) du PCT, aucun office national ni aucune organisation internationale n'est tenu de recevoir ou de traiter les demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique ou par des moyens électroniques à moins qu'il ait notifié au Bureau international qu'il est disposé à le faire conformément aux dispositions applicables des instructions administratives. Toute notification de ce type est publiée à bref délai par le Bureau international dans la gazette, y compris les informations relatives aux exigences et à la pratique suivie par les offices récepteurs en matière de dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique (voir l'instruction administrative 710.a)).

Il est rappelé que l'Office des brevets du Japon a notifié au Bureau international, conformément à l'instruction administrative 703.f), une incompatibilité des points ii) à iv) de l'instruction administrative 703.b) relatifs, respectivement, au moyen de transmission, à l'empaquetage électronique des documents et au logiciel de dépôt électronique, avec son droit national applicable et ses systèmes techniques, et que par conséquent l'Office des brevets du Japon n'est pas tenu de répondre aux exigences figurant dans les sections 5.1 et 5.2.1 de l'annexe F, ainsi que dans les sections 2.d) à g) de l'appendice III de l'annexe F (pour plus de précisions, voir la Gazette du PCT n° 18/2002 du 2 mai 2002, page 8975).

Il est également rappelé que, sur demande, une déclaration conjointe des autres offices engagés dans la coopération tripartite (Office européen des brevets, Office des brevets du Japon et Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis d'Amérique) portant sur l'instruction administrative 703.f) a été publiée dans la Gazette (pour plus de précisions, voir la Gazette du PCT n° 43/2002 du 24 octobre 2002, page 21569).

Le 5 avril 2004, l'Office des brevets du Japon, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international selon la règle 89*bis*.1.d) qu'il était disposé à recevoir et à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 28 avril 2004, comme suit :

“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- XML (en général; voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
 - a) JISX 0208
 - b) Shift-JIS
 - c) IBM943-Unicode3.0/UTF-8 table in IBM AIX
- Norme OMPI ST.25 (pour les listages des séquences; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F et l'annexe C)
- TIFF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)
- JFIF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.2 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :

- dépôt en ligne : l'office utilise différents protocoles fondés sur la technologie ISDN (réseau numérique de services intégrés), et le paquet électronique contenant la demande internationale est transmis à travers l'ISDN, qui est un canal de transmission sécurisé.

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****JP Japan (Cont'd)****As to electronic document packaging:**

— WAD (Wrapped Application Document; see Annex F, section 4.1.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

— JPO PAS

As to types of electronic signatures (Section 710(a)(i)):

— text string signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.2)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office will contain the information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

— no on-line payment is available. The following means of payment are accepted: payment by deposit account or by revenue based on fee payment slip.

— bank transfers are acceptable only for the payment of the international filing fee.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a support center for online filing.

The task of this support center is to answer questions from users of the service for the online filing of patents, and to serve as a technical hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

This support center is open from Monday to Friday, from 9 am until 5 pm, and it may be contacted:

— by phone, at +81 (0)3 5744 8534

— by fax, at +81 (0)3 5423 6450

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office on-line (Section 710(a)(iii)):

— international applications, provided they do not include tables related to sequence listings.

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****JP Japon (suite)****En ce qui concerne l’empaquetage électronique des documents :**

- WAD (paquet contenant les documents constitutifs de la demande compactés; voir la section 4.1.1 de l’annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- JPO PAS

En ce qui concerne les types de signatures électroniques (instruction 710.a)i) :

- signature alpha numérique (voir la section 3.3.2 de l’annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures concernant la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)ii) :

L’accusé de réception de toute demande internationale présumée, qui est déposée auprès de l’office, contient les informations exigées au titre de l’instruction 704.a)i) à iv).

L’office fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique. Lorsqu’il s’avère que l’accusé de réception envoyé au déposant par des moyens de transmission électroniques n’est pas reçu, l’office envoie à nouveau, à bref délai, l’accusé de réception par le même moyen ou par un autre moyen (voir l’instruction 709.b)).

En ce qui concerne les moyens de paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a)ii) :

- aucun moyen de paiement en ligne n’est disponible. Les modes de paiement acceptés sont les suivants : le paiement par débit sur un compte de dépôt ou le paiement perçu par l’intermédiaire d’un bulletin de paiement de taxe.
- les virements bancaires sont acceptés uniquement pour le paiement de la taxe internationale de dépôt.

En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d’assistance (instruction 710.a)ii) :

L’office a mis en place un service d’assistance pour le dépôt en ligne.

Ce service d’assistance a pour mission de répondre à l’ensemble des questions soulevées par les utilisateurs du service de dépôt électronique de brevets, et particulièrement de jouer le rôle d’assistance technique afin de venir en aide aux déposants lorsque des bogues et autres anomalies surviennent au niveau de l’application ou du serveur.

Ce service d’assistance est ouvert du lundi au vendredi, de 9h00 à 17h00, et il peut être contacté :

- par téléphone, au +81 (0)3 5744 8534
- par télécopie, au +81 (0)3 5423 6450

En ce qui concerne les types de documents qui peuvent être transmis en ligne à l’office (instruction 710.a)iii) :

- demandes internationales, à condition qu’elles ne contiennent pas de tableaux relatifs aux listages des séquences.

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****JP Japan (Cont'd)****As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):**

The Office will accept no filing of back-up copies on paper. Furthermore, the Office will prepare no back-up copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

As to procedures for notifying applicants of the procedures to follow as alternatives when electronic systems of the Office are not available (see Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The Office will provide information on its Web site (see <http://www.jpo.go.jp>) concerning the availability of on-line filing systems.

As to certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic address of a listing of the certificate policies under which the certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

The Office will not implement PKI-based solutions for the transmission. Consequently, no certification authorities will be accepted by the Office.

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No on-line file inspection by applicants is provided at present.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 June 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): JPY 213,700

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(EP), page 357]

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****JP Japon (suite)****En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :**

L'office n'acceptera aucun dépôt de copie de sauvegarde sous forme papier. Par ailleurs, l'office ne préparera aucune copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sous forme papier, à la demande du déposant.

En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :

Dans le cas où les systèmes informatiques ne seraient plus en état de marche au moment où une demande internationale est déposée auprès de lui, l'office mettra en œuvre tous les moyens dont il dispose pour informer le déposant des procédures de remplacement à suivre.

L'office fournira sur son site Internet (voir <http://www.jpo.go.jp>) les informations relatives aux disponibilités des systèmes de dépôt en ligne.

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office et l'adresse électronique d'une liste des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés (instruction 710.a)vi) :

L'Office ne mettra pas en œuvre de solutions fondées sur la technologie ICP en ce qui concerne la transmission. En conséquence, aucune autorité de certification ne sera acceptée par l'office.

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou archivées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible”.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **yen japonais (JPY)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juin 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) :	JPY 213.700
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe D(EP), page 367]

INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**ES Spain**

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau that the 75% fee reduction referred to in footnote 1 to Annex E(ES) published in PCT Gazette No. 03/2004, page 1752, is not applicable to the preliminary examination fee. This footnote has therefore been deleted. The other footnotes will be renumbered accordingly.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 03/2004, page 1752]

ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**ES Espagne**

L'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a adressé au Bureau international une notification l'informant de ce que la réduction de 75% mentionnée dans la note de bas de page 1 de l'annexe E(ES), publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 03/2004, page 1753, ne s'applique pas à la taxe d'examen préliminaire. En conséquence, cette note de bas de page a été supprimée. Les autres notes de bas de page seront renumérotées en conséquence.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)****NA Namibia**

Namibia, which became bound by the PCT on 1 January 2004, deposited, on 23 January 2004, its instrument of accession to the Harare Protocol within the framework of the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO) and, as from 24 April 2004, the date on which Namibia became bound by that Protocol, the filing of a request constitutes the designation of Namibia for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004(E), Annex B2(AP), page 225, and Annex C(AP), page 239]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE****JP Japan**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new depositary institution with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as well as a change in the name of the International Patent Organism Depositary (IPOD), an existing international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, as follows:

National Institute of Technology and Evaluation,
Patent Microorganisms Depositary (NPMD)
2-5-8 Kazusakamatari
Kisarazu-city
Chiba 292-0818
Japan

International Patent Organism Depositary (IPOD)
National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST)
AIST Tsukuba Central 6, 1-1, Higashi 1-chome
Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken 305-8566
Japan

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex L, page 392]

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET LES ORGANISATIONS
INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES****AP Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO)****NA Namibie**

La **Namibie**, qui est devenue liée par le PCT le 1^{er} janvier 2004, a déposé, le 23 janvier 2004, son instrument d'adhésion au Protocole de Harare dans le cadre de l'Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO) et, depuis le 24 avril 2004, date à laquelle la Namibie est devenue liée par ce protocole, le dépôt d'une requête vaudra la désignation de la Namibie à la fois aux fins d'un brevet ARIPO et aux fins d'un brevet national.

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**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
INSTITUTIONS AUPRÈS DESQUELLES DES DÉPÔTS PEUVENT ÊTRE EFFECTUÉS****JP Japon**

Conformément à la règle 13*bis*.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office des brevets du Japon** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à une nouvelle autorité de dépôt internationale auprès de laquelle des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués ainsi qu'au changement de nom de l'institution dénommée "International Patent Organism Depository (IPOD)", institution de dépôt internationale reconnue en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets, comme suit :

National Institute of Technology and Evaluation,
Patent Microorganisms Depository (NPMD)
2-5-8 Kazusakamatari
Kisarazu-city
Chiba 292-0818
Japon

International Patent Organism Depository (IPOD)
National Institute of Advanced Industrial Science and Technology (AIST)
AIST Tsukuba Central 6, 1-1, Higashi 1-chome
Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-ken 305-8566
Japon

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe L, page 405]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**MD Republic of Moldova**

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **State Agency on Industrial Property Protection (Republic of Moldova)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(MD), page 311]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**MD République de Moldova**

Selon les règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office d'État pour la protection de la propriété industrielle (République de Moldova)**, agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à
l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir
distinct doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels
un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt

L'office a-t-il renoncé à
l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un
pouvoir général doit lui être remise ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie
d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Australian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 July 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Australian Patent Office): ZAR 5,800

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(AU), page 354, and PCT Gazette No. 13/2004, page 7074]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 July 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): ZAR 12,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(EP), page 357, and PCT Gazette No. 13/2004, page 7074]

JP Japan

An equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the reduction under item 3(c) of the Schedule of Fees. The new amount, applicable as from 28 April 2004, is specified below:

Reductions (under Schedule
of Fees, item 3):

Electronic filing
(in character coded format): JPY 24,900

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(JP), page 297]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office australien des brevets) : ZAR 5.800

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe D(AU), page 364, et de la Gazette du PCT n° 13/2004, page 7075]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) : ZAR 12.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe D(EP), page 367, et de la Gazette du PCT n° 13/2004, page 7075]

JP Japon

Un montant équivalent, exprimé en **yen japonais (JPY)**, a été établi pour la réduction selon le point 3.c) du barème de taxes. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 28 avril 2004, est le suivant :

Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :

Dépôt électronique
(en format codé caractère par caractère) : JPY 24.900

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe C(JP), page 305]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**
HR Croatia

Croatia has recently concluded an agreement with the European Patent Organisation (EPO) which provides for the extension of the effects of European patent applications and patents to Croatia. The agreement entered into force on 1 April 2004. Under the agreement, it is possible to obtain patent protection in Croatia by requesting the extension of a European patent to Croatia. The extension procedure is also available, if the necessary requirements are met, via the PCT.

Note that Croatia (country code HR) is not party to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and cannot be designated for a European patent (EP).

The extension of a European patent to Croatia via the PCT is available in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 April 2004. A request for the extension of a European patent to Croatia may be made if the designation of all PCT Contracting States under new PCT Rule 4.9(a) in the international application is not withdrawn with respect to Croatia under PCT Rule 90*bis*.2, and if the international filing fee is paid.

When, within 31 months (Chapter I or Chapter II) from the priority date, the applicant enters the regional phase before the European Patent Office and pays to the EPO the European extension fee for the extension of the European patent to Croatia, a request for the extension of the European patent is deemed to have been made (no special indication concerning the extension should be made in the PCT request). If, however, the 31-month time limit has been missed, the extension fee may still be validly paid, with a surcharge of 50%, within the grace period provided for in the EPC for payment of the designation fees. The request for extension will be considered withdrawn if, upon entry into the regional phase before the EPO, the European extension fee is not paid within the applicable time limit. No notification of non-observance of the basic time limit or expiry of the period of grace will be issued, and re-establishment of rights is not possible in respect of payment of the extension fee.

Upon completion of the European procedure, the EPO will inform the Croatian Intellectual Property Office of the grant of the European patent. That patent will have the effect of a national patent granted by the national patent office, provided that, within three months from the publication by the EPO of the mention of grant of the European patent, a translation of the claims into Croatian is filed with, and the prescribed fees are paid to, the Croatian Intellectual Property Office. Renewal fees for the extended European patent will have to be paid to the national patent office for the years following the year in which the mention of the grant of the European patent was published by the EPO.

The option of entering the national phase directly before the national patent office within 31 months from the priority date, instead of proceeding with a request for the extension of a European patent to Croatia, is also available for any international application provided that the designation of Croatia has not been withdrawn.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004(E), Annex B1(HR), page 92, Annex B2(EP), page 229, Summary (EP), page 437, and Summary (HR), page 450]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)****HR Croatie**

La Croatie a récemment conclu avec l'Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB) un accord relatif à l'extension des effets des demandes de brevet européen et des brevets européens à la Croatie. L'accord est entré en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2004. Aux termes de cet accord, il est possible d'obtenir une protection par brevet en Croatie en demandant l'extension d'un brevet européen à la Croatie. La procédure d'extension est également possible par la voie PCT, pour autant que les conditions requises soient remplies.

Il convient de noter que la Croatie (code de pays HR) n'est pas partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen (CBE) et ne peut pas elle-même être désignée aux fins d'un brevet européen (EP).

L'extension d'un brevet européen à la Croatie par la voie PCT est possible en ce qui concerne les demandes internationales déposées le 1^{er} avril 2004 ou ultérieurement. Une demande d'extension des effets du brevet européen à la Croatie peut être faite si la désignation dans la demande internationale de tous les États contractants du PCT en vertu de la nouvelle règle 4.9.a) du PCT n'a pas été retirée en ce qui concerne la Croatie en vertu de la règle 90*bis*.2 et si la taxe internationale de dépôt a été acquittée.

Lorsque, dans un délai de 31 mois (chapitre I ou chapitre II) à compter de la date de priorité, le déposant engage la phase régionale auprès de l'Office européen des brevets et paie à l'OEB la taxe d'extension européenne pour l'extension des effets du brevet européen à la Croatie, une requête en extension des effets du brevet européen est réputée avoir été présentée (aucune indication particulière concernant l'extension ne doit être inscrite dans la requête selon le PCT). Toutefois, si le délai de 31 mois a été dépassé, la taxe d'extension peut encore être valablement acquittée, moyennant une surtaxe de 50%, dans le délai de grâce prévu dans la CBE pour le paiement des taxes de désignation. La requête en extension sera considérée comme retirée si, lors de l'ouverture de la phase régionale devant l'OEB, la taxe d'extension européenne n'est pas payée dans le délai applicable. Il ne sera pas envoyé de notification de non observation du délai de base ou d'expiration du délai de grâce, et le rétablissement des droits n'est pas possible en ce qui concerne le paiement de la taxe d'extension.

A l'achèvement de la procédure européenne, l'OEB informera l'Office croate de la propriété intellectuelle de la délivrance du brevet européen. Ce brevet aura l'effet d'un brevet national délivré par l'office national des brevets à condition que, dans les trois mois suivant la publication par l'OEB de la mention de la délivrance du brevet européen, une traduction des revendications en croate soit déposée auprès de l'Office croate de la propriété intellectuelle et que les taxes prescrites soient acquittées auprès de cet office. Des taxes de renouvellement du brevet européen étendu devront être payées à l'office national des brevets pour les années suivant celle où la mention de délivrance du brevet européen aura été publiée par l'OEB.

La possibilité d'engager la phase nationale directement auprès de l'office national des brevets dans un délai de 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité, en lieu et place du traitement d'une requête en extension des effets d'un brevet européen à la Croatie, est également possible pour toute demande internationale, à condition que la désignation de la Croatie n'aie pas été retirée.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe B1(HR), page 94, annexe B2(EP), page 232, résumé (EP), page 458, et résumé (HR), page 472]

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**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF
MODIFIED PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS****BR Brazil**

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Article 22(1), as modified with effect from 1 April 2002, with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 30 April 2004; the (new) 30-month time limit under PCT Article 22(1) therefore applies as from that date.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004(E), Summary (BR), page 408]

RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT MODIFIÉ**BR Brésil**

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de l'article 22.1) du PCT, tel que modifié à compter du 1er avril 2002, (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 08/2002, page 3887), l'**Institut national de la propriété industrielle (Brésil)** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 30 avril 2004; le (nouveau) délai de 30 mois visé à l'article 22.1) du PCT s'applique donc à compter de cette date.

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Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 August 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): JPY 200,100

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex D(EP), page 357]

NI Nicaragua

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)**, has notified a change in the amount of the transmittal fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee: USD 200

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(NI), page 317]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **yen japonais (JPY)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} août 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) :	JPY 200.100
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe D(EP), page 367]

NI Nicaragua

Le **Registre de la propriété intellectuelle (Nicaragua)**, a notifié un changement dans le montant de la taxe de transmission, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe de transmission :	USD 200
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**UA Ukraine**

The **State Department of Intellectual Property (SDIP), Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine**, has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers. The telephone and facsimile numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (380-44) 212 50 82 (SDIP)
(380-44) 494 05 05, 494 05 34 (Ukrpatent)

Facsimile machine: (380-44) 212 34 49 (SDIP)
(380-44) 494 05 06 (Ukrpatent)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex B1(UA), page 207]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a change in the designation of the location of the office, effective as from 5 June 2004, as follows:

Location: 220 20th Street S., Crystal Plaza 2, Arlington,
Virginia 22202, United States of America

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex B1(US), page 211]

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****KR Republic of Korea**

On 18 December 2003, the **Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO)**, in its capacity as a receiving Office, announced that it was prepared to receive international applications in electronic form filed with it using the PCT-SAFE software as from 1 January 2004 (see PCT Gazette No. 51/2003, page 29018).

In accordance with Section 710(b) of the Administrative Instructions, KIPO notified the International Bureau of the following information:

- since 15 May 2004, applicants can prepare the application body of international applications by using the K-Editor (a kind of XML editor) released by KIPO. The PCT-SAFE Editor can also be used for that purpose;
- KIPO now accepts certificates issued by the WIPO Customer Certification Authority (see <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm>) as well as those issued by the KIPO Certification Authority (see <http://www.kipo.go.kr>).

For more information on how to file international applications in electronic form at KIPO, please visit KIPO's Website at: <http://www.kipo.go.kr>.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**UA Ukraine**

Le **Département d'état de la propriété intellectuelle (SDIP), Ministère de l'éducation et des sciences de l'Ukraine** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur. Les numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur à utiliser sont désormais les suivants :

Téléphone : (380-44) 212 50 82 (SDIP)
(380-44) 494 05 05, 494 05 34 (Ukrpatent)

Télécopieur : (380-44) 212 34 49 (SDIP)
(380-44) 494 05 06 (Ukrpatent)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe B1(UA), page 210]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

L'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** a notifié un changement dans l'adresse de son siège, à compter du 5 juin 2004, comme suit :

Siège : 220 20th Street S., Crystal Plaza 2, Arlington,
Virginia 22202, États-Unis d'Amérique

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2004 (F), annexe B1(US), page 214]

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****KR République de Corée**

Le 18 décembre 2003, l'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle (KIPO)** a annoncé qu'il était prêt, en sa qualité d'office récepteur, à recevoir des demandes internationales sous forme électronique déposées à l'aide du logiciel PCT-SAFE à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004 (voir la Gazette du PCT, n° 51/2003, page 29019).

Conformément à l'instruction 710.b) des instructions administratives, l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle a notifié au Bureau international les informations suivantes :

– depuis le 15 mai 2004, les déposants peuvent préparer la partie principale des demandes internationales à l'aide du logiciel K-Editor (une sorte d'éditeur XML) mis au point par l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle. Le logiciel PCT-SAFE Editor peut également être utilisé à cette fin;

– l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle accepte maintenant des certificats émis par l'Autorité de certification de l'OMPI pour les utilisateurs (voir <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/fr/certificates.htm>) ainsi que ceux émis par l'Autorité de certification de KIPO (voir <http://www.kipo.go.kr>).

Pour plus d'information sur la manière de déposer des demandes internationales sous forme électroniques à l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle, veuillez consulter le site Internet de l'office à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.kipo.go.kr>.

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WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**IL Israel**

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the request form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the request form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2004 (E), Annex C(IL), page 290]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT

IL Israël

Selon les règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1er janvier 2004, l'**Office des brevets d'Israël**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence
selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit
lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels
un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lorsqu'un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est
pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du
dépôt accomplit tout acte après le dépôt

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence
selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir
général doit lui être remise ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie
d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lorsqu'un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est
pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du
dépôt accomplit tout acte après le dépôt

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**CA Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and
the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹**

The **Canadian Commissioner of Patents** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the above-mentioned Agreement, that the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, under the authority of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents, is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and as an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

The Agreement will enter into force on 26 July 2004. Pursuant to the decision of the PCT Assembly appointing the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching Authority and as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, that appointment will also have effect from 26 July 2004.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search by the **Australian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating an equivalent amount in the national currency. The new amount, applicable as from 1 September 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Australian Patent Office): CHF 1,050

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex D(AU), page 371]

AU Australia
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Euro (EUR)** of the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **Australian Patent Office**, has been established. The new amount, applicable as from 1 September 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): EUR 684

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex D(AU), page 371]

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 50/2002, page 25590.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
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**CA Accord entre le commissaire aux brevets du Canada et le Bureau international
de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹**

Le **commissaire aux brevets du Canada** a notifié au Bureau international, conformément à l'article 9 de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, que l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada, sous l'autorité du commissaire aux brevets du Canada, est disposé à commencer à exercer les fonctions d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

L'accord entrera en vigueur le 26 juillet 2004. Suite à la décision de l'Assemblée du PCT nommant le commissaire aux brevets du Canada en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, cette nomination prendra également effet le 26 juillet 2004.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

AU Australie

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **francs suisses (CHF)** payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets** aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le franc suisse (CHF) comme monnaie de paiement ou comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office australien des brevets) : CHF 1.050

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004 (F), annexe D(AU), page 383]

**AU Australie
IB Bureau international**

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au **Bureau international** agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, un nouveau montant équivalent en **euros (EUR)** de la taxe de recherche, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**, a été établi. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : EUR 684

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004 (F), annexe D(AU), page 383]

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 50/2002, page 25591

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**JP Japan**

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the international filing fee and the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), as well as for the reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 September 2004, are specified below:

International filing fee:	JPY	123,200
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY	1,300
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):		
PCT-EASY:	JPY	8,800
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	JPY	26,400
Handling fee:	JPY	17,600

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex C(JP), page 301, and Annex E(JP), page 390]

JP Japan
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** of the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **Japan Patent Office**, has been established. The new amount, applicable as from 1 September 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CHF	1,097
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex D(JP), page 378]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 September 2004, are specified below:

International filing fee:	NZD	1,772
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	19
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):		
PCT-EASY:	NZD	127

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex C(NZ), page 331]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)

JP Japon

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **yen japonais (JPY)** ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt et pour la taxe de traitement, conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, ainsi que pour les réductions selon le point 3 du barème de taxes. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	JPY	123.200
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	JPY	1.300
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :		
PCT-EASY :	JPY	8.800
Dépôt électronique (en format codé caractère par caractère) :	JPY	26.400
Taxe de traitement	JPY	17.600

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004 (F), annexe C(JP), page 311, et annexe E(JP), page 404]

JP Japon
IB Bureau international

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au **Bureau international** agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, un nouveau montant équivalent en **francs suisses (CHF)** de la taxe de recherche, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets du Japon**, a été établi. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	CHF	1.097
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004 (F), annexe D(JP), page 390]

NZ Nouvelle-Zélande

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)** ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour les réductions selon le point 3 du barème de taxes. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	NZD	1.772
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	NZD	19
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :		
PCT-EASY :	NZD	127

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004 (F), annexe C(NZ), page 342]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 49.6 WITH NATIONAL LAWS**SG Singapore**

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Rule 49.6, as in force since 1 January 2003, with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2003, page 2526), the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 July 2004; PCT Rule 49.6 therefore applies as from that date.

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Industrial Property Protection Office (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it does not waive the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a separate power of attorney
be submitted? No

Has the Office waived the requirement
that a copy of a general power of
attorney be submitted? No

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex C(MK), page 321]

RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE LA RÈGLE 49.6 DU PCT

SG Singapour

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de la règle 49.6 du PCT, en vigueur depuis le 1^{er} janvier 2003 (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 05/2003, page 2527), l'**office de la propriété intellectuelle de Singapour** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2004; la règle 49.6 du PCT s'applique donc à compter de cette date.

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT

MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine

Selon les règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office pour la protection de la propriété industrielle (Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il ne renonce pas à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence
selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit
lui être remis ? Non

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence
selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir
général doit lui être remise ? Non

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004 (F), annexe C(MK), page 332]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

CA Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

The **Canadian Commissioner of Patents** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with the decision of the Assembly of the PCT Union which approved the above-mentioned Agreement, of the necessary information to complete all aspects of the Agreement. Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Canadian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,600
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,600
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	800
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	800
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.1), per page	1

Part II. Condition for and Extent of Refunds or Reduction of Fees

(1) [No change]

(2) [No change]

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, 25% of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) [No change]

(5) [No change]”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

UA Ukraine

The **State Department of Intellectual Property (SDIP), Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine** has notified a change in its location and mailing address. The recapitulative list is as follows:

Location and mailing address:	SDIP, 8, Lvivska ploscha, 04655, Kyiv-53, DSP-655, Ukraine (general matters)
	Ukrainsky Instytut Ppomyslovoi Vlasnosti Ukrainian Industrial Property Institute (Ukrpatent), 1, Glazunova Street, 01601, Kyiv 42, Ukraine (filing and processing of applications)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex B1(UA), page 202]

¹ Published in *PCT Gazette* No.50/2002, page 25590.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
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CA Accord entre le commissaire aux brevets du Canada et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹

Le **commissaire aux brevets du Canada** a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de la décision de l'Assemblée de l'Union du PCT qui a donné son approbation à l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification contenant toute l'information nécessaire pour compléter tous les aspects de l'accord. L'annexe C a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (dollars canadiens)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	1.600
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	1.600
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	800
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	800
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b), 71.2.b) et 94.1), par page	1

Partie II. Conditions et limites des remboursements ou des réductions de taxes

(1) [Sans changement]

(2) [Sans changement]

(3) Lorsque l'Administration peut utiliser une recherche antérieure, la taxe de recherche payée est remboursée à 25%, selon la mesure dans laquelle l'Administration peut utiliser cette recherche antérieure.

(4) [Sans changement]

(5) [Sans changement]”

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

UA Ukraine

Le **Département d'état de la propriété intellectuelle (SDIP), Ministère de l'éducation et des sciences de l'Ukraine** a notifié un changement dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale. La liste récapitulative est la suivante :

Siège et adresse postale : SDIP, 8, Lvivska ploscha, 04655, Kyiv-53, DSP-655,
Ukraine
(questions d'ordre général)
Ukrainsky Instytut Ppomyslovoi Vlasnosti
Institut ukrainien de la propriété industrielle (Ukrpatent),
1, Glazunova Street, 01601, Kyiv 42, Ukraine
(dépôt et traitement des demandes)

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¹ Publié dans la *Gazette du PCT* n° 50/2002, page 25591.

RECEIVING OFFICES**MN Mongolia**

The **Mongolian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that, as of 1 January 2005, the Korean Intellectual Property Office may act as an International Searching Authority and an International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications received by the Mongolian Intellectual Property Office.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex C(MN), page 322]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**IS Iceland**

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified a change in the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b) before the Office as a designated and elected Office. The new time limits, applicable as from 14 June 2004, are as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	31 months from the priority date

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Summary (IS), page 477]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**PT Portugal**

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Euros (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 30.99
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 36.16
National fee:	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	EUR 113.63
Examination fee:	EUR 206.60
Fee for submission of any document:	EUR 5.17
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	EUR 113.63
Examination fee: ²	EUR 206.60
Fee for submission of any document:	EUR 5.17

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex C(PT), page 339, and Summary (PT), page 520]

² Whenever examination is requested.

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS

MN Mongolie

L'**Office mongol de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié au Bureau international que, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2005, l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle pourrait agir en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées auprès de l'Office mongol de la propriété intellectuelle.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004 (F), annexe C(MN), page 333]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)

IS Islande

L'**Office islandais des brevets** a notifié un changement dans les délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon les articles 22.3) et 39.1)b) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné et élu. Les nouveaux délais, applicables à compter du 14 juin 2004, sont les suivants :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004 (F), résumé (IS), page 506]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

PT Portugal

L'**Institut national de la propriété industrielle (Portugal)** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe de transmission :	EUR 30,99
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	EUR 36,16
Taxe nationale :	
Pour un brevet :	
Taxe de dépôt :	EUR 113,63
Taxe d'examen :	EUR 206,60
Taxe pour la présentation de tout document :	EUR 5,17
Pour un modèle d'utilité :	
Taxe de dépôt :	EUR 113,63
Taxe d'examen ² :	EUR 206,60
Taxe pour la présentation de tout document :	EUR 5,17

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004 (F), annexe C(PT), page 350, et résumé (PT), page 553]

² Lorsque l'examen est demandé.

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT: STANDARD FOR THE ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS – MODIFICATIONS OF ANNEX F AND TO ITS APPENDIX I**NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and the technical standard for electronic filing and processing of international applications entered into force on 7 January 2002 (see PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-04/2001 dated 27 December 2001). Annex F and its Appendix I were subsequently the subject of modifications that entered into force on 12 December 2002 (see PCT Gazette No. 50/2002 dated 12 December 2002), on 19 June 2003 (see PCT Gazette No. 25/2003 dated 19 June 2003), on 1 January 2004 (see PCT Gazette No. 51/2003 dated 18 December 2003) and on 12 February 2004 (see PCT Gazette No. 07/2004 dated 12 February 2004).

Modifications of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions and of its Appendix I

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to Rule 89.2(b) and to the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 of Annex F (expedited consideration of proposals for change), Annex F of the Administrative Instructions and its Appendix I (“XML DTDs for the E-PCT Standard”) are now modified, with effect from 1 January 2005, as follows:

- (i) some minor additions to the recommended file naming convention (section 4.3.1 of Annex F);
- (ii) a number of corrections to certain DTDs (Appendix I of Annex F).

The texts of the modifications of Annex F and of its Appendix I are not, due to their highly technical content, reproduced here but have been published, as documents PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.1 and PCT/AI/DTD/1 Rev.1, respectively, on WIPO’s Website at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm>; paper copies are available from the International Bureau upon request.

The present text of the Administrative Instructions is set out in the Special Issue No. S-04/2004, dated 1 July 2004, the present text of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions is set out in document PCT/AI/ANF/1, dated 17 June 2004, and the present text of Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions is set out in document PCT/AI/DTD/1, dated 17 June 2004 (these documents may be downloaded from WIPO’s Website).

INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT : NORME CONCERNANT LE DÉPÔT ET LE TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES – MODIFICATIONS DE L'ANNEXE F ET SON APPENDICE I**NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**

La septième partie et l'annexe F des instructions administratives relatives, respectivement, au cadre juridique et à la norme technique nécessaires à la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement électroniques des demandes internationales sont entrées en vigueur le 7 janvier 2002 (voir le numéro spécial S-04/2001, du 27 décembre 2001, de la Gazette du PCT). L'annexe F et son appendice I ont par la suite fait l'objet de modifications qui sont entrées en vigueur le 12 décembre 2002 (voir le n° 50/2002, du 12 décembre 2002, de la Gazette du PCT), le 19 juin 2003 (voir le n° 25/2003, du 19 juin 2003, de la Gazette du PCT), le 1^{er} janvier 2004 (voir le n° 51/2003, du 18 décembre 2003, de la Gazette du PCT) et le 12 février 2004 (voir le n° 07/2004, du 12 février 2004, de la Gazette du PCT).

Modifications de l'annexe F des instructions administratives et de son appendice I

Après consultation des offices et des administrations intéressés, conformément à la règle 89.2.b) et à la procédure de modification prévue à la section 2.5.5 de l'annexe F (examen accéléré des propositions de modification), l'annexe F des instructions administratives et son appendice I ("DTDs en XML pour la norme E-PCT") sont maintenant modifiées, avec effet au 1^{er} janvier 2005, comme suit :

- i) quelques corrections mineures apportées à la convention recommandée de nommage des fichiers (section 4.3.1 de l'annexe F);
- ii) des corrections apportées à certaines DTDs (appendice I de l'annexe F).

Le texte des modifications de l'annexe F et de son appendice I n'est pas reproduit ici en raison de son contenu extrêmement technique mais il a été publié, en tant que document PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.1 et PCT/AI/DTD/1, respectivement, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/index.htm>; des copies papier seront fournies par le Bureau international sur demande.

Le texte actuel des instructions administratives figure dans le numéro spécial S-04/2004, du 1^{er} juillet 2004, le texte actuel de l'annexe F des instructions administratives figure dans le document PCT/AI/ANF/1, du 17 juin 2004 et le texte actuel de l'appendice I de l'annexe F des instructions administratives figure dans le document PCT/AI/DTD/1, du 17 juin 2004 (ces documents peuvent être téléchargés sur le site Internet de l'OMPI).

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****GB United Kingdom**

Following the coming into effect on 7 January 2002 of new Part 7 and new Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of electronic filing and processing of international applications under the PCT, as provided for by Rule 89*bis*.1, any receiving Office having the necessary technical systems in place is able to decide to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), no national Office or intergovernmental organization is obliged to receive or process international applications filed in electronic form or by electronic means unless it has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to do so in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Administrative Instructions. Any such notification shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette, including information on the receiving Offices' requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form (see Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions).

On 19 July 2004, the United Kingdom Patent Office, in its capacity as a receiving Office, notified the International Bureau under Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 9 August 2004, as follows :

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- JPEG (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- online filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing by means of one of the following physical media: 3.5 inch diskette or CD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1 and 4.3, respectively)

As to electronic document packaging:

- WAD (Wrapped Application Document; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium
- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- *epoline*® software
- PCT-SAFE software

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****GB Royaume-Uni**

Suite à l'entrée en vigueur, le 7 janvier 2002, de la nouvelle septième partie et de la nouvelle annexe F des instructions administratives contenant respectivement le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires pour la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement électroniques des demandes internationales selon le PCT, tel que prévu à la règle 89*bis*.1, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques nécessaires est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F.

Conformément à la règle 89*bis*.1.d) du PCT, aucun office national ni aucune organisation internationale n'est tenu de recevoir ou de traiter les demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique ou par des moyens électroniques à moins qu'il ait notifié au Bureau international qu'il est disposé à le faire conformément aux dispositions applicables des instructions administratives. Toute notification de ce type est publiée à bref délai par le Bureau international dans la gazette, y compris les informations relatives aux exigences et à la pratique suivie par les offices récepteurs en matière de dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique (voir l'instruction administrative 710.a)).

Le 19 juillet 2004, l'Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international selon la règle 89*bis*.1.d) qu'il était disposé à recevoir et à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 9 août 2004, comme suit :

“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- XML (en général; voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- Norme OMPI ST.25 (pour les listages des séquences; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F et l'annexe C)
- PDF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.2 de l'annexe F)
- TIFF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)
- JPEG (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.2 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :

- dépôt en ligne (voir la section 5 de l'annexe F, et la section 2.d) de l'appendice III)
- dépôt effectué sur l'un des supports matériels suivants: disquette de 3,5 pouces ou CD-R (voir la section 5.2.1 de l'annexe F, la section 2.e) de l'appendice III et les sections 4.1 et 4.3 de l'appendice IV, respectivement)

En ce qui concerne l'emballage électronique des documents :

- WAD (paquet contenant les documents constitutifs de la demande compactés; voir la section 4.1.1 de l'annexe F) seulement pour déposer sur un support matériel
- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- logiciel *epoline*®
- logiciel PCT-SAFE

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****GB United Kingdom (Cont'd)****As to types of electronic signatures (Section 710(a)(i)):**

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile, see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 and 3.3.2, respectively) or by means of enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4).
- the international application is embedded in a compact package which is signed by means of a PKCS#7-type enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4). Such an electronic signature is implemented by means of a smart card and recognized by the Office.

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the Office contains, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is

- not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1),
- sent with outdated certificates, or
- infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic, or are reported as such by the Office's virus checking software (see Section 708(b)(i)),

that a notification of receipt will not be generated.

Where it transpires that an acknowledgement of receipt transmitted to the applicant by electronic means was not successfully transmitted, the Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or other means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Online payment is not available, only currently available means of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The Office has put in place a help desk to answer questions from users of the service. The help desk will be available between 08.00 and 17.00 hours UK time Monday to Friday excluding English and Welsh bank holidays. The help desk may be contacted

- by phone at +44 (0)1633 813500
- by fax at +44 (0)1633 814907
- by e-mail at colfsupport@patent.gov.uk

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****GB Royaume-Uni (suite)****En ce qui concerne les types de signatures électroniques (instruction 710.a)i) :**

- la demande internationale doit être signée aux moyens d'une signature électronique de base (alpha numérique ou en fac-similé, voir les sections 3.3.1 et 3.3.2 de l'annexe F, respectivement) ou d'une signature électronique renforcée (voir la section 3.3.4 de l'annexe F).
- la demande internationale est empaquetée sous la forme d'un paquet compacté qui est signé au moyen d'une signature électronique renforcée, de type PKCS#7 (voir la section 3.3.4 de l'annexe F). Cette signature électronique renforcée est créée par le biais d'une carte à puce reconnue par l'office.

En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures ayant trait à la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)ii) :

L'accusé de réception de toute demande internationale présumée déposée sous forme électronique auprès de l'office contient, outre les informations exigées au titre de l'instruction 704.a)i) à iv), les noms des fichiers électroniques reçus (voir l'instruction 704.v)).

L'office fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique. Ce n'est que dans les cas où la demande

- n'est pas envoyée conformément au protocole sur l'interopérabilité en matière de dépôt électronique (voir la section 5.1 de l'annexe F),
- est envoyée avec des certificats caduques, ou
- est contaminée par des virus et d'autres formes d'éléments malveillants, ou est rapportée comme telle par le logiciel de vérification de l'office (voir l'instruction 708.b)i)),

que l'accusé de réception n'est pas généré.

Lorsqu'il s'avère que l'accusé de réception envoyé au déposant par des moyens de transmission électroniques n'est pas reçu, l'office envoie à nouveau, à bref délai, l'accusé de réception par le même moyen ou par un autre moyen (voir l'instruction 709.b)).

En ce qui concerne le paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a)ii) :

Le paiement en ligne n'est pas disponible. Seuls les modes de paiement actuellement disponibles sont acceptés.

En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d'assistance (instruction 710.a)ii) :

L'office a mis en place un service d'assistance pour répondre aux questions des utilisateurs du service. Ce service d'assistance est ouvert du lundi au vendredi, mis à part les vacances officielles anglaises et galloises, de 8h00 à 17h00 heure britannique. Le service d'assistance peut être contacté :

- par téléphone, au +44 (0)1633 813500
- par télécopie, au +44 (0)1633 814907
- par courriel, à l'adresse électronique suivante : eolfsupport@patent.gov.uk

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****GB United Kingdom (Cont'd)**

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office in electronic form (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international applications

As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The Office will not accept the filing of backup copies on paper. Furthermore, the Office will not prepare a backup copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

As to procedures for notifying applicants of the procedures to follow as alternatives when electronic systems of the Office are not available (see Section 710(a)(v)):

In the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the Office will use all means available to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

The Office will provide on its Web site (see www.patent.gov.uk) information concerning the availability of the electronic filing systems.

As to certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic address of a listing of the certificate policies under which the certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- D-Trust GMBH Berlin (see www.d-trust.de)
- European Patent Office (see www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- WIPO customer CA (see www.wipo.int/pct-safe/en/certificates.htm)

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No online file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (SUITE)****GB Royaume-Uni (suite)**

En ce qui concerne les types de documents transmis à l'office sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)iii) :

- demandes internationales

En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :

L'office n'acceptera aucun dépôt de copie de sauvegarde sous forme papier. Par ailleurs, l'office ne préparera aucune copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sous forme papier, à la demande du déposant.

En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :

Dans le cas où les systèmes informatiques ne seraient plus en état de marche au moment où une demande internationale est déposée auprès de lui, l'office mettra en œuvre tous les moyens dont il dispose pour informer le déposant des procédures de remplacement à suivre.

L'office fournira sur son site Internet (voir www.patent.gov.uk) les informations relatives aux disponibilités du système de dépôt en ligne.

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office et l'adresse électronique de la liste des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés (instruction 710.a)vi) :

- D-Trust GMBH Berlin (voir www.d-trust.de)
- l'Office européen des brevets (voir www.epoline.org/security/EPO_PKI_CPS.pdf)
- l'Autorité de Certification de l'OMPI pour les utilisateurs
(voir <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe/fr/certificates.htm>)

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou conservées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible”.

**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF
MODIFIED PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS****YU Serbia and Montenegro**

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Article 22(1), as modified with effect from 1 April 2002, with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia and Montenegro)** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 10 July 2004. As indicated in the notice of withdrawal, the (new) 30-month time limit under PCT Article 22(1) will apply, in so far as Serbia and Montenegro is concerned, to international applications the international filing date of which is on, or after, 1 January 2004.

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1):	30 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(a):	[No change]

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RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT MODIFIÉ**YU Serbie-et-Monténégro**

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de l'article 22.1) du PCT, tel que modifié à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 08/2002, page 3887), l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Serbie-et-Monténégro)** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 10 juillet 2004. Comme il est indiqué dans la notification de retrait, le (nouveau) délai de 30 mois visé à l'article 22.1) du PCT concernant la Serbie-et-Monténégro s'appliquera pour les demandes internationales dont la date de dépôt international est le 1^{er} janvier 2004 ou une date ultérieure.

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT :	30 mois à compter de la date de priorité
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SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**IT Italy**

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers. The telephone and facsimile numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (39-06) 4705-5643

Facsimile machine: (39-06) 4705-5632
(39-06) 4705-5635

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RECEIVING OFFICES**CA Canada**

The **Canadian Patent Office** has specified the Canadian Intellectual Property Office, under the authority of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents, as the competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, for international applications filed on or after 26 July 2004 by nationals and residents of Canada with either, the Canadian Patent Office, or the International Bureau of WIPO, as receiving Office. The list showing the competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority now reads as follows:

Competent International
Searching Authority: Canadian Intellectual Property Office

Competent International Preliminary
Examining Authority: Canadian Intellectual Property Office

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES**JP Japan**

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a change in the conditions under which it will accept English as a language in which the Office will conduct international search. Footnote 3 to Annex D(JP) has therefore been deleted.

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INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**IT Italie**

L'**Office italien des brevets et des marques** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur. Les numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur à utiliser sont désormais les suivants :

Téléphone : (39-06) 4705-5643

Télécopieur : (39-06) 4705-5632
(39-06) 4705-5635

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OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**CA Canada**

L'**Office canadien des brevets** a spécifié l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada, sous l'autorité du commissaire aux brevets du Canada, en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées à partir du 26 juillet 2004, par les nationaux du Canada et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays, soit auprès de l'Office canadien des brevets ou auprès du Bureau international de l'OMPI, en leur qualité d'office récepteur. La liste récapitulative des administrations chargées de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international compétentes est désormais la suivante :

Administration compétente chargée de
la recherche internationale : Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada

Administration compétente chargée de
l'examen préliminaire international : Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada

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ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE**JP Japon**

L'**Office des brevets du Japon** a notifié un changement concernant les conditions auxquelles il acceptera l'anglais comme langue dans laquelle il effectuera la recherche internationale. En conséquence, la note de bas de page 3 de l'annexe D(JP) a été supprimée.

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**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE****BE Belgium**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13bis.7(b), the **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the names and addresses of the Belgian Coordinated Collections of Microorganisms (BCCMTM), international depositary authorities under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

Headquarters:

Belgian Coordinated Collections of Microorganisms (BCCMTM)
Federal Public Planning Service Science Policy
8, rue de la Science
B-1000 Brussels
Belgium

Collections:

Institut scientifique de la Santé publique
Section Mycologie (BCCMTM/IHEM)
14, rue J. Wytsman
B-1050 Brussels
Belgium

Universiteit Gent
Vakgroep Moleculaire Biologie – Plasmidecollectie (BCCMTM/LMBP)
Technologiepark 927
B-9052 Zwijnaarde
Belgium

Universiteit Gent
Laboratorium voor Microbiologie – Bacteriëncollectie (BCCMTM/LMG)
K.L. Ledeganckstraat, 35
B-9000 Gent
Belgium

Université catholique de Louvain
Mycothèque de l'Université catholique de Louvain (BCCMTM/MUCL)
Croix du Sud, 3 – bte 6
B-1348 Louvain-La-Neuve
Belgium

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**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
INSTITUTIONS AUPRÈS DESQUELLES DES DÉPÔTS PEUVENT ÊTRE EFFECTUÉS****BE Belgique**

Conformément à la règle 13*bis*.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Belgique)**, a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à des changements dans les noms et adresses des institutions qui forment les "Belgian Coordinated Collections of Microorganisms (BCCMTM)", des institutions de dépôt internationales reconnues en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt de micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès desquelles des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués. Les nouvelles adresses sont les suivantes :

Siège:

Belgian Coordinated Collections of Microorganisms (BCCMTM)
Federal Public Planning Service Science Policy
8, rue de la Science
B-1000 Brussels
Belgique

Collections:

Institut scientifique de la Santé publique
Section Mycologie (BCCMTM/IHEM)
14, rue J. Wytsman
B-1050 Brussels
Belgique

Universiteit Gent
Vakgroep Moleculaire Biologie – Plasmidecollectie (BCCMTM/LMBP)
Technologiepark 927
B-9052 Zwijnaarde
Belgique

Universiteit Gent
Laboratorium voor Microbiologie – Bacteriëncollectie (BCCMTM/LMG)
K.L. Ledeganckstraat, 35
B-9000 Gent
Belgique

Université catholique de Louvain
Mycothèque de l'Université catholique de Louvain (BCCMTM/MUCL)
Croix du Sud, 3 – bte 6
B-1348 Louvain-La-Neuve
Belgique

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**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE (Cont'd)****GB United Kingdom**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **United Kingdom Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the address of the European Collection of Cell Cultures (ECACC), an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

European Collection of Cell Cultures (ECACC)
Health Protection Agency – Porton Down
Salisbury, Wiltshire SP4 0JG
United Kingdom

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex L, page 413]

LV Latvia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Latvian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the address of the Microbial Strain Collection of Latvia (MSCL), an international depository authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

Microbial Strain Collection of Latvia (MSCL)
Kronvalda Blvd. 4
Riga LV-1586
Latvia

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**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
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Conformément à la règle 13*bis*.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à un changement d'adresse de l'"European Collection of Cell Cultures (ECACC)", une institution de dépôt internationale reconnue en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès de laquelle des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, comme suit :

European Collection of Cell Cultures (ECACC)
Health Protection Agency – Porton Down
Salisbury, Wiltshire SP4 0JG
Royaume-Uni

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LV Lettonie

Conformément à la règle 13*bis*.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office letton des brevets** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à un changement d'adresse du "Microbial Strain Collection of Latvia (MSCL)", une institution de dépôt internationale reconnue en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès de laquelle des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, comme suit :

Microbial Strain Collection of Latvia (MSCL)
Kronvalda Blvd. 4
Riga LV-1586
Lettonie

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WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**JP Japan**

Pursuant to the notification under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c) (see PCT Gazette No. 04/2004, page 2332), that the **Japan Patent Office**, in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney, the Office has clarified the particular instances, which have been applied since 1 January 2004, in which either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney is required, as follows:

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

[No change]

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

[No change]

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex C(JP), page 301]

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

[No change]

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

[No change]

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing performs any actions after filing; or in case of doubt as to the agent's entitlement to act

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex D(JP), page 378, and Annex E(JP), page 390]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT (suite)**JP Japon**

Suite à la notification selon les règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT (voir Gazette du PCT n° 04/2004, page 2333), par laquelle l'**Office des brevets du Japon**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, renonce à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise, l'office a clarifié les cas particuliers, qu'il applique depuis le 1^{er} janvier 2004, dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

[Sans changement]

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lorsqu'un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt accomplit tout acte après le dépôt; ou en cas de doute en ce qui concerne le droit d'agir du mandataire

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise ?

[Sans changement]

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lorsqu'un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt accomplit tout acte après le dépôt; ou en cas de doute en ce qui concerne le droit d'agir du mandataire

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Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

[Sans changement]

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lorsqu'un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt accomplit tout acte après le dépôt; ou en cas de doute en ce qui concerne le droit d'agir du mandataire

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise ?

[Sans changement]

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lorsqu'un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt accomplit tout acte après le dépôt; ou en cas de doute en ce qui concerne le droit d'agir du mandataire

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Australian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 October 2004, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Australian Patent Office):	ZAR 5,300
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex D(AU), page 371]

GB United Kingdom

Further to the notification by the **United Kingdom Patent Office** that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form with effect from 9 August 2004 (see PCT Gazette No. 32/2004, page 18092), equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)** of the new electronic filing reductions have been established, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
Electronic filing (not in character coded format):	GBP 90
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	GBP 134

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex C(GB), page 278]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**SK Slovakia**

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)**, in its capacity as designated (or elected) Office, has notified the International Bureau under PCT Rules 44*bis*.3(a) and 72.1, that where either an international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty) or an international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty) have been issued in a language other than one of its official languages, the Office will require a translation of the report into English. According to PCT Rule 44*bis*.3(b) and PCT Article 36(2)(b) either translation shall be prepared by or under the responsibility of the International Bureau.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office australien des brevets) : ZAR 5.300

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004 (F), annexe D(AU), page 383]

GB Royaume-Uni

Suite à la notification de l'**Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni** selon laquelle l'office est disposé à recevoir les demandes internationales sous forme électronique avec effet au 9 août 2004 (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 32/2004, page 18093), les montants équivalents, exprimés en **livres sterling (GBP)**, des nouvelles réductions pour le dépôt électronique, ont été établis, avec effet à la même date, comme suit :

Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :

Dépôt électronique (n'étant pas en format codé caractère par caractère) :	GBP 90
Dépôt électronique (en format codé caractère par caractère) :	GBP 134

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OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**SK Slovaquie**

Conformément aux règles 44*bis*.3.a) et 72.1 du PCT, l'**Office de la propriété industrielle (Slovaquie)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), a notifié au Bureau international qu'il exigera une traduction du rapport en anglais, lorsque le rapport préliminaire international sur la brevetabilité (chapitre I du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets) ou le rapport préliminaire international sur la brevetabilité (chapitre II du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets), n'aura pas été établi dans l'une des langues officielles de l'office. Conformément à la règle 44*bis*.3.b) et à l'article 36.2.b) du PCT, cette traduction sera préparée par le Bureau international ou sous sa responsabilité.

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**YU Serbia and Montenegro**

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia and Montenegro)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated in the Request Form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant; or for changes under PCT Rule 92*bis*

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or a common representative who is not indicated on the Request Form at the time of filing performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant; or for changes under PCT Rule 92*bis*

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex C(YU), page 365]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**YU Serbie-et-Monténégro**

Selon les règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Serbie-et-Monténégro)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lorsqu'un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt accomplit tout acte après le dépôt; ou lorsqu'il n'est pas clair si un mandataire ou un représentant commun est autorisé à agir au nom du déposant; ou en ce qui concerne les changements selon la règle 92bis du PCT

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lorsqu'un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt accomplit tout acte après le dépôt; ou lorsqu'il n'est pas clair si un mandataire ou un représentant commun est autorisé à agir au nom du déposant; ou en ce qui concerne les changements selon la règle 92bis du PCT

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**ZA South Africa**

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for a reduction under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 October 2004, are specified below:

International filing fee:	ZAR	6,760
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR	72
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):		
PCT-EASY:	ZAR	480

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex C(ZA), page 366]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF PCT RULE 49.6 WITH NATIONAL LAWS**YU Serbia and Montenegro**

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Rule 49.6, as in force since 1 January 2003, with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2003, page 2526), the **Intellectual Property Office (Serbia and Montenegro)** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 10 July 2004; PCT Rule 49.6 therefore applies as from that date.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**ZA Afrique du Sud**

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)** ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour une des réductions selon le point 3 du barème de taxes. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	ZAR	6.760
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	ZAR	72
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :		
PCT-EASY :	ZAR	480

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Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de la règle 49.6 du PCT, en vigueur depuis le 1^{er} janvier 2003 (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 05/2003, page 2527), l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Serbie-et-Monténégro)** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 10 juillet 2004; la règle 49.6 du PCT s'applique donc à compter de cette date.

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Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and the technical standard for electronic filing and processing of international applications entered into force on 7 January 2002 (see PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-04/2001 dated 27 December 2001). Annex F and its Appendix I were subsequently the subject of modifications that entered into force on 12 December 2002 (see PCT Gazette No. 50/2002 dated 12 December 2002), on 19 June 2003 (see PCT Gazette No. 25/2003 dated 19 June 2003), on 1 January 2004 (see PCT Gazette No. 51/2003 dated 18 December 2003) and on 12 February 2004 (see PCT Gazette No. 07/2004 dated 12 February 2004). Other modifications to Annex F and to its Appendix I will enter into force on 1 January 2005 (see PCT Gazette No. 32/2004 dated 5 August 2004).

Modifications of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to Rule 89.2(b) and to the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 of Annex F (expedited consideration of proposals for change), Annex F of the Administrative Instructions is now modified, with effect from 1 January 2005, as follows:

- (i) some modifications concerning SSL authentication (section 5.1.2.1 of Annex F).

The text of the modifications of Annex F is not, due to its highly technical content, reproduced here but has been published, as document PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.2, on WIPO's Website at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm>; paper copies are available from the International Bureau upon request.

The present text of the Administrative Instructions is set out in the Special Issue No. S-04/2004, dated 1 July 2004, the present text of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions is set out in document PCT/AI/ANF/1, dated 17 June 2004, and the present text of Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions is set out in document PCT/AI/DTD/1, dated 17 June 2004. The texts of the other modifications to Annex F and to its Appendix I that will enter into force on 1 January 2005 are set out in documents PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.1 and PCT/AI/DTD/1 Rev.1, respectively, both dated 2 August 2004. All these documents may be downloaded from WIPO's Website.

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NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL

La septième partie et l'annexe F des instructions administratives relatives, respectivement, au cadre juridique et à la norme technique nécessaires à la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement électroniques des demandes internationales sont entrées en vigueur le 7 janvier 2002 (voir le numéro spécial S-04/2001, du 27 décembre 2001, de la Gazette du PCT). L'annexe F et son appendice I ont par la suite fait l'objet de modifications qui sont entrées en vigueur le 12 décembre 2002 (voir le n° 50/2002, du 12 décembre 2002, de la Gazette du PCT), le 19 juin 2003 (voir le n° 25/2003, du 19 juin 2003, de la Gazette du PCT), le 1^{er} janvier 2004 (voir le n° 51/2003, du 18 décembre 2003, de la Gazette du PCT) et le 12 février 2004 (voir le n° 07/2004, du 12 février 2004, de la Gazette du PCT). D'autres modifications apportées à l'annexe F et à son appendice I entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2005 (voir le n° 32/2004, du 5 août 2004, de la Gazette du PCT).

Modifications de l'annexe F des instructions administratives

Après consultation des offices et des administrations intéressés, conformément à la règle 89.2.b) et à la procédure de modification prévue à la section 2.5.5 de l'annexe F (examen accéléré des propositions de modification), l'annexe F des instructions administratives est maintenant modifiée, avec effet au 1^{er} janvier 2005, comme suit :

- i) quelques modifications concernant l'authentification par voie SSL (section 5.1.2.1 de l'annexe F).

Le texte des modifications de l'annexe F n'est pas reproduit ici en raison de son contenu extrêmement technique mais il a été publié, en tant que document PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.2, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/index.htm>; des copies papier seront fournies par le Bureau international sur demande.

Le texte actuel des instructions administratives figure dans le numéro spécial S-04/2004, du 1^{er} juillet 2004, le texte actuel de l'annexe F des instructions administratives figure dans le document PCT/AI/ANF/1, du 17 juin 2004 et le texte actuel de l'appendice I de l'annexe F des instructions administratives figure dans le document PCT/AI/DTD/1, du 17 juin 2004. Les textes des autres modifications apportées à l'annexe F et à son appendice I qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2005 figurent dans les documents PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.1 et PCT/AI/DTD/1 Rev.1, respectivement, tous deux du 2 août 2004. Tous ces documents peuvent être téléchargés sur le site Internet de l'OMPI.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**TR Turkey**

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as well as in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Hipodrom Caddesi No: 115 06330 Yenimahalle, Ankara, Turkey
Telephone:	(90-312) 303 10 00
Facsimile machines:	(90-312) 303 10 63 (90-312) 303 12 20 (Patent Dept.)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex B1(TR), page 196]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**CA Canada**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 57.2(c), an equivalent amount in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** has been established for the handling fee. This amount is specified below:

Handling fee:	CAD 213
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CA Canada**IB International Bureau**

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Euro (EUR)**, and in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**. The amounts are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CHF 1,520
	EUR 985
	USD 1,195

RECEIVING OFFICES**OA African Intellectual Property Organization**

Information on the requirements of the **African Intellectual Property Organization** as receiving Office is given in Annex C(OA), which is published on page 20526.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

TR Turquie

L'**Institut turc des brevets** a notifié des changements relatifs à l'adresse de son siège et de son adresse postale, ainsi qu'à ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieurs, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale :	Hipodrom Caddesi No: 115 06330 Yenimahalle, Ankara, Turquie
Téléphone :	(90-312) 303 10 00
Télécopieurs :	(90-312) 303 10 63 (90-312) 303 12 20 (département des brevets)

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TAXE PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

CA Canada

Conformément à la règle 57.2.c) du PCT, un montant équivalent, exprimé en **dollars canadiens (CAD)**, a été établi pour la taxe de traitement. Ce montant est le suivant :

Taxe de traitement :	CAD 213
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CA Canada

IB Bureau international

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au **Bureau international** agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, des montants équivalents en **francs suisses (CHF)**, en **euros (EUR)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)** de la taxe de recherche, payables pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada**, ont été établis. Ces montants sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	CHF 1.520
	EUR 985
	USD 1.195

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS

OA Organisation africaine de la propriété intellectuelle

Les renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de l'**Organisation africaine de la propriété intellectuelle** en tant qu'office récepteur sont reproduites dans l'annexe C(OA), publiée en page 20527.

C **Receiving Offices** **C**

OA **AFRICAN INTELLECTUAL** **OA**

PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (OAPI)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Togo
Language in which international applications may be filed:	English or French
Langues in which the request may be filed:	English or French
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ¹	No
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Russian Patent Office or Swedish Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, ² Russian Patent Office or Swedish Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: CFA franc BEAC (XAF)
Transmittal fee:	Information not yet available
International filing fee: ³	Equivalent in XAF of Swiss francs 1,400
Supplement per sheet over 30: ³	Equivalent in XAF of Swiss francs 15
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3)	None
Search fee:	Equivalent in XAF of the search fee payable to the International Searching Authority chosen by the applicant: see Annex D(AT), (EP), (RU) or (SE)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	XAF 60,000 plus XAF 15,000 per page in excess of 10 pages
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in an OAPI Member State Yes, if the applicant does not reside in an OAPI Member State
Who can act as agent?	Any agent authorized to represent applicants before the OAPI

¹ Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332, and No. 44/2003, page 24736, Schedule of Fees, item 3(a)), the total amount of the international fee is reduced.

² The European Patent Office is competent only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office, the Austrian Patent Office or the Swedish Patent Office.

³ This fee is reduced by 75% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)). For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2003, page 24736, Schedule of Fees, item 4.

C **Offices récepteurs** **C**
OA **ORGANISATION AFRICAINE DE LA** **OA**
PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE (OAPI)

Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux et les résidents de :	Bénin, Burkina Faso, Cameroun, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Gabon, Guinée, Guinée-Bissau, Guinée équatoriale, Mali, Mauritanie, Niger, République centrafricaine, Sénégal, Tchad et Togo
Langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée :	Anglais ou français
Langue dans laquelle la requête peut être déposée :	Anglais ou français
Nombre d'exemplaires requis par l'office récepteur :	1
L'office récepteur accepte-t-il le dépôt de demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY ¹ ?	Non
Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale :	Office autrichien des brevets, Office européen des brevets, Office russe des brevets ou Office suédois des brevets
Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international :	Office autrichien des brevets, Office européen des brevets ² , Office russe des brevets ou Office suédois des brevets
Taxes payables à l'office récepteur :	Monnaie: Franc CFA BEAC (XAF)
Taxe de transmission :	Information pas encore disponible
Taxe internationale de dépôt ³ :	Équivalent en XAF de 1.400 francs suisses
Supplément par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	Équivalent en XAF de 15 francs suisses
Réduction (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	Néant
Taxe de recherche :	Équivalent en XAF de la taxe de recherche payable à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale choisie par le déposant : voir l'annexe D(AT), (EP), (RU) ou (SE)
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	XAF 60.000 plus XAF 15.000 par page à compter de la 11 ^e
L'office récepteur exige-t-il un mandataire ?	Non, si le déposant est domicilié dans un État membre de l'OAPI Oui, dans le cas contraire
Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Tout mandataire agréé auprès de l'OAPI

¹ Lorsque la requête est déposée en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec une disquette PCT-EASY et que l'office récepteur accepte ce mode de dépôt (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 51/1998, pages 17331 et 17333, et n° 44/2003, page 24737, barème de taxes, point 3.a)), le montant total de la taxe internationale de dépôt est réduit.

² L'Office européen des brevets n'est compétent que si la recherche internationale est ou a été effectuée par ses soins, par l'Office autrichien des brevets ou par l'Office suédois des brevets.

³ Cette taxe est réduite de 75% si certaines conditions s'appliquent (voir la note de bas de page correspondante de l'annexe C(IB)). Pour plus de précisions, voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 44/2003, page 24737, barème de taxes, point 4.

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CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****SM San Marino**

On 14 September 2004, **San Marino** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. San Marino will become the 124th Contracting State of the PCT on 14 December 2004.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 14 December 2004, San Marino (country code: SM) may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 14 December 2004, nationals and residents of San Marino will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex A, page 3]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**CY Cyprus**

The **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus** has notified changes in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

E-mail: deptcomp@drcor.mcit.gov.cy

Internet: <http://www.mcit.gov.cy/drcor/>

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex B1(CY), page 50]

LT Lithuania

The **Lithuanian Patent Office** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Kalvarijų g. 3, LT-09310 Vilnius, Lithuania

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex B1(LT), page 124]

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Industrial Property Protection (Republic of Moldova)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers. The telephone and facsimile numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (37322) 44 32 53, 44 96 06, 44 96 54

Facsimile machine: (37322) 44 01 19, 44 32 53

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex B1(MD), page 134]

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)****SM Saint-Marin**

Le 14 septembre 2004, **Saint-Marin** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT. Saint-Marin deviendra le 124^e État contractant du PCT le 14 décembre 2004.

En conséquence, Saint-Marin pourra être désigné (code pour le pays : SM) dans toute demande internationale déposée le 14 décembre 2004 ou ultérieurement et, étant lié par le chapitre II du PCT, pourra aussi être élu. En outre, à partir du 14 décembre 2004, les nationaux de Saint-Marin et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004 (F), annexe A, page 4]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**CY Chypre**

La **Direction de l'enregistrement des sociétés et des recettes de Chypre** a notifié des changements relatifs à son adresse de courrier électronique et à son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Courrier électronique : deptcomp@drcor.mcit.gov.cy

Internet : <http://www.mcit.gov.cy/drcor/>

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004 (F), annexe B1(CY), page 51]

LT Lituanie

L'**Office lituanien des brevets** a notifié un changement relatif à l'adresse de son siège et à son adresse postale, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale : Kalvarijų g. 3, LT-09310 Vilnius, Lituanie

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MD République de Moldova

L'**Office d'État pour la protection de la propriété industrielle (République de Moldova)** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur. Les numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur à utiliser sont désormais les suivants :

Téléphone : (37322) 44 32 53, 44 96 06, 44 96 54

Télécopieur : (37322) 44 01 19, 44 32 53

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**PH Philippines**

The **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)** has notified changes in the amounts of the fees in **Philippine peso (PHP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The new amounts, applicable since 16 March 2004, are as follows:

National fee:¹

For patent:

Filing fee: PHP 3,600 (1,800)²

For utility model:

Filing fee: PHP 3,000 (1,500)²

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Summary (PH), page 517]

RECEIVING OFFICES**ID Indonesia**

The **Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia)** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office, as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, for international applications filed on or after 1 January 2004 by nationals and residents of Indonesia with the Directorate General of Intellectual Property (Indonesia), or the International Bureau of WIPO, as receiving Office. The list showing the competent International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities now reads as follows:

Competent International
Searching Authority:

Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office or Russian Patent Office

Competent International Preliminary
Examining Authority:

Australian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office or Russian Patent Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex C(ID), page 291]

¹ Must be paid at the time of entry into the national phase or within one month from the time of entry into the national phase. Where the national phase is entered after 30 months but not later than 31 months from the priority date, a surcharge will have to be paid.

² The amount in parentheses is applicable in cases of filing by a “small entity”. A small entity is any natural or legal person whose assets are worth 20 million PHP or less. At the time of payment, any natural or legal person is presumed to be a big entity unless a written statement to the contrary is submitted by such natural person or the duly authorized representative of such legal person.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**PH Philippines**

L'Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Philippines) a notifié des changements dans les montants des taxes, exprimés en **peso philippin (PHP)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Les nouveaux montants, applicables depuis le 16 mars 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe nationale¹ :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt : PHP 3.600 (1.800)²

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt : PHP 3.000 (1.500)²

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004 (F), résumé (PH), page 549]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**ID Indonésie**

La **Direction générale de la propriété intellectuelle (Indonésie)** a spécifié l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées à partir du 1^{er} janvier 2004, par les nationaux de l'Indonésie et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays, auprès de la Direction générale de la propriété intellectuelle (Indonésie) ou auprès du Bureau international de l'OMPI, en leur qualité d'office récepteur. La liste récapitulative des administrations chargées de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international compétentes est désormais la suivante :

Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale :

Office australien des brevets, Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle, Office européen des brevets ou Office russe des brevets

Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international :

Office australien des brevets, Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle, Office européen des brevets ou Office russe des brevets

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¹ Doit être payée lors de l'ouverture de la phase nationale ou dans un délai d'un mois à compter de l'ouverture de la phase nationale. Lorsque l'ouverture de la phase nationale se fait après 30 mois mais pas au-delà de 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité, une surtaxe doit être acquittée.

² Le montant indiqué entre parenthèses s'applique dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par une "petite entité". Une petite entité est toute personne physique ou morale dont les actifs sont égaux ou inférieurs à 20 millions de PHP. Lors du paiement, toute personne physique ou morale est présumée être une grande entité, à moins qu'une déclaration écrite stipulant le contraire ne soit présentée par ladite personne physique ou par le représentant dûment autorisé de ladite personne morale.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**LV Latvia**

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified a change in the currency of payment of the international filing fee, as well as for the reduction available under item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees. The consolidated list of currencies accepted by, and of all amounts of fees payable to, the Office as receiving Office, is as follows:

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Latvian lat (LVL) and euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	LVL 47.20
International filing fee:	EUR 902
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 10
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	EUR 64
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (RU)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	LVL 11.80

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex C(LV), page 315]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**LV Lettonie**

L'**Office letton des brevets** a notifié un changement dans la monnaie de paiement de la taxe internationale de dépôt, ainsi que pour la réduction disponible selon le point 3.a) du barème de taxes. La liste récapitulative des monnaies acceptées par l'office, et de tous les montants des taxes payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, est la suivante :

Taxes payables à l'office récepteur :	Monnaie : Lat letton (LVL) et euro (EUR)
Taxe de transmission :	LVL 47,20
Taxe internationale de dépôt :	EUR 902
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	EUR 10
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY :	EUR 64
Taxe de recherche :	Voir l'annexe D(EP) ou (RU)
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	LVL 11,80

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**US United States of America**

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 October 2004, are as follows:

Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5))
(amounts in parentheses are applicable in
case of filing by a “small entity”):

- where a preliminary examination
fee has been paid on the international
application to the USPTO: USD 750 (375)
- where no preliminary examination
fee has been paid to the USPTO, but a
search fee has been paid on the international
application to the USPTO as an
International Searching Authority: USD 790 (395)
- where no preliminary examination
fee has been paid and no search fee has been
paid on the international application to the
USPTO and no international search report
has been prepared by the European
Patent Office or the Japan Patent Office: USD 1,100 (555)
- where an international search report has
been prepared by the European Patent
Office or the Japan Patent Office: USD 950 (475)
- where the international preliminary
examination report prepared by the
USPTO states that the criteria of novelty,
inventive step (non-obviousness) and
industrial applicability, as defined in
PCT Article 33(1) to (4), have been
satisfied for all the claims presented in the
international application entering
the national phase: [No change]
- Additional fee for each claim in independent
form in excess of three: USD 88 (44)
- Additional fee for each claim, independent
or dependent, in excess of 20: [No change]
- In addition, if the application contains one
or more multiple dependent claims,
per application: USD 300 (150)
- Surcharge for filing oath or declaration after
the expiration of the time limit applicable
under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): [No change]
- Processing fee for filing English-language
translation after the expiration of the time limit
applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): [No change]

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TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

L'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO) a notifié des changements dans les montants des taxes exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe nationale de base (37 CFR 1.492.a)1)-5))

(les montants indiqués entre parenthèses s'appliquent dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par une "petite entité") :

- lorsqu'une taxe d'examen préliminaire a été payée pour la demande internationale à l'USPTO : USD 750 (375)
- lorsque aucune taxe d'examen préliminaire n'a été payée à l'USPTO mais une taxe de recherche a été payée pour la demande internationale à l'USPTO en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale : USD 790 (395)
- lorsque aucune taxe d'examen préliminaire n'a été payée et aucune taxe de recherche n'a été payée pour la demande internationale à l'USPTO et aucun rapport de recherche internationale n'a été établi par l'Office européen des brevets ou l'Office des brevets du Japon : USD 1.100 (555)
- lorsqu'un rapport de recherche internationale a été établi par l'Office européen des brevets ou l'Office des brevets du Japon : USD 950 (475)
- lorsque le rapport d'examen préliminaire international établi par l'USPTO mentionne qu'il a été satisfait aux critères de nouveauté, d'activité inventive (non-évidence) et d'application industrielle, tels que définis à l'article 33.1) à 4) du PCT, à l'égard de toutes les revendications figurant dans la demande internationale lors de l'ouverture de la phase nationale : [Sans changement]

Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication indépendante, à compter de la 4^e :

USD 88 (44)

Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication, indépendante ou non, à compter de la 21^e :

[Sans changement]

De plus, si la demande contient une ou plusieurs revendications dépendantes multiples, par demande :

USD 300 (150)

Surtaxe pour le dépôt du serment ou de la déclaration après l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT :

[Sans changement]

Taxe de traitement pour le dépôt d'une traduction anglaise après l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT :

[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004 (F), résumé (US), page 583]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**SK Slovakia**

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified changes in the amount of the transmittal fee as well as in the amount of the national fee in **Slovak koruny (SKK)**, payable to it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office, respectively, as specified below:

Transmittal fee:	SKK 2,000
National fee:	
Filing fee: ¹	SKK 2,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex C(SK), page 349, and Summary (SK), page 532]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the international filing fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for a reduction under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 December 2004, are specified below:

International filing fee:	ZAR 7,270
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 80
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	ZAR 520

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004 (E), Annex C(ZA), page 366, and PCT Gazette No. 35/2004, page 19914]

¹ Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**SK Slovaquie**

L'**Office de la propriété industrielle (Slovaquie)** a notifié des changements dans le montant de la taxe de transmission ainsi que dans le montant de la taxe nationale, exprimés en **couroannes slovaques (SKK)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur ou d'office désigné (ou élu), respectivement, comme indiqué ci-dessous :

Taxe de transmission :	SKK 2.000
Taxe nationale :	
Taxe de dépôt ¹ :	SKK 2.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004 (F), annexe C(SK), page 361, et résumé (SK), page 567]

ZA Afrique du Sud

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **rands sud-africains (ZAR)**, ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour une des réductions selon le point 3 du barème de taxes. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} décembre 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	ZAR 7.270
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	ZAR 80
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY :	ZAR 520

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¹ Doit être payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

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**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS****AZ Azerbaijan**

The **State Agency for Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers. The telephone and facsimile numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (99-412) 440 37 98, 440 35 53

Facsimile machine: (99-412) 440 52 24

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(AZ), page 16]

IS Iceland**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Iceland deposited, on 31 August 2004, its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and will become bound by that Convention on **1 November 2004**. Thus, as from 1 November 2004, it will be possible for applicants to designate Iceland in their international applications also for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent, as at present.

Moreover, as from 1 November 2004, nationals and residents of **Iceland** will be able to file international applications with the European Patent Office as receiving Office, in addition to the Icelandic Patent Office or the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(IS), page 98, Annex B2(EP), page 224, Annex C(EP), page 270]

LT Lithuania**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Lithuania deposited, on 3 September 2004, its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and will become bound by that Convention on **1 December 2004**. Thus, as from 1 December 2004, it will be possible for applicants to designate Lithuania in their international applications also for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent, as at present.

Moreover, as from 1 December 2004, nationals and residents of **Lithuania** will be able to file international applications with the European Patent Office as receiving Office, in addition to the Lithuanian Patent Office or the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(LT), page 124, Annex B2(EP), page 224, Annex C(EP), page 270]

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET
LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES****AZ Azerbaïdjan**

L'Agence d'État pour la normalisation, la métrologie et les brevets (Azerbaïdjan) a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur. Les numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur à utiliser sont désormais les suivants :

Téléphone : (99-412) 440 37 98, 440 35 53

Télécopieur : (99-412) 440 52 24

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(AZ), page 16]

IS Islande**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'Islande a déposé, le 31 août 2004, son instrument d'adhésion à la Convention sur le brevet européen (CBE) et deviendra liée par cette convention le **1^{er} novembre 2004**. Par conséquent, à compter du 1^{er} novembre 2004, les déposants pourront désigner l'Islande dans leurs demandes internationales également aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet européen et non seulement aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet national, comme c'est le cas jusqu'ici.

De plus, à compter du 1^{er} novembre 2004, les ressortissants de l'Islande et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays, pourront déposer des demandes internationales auprès de l'Office européen des brevets agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, en plus de l'Office islandais des brevets ou du Bureau international de l'OMPI.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(IS), page 101, annexe B2(EP), page 228, annexe C(EP), page 279]

LT Lituanie**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

La Lituanie a déposé, le 3 septembre 2004, son instrument d'adhésion à la Convention sur le brevet européen (CBE) et deviendra liée par cette convention le **1^{er} décembre 2004**. Par conséquent, à compter du 1^{er} décembre 2004, les déposants pourront désigner la Lituanie dans leurs demandes internationales également aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet européen et non seulement aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet national, comme c'est le cas jusqu'ici.

De plus, à compter du 1^{er} décembre 2004, les ressortissants de la Lituanie et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays, pourront déposer des demandes internationales auprès de l'Office européen des brevets agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, en plus de l'Office lituanien des brevets ou du Bureau international de l'OMPI.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(LT), page 127, annexe B2(EP), page 228, annexe C(EP), page 279]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Corrigendum)**US United States of America**

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau of an error in the information published in PCT Gazette No. 41/2004 on page 23580, concerning a fee payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The correct amount of the fee is as follows:

Where no preliminary examination
fee has been paid and no search fee has been
paid on the international application to the
USPTO and no international search report
has been prepared by the European
Patent Office or the Japan Patent Office: USD 1,110 [No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (US), page 546]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (rectificatif)**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

L'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** a informé le Bureau international d'une erreur dans l'indication publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 41/2004, à la page 23581, en ce qui concerne une des taxes payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Le montant correct de la taxe est le suivant :

Lorsque aucune taxe d'examen préliminaire
n'a été payée et aucune taxe de recherche n'a été
payée pour la demande internationale à l'USPTO
et aucun rapport de recherche internationale n'a été
établi par l'Office européen des brevets ou l'Office
des brevets du Japon :

USD 1.110 [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (US), page 583]

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**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
RECEIVING OFFICES****EG Egypt**

General information on **Egypt** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Egyptian Patent Office** as receiving Office is given in Annexes B1(EG) and C(EG), which are published on the following pages.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**TZ United Republic of Tanzania**

Information on the requirements of the **Business Registrations and Licensing Agency, Ministry of Industry and Trade (United Republic of Tanzania)** as designated (or elected) Office, is given in the Summary (TZ), which is published on the following pages.

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS
OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****EG Égypte**

Des informations de caractère général concernant l'**Égypte** en tant qu'État contractant, ainsi que des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de l'**Office égyptien des brevets** en tant qu'office récepteur sont reproduits dans les annexes B1(EG) et C(EG), publiées dans les pages suivantes.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**TZ République-Unie de Tanzanie**

Des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences du **Service d'enregistrement des sociétés et des licences commerciales, Ministère de l'industrie et du commerce (République-Unie de Tanzanie)** en tant qu'office désigné (ou élu) sont reproduits dans le résumé (TZ), publié dans les pages suivantes.

B1 Information on Contracting States**B1****EG****EGYPT****EG****General information**

Name of Office:	Egyptian Patent Office
Location:	101 Kasr Al Ainy St., Cairo, Egypt
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 11516, Cairo, Egypt
Telephone:	(202) 792 22 03, 792 12 72, 792 12 92, 792 12 74
Facsimile machine:	(202) 792 12 73
Teleprinter:	–
E-mail:	patinfo@egypo.gov.eg
Internet:	www.egypo.gov.eg
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Egypt:	Egyptian Patent Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Egypt is designated (or elected):	Egyptian Patent Office (see Volume II)
May Egypt be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Egypt concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

Information of interest if Egypt is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Egypt is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of the invitation.
Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?	Yes (see Annex L)

B1 Informations sur les États contractants**B1****EG****ÉGYPTE****EG****Informations générales**

Nom de l'office:	Office égyptien des brevets
Siège :	101 Kasr Al Ainy St., Cairo, Égypte
Adresse postale:	P.O. Box 11516, Cairo, Égypte
Téléphone:	(202) 792 22 03, 792 12 72, 792 12 92, 792 12 74
Télécopieur:	(202) 792 12 73
Téléimprimeur:	–
Courrier électronique:	patinfo@egypo.gov.eg
Internet:	www.egypo.gov.eg
L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT)?	Non
L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT)?	Oui
Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux de l'Égypte et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées:	Office égyptien des brevets ou Bureau international de l'OMPI, au choix du déposant (voir l'annexe C)
Office désigné (ou élu) compétent si l'Égypte est désignée (ou élue):	Office égyptien des brevets (voir le volume II)
L'Égypte peut-elle être élue?	Oui (liée par le chapitre II du PCT)
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT:	Brevets, modèles d'utilité
Dispositions de la législation de l'Égypte relatives à la recherche de type international:	Néant

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*[There is no corresponding page
in English]*

B1 Informations sur les États contractants**B1****EG****ÉGYPTE****EG***[Suite]*

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale:

Néant

Informations utiles si l'Égypte est désignée (ou élue)

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si l'Égypte est désignée (ou élue):

Doivent figurer dans la requête. S'ils n'ont pas été communiqués dans le délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office invitera le déposant à faire le nécessaire dans un délai de trois mois à compter de la date de l'invitation.

Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique?

Oui (voir l'annexe L)

C **Receiving Offices** **C**

EG **EGYPTIAN PATENT OFFICE** **EG**

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Egypt
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic or English ¹
Language in which the request may be filed:	English
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	Yes
Competent International Searching Authority:	Austrian Patent Office or European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Austrian Patent Office or European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 100
International filing fee: ³	USD 1,035
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	USD 11
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY: ²	USD 74
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT) or (EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 30
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Egypt Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered before the Office

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332, and No. 44/2003, page 24736, Schedule of Fees, item 3(a)), the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced.

³ This fee is reduced by 75% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)). For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2003, page 24736, Schedule of Fees, item 4. It is to be noted that, if both the PCT-EASY reduction and the 75% reduction of the international filing fee are applicable, the 75% reduction is calculated after the PCT-EASY reduction.

C	Offices récepteurs	C
EG	OFFICE ÉGYPTIEN DES BREVETS	EG

Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux et les résidents de:	Égypte
Langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée:	Anglais ou arabe ¹
Langue dans laquelle la requête peut être déposée :	Anglais
Nombre d'exemplaires requis par l'office récepteur:	3
L'office récepteur accepte-t-il le dépôt de demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY ² ?	Oui
Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale:	Office autrichien des brevets ou Office européen des brevets
Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international:	Office autrichien des brevets ou Office européen des brevets
Taxes payables à l'office récepteur:	Monnaie: Dollar des États-Unis (USD)
Taxe de transmission:	USD 100
Taxe internationale de dépôt ³ :	USD 1.035
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e ³ :	USD 11
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY ² :	USD 74
Taxe de recherche:	Voir l'annexe D(AT) ou (EP)
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT):	USD 30
L'office récepteur exige-t-il un mandataire?	Non, si le déposant est domicilié en Égypte Oui, dans le cas contraire
Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?	Tout conseil en brevets ou agent de brevets habilité à exercer auprès de l'office

¹ Si la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée n'est pas acceptée par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (voir l'annexe D), le déposant devra remettre une traduction (règle 12.3 du PCT).

² Lorsque la requête est déposée en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec une disquette PCT-EASY et que l'office récepteur accepte ce mode de dépôt (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 51/1998, pages 17331 et 17333, et n° 44/2003, page 24737, barème de taxes, point 3.a)), le montant total de la taxe internationale de dépôt est réduit.

³ Cette taxe est réduite de 75% si certaines conditions s'appliquent (voir la note de bas de page correspondante de l'annexe C(1B)). Pour plus de précisions, voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 44/2003, page 24737, barème de taxes, point 4. Il convient de noter que, si la réduction PCT-EASY et la réduction de 75% de la taxe internationale de dépôt s'appliquent toutes deux, la réduction de 75% est calculée après la réduction PCT-EASY.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****TZ****BUSINESS REGISTRATIONS AND
LICENSING AGENCY,
MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE
(UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA)****TZ****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 21 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into:	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee:	Currency: Tanzanian shilling (TZS) Filing fee: ¹ TZS ² ...
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>): ³	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the "Request" part of the international application ⁴ Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) ⁴ Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the United Republic of Tanzania
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² The amount of this fee is not yet known. It will be fixed in the near future. The Office or agent should be consulted for the latest applicable amount of the fee.

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

⁴ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

RÉSUMÉ**Office désigné
(ou élu)****RÉSUMÉ****TZ****SERVICE D'ENREGISTREMENT DES
SOCIÉTÉS ET DES LICENCES
COMMERCIALES, MINISTÈRE DE
L'INDUSTRIE ET DU COMMERCE
(RÉPUBLIQUE-UNIE DE TANZANIE)****TZ****Résumé des exigences pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale**

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT: 21 mois à compter de la date de priorité En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT: 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
Traduction de la demande internationale requise en :	Anglais
Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale ¹ :	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, seulement telles que modifiées, ainsi que toute déclaration faite en vertu de l'article 19 du PCT), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer seulement tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international)
Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise ?	Non
Taxe nationale :	Monnaie: Shilling tanzanien (TZS) Taxe de dépôt ¹ : TZS ² ...
Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :	Néant
Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51bis du PCT) ³ :	Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale ⁴ Justification du changement du nom du déposant si le changement est survenu après la date du dépôt international et qu'il n'a pas été reflété dans une notification émanant du Bureau international (formulaire PCT/IB/306) ⁴ Désignation d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié en République-Unie de Tanzanie
Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Tout conseil en brevets ou agent de brevets habilité à exercer auprès de l'office

¹ Doit être remise ou payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

² Le montant de cette taxe n'est pas encore connu. Il sera fixé prochainement. Pour connaître le montant de la taxe en vigueur, se renseigner auprès de l'office ou du mandataire.

³ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

⁴ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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SE Agreement between the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2005. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Swedish kronor)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2), per page	4
Cost of copies in paper form (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)) ² , per document	50

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) to (6) [No change]

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, page 29550, No. 06/1999, page 1518, No. 27/1999, page 7672, No. 28/1999, page 7974, No. 27/2000, page 9880, No. 09/2001, page 3752, No. 11/2001, page 4632, No. 48/2001, page 22138, No. 50/2001, page 23264, No. 51/2001, page 23764, No. 20/2002, page 9970, No. 50/2002, page 25624, and No. 51/2003, page 29010.

² The applicant will receive free of charge a copy of each document containing non-patent literature. Other documents are available electronically, free of charge, on the website www.prv.se

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

SE Accord entre l'Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office suédois des brevets a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord susmentionné, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2005. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Couronnes suédoises)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règle 94.2), par page	4
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Partie II. Conditions et limites des remboursements ou des réductions de taxes

1) à 6) [Sans changement]

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, page 29611, n° 06/1999, page 1519, n° 27/1999, page 7673, n° 28/1999, page 7975, n° 27/2000, page 9881, n° 09/2001, page 3753, n° 11/2001, page 4633, n° 48/2001, page 22139, n° 50/2001, page 23265, n° 51/2001, page 23765, n° 20/2002, page 9971, n° 50/2002, page 25625, et n° 51/2003, page 29011.

² Le déposant recevra gratuitement une copie de chaque document contenant la littérature autre que celle des brevets. Les autres documents sont disponibles gratuitement sous forme électronique sur le site Internet www.prv.se

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Australian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 January 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Australian Patent Office):	NZD 1,282
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(AU), page 371]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report, and the fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report, applicable as from 1 January 2005, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	The applicant receives, together with the international search report, a copy of each document containing non-patent literature cited in the report, free of charge
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Other documents are available electronically on the website www.prv.se

The cited documents may also be ordered in paper form at SEK 50 per document

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	The applicant receives, together with the international preliminary examination report, a copy of each additional document containing non-patent literature not cited in the international search report, free of charge
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Other documents are available electronically on the website www.prv.se

The cited documents may also be ordered in paper form at SEK 50 per document

The Office has also notified the International Bureau of the deletion of the fee for translation into English of the international application and its accompanying footnote. The other footnotes have been renumbered accordingly.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(SE), page 381, and Annex E(SE), page 393]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office australien des brevets) : NZD 1.282

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(AU), page 383]

SE Suède

L'**Office suédois des brevets** a notifié au Bureau international de nouveaux montants de la taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport de recherche internationale ainsi que de la taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport d'examen préliminaire international, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2005, comme suit :

Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport de recherche internationale (règle 44.3 du PCT) :

Le déposant reçoit gratuitement, avec le rapport de recherche internationale, une copie de tout document contenant la littérature autre que celle des brevets cité dans le rapport

Les autres documents sont disponibles sous forme électronique sur le site Internet www.prv.se

Les documents précités peuvent aussi être commandés sous forme papier au coût de SEK 50 par document

Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport d'examen préliminaire international (règle 71.2 du PCT) :

Le déposant reçoit gratuitement, avec le rapport d'examen préliminaire international, une copie de tout document supplémentaire contenant la littérature autre que celle des brevets qui n'a pas été cité dans le rapport de recherche internationale

Les autres documents sont disponibles sous forme électronique sur le site Internet www.prv.se

Les documents précités peuvent aussi être commandés sous forme papier au coût de SEK 50 par document

L'Office a également notifié au Bureau international la suppression de la taxe pour la traduction en anglais de la demande internationale ainsi que de la note de bas de page qui l'accompagne. Les autres notes de bas de page ont été renumérotées en conséquence.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(SE), page 393 et annexe E(SE), page 408]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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AT Agreement between the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs of the Republic of Austria and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex C thereof. This amendment will enter into force on 1 December 2004. The amended Annex C will read as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	0.60

Part II. [No change]”

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has introduced an additional e-mail address. The e-mail addresses to be used are as follows:

E-mail: ingrid.weidinger@patent.bmvit.gv.at
ingrid.weidinger@patentamt.at

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(AT), page 12]

¹ Published in *PCT Gazette* No. 56/1997, page 29503, and No. 05/2002, page 2350.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

AT Accord entre le Ministre fédéral des affaires économiques de la République d'Autriche et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office autrichien des brevets a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord susmentionné, une notification l'informant d'une modification apportée à l'annexe C de cet accord. Cette modification entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} décembre 2004. L'annexe C modifiée aura la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euros)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b), 71.2.b) et 94.2), par page	0,60

Partie II. [Sans changement]”

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET
LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES**

AT Autriche

L'Office autrichien des brevets a introduit une adresse électronique supplémentaire. Les adresses électroniques à utiliser sont les suivantes :

Courrier électronique : ingrid.weidinger@patent.bmvit.gv.at
ingrid.weidinger@patentamt.at

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(AT), page 12]

¹ Publié dans la *Gazette du PCT* n° 56/1997, page 29563, et n° 05/2002, page 2351.

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (CONT'D)****SG Singapore**

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified an additional Internet address, as well as a change to a reference in the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

Internet: <http://www.ipos.gov.sg>
<http://www.epatents.gov.sg>

Provisional protection after international publication: The publication of the international application in English by the International Bureau of WIPO gives the applicant generally the same right as he would have had, if the patent had been granted on the date of publication of the application or translation, to bring proceedings in the court or before the Registrar for damages in respect of any act which would have infringed a patent. However, such proceedings may only be brought after grant of a patent. See Part XVII of the Patents Act.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(SG), page 177]

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET
LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES (suite)****SG Singapour**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Singapour** a notifié une adresse Internet supplémentaire, ainsi qu'un changement dans une référence contenue dans les dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale, comme suit :

Internet : <http://www.ipos.gov.sg>
<http://www.epatents.gov.sg>

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale : La publication de la demande internationale en anglais par le Bureau international de l'OMPI donne au déposant généralement le même droit qu'il aurait eu, si le brevet avait été délivré à la date de la publication de la demande ou de la traduction, d'intenter devant le tribunal ou devant le directeur de l'enregistrement une action en dommages-intérêts à l'égard de tout acte qui aurait porté atteinte au brevet. Une telle action ne peut cependant être intentée qu'après la délivrance du brevet. Voir la partie XVII de la loi sur les brevets.

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES RELATED THERETO: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified, pursuant to Section 801(b), and in accordance with Annex C and Annex C-bis, of the Administrative Instructions, the types of electronic carrier for the presentation of sequence listings and/or tables related thereto, as indicated below. As a consequence, the text of the current item “number of copies required” has been modified to read “number of copies on paper required” since it now refers only to the rest of the international application.

Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing in computer readable form of sequence listings and/or tables related thereto? ²	Yes
Types of electronic carrier accepted by the receiving Office:	<p>CD-ROM (type: ISO/IEC 10149:1995, 120 mm CD-ROM; format: ISO 9660, 650 MB)</p> <p>CD-R (type: 120 mm CD-Recordable Disk; format: ISO 9660, 650 MB)</p> <p>DVD (type: ISO/IEC 16448:1999, 120 mm DVD – Read-Only Disk; format: 4.7 GB, conforming to either ISO 9660 or OSTA UDF (1.02 and higher))</p> <p>DVD-R (type: Standard ECMA-279, 120 mm (3.95 GB per side) – DVD-Recordable; format: 3.95 GB, conforming to either ISO 9660 or OSTA UDF (1.02 and higher))</p>

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(EP), page 270]

² If the sequence listing part of the description of an international application and/or any table related to such sequence listing have been filed on an electronic medium only (Section 801(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions) or both on an electronic medium and on paper (Section 801(a)(ii) of the Administrative Instructions), an additional component of the international filing fee, equal to 400 times the fee per sheet in excess of 30 – regardless of the actual length of the sequence listings and/or tables, and regardless of the fact that sequence listings and/or tables may have been filed both on paper and in computer readable form –, will be payable in respect of the sequence listings and/or tables (instead of the fee per sheet which would otherwise have been payable for those sheets) (see *PCT Gazette* No. 02/2001, page 818 *et seq.*, No. 36/2002, page 17632 *et seq.*, and No. 51/2003, page 28984 *et seq.*). Where the sequence listings and/or any tables related thereto are not furnished on an electronic medium under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions but only under PCT Rule 13^{ter} or Section 802(b-*quater*), respectively, the above does not apply.

DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT DES LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU DES TABLEAUX Y RELATIFS : NOTIFICATION PAR LES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DES EXIGENCES TECHNIQUES APPLICABLES

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

L'Office européen des brevets (OEB), en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a spécifié, selon l'instruction administrative 801.b) et conformément à l'annexe C et à l'annexe C-bis des instructions administratives, les types de support électronique pour la présentation des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs, comme indiqué ci-dessous. En conséquence, le texte de la rubrique actuelle "nombre d'exemplaires requis" est maintenant libellé "nombre d'exemplaires requis sur papier" puisque ce libellé se réfère désormais uniquement au reste de la demande internationale.

Nombre d'exemplaires requis sur papier
par l'office récepteur :

3

L'office récepteur accepte-t-il le dépôt sous
forme déchiffrable par ordinateur des listages
des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs² ?

Oui

Types de support électronique
acceptés par l'office récepteur :

CD-ROM (type : ISO/IEC 10149:1995, CD-ROM de
120 mm; format : ISO 9660, 650 MB)

CD-R (type : disque compact inscriptible de
120 mm; format : ISO 9660, 650 MB)

DVD (type : ISO/IEC 16448:1999, DVD 120 mm –
disque non inscriptible; format : 4.7 Go, conforme à la
norme ISO 9660 ou OSTA UDF (versions 1.02 et
ultérieures))

DVD-R (type : norme ECMA-279, 120 mm (3.95 Go par
face) – DVD-inscriptible; format : 3.95 Go, conformément
à la norme ISO 9660 ou OSTA UDF (versions 1.02 et
ultérieures))

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(EP), page 279]

² Si la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences d'une demande internationale ou tout tableau relatif à un tel listage des séquences ont été déposés sur un support électronique seulement (instruction administrative 801.a)i) ou à la fois sur un support électronique et sur papier (instruction administrative 801.a)ii), une composante supplémentaire de la taxe internationale de dépôt, égale à 400 fois la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e – quelle que soit la longueur proprement dite des listages des séquences ou des tableaux et sans tenir compte du fait que les listages des séquences ou les tableaux aient pu être déposés à la fois sous forme écrite et sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur –, devra être acquittée en ce qui concerne les listages des séquences ou les tableaux (au lieu de la taxe par feuille qui aurait dû sinon être payée pour les feuilles concernées) (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 02/2001, page 819 et suiv., n° 36/2002, page 17633 et suiv., et n° 51/2003, page 28985 et suiv.). Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs ne sont pas remis sur un support électronique en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801 mais seulement en vertu de la règle 13^{ter} du PCT ou de l'instruction 802.b-quater), respectivement, ce qui précède ne s'applique pas.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES RELATED THERETO: NOTIFICATION BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has specified, pursuant to Section 802(b-*bis*), and in accordance with Annex C and Annex C-*bis*, of the Administrative Instructions, the types of electronic carrier for the presentation of sequence listings and/or tables related thereto, as indicated below:

Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings and/or tables related thereto be furnished in computer readable form (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1 and Section 802(b-*quater*), respectively)?

Yes

Types of electronic carrier required:

CD-ROM (type: ISO/IEC 10149:1995, 120 mm CD-ROM; format: ISO 9660, 650 MB)

CD-R (type: 120 mm CD-Recordable Disk; format: ISO 9660, 650 MB)

DVD (type: ISO/IEC 16448:1999, 120 mm DVD – Read-Only Disk; format: 4.7 GB, conforming to either ISO 9660 or OSTA UDF (1.02 and higher))

DVD-R (type: Standard ECMA-279, 120 mm (3.95 GB per side) – DVD-Recordable; format: 3.95 GB, conforming to either ISO 9660 or OSTA UDF (1.02 and higher))

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(EP), page 374]

DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT DES LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU DES TABLEAUX Y RELATIFS : NOTIFICATION PAR LES ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE DES EXIGENCES TECHNIQUES APPLICABLES

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

L'Office européen des brevets (OEB), en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, a spécifié, selon l'instruction administrative 802.b-*bis*) et conformément à l'annexe C et à l'annexe C-*bis* des instructions administratives, les types de support électronique pour la présentation des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs, comme indiqué ci-dessous :

L'administration exige-t-elle que les listages des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés ou que les tableaux y relatifs soient fournis sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (règle 13*ter*.1 du PCT et instruction 802.b-*quater*), respectivement) ?

Types de support électronique requis :

Oui

CD-ROM (type : ISO/IEC 10149:1995, CD-ROM de 120 mm; format : ISO 9660, 650 MB)

CD-R (type : disque compact inscriptible de 120 mm; format : ISO 9660, 650 MB)

DVD (type : ISO/IEC 16448:1999, DVD 120 mm – disque non inscriptible; format : 4.7 Go, conforme à la norme ISO 9660 ou OSTA UDF (versions 1.02 et ultérieures))

DVD-R (type : norme ECMA-279, 120 mm (3.95 Go par face) – DVD-inscriptible; format : 3.95 Go, conformément à la norme ISO 9660 ou OSTA UDF (versions 1.02 et ultérieures))

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(EP), page 386]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AT Austria**

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report, the fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report, and the fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application, applicable as from 1 December 2004, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3): ³	EUR 0.60 per page
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2): ⁴	EUR 0.60 per page
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94): ⁴	EUR 0.60 per page

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(AT), page 369, and Annex E(AT), page 384]

EG Egypt – Corrigendum

The international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and the PCT-EASY reduction (under Schedule of Fees, item 3), were incorrectly indicated when publishing the requirements of the **Egyptian Patent Office** as receiving Office in Annex C(EG), in PCT Gazette No. 45/2004. The correct amounts of the fees should read as follows:

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 100
International filing fee: ⁵	USD 1,134
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁵	USD 12
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY: ⁶	USD 81
Search fee:	See Annex D(AT) or (EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 30

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(EG), page 269]

³ This fee is payable to the International Searching Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁴ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and only in particular circumstances.

⁵ This fee is reduced by 75% if certain conditions apply (see corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB)). For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2003, page 24736, Schedule of Fees, item 4. It is to be noted that, if both the PCT-EASY reduction and the 75% reduction of the international filing fee are applicable, the 75% reduction is calculated after the PCT-EASY reduction.

⁶ Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332, and No. 44/2003, page 24736, Schedule of Fees, item 3(a)), the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AT Autriche**

L'**Office autrichien des brevets** a notifié au Bureau international de nouveaux montants de la taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport de recherche internationale, de la taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport d'examen préliminaire international ainsi que de la taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents contenus dans le dossier de la demande internationale, applicables à compter du 1^{er} décembre 2004, comme suit :

Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport de recherche internationale (règle 44.3 du PCT) ³ :	EUR 0,60 par page
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport d'examen préliminaire international (règle 71.2 du PCT) ⁴ :	EUR 0,60 par page
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents contenus dans le dossier de la demande internationale (règle 94 du PCT) ⁴ :	EUR 0,60 par page

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(AT), page 381, et annexe E(AT), page 397]

EG Égypte – Rectificatif

Les indications concernant la taxe internationale de dépôt, la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e et la réduction PCT-EASY (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) étaient erronées lors de la publication des exigences de l'**Office égyptien des brevets** en tant qu'office récepteur dans l'annexe C(EG) de la Gazette du PCT n° 45/2004. Les montants corrects des taxes sont les suivants :

Taxes payables à l'office récepteur :	Monnaie : Dollar des États-Unis (USD)
Taxe de transmission :	USD 100
Taxe internationale de dépôt ⁵ :	USD 1.134
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e ⁵ :	USD 12
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY ⁶ :	USD 81
Taxe de recherche :	Voir l'annexe D(AT) ou (EP)
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	USD 30

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(EG), page 278]

³ Taxe à verser à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et dans certains cas seulement.

⁴ Taxe à verser à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international et dans certains cas seulement.

⁵ Cette taxe est réduite de 75% si certaines conditions s'appliquent (voir la note de bas de page correspondante de l'annexe C(IB)). Pour plus de précisions, voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 44/2003, page 24737, barème de taxes, point 4. Il convient de noter que, si la réduction PCT-EASY et la réduction de 75% de la taxe internationale de dépôt s'appliquent toutes deux, la réduction de 75% est calculée après la réduction PCT-EASY.

⁶ Lorsque la requête est déposée en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec une disquette PCT-EASY et que l'office récepteur accepte ce mode de dépôt (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 51/1998, pages 17331 et 17333, et n° 44/2003, page 24737, barème de taxes, point 3.a)), le montant total de la taxe internationale de dépôt est réduit.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**IS Iceland**

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified changes in the special requirements of the Office as a designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of special requirements is now as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>): ⁷	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application ⁸ If the applicant is someone other than the inventor, the application must state how the applicant acquired title to the invention ⁸ Appointment of an agent if applicant is not resident in Iceland
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (IS), page 477]

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified changes in the special requirements of the Office as a designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of special requirements is now as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Verification of translation of international application ⁹ Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application ^{8,9} Translation of priority document into English ^{10,11} Address for service in Singapore (but no representation by an agent is required) ¹²
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (SG), page 529]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF AMENDED PCT RULE 51BIS WITH NATIONAL LAWS**DK Denmark**

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Rule 51*bis*.1(e), as amended with effect from 1 March 2001, with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, page 2024), the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 13 October 2004; amended PCT Rule 51*bis*.1(e) will therefore apply as from that date.

⁷ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

⁸ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

⁹ Must be furnished within two months from the time limit for entering the national phase.

¹⁰ Must be furnished only upon request from the Registrar within two months from the date of the notice from the Registrar.

¹¹ Such a translation may be required where the validity of the priority claim is relevant to the determination of whether the invention concerned is patentable (see *PCT Gazette* No. 05/2001, page 2024).

¹² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**IS Islande**

L'**Office islandais des brevets** a notifié des changements dans les exigences particulières de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). La liste récapitulative des exigences spéciales est désormais la suivante :

Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51 <i>bis</i> du PCT) ⁷ :	Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale ⁸ Si le déposant est une personne autre que l'inventeur, la demande doit indiquer à quel titre il a droit à l'invention ⁸ Nomination d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié en Islande
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (IS), page 506]

SG Singapour

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Singapour** a notifié des changements dans les exigences particulières de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). La liste récapitulative des exigences spéciales est désormais la suivante :

Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51 <i>bis</i> du PCT) :	Vérification de la traduction de la demande internationale ⁹ Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale ^{8,9} Traduction du document de priorité en anglais ^{10,11} Adresse de service à Singapour (mais la représentation par un mandataire n'est pas exigée) ¹²
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (SG), page 563]

RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE LA RÈGLE 51*BIS* DU PCT MODIFIÉE**DK Danemark**

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de la règle 51*bis.1.e*) du PCT, telle que modifiée à compter du 1^{er} mars 2001 (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 05/2001, page 2025), l'**Office danois des brevets et des marques** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 13 octobre 2004; la règle 51*bis.1.e*) du PCT modifiée s'appliquera donc à compter de cette date.

⁷ Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

⁸ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

⁹ Doit être remise dans un délai de deux mois à compter du délai d'ouverture de la phase nationale.

¹⁰ Doit être remise uniquement à la demande du Directeur de l'enregistrement dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de la notification du Directeur de l'enregistrement.

¹¹ Une telle traduction peut être exigée lorsque la validité de la revendication de priorité est pertinente pour déterminer si l'invention en question est brevetable (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 05/2001, page 2025).

¹² Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**IB International Bureau**

Under PCT Rule 90.4(d), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **International Bureau** waives the requirement under PCT Rule 90.4(b) that a separate power of attorney be submitted to it, with effect from 1 January 2005.

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the International Bureau waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B2(IB), page 226]

RENONCIATIONS EN VERTU DES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**IB Bureau international**

Selon la règle 90.4.d) du PCT, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, le **Bureau international** renonce à l'exigence en vertu de la règle 90.4.b) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis, à partir du 1^{er} janvier 2005.

Renonciation au pouvoir :

Le Bureau international a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B2(IB), page 230]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**AU Australia**

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified a change in the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

Provisional protection after international publication:

The applicant enjoys the rights defined in Section 57 of the Patents Act 1990 from the date on which the international application is published under PCT Article 21 (the rights are generally the same as he would have had if the patent had been sealed on the date of receipt of the application in the Australian Patent Office except that he cannot institute proceedings for infringement until the patent has been sealed)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(AU), page 14]

GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Patent Office** has notified changes to the conditions of its national law under which a United Kingdom resident may file directly at the European Patent Office or at the International Bureau of WIPO (only the footnote related to the competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the United Kingdom has been modified), and has also informed the International Bureau of a modification as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the United Kingdom is a designated or elected Office. The changes, applicable as from 1 January 2005, are as follows:

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the United Kingdom:

United Kingdom Patent Office, European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant¹ (see Annex C)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the United Kingdom is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or must be furnished within 33 months from the priority date

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¹ At the time of writing, a United Kingdom resident may only file direct at the European Patent Office or at the International Bureau of WIPO: (i) after having obtained written authorization from the United Kingdom Patent Office; or (ii) after an application for a patent for the same invention has been filed at the United Kingdom Patent Office and not less than six weeks have elapsed without the Comptroller of the United Kingdom Patent Office giving a direction prohibiting publication or communication of the invention. However, under forthcoming changes to UK patent law, these restrictions will only apply to an application containing information which relates to military technology or which might be prejudicial to UK national security or the safety of the public. Where an application does not contain any such information, the above restrictions will no longer apply. Details of when these changes take effect can be obtained from the UK Patent Office: Security Section, Concept House, Cardiff Road, Newport, South Wales, NP10 8QQ. Tel: (44-1633) 81 35 58. Neither the current nor the new restrictions apply to an application for a patent for an invention for which an application for a patent has first been filed in a country outside the United Kingdom by a person resident outside the United Kingdom.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**AU Australie**

L'**Office australien des brevets** a notifié un changement dans les dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale, comme suit :

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :

Le déposant jouit des droits définis à l'article 57 de la loi de 1990 sur les brevets à compter de la date à laquelle la demande internationale est publiée selon l'article 21 du PCT (c'est-à-dire, en général, les mêmes droits que ceux qu'il aurait eus si le brevet avait été scellé à la date de la réception de la demande à l'Office australien des brevets, à l'exception du fait qu'il ne peut pas tenter une action en contrefaçon avant que le brevet ait été scellé)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(AU), page 14]

GB Royaume-Uni

L'**Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni** a notifié des changements relatifs aux conditions sous lesquelles, en vertu de sa législation nationale, une personne domiciliée au Royaume-Uni peut déposer une demande internationale directement auprès de l'Office européen des brevets ou auprès du Bureau international de l'OMPI (seule la note de bas de page relative à l'office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux du Royaume-Uni et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées a été modifiée), et a également informé le Bureau international d'une modification concernant le délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si le Royaume-Uni est un office désigné ou élu. Les changements, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2005, sont les suivants :

Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux du Royaume-Uni et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées :

Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni, Office européen des brevets (OEB) ou Bureau international de l'OMPI, au choix du déposant¹ (voir l'annexe C)

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si le Royaume-Uni est désigné (ou élu) :

Peuvent figurer dans la requête ou doivent être communiqués dans un délai de 33 mois à compter de la date de priorité

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(GB), page 74]

¹ À la date de la rédaction de la présente note, une personne domiciliée au Royaume-Uni peut déposer une demande internationale directement auprès de l'Office européen des brevets ou auprès du Bureau international de l'OMPI uniquement i) après avoir obtenu une autorisation écrite de l'Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni, ou ii) après le dépôt d'une demande de brevet auprès de l'Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni pour la même invention et si au moins six semaines se sont écoulées sans que le *Comptroller* de l'Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni ait donné d'instructions interdisant la publication ou la communication de l'invention. Toutefois, en vertu de modifications qui seront prochainement apportées à la législation du Royaume-Uni sur les brevets, ces restrictions seront applicables uniquement à une demande contenant des renseignements relatifs à la technologie militaire ou qui pourraient porter préjudice à la sécurité nationale ou à la sûreté publique du Royaume-Uni. Elles ne seront plus applicables à une demande qui ne contient pas de tels renseignements. On peut obtenir des précisions quant à la date d'effet de ces modifications auprès de l'Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni : Security Section, Concept House, Cardiff Road, Newport, South Wales, NP10 8QQ. Tél. : (44-1633) 81 35 58. Ni les restrictions actuelles ni les nouvelles restrictions ne sont applicables à une demande de brevet portant sur une invention pour laquelle une demande de brevet a été déposée auparavant hors du Royaume-Uni par une personne non domiciliée au Royaume-Uni.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (cont'd)**HU Hungary**

The **Hungarian Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as well as in its e-mail address, as follows:

Telephone: (36-1) 474 55 61

Facsimile machine: (36-1) 474 55 34

E-mail: mszh@hpo.hu

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(HU), page 89]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**GB United Kingdom**

The **United Kingdom Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **pounds sterling (GBP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as well as changes in the time limits (indicated in the relevant footnotes) within which fees are due. The Office has also deleted the reduction of the national fee previously available for the national preliminary examination fee. The changes, applicable as from 1 January 2005, are as follows:

National (filing) fee:² GBP 30

Preliminary examination and search fee:³

– where a search has already been made by an International Searching Authority in accordance with the PCT: GBP 80

– in other cases: GBP 100

Substantive examination fee:⁴ [No change]

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee: Search fee: reduced fee payable where an international search report has been established (see above). Refund of whole fee where the application does not proceed to substantive examination and no search has been made in the United Kingdom Patent Office.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (GB), page 463]

² Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), or at the time of any earlier express request by the applicant to proceed earlier with the national phase.

³ Due within 33 months from the priority date. Where the applicant expressly requests early entry into the national phase, the fee is due within 12 months from the priority date, or two months from the date on which the conditions for early entry are satisfied, whichever is the later.

⁴ Due within 33 months from the priority date.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**HU Hongrie**

L'**Office hongrois des brevets** a notifié des changements relatifs à ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur ainsi qu'à son adresse électronique, comme suit :

Téléphone : (36-1) 474 55 61

Télécopieur : (36-1) 474 55 34

Courrier électronique : mszh@hpo.hu

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(HU), page 91]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**GB Royaume-Uni**

L'**Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **livres sterling (GBP)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), ainsi que des modifications des délais (indiqués dans les notes de bas de page pertinentes) dans lesquels les taxes sont dues. L'office a également supprimé la réduction de la taxe nationale qui était auparavant prévue pour la taxe d'examen préliminaire national. Les changements, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe nationale (de dépôt) :² GBP 30

Taxe d'examen préliminaire et de recherche :³

– lorsqu'une recherche a déjà été effectuée par une administration chargée de la recherche internationale en vertu du PCT : GBP 80

– dans les autres cas : GBP 100

Taxe d'examen quant au fond :⁴ [Sans changement]

Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale : Taxe de recherche : réduction de taxe lorsqu'un rapport de recherche internationale a été établi (voir ci-dessus). Remboursement du total de la taxe lorsque la demande ne fait pas l'objet de l'examen quant au fond et lorsque aucune recherche n'a été faite par l'Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (GB), page 488]

² Doit être payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT ou lors de la présentation par le déposant de toute demande expresse d'ouverture anticipée de la phase nationale.

³ Due dans un délai de 33 mois à compter de la date de priorité. Lorsque le déposant demande expressément l'ouverture anticipée de la phase nationale, cette taxe est due dans un délai de 12 mois à compter de la date de priorité ou de deux mois à compter de la date à laquelle les conditions d'ouverture anticipée sont remplies, le délai qui expire le plus tard devant être appliqué.

⁴ Due dans un délai de 33 mois à compter de la date de priorité.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**SI Slovenia**

The **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in the amount of the fee for priority document in **Slovenian tolars (SIT)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): SIT 255

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(SI), page 348]

RECEIVING OFFICES**GB United Kingdom**

The **United Kingdom Patent Office** has provided a facsimile number for the address from which a list of registered patent agents may be obtained. Only the text appearing as a footnote to the address is reproduced hereafter:

E-mail: mail@cipa.org.uk; Internet: www.cipa.org.uk; telephone: (44-20) 74 05 94 50;
facsimile: (44-20) 74 30 04 71.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(GB), page 278]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**SI Slovénie**

L'**Office slovène de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié un changement relatif au montant de la taxe pour le document de priorité, exprimé en **tolars slovènes (SIT)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe pour le document de priorité
(règle 17.1.b) du PCT) : SIT 255

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(SI), page 360]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**GB Royaume-Uni**

L'**Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni** a fourni un numéro de télécopieur correspondant à l'adresse à laquelle une liste des agents de brevets agréés peut être demandée. Seul le texte de la note de bas de page relative à cette adresse est reproduit ci-après :

Courrier électronique : mail@cipa.org.uk; Internet : www.cipa.org.uk; téléphone : (44-20) 74 05 94 50; télécopieur : (44-20) 74 30 04 71.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(GB), page 287]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material with regard to the time at which an application is made available under Section 90 of the Australian Patents Act. The consolidated table of requirements reads as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
<p>An applicant may give notice that the furnishing of a sample of a microorganism shall only be effected prior to the grant of a patent, or to the lapsing, refusal or withdrawal of an application, to a person who is a skilled addressee without an interest in the invention (Regulation 3.25(3) of the Australian Patents Regulations). The applicant must give notice directly to the Australian Patent Office before the application is made available under Section 90 of the Australian Patents Act (which occurs at the international publication date).</p>		

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex L, page 396]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
EXIGENCES DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS ET ÉLUS**

AU Australie

L'Office australien des brevets a notifié des changements dans ses exigences relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique en ce qui concerne la date à laquelle une demande est accessible en vertu de l'article 90 de la loi australienne sur les brevets. Le tableau récapitulatif des exigences est le suivant :

Délai (éventuel) inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, dans lequel le déposant doit fournir :		Indications (éventuelles) qui doivent figurer outre celles exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii) selon les notifications des offices intéressés
les indications exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii)	toute indication supplémentaire spécifiée dans la colonne adjacente de droite	
Aucun	Lors du dépôt (comme partie de la demande)	Dans la mesure où ils sont accessibles au déposant, renseignements se rapportant aux caractéristiques du micro-organisme
<p>Tout déposant peut faire une déclaration selon laquelle, avant la délivrance d'un brevet ou la déchéance, le rejet ou le retrait de la demande, un échantillon d'un micro-organisme ne peut être remis qu'à un expert n'ayant aucun intérêt dans l'invention (règle 3.25.3) du règlement d'exécution de la loi australienne sur les brevets). Le déposant doit en faire la déclaration directement auprès de l'Office australien des brevets avant que la demande ne soit accessible en vertu de l'article 90 de la loi australienne sur les brevets (la mise à disposition intervient à la date de publication internationale).</p>		

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**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE****GB United Kingdom**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **United Kingdom Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of changes in the address of the National Collection of Yeast Cultures (NCYC) and of changes in the name and address of the National Collections of Industrial, Food and Marine Bacteria (NCIMB), international depositary authorities under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

National Collection of Yeast Cultures (NCYC)
Institute of Food Research
Norwich Laboratory
Norwich Research Park
Colney
Norwich NR4 7UA
United Kingdom

NCIMB Ltd.
Ferguson Building
Craibstone Estate
Bucksburn
Aberdeen AB21 9YA
United Kingdom

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex L, page 414]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
INSTITUTIONS AUPRÈS DESQUELLES DES DÉPÔTS PEUVENT ÊTRE EFFECTUÉS****GB Royaume-Uni**

Conformément à la règle 13*bis*.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à des changements dans l'adresse de la National Collection of Yeast Cultures (NCYC), ainsi que des changements dans les nom et adresse des National Collections of Industrial, Food and Marine Bacteria (NCIMB), des institutions de dépôt internationales reconnues en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès desquelles des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, comme suit :

National Collection of Yeast Cultures (NCYC)
Institute of Food Research
Norwich Laboratory
Norwich Research Park
Colney
Norwich NR4 7UA
United Kingdom

NCIMB Ltd.
Ferguson Building
Craibstone Estate
Bucksburn
Aberdeen AB21 9YA
United Kingdom

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SECTION IV

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The information concerning the agreement between Croatia and the European Patent Organisation (EPO) relating to the extension of the effects of European patent applications and patents to Croatia published in PCT Gazette No. 20/2004 on page 11144, contained an error. The text of the fifth paragraph, second sentence, should refer to a translation of the “specification” instead of a translation of the “claims”.

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has made modifications to the wording of the special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed, and the effects of such provisions, by removing references to “the priority date”, and replacing them with references to “the filing date of that earlier application”. The consolidated text should now read as follows:

Are there special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed and what are the effects of these provisions?

Articles 41 and 42 of the Japan Patent Law and Articles 8 and 9 of the Japan Utility Model Law provide that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of Japan and claims the priority of an earlier national application having effect in Japan shall have the result that the earlier national application will be considered withdrawn after the expiration of 15 months from the filing date of that earlier application. If the applicant of an international application which claims the priority of an earlier national application wants to avoid this effect, the designation of Japan will have to be withdrawn before the expiration of 15 months from the filing date of that earlier application, in order to avoid automatic withdrawal of the earlier-filed national application.

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INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)****HR Croatie – rectificatif**

L'information concernant l'accord conclu entre la Croatie et l'Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB) relatif à l'extension des effets des demandes de brevet européen et des brevets européens à la Croatie, et publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 20/2004 à la page 11145, contenait une erreur. Le texte de la deuxième phrase du cinquième paragraphe aurait dû se référer à une traduction du "fascicule" et non pas à une traduction des "revendications".

JP Japon

L'**Office des brevets du Japon** a modifié l'énoncé des dispositions particulières relatives à des demandes nationales antérieures dont la priorité est revendiquée, ainsi que des conséquences de ces dispositions, en supprimant les références à "la date de priorité" et en les remplaçant par des références à "la date de dépôt de cette demande antérieure". Le texte récapitulatif est maintenant le suivant :

Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières relatives à des demandes nationales antérieures dont la priorité est revendiquée et quelles sont les conséquences de ces dispositions ?

Les articles 41 et 42 de la loi du Japon sur les brevets et les articles 8 et 9 de la loi du Japon sur les modèles d'utilité prévoient que le dépôt d'une demande internationale qui contient la désignation du Japon et revendique la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure produisant ses effets au Japon aura pour effet que la demande nationale antérieure sera considérée comme retirée après l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de dépôt de cette demande antérieure. Si le déposant d'une demande internationale qui revendique la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure souhaite empêcher ce retrait, la désignation du Japon devra être retirée avant l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de dépôt de cette demande antérieure, afin d'éviter le retrait automatique de la demande nationale déposée antérieurement.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**CA Canada****IB International Bureau**

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** of the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **Canadian Intellectual Property Office**, has been established. The new amount, applicable as from 15 January 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): USD 1,336

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 36/2004(E), page 20524]

US United States of America

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new higher equivalent amount of the search fee in **Swiss francs (CHF)**, payable for an international search by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) as a currency of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) as a basis for calculating an equivalent amount in the national currency. The equivalent amount of the lower search fee remains unchanged. The new amount, applicable as from 15 January 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): CHF 1,171 (395)
The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior United States national application has been filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a), the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) has been paid and the prior US national application is identified by the application number if known, or if the application number is not known, by the filing date, title and name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket number), in the international application or accompanying the papers at the time of filing the international application

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(US), page 382]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**CA Canada****IB Bureau international**

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au **Bureau international** agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, un nouveau montant équivalent en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)** de la taxe de recherche, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada**, a été établi. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 janvier 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : USD 1.336

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US États-Unis d'Amérique

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi un nouveau montant équivalent (le montant le plus élevé) de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **francs suisses (CHF)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le franc suisse (CHF) comme monnaie de paiement ou comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Le montant équivalent du montant le plus bas de la taxe de recherche reste inchangé. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 janvier 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : CHF 1.171 (395)

Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon la section 111.a) du titre 35 U.S.C., que la taxe de dépôt de base a été acquittée selon la section 1.16.a) du titre 37 CFR et que la demande nationale antérieure déposée aux États-Unis est identifiée par le numéro de la demande s'il est connu ou, si le numéro de la demande n'est pas connu, par la date de dépôt, le titre et le nom du déposant (et, de préférence, par le numéro de dossier de la demande) figurant dans la demande internationale ou accompagnant les documents au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(US), page 395]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**GB United Kingdom**

The **United Kingdom Patent Office** has notified changes in its special requirements as a designated (or elected) Office. The Office has also modified the time limit for compliance with two of the special requirements and the conditions under which a translation of the priority document or a declaration regarding such translation will be required (both modifications relate only to the relevant footnotes). Furthermore, the Office has provided a facsimile number for the address from which a list of registered patent agents may be obtained. Only the text appearing as a footnote to the address is reproduced hereafter:

E-mail: mail@cipa.org.uk; Internet: www.cipa.org.uk; telephone: (44-20) 74 05 94 50;
facsimile: (44-20) 74 30 04 71.

Because of the modifications to the footnotes, the remaining footnotes require re-numbering. The consolidated list of special requirements is now as follows:

Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Translation of international application⁵

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application^{5,6}

Translation of priority document into English, or declaration that the international application is a complete translation of the priority document into English⁷

Address for service in the United Kingdom (but no representation by an agent is required)⁸

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (GB), page 463]

⁵ Must be furnished within 33 months from the priority date. Where the applicant expressly requests early entry into the national phase, the name and address of the inventor must be furnished within 16 months from the priority date, or two months from the date on which the conditions for early entry are satisfied, whichever is the later (unless already furnished in the “Request”).

⁶ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

⁷ A translation or declaration will only be required where the validity of the priority claim is relevant to the determination of whether the invention concerned is patentable. A period within which a translation or declaration must be filed will be specified by the Office.

⁸ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**GB Royaume-Uni**

L'Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni a notifié des changements relatifs à ses exigences particulières en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). L'office a aussi modifié le délai dans lequel deux des exigences particulières doivent être satisfaites et les conditions sous lesquelles une traduction du document de priorité ou une déclaration concernant cette traduction seront exigées (ces modifications ne concernent que les notes de bas de page pertinentes). De plus, l'office a fourni un numéro de télécopieur correspondant à l'adresse à laquelle une liste des agents de brevets agréés peut être obtenue. Seul le texte de la note de bas de page relative à cette adresse est reproduit ci-après :

Courrier électronique : mail@cipa.org.uk; Internet : www.cipa.org.uk; téléphone : (44-20) 74 05 94 50; télécopieur : (44-20) 74 30 04 71.

En raison des modifications apportées aux notes de bas de page, les notes restantes doivent être renumérotées. La liste récapitulative des exigences particulières est désormais la suivante :

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT) :

Traduction de la demande internationale⁵

Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale^{5,6}

Traduction du document de priorité en anglais ou déclaration selon laquelle la demande internationale est une traduction intégrale en anglais du document de priorité⁷

Adresse de service au Royaume-Uni (mais la représentation par un mandataire n'est pas exigée)⁸

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (GB), page 488]

⁵ Exigence à satisfaire dans un délai de 33 mois à compter de la date de priorité. Lorsque le déposant demande expressément l'ouverture anticipée de la phase nationale, le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être fournis dans un délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, ou de deux mois à compter de la date à laquelle les conditions de l'ouverture anticipée sont remplies, le délai qui expire le plus tard devant être appliqué (à moins qu'ils n'aient déjà été fournis dans la "requête").

⁶ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

⁷ Une traduction ou une déclaration ne sera exigée que si la validité de la revendication de priorité est pertinente pour déterminer si l'invention en question est brevetable ou non. Un délai dans lequel une traduction ou une déclaration doit être déposée sera précisé par l'office.

⁸ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF
MODIFIED PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS;
NOTIFICATION UNDER PCT ARTICLE 22(3);
NOTIFICATION UNDER PCT ARTICLE 39(1)(b)**

FI Finland

Further to its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland)** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 January 2005.

Furthermore, the **National Board of Patents and Registration (Finland)**, pursuant to PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b), has notified changes in the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase, with effect from the same date. The new time limits are as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	31 months from the priority date

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (FI), page 461]

**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF
AMENDED PCT RULE 51bis WITH NATIONAL LAWS**

GB United Kingdom

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Rule 51bis.1(e) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, page 2024), the **United Kingdom Patent Office** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 January 2005; PCT Rule 51bis.1(e) will therefore apply as from that date.

RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT MODIFIÉ; NOTIFICATION EN VERTU DE L'ARTICLE 22.3) DU PCT; NOTIFICATION EN VERTU DE L'ARTICLE 39.1)b) DU PCT

FI Finlande

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de l'article 22.1) du PCT modifié (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 08/2002, page 3887), l'**Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement (Finlande)** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il retire ladite notification avec effet à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2005.

De plus, l'**Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement (Finlande)**, conformément aux articles 22.3) et 39.1)b) du PCT, a notifié des changements dans les délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, avec effet à compter de la même date. Les nouveaux délais sont les suivants :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (FI), page 486]

RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE LA RÈGLE 51bis DU PCT MODIFIÉE

GB Royaume-Uni

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de la règle 51bis.1.e) du PCT (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 05/2001, page 2025), l'**Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2005; la règle 51bis.1.e) du PCT s'appliquera donc à compter de cette date.

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**SG Singapore**

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. This waiver is applicable to all international applications that are filed with the Office on or after 1 December 2004. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or common representative, who is not indicated on the Request form at the time of filing, performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Where an agent or common representative, who is not indicated on the Request form at the time of filing, performs any action after filing; or where it is unclear that an agent or common representative has power to act on behalf of the applicant

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(SG), page 347]

RENONCIATIONS EN VERTU DES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**SG Singapour**

Selon les règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Singapour**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce aux exigences en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) selon lesquelles un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise. Cette renonciation est applicable à toutes les demandes internationales déposées auprès de l'office le 1^{er} décembre 2004 ou à une date ultérieure. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Pour tout acte accompli après le dépôt par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt; ou lorsqu'il ne ressort pas clairement que le mandataire ou le représentant commun est mandaté pour agir au nom du déposant

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Pour tout acte accompli après le dépôt par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'est pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt; ou lorsqu'il ne ressort pas clairement que le mandataire ou le représentant commun est mandaté pour agir au nom du déposant

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Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and the technical standard for the electronic filing and processing of international applications entered into force on 7 January 2002 (see PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-04/2001, dated 27 December 2001). Annex F and its Appendix I were subsequently the subject of modifications that entered into force on 12 December 2002 (see PCT Gazette No. 50/2002, dated 12 December 2002), on 19 June 2003 (see PCT Gazette No. 25/2003, dated 19 June 2003), on 1 January 2004 (see PCT Gazette No. 51/2003, dated 18 December 2003) and on 12 February 2004 (see PCT Gazette No. 07/2004, dated 12 February 2004). Other modifications to Annex F and to its Appendix I will enter into force on 1 January 2005 (see PCT Gazette No. 32/2004, dated 5 August 2004, and No. 36/2004, dated 2 September 2004).

Modifications of Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b) and to the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 of Annex F (expedited consideration of change proposals), Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions is now modified, with effect from 1 January 2005, as follows:

- (i) certain changes to DTDs (Appendix I of Annex F).

The text of the modifications of Appendix I of Annex F is not, due to its highly technical content, reproduced here but has been published, as document PCT/AI/DTD/1 Rev.2, on WIPO's website at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm>; paper copies are available from the International Bureau upon request.

The present text of the Administrative Instructions is set out in the PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-04/2004, dated 1 July 2004, and in document PCT/AI/2 Corr., dated 11 August 2004. The present text of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions is set out in document PCT/AI/ANF/1, dated 17 June 2004. The present text of Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions is set out in document PCT/AI/DTD/1, dated 17 June 2004. The texts of the other modifications to Annex F and to its Appendix I that will enter into force on 1 January 2005 are set out in documents PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.1, dated 2 August 2004, and PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.2, dated 2 September 2004, and in document PCT/AI/DTD/1 Rev.1, dated 2 August 2004, respectively. A new consolidated text of Appendix I of Annex F, as in force from 1 January 2005, has been prepared by the International Bureau and is now set out in document PCT/AI/DTD/2, dated 16 December 2004. All these documents may be downloaded from WIPO's website.

INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT : NORME CONCERNANT LE DÉPÔT ET LE TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES – MODIFICATIONS DE L'APPENDICE I DE L'ANNEXE F ET NOUVEAU TEXTE CONSOLIDÉ**NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**

La septième partie et l'annexe F des instructions administratives relatives, respectivement, au cadre juridique et à la norme technique nécessaires à la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement électroniques des demandes internationales sont entrées en vigueur le 7 janvier 2002 (voir le numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT S-04/2001, du 27 décembre 2001). L'annexe F et son appendice I ont par la suite fait l'objet de modifications qui sont entrées en vigueur le 12 décembre 2002 (voir le n° 50/2002 de la Gazette du PCT, du 12 décembre 2002), le 19 juin 2003 (voir le n° 25/2003 de la Gazette du PCT, du 19 juin 2003), le 1^{er} janvier 2004 (voir le n° 51/2003 de la Gazette du PCT, du 18 décembre 2003) et le 12 février 2004 (voir le n° 07/2004 de la Gazette du PCT, du 12 février 2004). D'autres modifications apportées à l'annexe F et à son appendice I entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2005 (voir les n°s 32/2004, du 5 août 2004, et 36/2004, du 2 septembre 2004, de la Gazette du PCT).

Modifications de l'appendice I de l'annexe F des instructions administratives

Après consultation des offices et des administrations intéressés, conformément à la règle 89.2.b) du PCT et à la procédure de modification prévue à la section 2.5.5 de l'annexe F (examen accéléré des propositions de modification), l'appendice I de l'annexe F des instructions administratives est maintenant modifiée, avec effet au 1^{er} janvier 2005, comme suit :

- i) modification de certaines DTDs (appendice I de l'annexe F).

Le texte des modifications de l'appendice I de l'annexe F n'est pas reproduit ici en raison de son contenu extrêmement technique mais il a été publié, en tant que document PCT/AI/DTD/1 Rev.2, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/index.htm>; des copies papier seront fournies par le Bureau international sur demande.

Le texte actuel des instructions administratives figure dans le numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT S-04/2004, du 1^{er} juillet 2004, et dans le document PCT/AI/2 Corr., du 11 août 2004. Le texte actuel de l'annexe F des instructions administratives figure dans le document PCT/AI/ANF/1, du 17 juin 2004. Le texte actuel de l'appendice I de l'annexe F des instructions administratives figure dans le document PCT/AI/DTD/1, du 17 juin 2004. Les textes des autres modifications apportées à l'annexe F et à son appendice I qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2005 figurent dans les documents PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.1, du 2 août 2004, et PCT/AI/ANF/1 Rev.2, du 2 septembre 2004, et dans le document PCT/AI/DTD/1 Rev.1, du 2 août 2004, respectivement. Un nouveau texte consolidé de l'appendice I de l'annexe F, avec effet au 1^{er} janvier 2005, a été établi par le Bureau international et figure à présent dans le document PCT/AI/DTD/2, du 16 décembre 2004. Tous ces documents peuvent être téléchargés sur le site Internet de l'OMPI.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**CN China**
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and in **euro (EUR)** of the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **China Intellectual Property Office**, have been established. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 February 2005, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CHF 207
	EUR 137

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(CN), page 373]

NZ New Zealand

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the international filing fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reductions under item 3 of the Schedule of Fees. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2005, are specified below:

International filing fee:	NZD	1,653
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	18
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):		
PCT-EASY:	NZD	118

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(NZ), page 331, and PCT Gazette No. 29/2004(E), page 16290]

RU Russian Federation

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and in **euro (EUR)** of the search fee, payable for an international search carried out by the **Russian Patent Office** for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the Swiss franc (CHF) or the euro (EUR) as currencies of payment or use the Swiss franc (CHF) or the euro (EUR) as a basis for calculating the equivalent amount in the national currency. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 February 2005, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CHF 344
	EUR 227

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(RU), page 380]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**CN Chine****IB Bureau international**

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, de nouveaux montants équivalents en **francs suisses (CHF)** et en **euros (EUR)** de la taxe de recherche, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine**, ont été établis. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} février 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	CHF 207
	EUR 137

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(CN), page 385]

NZ Nouvelle-Zélande

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)** ont été établis pour la taxe internationale de dépôt, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour les réductions selon le point 3 du barème de taxes. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe internationale de dépôt :	NZD	1.653
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	NZD	18
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :		
PCT-EASY :	NZD	118

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(NZ), page 342, et de la Gazette du PCT n° 29/2004(F), page 16291]

RU Fédération de Russie

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi de nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **francs suisses (CHF)** et en **euros (EUR)**, payables pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office russe des brevets** aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifié le franc suisse (CHF) ou l'euro (EUR) comme monnaies de paiement ou comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} février 2005, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	CHF 344
	EUR 227

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(RU), page 392]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (cont'd)**US United States of America**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the (higher) amount of the search fee for an international search carried out by **the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. The equivalent amount of the lower search fee remains unchanged. The new amount, applicable as from 1 February 2005, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): NZD 1,460 [No change]

The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior United States national application has been filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a), the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) has been paid and the prior US national application is identified by the application number if known, or if the application number is not known, by the filing date, title and name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket number), in the international application or accompanying the papers at the time of filing the international application

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(US), page 382]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

Un nouveau montant équivalent pour le montant (le plus élevé) de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**. Le montant équivalent du montant le plus bas de la taxe de recherche reste inchangé. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} février 2005, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : NZD 1.460 [Sans changement]

Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon la section 111.a) du titre 35 U.S.C., que la taxe de dépôt de base a été acquittée selon la section 1.16.a) du titre 37 CFR et que la demande nationale antérieure déposée aux États-Unis est identifiée par le numéro de la demande s'il est connu ou, si le numéro de la demande n'est pas connu, par la date de dépôt, le titre et le nom du déposant (et, de préférence, par le numéro de dossier de la demande) figurant dans la demande internationale ou accompagnant les documents au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(US), page 395]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**SE Sweden**

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Swedish Patent Office**, in its capacities as receiving Office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. This waiver will have effect from 1 January 2005. A new heading will be incorporated into Annexes C, D and E, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form or in the demand form at the time of their filing

Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form or in the demand form at the time of their filing

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(SE), page 345]

RENONCIATIONS EN VERTU DES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**SE Suède**

Selon les règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office suédois des brevets**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce aux exigences en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)ii) du PCT selon lesquelles un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise. Cette renonciation aura effet à partir du 1^{er} janvier 2005. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans les annexes C, D et E, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Oui

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête ou dans le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international au moment de leur dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans ces formulaires au moment du dépôt

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise ?

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Oui

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête ou dans le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international au moment de leur dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans ces formulaires au moment du dépôt

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(SE), page 357]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c) (cont'd)**SE Sweden (cont'd)**

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form or in the demand form at the time of their filing

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form or in the demand form at the time of their filing

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex D(SE), page 381, and Annex E(SE), page 393]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**Non-Working Days**

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5*, it is to be noted that the days on which the International Bureau is **not open for business** are, for the period from 1 January to 31 December 2005, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and	16 May 2005
21 January 2005	8 September 2005
25 March 2005	26 December 2005
28 March 2005	27 December 2005
5 May 2005	30 December 2005

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other international organizations.

* Rule 80.5 **Expiration on a Non-Working Day or Official Holiday**

“If the expiration of any period during which any document or fee must reach a national Office or intergovernmental organization falls on a day:

- (i) on which such Office or organization is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business;
- (ii) on which ordinary mail is not delivered in the locality in which such Office or organization is situated;
- (iii) which, where such Office or organization is situated in more than one locality, is an official holiday in at least one of the localities in which such Office or organization is situated, and in circumstances where the national law applicable by that Office or organization provides, in respect of national applications, that, in such a case, such period shall expire on a subsequent day; or
- (iv) which, where such Office is the government authority of a Contracting State entrusted with the granting of patents, is an official holiday in part of that Contracting State, and in circumstances where the national law applicable by that Office provides, in respect of national applications, that, in such a case, such period shall expire on a subsequent day;

the period shall expire on the next subsequent day on which none of the said four circumstances exists.”

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT (suite)**SE Suède (suite)**

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête ou dans le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international au moment de leur dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans ces formulaires au moment du dépôt

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête ou dans le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international au moment de leur dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans ces formulaires au moment du dépôt

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe D(SE), page 393, et annexe E(SE), page 408]

BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**Jours chômés**

Aux fins du calcul des délais selon la règle 80.5* du PCT, il convient de noter que le Bureau international **ne sera pas ouvert** les jours suivants, pendant la période du 1^{er} janvier au 31 décembre 2005 :

Tous les samedis et dimanches et le 21 janvier 2005	le 16 mai 2005
le 25 mars 2005	le 8 septembre 2005
le 28 mars 2005	le 26 décembre 2005
le 5 mai 2005	le 27 décembre 2005
	le 30 décembre 2005

Il est important de noter que les jours susmentionnés concernent **le Bureau international exclusivement et non pas** les offices nationaux ni d'autres organisations intergouvernementales.

* Règle 80.5 **Expiration un jour chômé ou un jour férié**

“Si un délai quelconque pendant lequel un document ou une taxe doit parvenir à un office national ou à une organisation intergouvernementale expire un jour

- i) où cet office ou cette organisation n'est pas ouvert au public pour traiter d'affaires officielles;
- ii) où le courrier ordinaire n'est pas délivré dans la localité où cet office ou cette organisation est situé;
- iii) qui, lorsque cet office ou cette organisation est situé dans plus d'une localité, est un jour férié dans au moins une des localités dans lesquelles cet office ou cette organisation est situé, et dans le cas où la législation nationale applicable par cet office ou cette organisation prévoit, à l'égard des demandes nationales, que, dans cette situation, ce délai prend fin le jour suivant; ou
- iv) qui, lorsque cet office est l'administration gouvernementale d'un État contractant chargée de délivrer des brevets, est un jour férié dans une partie de cet État contractant, et dans le cas où la législation nationale applicable par cet office prévoit, à l'égard des demandes nationales, que, dans cette situation, ce délai prend fin le jour suivant;

le délai prend fin le premier jour suivant auquel aucune de ces quatre circonstances n'existe plus.”

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

NOTIFICATIONS ET INFORMATIONS DE CARACTÈRE GÉNÉRAL

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)****YU Serbia and Montenegro**

Serbia and Montenegro recently concluded an agreement with the European Patent Organisation (EPO) which provides for the extension of the effects of European patent applications and patents to Serbia and Montenegro. The agreement entered into force on 1 November 2004. Under the agreement, it is possible to obtain patent protection in Serbia and Montenegro by requesting the extension of a European patent to Serbia and Montenegro. The extension procedure is also available, if the necessary requirements are met, via the PCT.

Note that Serbia and Montenegro (country code YU) is not party to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and cannot be designated for a European patent (EP).

The extension of a European patent to Serbia and Montenegro via the PCT is available in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 November 2004. A request for the extension of a European patent to Serbia and Montenegro may be made if:

- (i) the designation of Serbia and Montenegro is not withdrawn; and
- (ii) the international filing fee is paid.

When, within 31 months (Chapter I or Chapter II) from the priority date, the applicant enters the regional phase before the European Patent Office and pays to the EPO the European extension fee for the extension of a European patent to Serbia and Montenegro, a request for the extension of a European patent is deemed to have been made (no special indication concerning the extension should be made in the PCT request). If, however, the 31-month time limit has been missed, the extension fee may still be validly paid, with a surcharge of 50%, within the period of grace provided for in the EPC for payment of the designation fees. The request for extension will be considered withdrawn if, upon entry into the regional phase before the EPO, the European extension fee is not paid within the applicable time limit. No notification of non-observance of the basic time limit or expiry of the period of grace will be issued, and re-establishment of rights is not possible in respect of payment of the extension fee.

A European patent application for which extension to Serbia and Montenegro has been requested is equivalent to a duly filed national application in Serbia and Montenegro and, after publication, confers provisional protection as from the date on which a translation of the claims into the national language (that is, Serbian) has been communicated by the applicant to the person using the invention in Serbia and Montenegro.

Upon completion of the European procedure, the EPO will inform the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia and Montenegro) of the grant of a European patent. That patent will have the effect of a national patent granted by the national patent office, provided that, within three months from publication of mention of the grant of a European patent in the *European Patent Bulletin*, a translation of the specification into Serbian is filed with, and the prescribed fees are paid to, the Intellectual Property Office (Serbia and Montenegro). Renewal fees for the extended European patent will have to be paid to the national patent office for the years following the year in which the mention of the grant of the European patent was published by the EPO.

The option of entering the national phase directly before the national patent office within 30 months from the priority date, instead of proceeding with a request for the extension of a European patent to Serbia and Montenegro, is also available for any international application provided that the designation of Serbia and Montenegro has not been withdrawn.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(YU), page 213, Annex B2(EP), page 224, Summary (EP), page 458, and Summary (YU), page 554]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

YU Serbie-et-Monténégro

La Serbie-et-Monténégro a récemment conclu avec l'Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB) un accord relatif à l'extension des effets des demandes de brevet européen et des brevets européens à la Serbie-et-Monténégro. L'accord est entré en vigueur le 1^{er} novembre 2004. Aux termes de cet accord, il est possible d'obtenir une protection par brevet en Serbie-et-Monténégro en demandant l'extension d'un brevet européen à la Serbie-et-Monténégro. La procédure d'extension est également possible par la voie PCT, pour autant que les conditions requises soient remplies.

Il convient de noter que la Serbie-et-Monténégro (code de pays YU) n'est pas partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen (CBE) et ne peut pas elle-même être désignée aux fins d'un brevet européen (EP).

L'extension d'un brevet européen à la Serbie-et-Monténégro par la voie PCT est possible en ce qui concerne les demandes internationales déposées le 1^{er} novembre 2004 ou ultérieurement. Une requête en extension des effets d'un brevet européen à la Serbie-et-Monténégro peut être présentée si :

- i) la désignation de la Serbie-et-Monténégro n'a pas été retirée; et
- ii) la taxe internationale de dépôt a été acquittée.

Lorsque, dans un délai de 31 mois (chapitre I ou chapitre II) à compter de la date de priorité, le déposant procède à l'ouverture de la phase régionale auprès de l'Office européen des brevets et paie à l'OEB la taxe d'extension européenne pour l'extension des effets d'un brevet européen à la Serbie-et-Monténégro, une requête en extension des effets d'un brevet européen est réputée avoir été présentée (aucune indication particulière concernant l'extension ne doit être inscrite dans la requête selon le PCT). Toutefois, si le délai de 31 mois a été dépassé, la taxe d'extension peut encore être valablement acquittée, moyennant une surtaxe de 50%, dans le délai supplémentaire prévu dans la CBE pour le paiement des taxes de désignation. La requête en extension sera considérée comme retirée si, lors de l'ouverture de la phase régionale devant l'OEB, la taxe d'extension européenne n'est pas payée dans le délai applicable. Il ne sera pas envoyé de notification de non-observation du délai de base ou d'expiration du délai supplémentaire, et le rétablissement des droits n'est pas possible en ce qui concerne le paiement de la taxe d'extension.

Une demande de brevet européen pour laquelle une requête en extension à la Serbie-et-Monténégro a été présentée équivaut à une demande nationale présentée en bonne et due forme en Serbie-et-Monténégro et, après publication, confère une protection provisoire à compter de la date à laquelle une traduction des revendications dans la langue nationale (à savoir, le serbe) a été communiquée par le déposant à la personne qui utilise l'invention en Serbie-et-Monténégro.

À l'issue de la procédure européenne, l'OEB informera l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Serbie-et-Monténégro) de la délivrance d'un brevet européen. Ce brevet aura l'effet d'un brevet national délivré par l'office national des brevets, à condition que, dans les trois mois suivant la publication de la mention de la délivrance d'un brevet européen dans le *Bulletin européen des brevets*, une traduction du fascicule en serbe soit déposée, et que les taxes prescrites soient acquittées, auprès de l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Serbie-et-Monténégro). Des taxes de renouvellement du brevet européen étendu devront être payées à l'office national des brevets pour les années suivant celle où la mention de la délivrance du brevet européen aura été publiée par l'OEB.

La possibilité d'engager la phase nationale directement auprès de l'office national des brevets dans un délai de 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité, en lieu et place du traitement d'une requête en extension des effets d'un brevet européen à la Serbie-et-Monténégro, est également possible pour toute demande internationale, à condition que la désignation de la Serbie-et-Monténégro n'ait pas été retirée.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(YU), page 217, annexe B2(EP), page 228, résumé (EP), page 482, et résumé (YU), page 591]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)****BA Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Bosnia and Herzegovina recently concluded an agreement with the European Patent Organisation (EPO) which provides for the extension of the effects of European patent applications and patents to Bosnia and Herzegovina. The agreement entered into force on 1 December 2004. Under the agreement, it is possible to obtain patent protection in Bosnia and Herzegovina by requesting the extension of a European patent to Bosnia and Herzegovina. The extension procedure is also available, if the necessary requirements are met, via the PCT.

Note that Bosnia and Herzegovina (country code BA) is not party to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and cannot be designated for a European patent (EP).

The extension of a European patent to Bosnia and Herzegovina via the PCT is available in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 December 2004. A request for the extension of a European patent to Bosnia and Herzegovina may be made if:

- (i) the designation of Bosnia and Herzegovina is not withdrawn; and
- (ii) the international filing fee is paid.

When, within 31 months (Chapter I or Chapter II) from the priority date, the applicant enters the regional phase before the European Patent Office and pays to the EPO the European extension fee for the extension of a European patent to Bosnia and Herzegovina, a request for the extension of a European patent is deemed to have been made (no special indication concerning the extension should be made in the PCT request). If, however, the 31-month time limit has been missed, the extension fee may still be validly paid, with a surcharge of 50%, within the period of grace provided for in the EPC for payment of the designation fees. The request for extension will be considered withdrawn if, upon entry into the regional phase before the EPO, the European extension fee is not paid within the applicable time limit. No notification of non-observance of the basic time limit or expiry of the period of grace will be issued, and re-establishment of rights is not possible in respect of payment of the extension fee.

A European patent application for which extension to Bosnia and Herzegovina has been requested is equivalent to a duly filed national application in Bosnia and Herzegovina and, after publication, confers provisional protection as from the date on which a translation of the claims into an official language of Bosnia and Herzegovina (that is, into Bosnian, Croatian or Serbian) has been communicated by the applicant to the person using the invention in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Upon completion of the European procedure, the EPO will inform the Institute for Standards, Metrology and Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina of the grant of a European patent. That patent will have the effect of a national patent granted by the national patent office, provided that, within three months from publication of mention of the grant of a European patent in the *European Patent Bulletin*, a translation of the specification into Bosnian, Croatian or Serbian is filed with, and the prescribed fees are paid to, the Institute for Standards, Metrology and Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Renewal fees for the extended European patent will have to be paid to the national patent office for the years following the year in which the mention of the grant of the European patent was published by the EPO.

The option of entering the national phase directly before the national patent office within 34 months from the priority date, instead of proceeding with a request for the extension of a European patent to Bosnia and Herzegovina, is also available for any international application provided that the designation of Bosnia and Herzegovina has not been withdrawn.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(BA), page 18, Annex B2(EP), page 224, Summary (EP), page 458, and Summary (BA), page 425]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES (suite)

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

BA Bosnie-Herzégovine

La Bosnie-Herzégovine a récemment conclu avec l'Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB) un accord relatif à l'extension des effets des demandes de brevet européen et des brevets européens à la Bosnie-Herzégovine. L'accord est entré en vigueur le 1^{er} décembre 2004. Aux termes de cet accord, il est possible d'obtenir une protection par brevet en Bosnie-Herzégovine en demandant l'extension d'un brevet européen à la Bosnie-Herzégovine. La procédure d'extension est également possible par la voie PCT, pour autant que les conditions requises soient remplies.

Il convient de noter que la Bosnie-Herzégovine (code de pays BA) n'est pas partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen (CBE) et ne peut pas elle-même être désignée aux fins d'un brevet européen (EP).

L'extension d'un brevet européen à la Bosnie-Herzégovine par la voie PCT est possible en ce qui concerne les demandes internationales déposées le 1^{er} décembre 2004 ou ultérieurement. Une requête en extension des effets d'un brevet européen à la Bosnie-Herzégovine peut être présentée si :

- i) la désignation de la Bosnie-Herzégovine n'a pas été retirée; et
- ii) la taxe internationale de dépôt a été acquittée.

Lorsque, dans un délai de 31 mois (chapitre I ou chapitre II) à compter de la date de priorité, le déposant procède à l'ouverture de la phase régionale auprès de l'Office européen des brevets et paie à l'OEB la taxe d'extension européenne pour l'extension des effets d'un brevet européen à la Bosnie-Herzégovine, une requête en extension des effets d'un brevet européen est réputée avoir été présentée (aucune indication particulière concernant l'extension ne doit être inscrite dans la requête selon le PCT). Toutefois, si le délai de 31 mois a été dépassé, la taxe d'extension peut encore être valablement acquittée, moyennant une surtaxe de 50%, dans le délai supplémentaire prévu dans la CBE pour le paiement des taxes de désignation. La requête en extension sera considérée comme retirée si, lors de l'ouverture de la phase régionale devant l'OEB, la taxe d'extension européenne n'est pas payée dans le délai applicable. Il ne sera pas envoyé de notification de non-observation du délai de base ou d'expiration du délai supplémentaire, et le rétablissement des droits n'est pas possible en ce qui concerne le paiement de la taxe d'extension.

Une demande de brevet européen pour laquelle une requête en extension à la Bosnie-Herzégovine a été présentée équivaut à une demande nationale présentée en bonne et due forme en Bosnie-Herzégovine et, après publication, confère une protection provisoire à compter de la date à laquelle une traduction des revendications dans une langue officielle de la Bosnie-Herzégovine (à savoir, le bosniaque, le croate ou le serbe) a été communiquée par le déposant à la personne qui utilise l'invention en Bosnie-Herzégovine.

À l'issue de la procédure européenne, l'OEB informera l'Institut des normes, de la métrologie et de la propriété intellectuelle de la Bosnie-Herzégovine de la délivrance d'un brevet européen. Ce brevet aura l'effet d'un brevet national délivré par l'office national des brevets à condition que, dans les trois mois suivant la publication de la mention de la délivrance d'un brevet européen dans le *Bulletin européen des brevets*, une traduction du fascicule en bosniaque, en croate ou en serbe soit déposée, et que les taxes prescrites soient acquittées, auprès de l'Institut des normes, de la métrologie et de la propriété intellectuelle de la Bosnie-Herzégovine. Des taxes de renouvellement du brevet européen étendu devront être payées à l'office national des brevets pour les années suivant celle où la mention de la délivrance du brevet européen aura été publiée par l'OEB.

La possibilité d'engager la phase nationale directement auprès de l'office national des brevets dans un délai de 34 mois à compter de la date de priorité, en lieu et place du traitement d'une requête en extension des effets d'un brevet européen à la Bosnie-Herzégovine, est également possible pour toute demande internationale, à condition que la désignation de la Bosnie-Herzégovine n'ait pas été retirée.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(BA), page 18, annexe B2(EP), page 228, résumé (EP), page 482, et résumé (BA), page 444]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**CH Switzerland**

Under PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2004, the **Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Institute**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirements under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows:

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	None
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	None

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(CH), page 252]

RENONCIATIONS EN VERTU DES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**CH Suisse**

Selon les règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Institut Fédéral de la Propriété Intellectuelle (Suisse)**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce aux exigences en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5.a)iii) selon lesquelles un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis?	Oui
Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :	Néant
L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remise?	Oui
Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :	Néant

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SECTION IV

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**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS****CA Canada**

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO)** has introduced an additional telephone number as well as specifying the Office to which each telephone number belongs. In the case of the facsimile machine number, the specification of the Office to which the number belongs has been deleted. The consolidated list of telephone numbers as well as the facsimile machine number, applicable as from 1 January 2005, will be as follows:

Telephone: (1-819) 994 37 11 (receiving Office)
(1-819) 953 97 12 (designated/elected Office)

Facsimile machine: (1-819) 953 24 76

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(CA), page 35]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a change in its location and has introduced additional telephone and facsimile machine numbers, as well as specifying the Offices to which each of the telephone numbers and each of the facsimile machine numbers belong. The teleprinter address for the Office has been deleted. The new location and the consolidated list of telephone numbers and facsimile machine numbers, applicable since 15 December 2004, are as follows:

Location: Customer Service Window, Randolph Building,
401 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314,
United States of America
(first floor of the south side of the Randolph Building,
with street level access from Ballenger Avenue)

Telephone: (1-703) 305 31 65 (PCT applications, international and
national phase)
(1-703) 305 32 57 (PCT Help Desk)

Facsimile machine: (1-703) 305 32 30 (PCT applications, international and
national phase)
(1-751) 273 04 19 (PCT Help Desk)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex B1(US), page 206]

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET
LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES****CA Canada**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada (OPIC)** a introduit un numéro de téléphone supplémentaire et précisé l'office correspondant à chaque numéro de téléphone. En ce qui concerne le numéro de télécopieur, l'indication de l'office correspondant à ce numéro a été supprimée. La liste récapitulative des numéros de téléphone ainsi que du numéro de télécopieur, applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2005, sera la suivante :

Téléphone : (1-819) 994 37 11 (office récepteur)
(1-819) 953 97 12 (office désigné/élu)

Télécopieur : (1-819) 953 24 76

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(CA), page 35]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

L'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** a notifié un changement relatif à son siège et a introduit des numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur supplémentaires, en précisant les offices correspondant à chaque numéro de téléphone et chaque numéro de télécopieur. L'adresse du téléimprimeur de l'office a été supprimée. La nouvelle adresse du siège et la liste récapitulative des numéros de téléphone et des numéros de télécopieur, applicables depuis le 15 décembre 2004, sont les suivantes :

Siège : Customer Service Window [Guichet du service utilisateurs],
Randolph Building, 401 Dulany Street,
Alexandria, VA 22314, États-Unis d'Amérique
(1^{er} étage de l'aile sud du Randolph Building avec accès
niveau rue par la Ballenger Avenue)

Téléphone : (1-703) 305 31 65 (demandes PCT, phase internationale et
phase nationale)
(1-703) 305 32 57 (Help Desk PCT)

Télécopieur : (1-703) 305 32 30 (demandes PCT, phase internationale et
phase nationale)
(1-751) 273 04 19 (Help Desk PCT)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe B1(US), page 209]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**CA Canada**

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO)** has notified a change in the amount of the fee for priority document in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to it as receiving Office, and applicable as from 1 January 2005, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	CAD 35 plus CAD 1.00 per page
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(CA), page 251]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The new amounts, applicable since 8 December 2004, are as follows (the amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a “small entity”):

Basic national fee:	USD 300 (150)
Examination fee:	USD 200 (100)
Search fee:	USD 500 (250)

For every 50 sheets or fraction thereof of the specification and drawings, that exceeds 100 sheets (excluding any sequence listing or computer program listing filed in an electronic medium):	USD 250 (125)
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Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three:	USD 200 (100)
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Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20:	USD 50 (25)
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In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application:	USD 360 (180)
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Surcharge for filing oath or declaration after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1):	[No change]
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Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1):	[No change]
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (US), page 546]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**CA Canada**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada (OPIC)** a notifié un changement relatif au montant de la taxe pour le document de priorité, exprimé en **dollars canadiens (CAD)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2005, comme suit :

Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	CAD 35 plus CAD 1,00 par page
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(CA), page 256]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

L'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** a notifié des changements dans les montants des taxes exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Les nouveaux montants, applicables depuis le 8 décembre 2004, sont les suivants (les montants indiqués entre parenthèses s'appliquent dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par une "petite entité") :

Taxe nationale de base :	USD 300 (150)
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Taxe d'examen :	USD 200 (100)
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Taxe de recherche :	USD 500 (250)
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Pour chaque série, complète ou incomplète, de 50 feuilles du fascicule et des dessins à compter de la 101 ^e feuille (à l'exclusion de tout listage des séquences ou listage de programme d'ordinateur déposé au moyen d'un support électronique) :	USD 250 (125)
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Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 4 ^e :	USD 200 (100)
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Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication, indépendante ou non, à compter de la 21 ^e :	USD 50 (25)
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De plus, si la demande contient une ou plusieurs revendications dépendantes multiples, par demande :	USD 360 (180)
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Surtaxe pour le dépôt du serment ou de la déclaration après l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT :	[Sans changement]
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Taxe de traitement pour le dépôt d'une traduction anglaise après l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT :	[Sans changement]
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**RECEIVING OFFICES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES****DE Germany**

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified changes in its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office or as designated (or elected) Office, applicable as from 1 January 2005, as follows:

Who can act as agent?

In case an agent is required (because the applicant is a non-resident): any patent attorney or attorney-at-law¹ resident in Germany or any national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Law on the Qualifying Examination for Gaining Admission to the Profession of Patent Attorney and Law on the Professional Activities of European Lawyers in Germany), provided that a patent attorney or attorney-at-law,¹ resident in Germany, has been authorised to receive service of official communications

In case the applicant resides in Germany: any natural person resident in Germany

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Annex C(DE), page 260, and Summary (DE), page 446]

¹ The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the Patentanwaltskammer (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the Rechtsanwaltskammer (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Joachimstrasse 1, 53113 Bonn, Germany.

**OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS
OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)****DE Allemagne**

L'**Office allemand des brevets et des marques** a notifié des changements dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur ou en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2005, comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?

Si un mandataire est exigé (parce que le déposant n'est pas domicilié en Allemagne) : tout conseil en brevets ou avocat¹ domicilié en Allemagne ou tout national d'un État membre de l'Union européenne ou d'un État partie à l'accord sur l'Espace économique européen autorisé à exercer certaines activités professionnelles (voir la loi sur l'examen de qualification pour l'admission à la profession d'avocat et la loi sur les activités professionnelles des juristes européens en Allemagne), à condition qu'un conseil en brevets ou un avocat¹, domicilié en Allemagne, ait été autorisé à se voir signifier toute communication officielle

Si le déposant est domicilié en Allemagne : toute personne physique domiciliée en Allemagne

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), annexe C(DE), page 267, et résumé (DE), page 469]

¹ On peut se procurer la liste des conseils en brevets auprès du Patentanwaltskammer (Conseil de l'ordre des conseils en brevets), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Allemagne, et la liste des avocats auprès du Rechtsanwaltskammer (Conseil de l'ordre des avocats), Joachimstrasse 1, 53113 Bonn, Allemagne.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**CA Canada**

The **Canadian Intellectual Property Office (CIPO)** has deleted one of its special requirements as a designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of special requirements, applicable as from 1 January 2005, will be as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>): ²	An address for service if the applicant does not reside or carry out business in Canada
	Evidence of entitlement to file where the applicant is not the inventor ³
	Evidence of entitlement to file where the applicant is not the applicant originally indicated
	Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not the inventor
	If the appointed agent does not reside in Canada, the appointment by the agent of an agent who resides in Canada to be the associate agent

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (CA), page 435]

² Where PCT Article 22 or 39(1) applies: if not complied with within 36 months from the priority date or, provided that the applicant pays the additional fee for late entry into the national phase, if not complied with within six months after the applicant has performed the acts necessary for entry into the national phase, the application will be deemed abandoned.

³ Even if a corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17, the Office may nevertheless require further documents or evidence (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, page 2024).

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**CA Canada**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Canada (OPIC)** a notifié la suppression de l'une de ses exigences particulières en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). La liste récapitulative des exigences particulières, applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2005, sera la suivante :

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT)² :

Une adresse de service si le déposant n'est pas domicilié
ou n'a pas d'activité professionnelle au Canada

Justification du droit de déposer lorsque le déposant n'est
pas l'inventeur³

Justification du droit de déposer lorsque le déposant est
différent du déposant indiqué à l'origine

Désignation d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas un
inventeur

Si le mandataire désigné n'est pas domicilié au Canada,
désignation par ce dernier d'un mandataire domicilié au
Canada en tant que mandataire associé

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-05/2004(F), résumé (CA), page 455]

² Lorsque l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT est applicable, la demande sera considérée comme abandonnée si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans un délai de 36 mois à compter de la date de priorité ou, à condition que le déposant acquitte la surtaxe pour ouverture tardive de la phase nationale, s'il n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans un délai de six mois après l'accomplissement des actes requis pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale.

³ Même si une déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17, l'office peut quand même exiger des documents ou des preuves supplémentaires (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 05/2001, page 2025).

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES (cont'd)**DE Germany**

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has added two special requirements of the Office as a designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of special requirements, applicable as from 1 January 2005, will be as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>): ⁴	Where the applicant is a legal entity, indication of the name of an officer representing that entity
	Declaration concerning the inventor and the right of the applicant to apply for a patent ⁵
	Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Germany
	If the international application is for a patent and a utility model, the translation and the power of attorney must be furnished in duplicate
	Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in computer readable form
	Furnishing of confirmation of the international application by the signature of any applicant who has not signed the request
	Furnishing of any missing indication of the address and residence of each of the applicants

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-05/2004(E), Summary (DE), page 446]

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

⁵ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS) (suite)**DE Allemagne**

L'**Office allemand des brevets et des marques** a ajouté deux exigences particulières en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). La liste récapitulative des exigences particulières, applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2005, sera la suivante :

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT)⁴ :

Lorsque le déposant est une personne morale, indication du nom d'un administrateur représentant cette personne morale

Déclaration concernant l'inventeur et le droit du déposant de demander un brevet⁵

Nomination d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié en Allemagne

Si la demande internationale porte sur un brevet et sur un modèle d'utilité, la traduction et le pouvoir doivent être remis en deux exemplaires

Obtention, le cas échéant, d'un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur

Obtention de la confirmation de la demande internationale au moyen de la signature de tout déposant qui n'a pas signé la requête

Obtention de toute indication manquante concernant l'adresse et le domicile de chacun des déposants

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⁴ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

⁵ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

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CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****NI Nicaragua**

On 6 December 2002, **Nicaragua** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Nicaragua will become the 118th Contracting State of the PCT on 6 March 2003.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 6 March 2003, Nicaragua (country code: NI) may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 6 March 2003, nationals and residents of Nicaragua will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES**ES Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C**

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 2 January 2003. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change] ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change] ²
Cost of copies (Rule 44.3(b))	
– national documents, per document	3.81
– foreign documents, per document	5.37

Part II. [No change]”.

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, page 29531, No. 05/1998, page 2995, No. 07/1998, page 4224, No. 24/1999, page 6660, No. 49/2001, page 22744, No. 52/2001, page 24252, No. 1/2002, page 478, and No. 12/2002, page 5950.

² This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations (see also corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB) and *PCT Gazette* No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234), and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, 446).

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)****NI Nicaragua**

Le 6 décembre 2002, le **Nicaragua** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT. Le Nicaragua deviendra le 118^e État contractant du PCT le 6 mars 2003.

En conséquence, le Nicaragua pourra être désigné (code pour le pays : NI) dans toute demande internationale déposée le 6 mars 2003 ou ultérieurement et, étant lié par le chapitre II du PCT, pourra aussi être élu. En outre, à partir du 6 mars 2003, les nationaux du Nicaragua et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

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ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE**ES Accord entre l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C**

L'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications sont entrées en vigueur le 2 janvier 2003. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euros)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	[Sans changement] ²
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	[Sans changement] ²
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règle 44.3.b))	
– documents nationaux, par document	3,81
– documents étrangers, par document	5,37

Partie II. [Sans changement]².

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, page 29591, n° 05/1998, page 3005, n° 07/1998, page 4234, n° 24/1999, page 6661, n° 49/2001, page 22745, n° 52/2001, page 24253, n° 1/2002, page 479, et n° 12/2002, page 5951.

² Cette taxe est réduite de 75 % lorsque le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux, est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et qui est domiciliée dans un État, qui n'est pas partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen et qui remplit les conditions applicables à la réduction correspondante de certaines taxes du PCT telles qu'elles figurent dans le barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT (voir également la note correspondante de bas de page de l'annexe C(IB) et la *Gazette du PCT* n° 50/1995, pages 19267 et 19268), et conformément à la décision du Conseil d'administration de l'OEB du 11 octobre 2000 (JO OEB 2000, 446).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**ES Spain**

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as International Searching Authority and as designated (or elected) Office, applicable as from 2 January 2003, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 62.74
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 25.10
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3)	EUR 3.81 per national document EUR 5.37 per foreign document
National fee:	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	EUR 81.42
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	EUR 81.42

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IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **New Israel shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2003, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	ILS 476
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ILS 39 plus ILS 2.70 per page
National fee:	
Filing fee:	ILS 913

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(IL), page 279, and Summary (IL), page 438]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**ES Espagne**

L'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'office désigné (ou élu), applicables à compter du 2 janvier 2003, comme suit :

Taxe de transmission :	EUR 62,74
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	EUR 25,10
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport de recherche internationale (règle 44.3 du PCT)	EUR 3,81 par document national EUR 5,37 par document étranger
Taxe nationale :	
Pour un brevet :	
Taxe de dépôt :	EUR 81,42
Pour un modèle d'utilité :	
Taxe de dépôt :	EUR 81,42

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe C(ES), page 268, annexe D(ES), page 352, et résumé (ES), page 442]

IL Israël

L'**Office des brevets d'Israël** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **nouveaux shekels israéliens (ILS)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu). Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2003, sont les suivants :

Taxe de transmission :	ILS 476
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT):	ILS 39 plus ILS 2,70 par page
Taxe nationale :	
Taxe de dépôt :	ILS 913

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LANGUAGE(S) ACCEPTED FOR THE FILING OF REQUESTS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(c)

Under amended PCT Rule 12.1(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, the receiving Offices of the following States or Organizations have notified the International Bureau of the language or languages which they are prepared to accept for the filing of requests, as follows:

AT	Austria	German
CH	Switzerland	English, French, German
EA	Eurasian Patent Organization	English, Russian
EP	European Patent Organisation	English, French, German
HR	Croatia	English
HU	Hungary	English, French, German, Russian
KR	Republic of Korea	English, Japanese ³
MC	Monaco	French
MX	Mexico	Spanish
PT	Portugal	English, French, German
SE	Sweden	English

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DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Australian Government Analytical Laboratories (AGAL), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure, with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

Australian Government Analytical Laboratories (AGAL)
1, Suakin Street
Pymble N.S.W. 2073
Australia

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex L, page 372]

³ The request may be filed in Japanese only if the language of the international application is Japanese.

LANGUE(S) ACCEPTÉE(S) POUR LE DÉPÔT DES REQUÊTES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 12.1.c) DU PCT

En vertu de la règle 12.1.c) du PCT modifiée, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003, les offices récepteurs des États ou Organisations suivantes ont notifié au Bureau international la ou les langues qu'ils sont disposés à accepter aux fins du dépôt des requêtes, comme suit :

AT	Autriche	Allemand
CH	Suisse	Allemand, anglais, français
EA	Organisation eurasiennne des brevets	Anglais, russe
EP	Organisation européenne des brevets	Allemand, anglais, français
HR	Croatie	Anglais
HU	Hongrie	Allemand, anglais, français, russe
KR	République de Corée	Anglais, japonais ³
MC	Monaco	Français
MX	Mexique	Espagnol
PT	Portugal	Allemand, anglais, français
SE	Suède	Anglais

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DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE INSTITUTIONS AUPRÈS DESQUELLES DES DÉPÔTS PEUVENT ÊTRE EFFECTUÉS

AU Australie

Conformément à la règle 13*bis*.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office australien des brevets** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à un changement de nom de l'institution nommée "Australian Government Analytical Laboratories (AGAL)", institution de dépôt internationale reconnue en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets, auprès de laquelle des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, comme suit :

Australian Government Analytical Laboratories (AGAL)
1, Suakin Street
Pymble N.S.W. 2073
Australie

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³ La requête peut être déposée en japonais uniquement si la langue de la demande internationale est le japonais.

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WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF MODIFIED PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS**CN China**

Further to its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **China Intellectual Property Office** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 February 2003.

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1):	30 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Summary (CN), page 399]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**Non-Working Days**

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5,* it is to be noted that the days on which the International Bureau **is not open for business** are, for the period from 1 February 2003 to 2 January 2004, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and	11 September 2003
11 February 2003	25 December 2003
18 April 2003	26 December 2003
21 April 2003	1 January 2004
29 May 2003	2 January 2004
9 June 2003	

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other international organizations.

* Rule 80.5 **Expiration on a Non-Working Day**

“If the expiration of any period during which any document or fee must reach a national Office or intergovernmental organization falls on a day on which such Office or organization is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business, or on which ordinary mail is not delivered in the locality in which such Office or organization is situated, the period shall expire on the next subsequent day on which neither of the said two circumstances exists.”

RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT MODIFIÉ

CN Chine

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de l'article 22.1) du PCT modifié (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 08/2002, page 3887), l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il retire ladite notification avec effet à compter du 1^{er} février 2003.

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT :	30 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT :	[Sans changement]

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BUREAU INTERNATIONAL

Jours chômés

Aux fins du calcul des délais selon la règle 80.5* du PCT, il convient de noter que le Bureau international **ne sera pas ouvert** les jours suivants, pendant la période du 1^{er} février 2003 au 2 janvier 2004 :

tous les samedis et dimanches et	le 11 septembre 2003
le 11 février 2003	le 25 décembre 2003
le 18 avril 2003	le 26 décembre 2003
le 21 avril 2003	le 1 ^{er} janvier 2004
le 29 mai 2003	le 2 janvier 2004
le 9 juin 2003	

Il est important de noter que les jours susmentionnés concernent le **Bureau international exclusivement et non pas** les offices nationaux ni d'autres organisations intergouvernementales.

* Règle 80.5 **Expiration un jour chômé**

“Si un délai quelconque pendant lequel un document ou une taxe doit parvenir à un office national ou à une organisation intergouvernementale expire un jour où cet office ou cette organisation n'est pas ouvert au public pour traiter d'affaires officielles, ou bien un jour où le courrier ordinaire n'est pas délivré dans la localité où cet office ou cette organisation est situé, le délai prend fin le premier jour suivant auquel aucune de ces deux circonstances n'existe plus.”

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NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF APPLICABILITY OF PCT RULE 4.9(b)

During its thirty-first (18th extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from 23 September to 1 October 2002, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, amongst others, an amendment to Rule 4.9 of the PCT Regulations concerning an automatic and all-inclusive coverage of all designations available under the PCT. This amended Rule, which will enter into force on 1 January 2004, was published in PCT Gazette No. 49/2002, page 25004, on 5 December 2002.

It is recalled that Rule 4.9(b) states that: “If, on October 1, 2002, the national law of a Contracting State provides that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of that State and claims the priority of an earlier national application having effect in that State shall have the result that the earlier national application ceases to have effect with the same consequences as the withdrawal of the earlier national application, any request may, for as long as that national law continues to so provide, contain an indication that the designation of that State is not made, provided that the designated Office informs the International Bureau by January 1, 2003, that this paragraph shall apply in respect of designations of that State. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Office (in its capacity as designated Office) of each of the following States has notified the International Bureau that Rule 4.9(b) shall apply in respect of the designation of the State concerned:

- DE Germany
- KR Republic of Korea
- RU Russian Federation

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'APPLICABILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 4.9.b) DU PCT

Durant sa trente et unième session (18^e session extraordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 23 septembre au 1^{er} octobre 2002, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté, entre autres, une modification à la règle 4.9 du règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant une couverture automatique et générale de toutes les désignations disponibles selon le traité. Cette règle modifiée, qui entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, a été publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 49/2002, page 25005, le 5 décembre 2002.

Il est rappelé que la règle 4.9.b) stipule que : “Si, le 1^{er} octobre 2002, la législation nationale d'un État contractant prévoit que le dépôt d'une demande internationale qui contient la désignation de cet État et revendique la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure produisant ses effets dans cet État a pour résultat que la demande nationale antérieure cesse de produire ses effets avec les mêmes conséquences que le retrait de ladite demande, toute requête peut, tant que la législation nationale le prévoit, contenir une indication selon laquelle la désignation de cet État n'est pas faite, à condition que l'office en question informe le Bureau international le 1^{er} janvier 2003 au plus tard que le présent alinéa s'applique aux désignations de cet État. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues”.

L'office (en sa qualité d'office désigné) de chacun des États suivants a notifié au Bureau international que la règle 4.9.b) s'applique en ce qui concerne la désignation de l'État concerné :

- DE Allemagne
- KR République de Corée
- RU Fédération de Russie

**NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF MODIFIED
PCT RULE 49.6 WITH NATIONAL LAWS**

During its thirty-first (18th extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from 23 September to 1 October 2002, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted, amongst others, a new Rule 49.6 of the PCT Regulations concerning the reinstatement of rights after failure to comply, within the applicable time limit, with requirements for entering the national phase. This new Rule, which entered into force on 1 January 2003, was published in PCT Gazette No. 49/2002, page 25002, on 5 December 2002.

It is recalled that Rule 49.6(f) states that: “If, on October 1, 2002, paragraphs (a) to (e) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that designated Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by January 1, 2003. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as designated Offices) of the following States and intergovernmental organization have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility :

BY Belarus
CA Canada
CN China
DE Germany
EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)
GB United Kingdom
HR Croatia
IN India
JP Japan
KR Republic of Korea
LV Latvia
MX Mexico
NZ New Zealand
PH Philippines
PL Poland
PT Portugal
SG Singapore
YU Yugoslavia

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE LA RÈGLE 49.6 DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES

Durant sa trente et unième session (18^e session extraordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 23 septembre au 1^{er} octobre 2002, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté, entre autres, une nouvelle règle 49.6 du règlement d'exécution du PCT concernant le rétablissement des droits en cas d'inaccomplissement, dans le délai applicable, des actes requis pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale. Cette nouvelle règle, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003, a été publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 49/2002, page 25003, le 5 décembre 2002.

Il est rappelé que la règle 49.6.f) stipule que : "Si, le 1^{er} octobre 2002, les alinéas a) à e) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, ils ne s'appliquent pas à celui-ci tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec ladite législation, à condition que l'office en question en informe le Bureau international le 1^{er} janvier 2003 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai cette information dans la gazette".

Les offices (en leur qualité d'offices désignés) des États suivants et de l'organisation intergouvernementale suivante ont notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

- BY Bélarus
- CA Canada
- CN Chine
- DE Allemagne
- EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)
- GB Royaume-Uni
- HR Croatie
- IN Inde
- JP Japon
- KR République de Corée
- LV Lettonie
- MX Mexique
- NZ Nouvelle-Zélande
- PH Philippines
- PL Pologne
- PT Portugal
- SG Singapour
- YU Yougoslavie

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 March 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	ZAR 8,600
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US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 March 2003, are as follows:

Search fee (international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office):	ZAR 6,000 (4,000) The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee has been paid
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DESIGNATED (OR) ELECTED OFFICES**CO Colombia**

Information on the requirements of the **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** as designated (or elected) Office, is given in the Summary (CO), which is published on the following pages.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} mars 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) :	ZAR 8.600
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US États-Unis d'Amérique

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} mars 2003, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :	ZAR 6.000 (4.000)
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Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon le paragraphe 111.a) du titre 35 USC et que la taxe de dépôt de base a été payée

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OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**CO Colombie**

Des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de la **Surintendance de l'industrie et du commerce (Colombie)** en tant qu'office désigné (ou élu), sont reproduits dans le résumé (CO), publié sur les pages suivantes.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****CO****SUPERINTENDENCE OF INDUSTRY
AND COMMERCE (COLOMBIA)****CO****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30* months from the priority date Under PCT Article 22(3): 31** months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Spanish
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the applicant expressly requests early commencement of the national phase at a time when the Office has not been sent a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20.
National fee: ¹	Currency: Colombian peso (COP) For patent: Filing fee: COP 378,000 For utility model: Filing fee: COP 223,000
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

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* Time limit applicable as from 1 April 2002 to any international application in respect of which the period of 20 months from the priority date expires on or after 1 April 2002, and in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22(1) have not yet been performed by the applicant.

** Where the 30-month time limit under Article 22(1) expires on or after 2 January 2003, and where the applicant has not yet performed the acts referred to in Article 22(1), the applicable time limit is 31 months as fixed by the Office under Article 22(3).

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

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**SURINTENDANCE DE L'INDUSTRIE
ET DU COMMERCE (COLOMBIE)**

CO

Résumé des exigences pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale:	En vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT: 30* mois à compter de la date de priorité En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT: 31** mois à compter de la date de priorité En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT: 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
Traduction de la demande internationale requise en ¹ :	Espagnol
Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale ¹ :	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, à la fois telles que déposées initialement et telles que modifiées ainsi que toute déclaration faite en vertu de l'article 19 du PCT), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer à la fois tel que déposé initialement et tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international)
Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise?	Une copie n'est exigée que si le déposant demande expressément l'ouverture anticipée de la phase nationale et que l'office n'a pas reçu du Bureau international une copie de la demande internationale selon l'article 20 du PCT.
Taxe nationale ¹ :	Monnaie: Peso colombien (COP) Pour un brevet : Taxe de dépôt: COP 378.000 Pour un modèle d'utilité : Taxe de dépôt : COP 223.000
Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale:	Néant

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* Délai applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002 à toute demande internationale en ce qui concerne laquelle le délai de 20 mois calculé à compter de la date de priorité expire le 1^{er} avril 2002 ou ultérieurement, et en ce qui concerne laquelle le déposant n'a pas encore accompli les actes visés à l'article 22.1).

** Lorsque le délai de 30 mois selon l'article 22.1) expire le 2 janvier 2003 ou ultérieurement et que le déposant n'a pas encore accompli les actes visés à l'article 22.1), c'est le délai de 31 mois fixé par l'office selon l'article 22.3) qui s'applique.

¹ Doit être remise ou payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****CO****SUPERINTENDENCE OF INDUSTRY
AND COMMERCE (COLOMBIA)****CO***[Continued]*Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):²Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in
the “Request” part of the international application³Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the
change occurred after the international filing date and has not
been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau
(Form PCT/IB/306)Instrument of assignment of the international application if the
applicant has changed after the international filing date

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Colombia

Who can act as agent?

Any attorney registered in Colombia

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

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**Office désigné
(ou élu)**

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**SURINTENDANCE DE L'INDUSTRIE
ET DU COMMERCE (COLOMBIE)**

CO

[Suite]

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT)²:

Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la
partie "requête" de la demande internationale³

Justification du changement du nom du déposant si le changement
est survenu après la date du dépôt international et qu'il n'a pas été
reflété dans une notification émanant du Bureau international
(formulaire PCT/IB/306)

Acte de cession de la demande internationale si le déposant a changé
après la date du dépôt international

Nomination d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié en
Colombie

Qui peut agir en qualité de
mandataire?

Tout avocat habilité à exercer en Colombie

² Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de réception de l'invitation.

³ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

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**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF
MODIFIED PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS****KR Republic of Korea**

Further to its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 12 March 2003.

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): [No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Summary (KR), page 450]

RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT MODIFIÉ**KR République de Corée**

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de l'article 22.1) du PCT modifié (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 08/2002, page 3887), l'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il retire ladite notification avec effet à compter du 12 mars 2003.

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT :	30 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)a) du PCT :	[Sans changement]

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**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS****RO Romania****EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Romania deposited, on 12 December 2002, its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and will therefore become bound by that Convention on **1 March 2003**. Thus, as from 1 March 2003, it will be possible for applicants to designate Romania in their international applications also for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent, as at present.

Moreover, as from 1 March 2003, nationals and residents of **Romania** will be able to file international applications with the European Patent Office as receiving Office, in addition to the State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania) or the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003(E), Annex B1(RO), page 167, Annex B2(EP), page 222, and Annex C(EP), page 261]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Australian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 15 March 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Australian Patent Office): USD 592

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex D(AU), page 337]

CN China

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **China Intellectual Property Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 15 March 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the China Intellectual Property Office): CHF 250

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex D(CN), page 338]

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET
LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES****RO Roumanie****EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

La **Roumanie** a déposé, le 12 décembre 2002, son instrument d'adhésion à la Convention sur le brevet européen (CBE) et deviendra ainsi liée par cette convention le **1^{er} mars 2003**. Par conséquent, à compter du 1^{er} mars 2003, les déposants pourront désigner la Roumanie dans leurs demandes internationales également aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet européen et non seulement aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet national, comme c'est le cas jusqu'ici.

De plus, à compter du 1^{er} mars 2003, les ressortissants de la **Roumanie**, et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays, pourront déposer des demandes internationales auprès de l'Office européen des brevets agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, en plus de l'Office d'État pour les inventions et les marques (Roumanie) ou du Bureau international de l'OMPI.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003(F), annexe B1(RO), page 169, annexe B2(EP), page 224, et annexe C(EP), page 266]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 mars 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office australien des brevets) :	USD 592
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CN Chine

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **francs suisses (CHF)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 mars 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine) :	CHF 250
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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 April 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): JPY 117,900

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JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Japan Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 15 March 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Japan Patent Office): USD 611

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex D(JP), page 342]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Russian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 15 March 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Russian Patent Office): CHF 410

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex D(RU), page 344]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **yen japonais (JPY)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) : JPY 117.900

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JP Japon

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets du Japon**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 mars 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets du Japon) : USD 611

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe D(JP), page 353]

RU Fédération de Russie

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **francs suisses (CHF)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office russe des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 mars 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office russe des brevets) : CHF 410

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**TR Turkey**

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Turkish liras (TRL)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

For patent and utility model:

Filing fee: TRL 296,000,000

Fee for grant of letters:

For patent: TRL 183,000,000

For utility model certificate: TRL 184,000,000

First annual fee:

For patent: TRL 183,000,000

For utility model: TRL 184,000,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Summary (TR), page 505]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 April 2003, are as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the United States Patent and
Trademark Office):

CHF 947 (609)

The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee has been paid

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TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**TR Turquie**

L'**Institut turc des brevets** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **lires turques (TRL)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet et un modèle d'utilité:

Taxe de dépôt : TRL 296.000.000

Taxe de délivrance :

Pour un brevet : TRL 183.000.000

Pour un certificat de modèle d'utilité : TRL 184.000.000

Première taxe annuelle:

Pour un brevet : TRL 183.000.000

Pour un modèle d'utilité : TRL 184.000.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), résumé (TR), page 536]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **francs suisses (CHF)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} avril 2003, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :

CHF 947 (609)

Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon le paragraphe 111.a) du titre 35 USC et que la taxe de dépôt de base a été payée

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**BZ Belize**

The **Intellectual Property Office of Belize** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address, in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as well as in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Belize Intellectual Property Office
Location and mailing address:	P.O. Box 592, BELIPO House, Piccini Site, Belmopan, Belize
Telephone:	(501-8) 22 13 81
Facsimile machine:	(501-8) 22 13 82
E-mail:	belipo@btl.net
Internet:	www.belipo.bz

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(BZ), page 37]

YU Yugoslavia

The International Bureau has been notified that the name of “**Serbia and Montenegro**” shall be used instead of the name “Federal Republic of Yugoslavia”, the two-letter code remaining unchanged for the time being. All Annexes with this name should be modified accordingly.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Australian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 15 April 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Australian Patent Office):	NZD 1,073
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CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** have been established for the basic fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and the designation fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction of the international fee where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 15 April 2003, are specified below:

Basic fee:	CAD 730
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD 17
Designation fee:	CAD 157
PCT-EASY fee reduction:	CAD 224

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INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**BZ Belize**

L'Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Belize a notifié des changements relatifs au nom de son office (en anglais), à l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, à ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, ainsi qu'à son adresse électronique et son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Nom de l'office :	Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Belize
Siège et adresse postale :	P.O. Box 592, BELIPO House, Piccini Site, Belmopan, Belize
Téléphone :	(501-8) 22 13 81
Télécopieur :	(501-8) 22 13 82
Courrier électronique :	belipo@btl.net
Internet :	www.belipo.bz

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YU Yougoslavie

Le Bureau international a été informé de ce que le nom "**Serbie et Monténégro**" doit être utilisé en lieu et place du nom "République fédérale de Yougoslavie", le code à deux lettres restant inchangé pour le moment. Toutes les annexes comportant ce nom doivent être modifiées en conséquence.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 avril 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office australien des brevets) :	NZD 1.073
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CA Canada

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars canadiens (CAD)**, ont été établis pour la taxe de base, la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e et la taxe de désignation, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 15 avril 2003, sont les suivants :

Taxe de base :	CAD 730
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	CAD 17
Taxe de désignation :	CAD 157
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY :	CAD 224

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**KR Republic of Korea**

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes with regard to the conditions of reduction of the fee for request for examination, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows (this fee was previously not included in the Summary (KR) referred to below):

National fee:¹

For patent:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Fee for request for examination:	KRW 141,000 plus KRW 32,000 for the second and each subsequent claim
Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year:	[No change]

For utility model:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Fee for request for examination:	
— for international applications filed on or before 30 June 1999	KRW 55,000 plus KRW 14,000 for the second and each subsequent claim
— for international applications filed on or after 1 July 1999	None
Annual fees from the first to the third year, per year:	[No change]

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

Filing fee, fee for request for examination and annual fees for the first to the third year are reduced by 70% where the applicant is a natural person and is also the inventor.

The fee for request for examination is reduced by 10% where the international search report has been established by the European Patent Office, by 30% where the international search report or international preliminary examination report has been established by the Korean Intellectual Property Office or by 70% where the international search report and international preliminary examination report have been established by the Korean Intellectual Property Office.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Summary (KR), page 450]

¹ If not already paid within the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to pay the filing fee within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**KR République de Corée**

L'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle a notifié des changements en ce qui concerne les conditions de réduction de la taxe de requête en examen, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné ou élu, comme suit (cette taxe ne figurait pas précédemment dans le résumé (KR) auquel il est fait référence ci-dessous) :

Taxe nationale¹ :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt :	[Sans changement]
Taxe de requête en examen :	KRW 141.000 plus KRW 32.000 pour chaque revendication à compter de la 2 ^e
Taxes annuelles de la première à la troisième année, par année :	[Sans changement]

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt :	[Sans changement]
Taxe de requête en examen :	
— pour les demandes internationales déposées le 30 juin 1999 ou avant cette date	KRW 55,000 plus KRW 14,000 pour chaque revendication à compter de la 2 ^e
— pour les demandes internationales déposées le 1 ^{er} juillet 1999 ou après cette date	Néant
Taxes annuelles de la première à la troisième année, par année :	[Sans changement]

Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :

La taxe de dépôt, la taxe de requête en examen et les taxes annuelles de la première à la troisième année sont réduites de 70 % lorsque le déposant est une personne physique et qu'il est aussi l'inventeur.

La taxe de requête en examen est réduite de 10% lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale a été établi par l'Office européen des brevets, de 30% lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale ou le rapport d'examen préliminaire international a été établi par l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle ou de 70% lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale et le rapport d'examen préliminaire international ont été établis par l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle.

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¹ Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office invitera le déposant à payer la taxe de dépôt dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**SG Singapore**

New equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** have been established for the basic fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and the designation fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction of the international fee where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 15 April 2003, are specified below:

Basic fee:	SGD 828
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SGD 19
Designation fee:	SGD 178
PCT-EASY fee reduction:	SGD 255

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(SG), page 318]

US United States of America

New equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the basic fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30, the designation fee and the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), as well as for the reduction of the international fee where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 15 April 2003, are specified below:

Basic fee:	USD 476
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD 12
Designation fee:	USD 104
PCT-EASY fee reduction:	USD 148
Handling fee:	USD 172

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 15 April 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office):	NZD 1,270 ([No change]) The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee has been paid
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TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**SG Singapour**

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars de Singapour (SGD)**, ont été établis pour la taxe de base, la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e et la taxe de désignation, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 15 avril 2003, sont les suivants :

Taxe de base :	SGD 828
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	SGD 19
Taxe de désignation :	SGD 178
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY :	SGD 255

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US États-Unis d'Amérique

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, ont été établis pour la taxe de base, la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e, la taxe de désignation et la taxe de traitement, conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 15 avril 2003, sont les suivants :

Taxe de base :	USD 476
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	USD 12
Taxe de désignation :	USD 104
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY :	USD 148
Taxe de traitement :	USD 172

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 avril 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :	NZD 1.270 ([Sans changement]) Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon le paragraphe 111.a) du titre 35 USC et que la taxe de dépôt de base a été payée
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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**KR Republic of Korea**

The location and mailing address of the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** should be corrected to read as follows:

Location and mailing address: 920 Dunsan-dong, Seo-gu,
Daejeon Metropolitan City 302-701, Republic of Korea

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(KR), page 113]

RO Romania

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, and as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Romania is designated or elected, as follows:

Telephone: (40-21) 314 92 56, 315 90 66, 314 59 64/65/66, 315 19 66,
315 42 44

Facsimile machine: (40-21) 312 38 19

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Romania is designated (or elected): May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within 18 months from the request for examination (Articles 14(2) and 28(7a) of the Patent Law (Law No. 64/1991).

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(RO), page 167]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**UA Ukraine**

The **Ukraine Patent Office** has notified a change with regard to the reduction of the examination fee payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee: The examination fee is reduced by 50% where an international search report has been established

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Summary (UA), page 510]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**KR République de Corée**

L'adresse du siège et l'adresse postale de l'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle** doivent être corrigées comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale : 920 Dunsan-dong, Seo-gu,
Daejeon Metropolitan City 302-701, République de Corée

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B1(KR), page 115]

RO Roumanie

L'**Office d'État pour les inventions et les marques (Roumanie)** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, ainsi que dans le délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si la Roumanie est désignée ou élue, comme suit :

Téléphone : (40-21) 314 92 56, 315 90 66, 314 59 64/65/66, 315 19 66,
315 42 44

Télécopieur : (40-21) 312 38 19

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si la Roumanie est désignée (ou élue) :

Peuvent figurer dans la requête ou être communiqués ultérieurement. S'ils n'ont pas été communiqués dans le délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1)a) du PCT, l'office invitera le déposant à faire le nécessaire dans un délai de 18 mois à compter de la demande d'examen (articles 14(2) et 28(7a) de la loi n° 64/1991 sur les brevets d'invention).

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B1(RO), page 170]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**UA Ukraine**

L'**Office ukrainien des brevets** a notifié un changement en ce qui concerne la réduction de la taxe d'examen, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale : La taxe d'examen est réduite de 50% lorsqu'un rapport de recherche internationale a été établi

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), résumé (UA), page 541]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 June 2003, are as follows:

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	CAD 1,552	SGD 1,780	USD 1,020
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex D(EP), page 339]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)** payable for an international search by the Office. The new amount, applicable as from 1 June 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Swedish Patent Office):	USD 1,020
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex D(SE), page 345]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the (lower) amount of the search fee for an international search by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 15 May 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office):	NZD [No change] (810)
	The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee has been paid

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex D(US), page 346]

**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF
MODIFIED PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS****EE Estonia**

Further to its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **Estonian Patent Office** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 April 2003.

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): [No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Summary (EE), page 417]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **dollars canadiens (CAD)**, en **dollars de Singapour (SGD)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} juin 2003, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) :	CAD	1.552	SGD	1.780	USD	1.020
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe D(EP), page 350]

SE Suède

L'**Office suédois des brevets** a notifié au Bureau international un nouveau montant de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juin 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office suédois des brevets) :	USD	1.020
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe D(SE), page 356]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

Un nouveau montant équivalent pour le montant (le plus bas) de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 mai 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :	NZD [Sans changement]	(810)
	Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon le paragraphe 111.a) du titre 35 USC et que la taxe de dépôt de base a été payée	

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe D(US), page 357]

RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT MODIFIÉ**EE Estonie**

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de l'article 22.1) du PCT modifié (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 08/2002, page 3887), l'**Office estonien des brevets** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il retire ladite notification avec effet à compter du 1^{er} avril 2003.

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT :	30 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)a) du PCT :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), résumé (EE), page 438]

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CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****PG Papua New Guinea**

On 14 March 2003, **Papua New Guinea** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Papua New Guinea will become the 119th Contracting State of the PCT on 14 June 2003.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 14 June 2003, Papua New Guinea (country code: PG) may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 14 June 2003, nationals and residents of Papua New Guinea will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex A, page 8]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**IS Iceland**

New equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** have been established for the basic fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and the designation fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction of the international fee where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 15 May 2003, are specified below:

Basic fee:	ISK 37,400
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ISK 860
Designation fee:	ISK 8,000
PCT-EASY fee reduction:	ISK 11,500

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(IS), page 283]

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)****PG Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée**

Le 14 mars 2003, la **Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT. La Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée deviendra le 119^e État contractant du PCT le 14 juin 2003.

En conséquence, la Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée pourra être désignée (code pour le pays : PG) dans toute demande internationale déposée le 14 juin 2003 ou ultérieurement et, étant liée par le chapitre II du PCT, pourra aussi être élue. En outre, à partir du 14 juin 2003, les nationaux de la Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe A, page 8]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**IS Islande**

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, ont été établis pour la taxe de base, la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e et la taxe de désignation, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 15 mai 2003, sont les suivants :

Taxe de base :	ISK	37.400
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	ISK	860
Taxe de désignation :	ISK	8.000
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY :	ISK	11.500

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe C(IS), page 290]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**EE Estonia**

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified provisions for provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent, as follows:

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

An invention being the subject of a published international patent application designating Estonia shall confer provisional protection as provided for in the Patent Act (Section 18) as from the date on which the Estonian Patent Office publishes the translation into the Estonian language of the international patent application furnished by the applicant in accordance with Section 33(1) of the Patent Act or, if the applicant seeks an earlier date, from the date on which a translation of the claims of the published international patent application into the Estonian language has been communicated by the applicant to the person using the invention in Estonia, or as from the date on which the said translation has been made available to the public by the Office, where the translation was communicated to the Office and the fee prescribed for the publication of the translation was paid.

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(EE), page 68]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**ES Spain**

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established, for the purposes of the International Bureau as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office. The new amount, applicable as from 1 June 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office):

USD 1,020

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex D(ES), page 341]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**EE Estonie**

L'**Office estonien des brevets** a notifié des dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national, comme suit :

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national :

Une invention faisant l'objet d'une demande internationale de brevet publiée désignant l'Estonie confère la même protection provisoire que celle qui est prévue par la loi sur les brevets (section 18) à compter de la date à laquelle l'Office estonien des brevets a publié la traduction en estonien de la demande internationale de brevet remise par le déposant conformément à la section 33(1) de la loi sur les brevets ou, si le déposant souhaite obtenir une date antérieure, à compter de la date à laquelle une traduction en estonien des revendications de la demande internationale de brevet publiée a été communiquée par le déposant à la personne utilisant l'invention en Estonie, ou à compter de la date à laquelle ladite traduction a été rendue accessible au public par l'office, dans le cas où la traduction a été communiquée à l'office et où la taxe prescrite pour la publication de la traduction a été acquittée.

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen :

[Sans changement]

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TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**ES Espagne**

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi, aux fins du Bureau international agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, le montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juin 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques) : USD 1.020

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe D(ES), page 352]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**ZW Zimbabwe**

The **Zimbabwe Patent Office** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Zimbabwe dollars (ZWD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee: ZWD 6,000

National fee:

Filing fee: ZWD 6,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(ZW), page 335, and Summary (ZW), page 525]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

Further to the entry into force on 1 April 2002 of modified PCT Article 22(1) (see PCT Gazette No. 44/2001, dated 1 November 2001), the Summaries under the heading “Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase” are being updated as follows:

— all time limits applicable for entry into the national phase which expired before 1 April 2002, together with related footnotes, have been deleted because there are no longer any situations in which these time limits apply;

— time limits which are applicable after 1 April 2002 but before 3 July 2003, date of publication of the next Special Issue of the PCT Gazette, will be gradually deleted since there will no longer be any situations in which the time limits might be applicable;

— as designated Offices notify the International Bureau of the withdrawal of their notifications of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with their national laws, the time limit applicable in respect of these Offices will be modified and relevant footnotes will be introduced.

These modifications will not be published in this issue of the PCT Gazette but will be reflected in the electronic version of the PCT Applicant's Guide on the Internet on the date of publication of this issue of the Gazette, as well as in the half-yearly PCT Gazette Special Issue of July 2003 and in the July 2003 update of the PCT Applicant's Guide.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**ZW Zimbabwe**

L'**Office des brevets du Zimbabwe** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **dollars zimbabwéens (ZWD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe de transmission :	ZWD 6.000
Taxe nationale :	
Taxe de dépôt :	ZWD 6.000

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OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)

Suite à l'entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2002 de l'article 22.1) du PCT modifié (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 44/2001, du 1^{er} novembre 2001), les résumés à la rubrique "Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale" sont mis à jour comme suit :

– tous les délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale qui expiraient avant le 1^{er} avril 2002, ainsi que les notes de bas de page y relatives, ont été supprimés car il n'existe plus de situations dans lesquelles ces délais s'appliquent;

– les délais qui sont applicables après le 1^{er} avril 2002 mais avant le 3 juillet 2003, date de publication du prochain numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT, seront graduellement supprimés puisqu'il n'y aura plus de situations dans lesquelles les délais pourraient être applicables;

– au fur et à mesure que les offices désignés informeront le Bureau international du retrait de leurs notifications d'incompatibilité de l'article 22.1) du PCT modifié avec leur législation nationale, le délai applicable en ce qui concerne ces offices sera modifié et des notes de bas de pages pertinentes seront introduites.

Ces modifications ne seront pas publiées dans le présent numéro de la Gazette du PCT mais seront reflétées dans la version électronique du Guide du déposant du PCT sur l'Internet à la date de publication du présent numéro de la Gazette, ainsi que dans le numéro spécial semestriel de la Gazette du PCT de juillet 2003 et dans la mise à jour du Guide du déposant du PCT de juillet 2003.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**IL Israel**

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified changes in its mailing address, as follows:

Mailing address: P.O. Box 53420, Jerusalem 91533, Israel

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(IL), page 97]

TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Office (Trinidad and Tobago)** has notified a change in its mailing address, as follows:

Mailing address: 3rd Floor, Registration House, 72-74 South Quay,
Port of Spain, Trinidad and Tobago

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(TT), page 196]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified changes in its mailing address, valid as from 1 May 2003, as follows:

Mailing address: Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450,
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, USA

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(US), page 204]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**IL Israël**

L'**Office des brevets d'Israël** a notifié des changements dans son adresse postale, comme suit :

Adresse postale : P.O. Box 53420, Jerusalem 91533, Israël

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TT Trinité-et-Tobago

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Trinité-et-Tobago)** a notifié un changement dans son adresse postale, comme suit :

Adresse postale : 3rd Floor, Registration House, 72-74 South Quay,
Port of Spain, Trinité-et-Tobago

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US États-Unis d'Amérique

L'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** a notifié des changements dans son adresse postale, valable à compter du 1^{er} mai 2003, comme suit :

Adresse postale : Mail Stop PCT, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450,
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450, USA

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CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****SY Syrian Arab Republic**

On 26 March 2003, the **Syrian Arab Republic** deposited its instrument of ratification of the PCT. The Syrian Arab Republic will become the 120th Contracting State of the PCT on 26 June 2003.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 26 June 2003, the Syrian Arab Republic (country code: SY) may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 26 June 2003, nationals and residents of the Syrian Arab Republic will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex A, page 9]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**AT Austria**

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, valid as from 5 May 2003, as follows:

Location and mailing address: P.O.B. 95, Dresdner Straße 87, A-1200 Vienna, Austria

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(AT), page 17]

BZ Belize

The **Belize Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, and an additional e-mail address. The new address and the two e-mail addresses to be used are as follows:

Location and mailing address: P.O. Box 592, BELIPO House, 5014 Baldy Beacon Street, Piccini Site, Belmopan, Belize

E-mail: belipo@btl.net
belipobz@lycos.com

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(BZ), page 37]

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)****SY République arabe syrienne**

Le 26 mars 2003, la **République arabe syrienne** a déposé son instrument de ratification du PCT. La République arabe syrienne deviendra le 120^e État contractant du PCT le 26 juin 2003.

En conséquence, la République arabe syrienne pourra être désignée (code pour le pays : SY) dans toute demande internationale déposée le 26 juin 2003 ou ultérieurement et, étant liée par le chapitre II du PCT, pourra aussi être élue. En outre, à partir du 26 juin 2003, les nationaux de la République arabe syrienne et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe A, page 8]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**AT Autriche**

L'**Office autrichien des brevets** a notifié des changements dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, valables à compter du 5 mai 2003, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale : P.O.B. 95, Dresdner Straße 87, A-1200 Vienna, Autriche

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BZ Belize

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Belize** a notifié un changement relatif à l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, et une adresse électronique supplémentaire. La nouvelle adresse et les deux adresses électroniques à utiliser sont les suivantes :

Siège et adresse postale : P.O. Box 592, BELIPO House, 5014 Baldy Beacon Street, Piccini Site, Belmopan, Belize

Courrier électronique : belipo@btl.net
belipobz@lycos.com

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**RO Romania**

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified details concerning provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent and where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent, as follows:

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

The applicant may, from the date of publication in Romanian of the international application, claim from any person who uses the subject of the application, although the person knew, or should have known, that the invention used by him was the subject of a published application, appropriate compensation under the circumstances (see Art. 23, 34, 58(3) and (4) of the Patent Law (Law No. 64/1991)).

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

A published European patent application confers the protection mentioned above as from the date on which a translation into Romanian of the claims of that application is published by the Office (see Art. 5(2) of the Law No. 611/2003).

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(RO), page 167]

UZ Uzbekistan

The **State Patent Office of Uzbekistan** has notified an additional Internet address. The Internet addresses to be used are now as follows:

Internet:

www.patent.uz
www.patent.gov.uz

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(UZ), page 206]

YU Serbia and Montenegro

The **Federal Intellectual Property Office (Serbia and Montenegro)** has notified a change in the name of the Office, as follows:

Name of Office:

Zavod za intelektualnu svojinu
Intellectual Property Office (Serbia and Montenegro)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(YU), page 211]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**RO Roumanie**

L'**Office d'État pour les inventions et les marques (Roumanie)** a notifié des précisions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national et lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen, comme suit :

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national :

Le déposant peut, dès la date de publication en roumain de la demande internationale, exiger une indemnité appropriée de toute personne qui exploite une invention tout en sachant, ou en étant censée savoir, que cette invention fait l'objet de la demande publiée (voir les articles 23, 34, 58(3) et (4) de la loi n° 64/1991 sur les brevets).

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen :

Une demande de brevet européen publiée confère la protection mentionnée ci-dessus à compter de la date à laquelle une traduction en roumain des revendications de cette demande est publiée par l'office (voir l'article 5(2) de la loi n° 611/2003).

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B1(RO), page 170]

UZ Ouzbékistan

L'**Office d'État des brevets de l'Ouzbékistan** a notifié une adresse Internet supplémentaire. Les adresses Internet à utiliser sont désormais les suivantes :

Internet :

www.patent.uz
www.patent.gov.uz

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B1(UZ), page 208]

YU Serbie-et-Monténégro

L'**Office fédéral de la propriété intellectuelle (Serbie-et-Monténégro)** a notifié un changement relatif au nom de son office, comme suit :

Nom de l'office :

Zavod za intelektualnu svojinu
Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Serbie-et-Monténégro)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B1(YU), page 213]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**BZ Belize**

The **Belize Intellectual Property Office** has notified the amount of the national fee in **Belize dollars (BZD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee: BZD 300

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Summary (BZ), page 394]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **pounds sterling (GBP)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 July 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search

by the European Patent Office): GBP 640

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex D(EP), page 339]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**BZ Belize**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Belize** a notifié le montant de la taxe nationale, exprimé en **dollars du Belize (BZD)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Taxe de dépôt : BZD 300

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), résumé (BZ), page 411]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **livres sterling (GBP)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche
internationale effectuée par l'Office
européen des brevets) :

GBP 640

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**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****FR France**

Following the coming into effect on 7 January 2002 of new Part 7 and new Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of electronic filing and processing of international applications under the PCT, as provided for by Rule 89*bis*.1, any receiving Office having the necessary technical systems in place is able to decide to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), no national Office or intergovernmental organization is obliged to receive or process international applications filed in electronic form or by electronic means unless it has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to do so in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Administrative Instructions. Any such notification shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette, including information on the receiving Offices' requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form (see Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions).

On 14 April 2003, the National Institute of Industrial Property (INPI—France), in its capacity as a receiving Office, notified the International Bureau under Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 29 April 2003, as follows (English translation prepared by the International Bureau):

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- ST.25 (Annex C of the Administrative Instructions; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2)
- ASCII (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)
- TIFF (see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- on-line filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing by means of CD-R will soon be authorized by a decision from the Director General of INPI (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(e))

As to electronic document packaging:

- WAD (Wrapped Application Document; see Annex F, section 4.1.1)
- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- Epoline ® software
- PCT-SAFE software insofar as the plug-in is inserted in the Epoline ® software

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****FR France**

Suite à l'entrée en vigueur, le 7 janvier 2002, de la nouvelle septième partie et de la nouvelle annexe F des instructions administratives contenant respectivement le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires pour la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement électroniques des demandes internationales selon le PCT, tel que prévu à la règle 89*bis*.1, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques nécessaires est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F.

Conformément à la règle 89*bis*.1.d) du PCT, aucun office national ni aucune organisation internationale n'est tenu de recevoir ou de traiter les demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique ou par des moyens électroniques à moins qu'il ait notifié au Bureau international qu'il est disposé à le faire conformément aux dispositions applicables des instructions administratives. Toute notification de ce type est publiée à bref délai par le Bureau international dans la gazette, y compris les informations relatives aux exigences et à la pratique suivie par les offices récepteurs en matière de dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique (voir l'instruction 710).

Le 14 avril 2003, l'Institut National de la Propriété Industrielle (INPI – France), agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international selon la règle 89*bis*.1.d) qu'il était disposé à recevoir et à traiter les demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 29 avril 2003, comme suit :

“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- XML (voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- ST.25 (annexe C des Instructions administratives; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F)
- ASCII (voir la section 3.1.1.3 de l'annexe F)
- TIFF (voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)
- PDF (voir la section 3.1.2 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :

- dépôt en ligne (voir la section 5 de l'annexe F et la section 2.d) de l'appendice III)
- dépôt sur CD-R prochainement autorisé par décision du Directeur Général de l'INPI (voir la section 5 de l'annexe F et la section 2.e) de l'appendice III)

En ce qui concerne l'emballage électronique des documents :

- WAD (paquet contenant les documents constitutifs de la demande compactés; voir la section 4.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- logiciel epoline®
- logiciel PCT-SAFE dans la mesure où le module d'extension est intégré dans le logiciel epoline®

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****FR France (Cont'd)****As to types of electronic signatures (Section 710(a)(i)):**

— The international application may be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of an enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3).

— The international application is embedded in a compact package which is signed by means of a PKCS#7-type enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4). Such an enhanced electronic signature is implemented by means of a smart card issued within the framework of a subscription to the INPI service for electronic filing of patents.

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed with the INPI as receiving Office contains, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The INPI will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if outdated certificates have been used, that a notification of receipt will not be generated. Other errors, such as applications being infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic, are notified to the applicant in the acknowledgment of receipt.

Where it transpires that an acknowledgment of receipt transmitted to the applicant by electronic means was not successfully transmitted, the INPI will promptly retransmit it by fax and a paper confirmation will be sent by mail.

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

No on-line payment is available. The following means of deferred payment are accepted: payment by check, by cash, by debit from an INPI client account or by bank transfer.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of patents, the INPI has put in place a help-desk for applicants, INPI-DIRECT.

The task of this help-desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of patents, and in particular to serve as a technical Hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

This help-desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 8 am until 6 pm.

The INPI-DIRECT team may be contacted

— by phone, at 0825 83 85 87 (“indigo” number, 0.15€ / min, including tax)

— by e-mail at the following address: contact@inpi.fr

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****FR France (suite)****En ce qui concerne les types de signatures électroniques (instruction 710.a)i) :**

- la demande internationale peut être signée aux moyens d'une signature électronique de base (alpha numérique ou en fac-similé) ou d'une signature numérique renforcée (voir la section 3.3 de l'annexe F)
- la demande internationale est empaquetée sous la forme d'un paquet compacté qui est signé au moyen d'une signature électronique renforcée, de type PKCS#7 (voir la section 3.3.4 de l'annexe F). Cette signature électronique renforcée est mise en œuvre par le biais d'une carte à puce, délivrée dans le cadre d'un abonnement au service de dépôt électronique de brevets à l'INPI.

En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures ayant trait à la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)ii) :

L'accusé de réception de toute demande internationale présumée déposée auprès de l'INPI agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur contient, outre les informations exigées au titre de l'instruction 704.a)i) à iv), les noms des fichiers électroniques reçus (instruction 704.v)).

L'INPI fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique. Ce n'est que dans les cas où la demande n'est pas envoyée conformément au protocole sur l'interopérabilité en matière de dépôt électronique (voir la section 5.1 de l'annexe F) ou que des certificats caduques ont été utilisés, que l'accusé de réception n'est pas généré. D'autres erreurs, telles que des demandes contaminées par des virus et d'autres formes d'éléments malveillants, sont notifiées au déposant dans l'accusé de réception.

Lorsqu'il s'avère que l'accusé de réception envoyé au déposant par des moyens de transmission électroniques n'est pas reçu, l'INPI envoie à nouveau, à bref délai, l'accusé de réception par fax et une confirmation papier est envoyée par courrier.

En ce qui concerne le paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a.ii) :

Aucun paiement en ligne n'est disponible. Les modes de paiement acceptés en différé sont les suivants : le paiement par chèque, en espèces, par débit sur le compte client INPI, par virement bancaire.

En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d'assistance (instruction 710.a)iii) :

Dans le cadre du service de dépôt électronique de brevets, l'INPI a mis en place un service d'assistance aux déposants, INPI-DIRECT.

Ce service a pour mission de répondre à l'ensemble des questions soulevées par les utilisateurs du service de dépôt électronique de brevets, et particulièrement de jouer le rôle de service d'assistance technique, afin notamment de venir en aide aux déposants lorsque des problèmes (bogues) et anomalies surviennent au niveau de l'application et/ou du serveur.

Ce service d'assistance est ouvert du lundi au vendredi, de 8h00 à 18h00.

L'équipe d'INPI-DIRECT peut être contactée :

- par téléphone, au 0825 83 85 87 (numéro indigo, 0,15€ ttc/min)
- par mél, à l'adresse suivante : contact@inpi.fr

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****FR France (Cont'd)****As to kinds of documents transmitted in electronic form to the Office (Section 710(a)(iii)):**

— international applications

As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The INPI will not accept the filing of back-up copies on paper. Furthermore, the INPI will not prepare a back-up copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

As to procedures for notifying applicants of the procedures to follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the INPI will use all means available to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

The INPI will provide on its web site (see www.inpi.fr) information concerning the availability of electronic filing systems.

As to certification authorities accepted by the Office, and the electronic address of a listing of the certificate policies under which the certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

— “D-TRUST for EPO 2.0”, within the framework of the subscription to the service for electronic filing of patents at INPI. The Certification Policy of “D-TRUST for EPO 2.0”, applicable to all certificates issued within the framework of the service for electronic filing of patents of the INPI, may be consulted at: www.inpi.fr.

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No on-line file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****FR France (suite)**

En ce qui concerne les types de documents transmis sous forme électronique à l'office (instruction 710.a)iii) :

- demandes internationales

En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :

L'INPI n'acceptera aucun dépôt de copie de sauvegarde sous forme papier. Par ailleurs, l'INPI ne préparera aucune copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sous forme papier, à la demande du déposant.

En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :

Dans le cas où les systèmes informatiques ne seraient plus en état de marche au moment où une demande internationale est envoyée, tous les moyens seront mis en œuvre pour informer le déposant des procédures de remplacement à suivre.

L'INPI fournira les informations nécessaires relatives aux disponibilités des systèmes de dépôt électronique sur le site Internet de l'INPI (www.inpi.fr).

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office, et l'adresse électronique de la liste des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés (instruction 710.a)vi) :

- “D-TRUST for EPO 2.0”, dans le cadre de l'abonnement au service de dépôt électronique de brevets auprès de l'INPI. La politique de certification “D-TRUST for EPO 2.0”, applicable aux certificats délivrés dans le cadre du service de dépôt électronique de brevets à l'INPI, peut être consultée à l'adresse suivante : www.inpi.fr.

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou conservées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible.”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**BG Bulgaria**

The **Bulgarian Patent Office** has notified a correction in a reference to an article of the Bulgarian Patent Law in the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent; the corrected entry reads as follows:

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

The European application made available to the public shall obtain temporary protection under Art. 67(1) of the European Patent Convention, as from the day of publication of the issue of the Official Gazette of the Bulgarian Patent Office containing the announcement of the publication of the Bulgarian translation of the European application (see Art. 72b(3) of the Bulgarian Patent Law).

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(BG), page 31]

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (375-17) 236 36 56, 285 26 05

Facsimile machine: (375-17) 285 26 05

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(BY), page 35]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**BG Bulgaria**

The **Bulgarian Patent Office** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Bulgarian leva (BGL)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:	<i>Patent</i>	<i>Utility Model</i>
Examination fee: ¹		
— for one invention:	BGL 240	BGL 120
— for a group of two inventions:	BGL 360	BGL 240
— for each invention in excess of two:	[No change]	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Summary (BG), page 388]

¹ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39 (1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirements within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**BG Bulgarie**

L'**Office bulgare des brevets** a notifié une correction dans une référence à un article de la loi bulgare sur les brevets dans les dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen; la rubrique corrigée se lit comme suit :

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :	Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen :
	La demande européenne mise à la disposition du public bénéficie d'une protection temporaire en vertu de l'article 67(1) de la Convention sur le brevet européen, à compter du jour de la parution du numéro de la gazette officielle de l'Office bulgare des brevets comportant l'annonce de la publication de la traduction en bulgare de la demande européenne (voir l'article 72b(3) de la loi bulgare sur les brevets)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B1(BG), page 31]

BY Bélarus

Le **Centre national pour la propriété intellectuelle (Bélarus)** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Téléphone :	(375-17) 236 36 56, 285 26 05
Télécopieur :	(375-17) 285 26 05

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B1(BY), page 35]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**BG Bulgarie**

L'**Office bulgare des brevets** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **leva bulgares (BGL)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :	<i>Brevet</i>	<i>Modèle d'utilité</i>
Taxe d'examen ¹ :		
– pour une invention :	BGL 240	BGL 120
– pour un groupe de deux inventions :	BGL 360	BGL 240
– pour chaque invention à compter de la 3 ^e :	[Sans changement]	[Sans changement]

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¹ Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**MW Malawi**

The **Ministry of Justice, Department of the Registrar General (Malawi)**, has notified a change in the amount of the transmittal fee in **Malawian kwacha (MWK)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee: MWK 6,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(MW), page 302]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**MW Malawi**

Le **Ministère de la justice, Département du Registrar General (Malawi)**, a notifié un changement dans le montant de la taxe de transmission, exprimé en **kwacha malawiens (MWK)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe de transmission : MWK 6.000

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**BE Belgium**

The **Industrial Property Office (Belgium)** has notified a change in the name of the Office, as follows:

Name of Office: Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(BE), page 27]

KZ Kazakhstan

The **Kazakh Patent Office** has notified a change in the name of the Office, as follows:

Name of Office: Kazakhstan Respublikasy Adilet ministriginin Sanatkerlik
menshik kuckygy zhonindegi komiteti
Kazakh Patent Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(KZ), page 115]

LC Saint Lucia

The **Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (Saint Lucia)** has notified a change in one of its e-mail addresses. The list of e-mail addresses is now as follows:

E-mail: rocip@candw.lc
rocip2@hotmail.com

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(LC), page 117]

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)** has notified changes in its telephone numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (632) 752 54 50 to 65 (extensions 401, 406), 897 17 37

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(PH), page 161]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**BE Belgique**

L'**Office de la propriété industrielle (Belgique)** a notifié un changement relatif au nom de son office, comme suit :

Nom de l'office : Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Belgique)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B1(BE), page 27]

KZ Kazakhstan

L'**Office kazakh des brevets** a notifié un changement relatif au nom de son office, comme suit :

Nom de l'office : Kazakhstan Respublikasy Adilet ministriginin Sanatkerlik
menshik kukygy zhonindegi komiteti
Office kazakh des brevets

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B1(KZ), page 117]

LC Sainte-Lucie

L'**Office pour l'enregistrement des sociétés et de la propriété intellectuelle (Sainte-Lucie)** a notifié un changement dans l'une de ses adresses électroniques. La liste des adresses électroniques est désormais comme suit :

Courrier électronique : rocip@candw.lc
rocip2@hotmail.com

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B1(LC), page 119]

PH Philippines

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Philippines)** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone, comme suit :

Téléphone : (632) 752 54 50 à 65 (postes 401, 406), 897 17 37

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

ES Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

It is recalled that in October 2001, during the thirtieth (13th ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union), the Assembly appointed the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as an International Preliminary Examining Authority (see PCT Gazette No. 44/2001, Section IV). The appointment, and the consequential amendment to the Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, was to have effect one month after the date on which the Office notifies the Director General that it is ready to start functioning as an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 9 of the Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization, that it is ready to start functioning as an International Preliminary Examining Authority in respect of any international application filed on or after 1 June 2003 and for which that Office is a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority.

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 June 2003. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change] ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change] ²
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	493.11
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	493.11
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b))	
– national documents, per document	3.81
– foreign documents, per document	5.37
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2)	
– per document	0.23

Part II. [No change]”.

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 44/2001, page 19936, No. 49/2001, page 22744, No. 52/2001, page 24252, No. 1/2002, page 478, No. 12/2002, page 5950, and No. 02/2003, page 1014.

² This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations (see also corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB) and *PCT Gazette* No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234), and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, 446).

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

ES Accord entre l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

Il est rappelé que en octobre 2001 lors de la trentième session (13^e session ordinaire) de l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT), l'Assemblée a nommé l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (voir la Section IV de la Gazette du PCT n° 44/2001). La nomination, et la modification par voie de conséquence de l'accord conclu entre l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle, devait prendre effet un mois après la date à laquelle l'Office a informé le directeur général qu'il est prêt à fonctionner en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

L'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 9 de l'accord conclu entre l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle, une notification l'informant qu'il est prêt à fonctionner en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international en ce qui concerne toute demande internationale déposée le 1^{er} juin 2003 ou ultérieurement et pour laquelle cet Office est l'administration compétente pour effectuer l'examen préliminaire international.

L'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications entrent en vigueur le 1^{er} juin 2003. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euros)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	[Sans changement] ²
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	[Sans changement] ²
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	493,11
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	493,11
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b) et 71.2.b))	
– documents nationaux, par document	3,81
– documents étrangers, par document	5,37
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règle 94.2))	
– par document	0,23

Partie II. [Sans changement]².

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 44/2001, page 19937, n° 49/2001, page 22745, n° 52/2001, page 24253, n° 1/2002, page 479, n° 12/2002, page 5951, et n° 02/2003, page 1015.

² Cette taxe est réduite de 75 % lorsque le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux, est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et qui est domiciliée dans un État, qui n'est pas partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen et qui remplit les conditions applicables à la réduction correspondante de certaines taxes du PCT telles qu'elles figurent dans le barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT (voir également la note correspondante de bas de page de l'annexe C(1B) et la Gazette du PCT n° 50/1995, pages 19267 et 19268), et conformément à la décision du Conseil d'administration de l'OEB du 11 octobre 2000 (JO OEB 2000, 446).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**CU Cuba**

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified details about the composition of the filing fee in **US dollars (USD)** or their equivalent in **Cuban convertible pesos (CUP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee (including publication fee and the annual fee for the 1 st and the 2 nd years):	USD 460 or equivalent in CUP
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Summary (CU), page 404]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, following its appointment as International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified new fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as International Preliminary Examining Authority, applicable as from 1 June 2003, as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58): ³	EUR 493.11
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	EUR 493.11
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	EUR 3.81 per national document EUR 5.37 per foreign document
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94):	EUR 0.23 per document

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), including new Annex E]

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization** notifies a change in the amount of the supplement for facsimile payable to the International Bureau in particular circumstances, as follows:

Supplement for facsimile:	CHF 4 per page
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B2(IB), page 225]

³ This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations (see also corresponding footnote to the Annex C(IB) and *PCT Gazette* No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234), and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of October 11, 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, 446).

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**CU Cuba**

L'**Office cubain de la propriété industrielle** a notifié des précisions sur la composition de la taxe de dépôt, exprimée en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)** ou leur équivalent en **pesos cubains convertibles (CUP)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Taxe de dépôt (y compris taxe de publication et taxe annuelle pour la première et la deuxième année : USD 460 ou équivalent en CUP

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), résumé (CU), page 423]

ES Espagne

Suite à sa nomination en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, l'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a notifié des nouvelles taxes en **euros (EUR)** qui lui sont payables en sa qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, applicables à compter du 1^{er} juin 2003, comme suit :

Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58 du PCT) ³ :	EUR 493,11
Taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle (règle 68.3 du PCT) :	EUR 493,11
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport d'examen préliminaire international (règle 71.2 du PCT) :	EUR 3.81 par document national EUR 5.37 par document étranger
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents contenus dans le dossier de la demande internationale (règle 94 du PCT) :	EUR 0.23 par document

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), incluant la nouvelle annexe E]

IB Bureau international

Le **Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** notifie un changement dans le montant du supplément pour transmission par télécopieur payable au Bureau international dans certains cas particuliers, comme suit:

Supplément pour transmission par télécopieur : CHF 4 par page

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B2(IB), page 228]

³ Taxe à verser à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international. La taxe est réduite de 75% lorsque le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux, est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et qui est domiciliée dans un État, qui n'est pas partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen et qui remplit les conditions applicables à la réduction correspondante de certaines taxes du PCT telles qu'elles figurent dans le barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT (voir également la note de bas de page correspondante de l'annexe C(IB) et la *Gazette du PCT* n° 50/1995, pages 19267 et 19268), et conformément à la décision du Conseil d'administration de l'OEB du 11 octobre 2000 (JO OEB 2000, 446).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**SE Sweden**

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that it has introduced a new fee in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable to it as receiving Office, for the late furnishing of a translation in accordance with PCT Rule 12.4(e). The new fee, applicable as from 1 May 2003, is as follows:

Fee for late furnishing of a translation
(PCT Rule 12.4(e)): SEK 2,195

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(SE), page 317]

LANGUAGE(S) ACCEPTED FOR THE FILING OF REQUESTS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(c)

Under amended PCT Rule 12.1(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, the receiving Offices of the following States have notified the International Bureau of the language or languages which they are prepared to accept for the filing of requests, as follows:

BY	Belarus	English, Russian
CA	Canada	English, French
SI	Slovenia	English, French, German

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(BY), page 243, Annex C(CA), page 245, and Annex C(SI), page 319]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**SE Suède**

L'Office suédois des brevets a notifié le Bureau international qu'il a introduit une nouvelle taxe, exprimée en couronnes suédoises (SEK), payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, pour la remise tardive d'une traduction en vertu de la règle 12.4.e) du PCT. La nouvelle taxe, applicable à compter du 1^{er} mai 2003, est la suivante :

Taxe pour remise tardive d'une traduction
(règle 12.4.e) du PCT) : SEK 2.195

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe C(SE), page 328]

LANGUE(S) ACCEPTÉE(S) POUR LE DÉPÔT DES REQUÊTES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 12.1.c) DU PCT

En vertu de la règle 12.1.c) du PCT modifiée, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003, les offices récepteurs des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international la ou les langues qu'ils sont disposés à accepter aux fins du dépôt des requêtes, comme suit :

BY	Bélarus	Anglais, russe
CA	Canada	Anglais, français
SI	Slovénie	Allemand, anglais, français

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe C(BY), page 246, annexe C(CA), page 248, et annexe C(SI), page 330]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**CA Canada**

The **Canadian Patent Office** has notified a change in its facsimile number, as follows:

Facsimile machine: (1-819) 953 24 76 (PCT Office: Mailroom)

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EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has deleted, with effect from 1 April 2003, the provisions of the law of Estonia concerning international-type search, as follows:

Provisions of the law of Estonia
concerning international-type search: None

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(EE), page 67]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change in its telephone number and has introduced an e-mail address, as follows:

Telephone: (34) 902 157 530

E-mail: informacion@oepm.es

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(ES), page 69]

MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The **Industrial Property Protection Office (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)** has notified the discontinuance of one of its telephone numbers. The telephone numbers to be used are as follows:

Telephone: (389-2) 11 63 79, 13 71 89

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(MK), page 141]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**CA Canada**

L'**Office canadien des brevets** a notifié un changement dans son numéro de télécopieur, comme suit :

Télécopieur : (1-819) 953 24 76 (Office PCT : salle de courrier)

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EE Estonie

L'**Office estonien des brevets** a supprimé, avec effet à compter du 1er avril 2003, les dispositions de la législation de l'Estonie relatives à la recherche de type international, comme suit :

Dispositions de la législation de l'Estonie
relatives à la recherche de type
international : Néant

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ES Espagne

L'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a notifié un changement dans son numéro de téléphone et a introduit une adresse électronique, comme suit :

Téléphone : (34) 902 157 530

Courrier électronique : informacion@oepm.es

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MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine

L'**Office pour la protection de la propriété industrielle (Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine)** a notifié l'arrêt de l'utilisation de l'un de ses numéros de téléphone. Les numéros de téléphone à utiliser sont les suivants :

Téléphone : (389-2) 11 63 79, 13 71 89

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B1(MK), page 143]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**UA Ukraine**

The **Ukraine Patent Office** has notified a change in one of its e-mail addresses and in its Internet address, as well as changes in the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

E-mail:	POST@sdip.kiev.ua (Patent Office) POST@ukrpatent.org (Receiving Office)
Internet:	www.sdip.kiev.ua (Patent Office)
Provisional protection after international publication:	The applicant may, from the date of publication of the international application by the Ukraine Patent Office, claim payment of an indemnity from a person who was actually aware or notified in written form in Ukrainian, with indication of the number of the application, of the fact that information on the application for invention, which is used by that person without being entitled to do so, had been published. Such indemnity shall be effective only upon grant of the patent (Article 21, Parts 2 and 4 of UPL).

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(UA), page 200]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a change in the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

Provisional protection after international publication:	The patentee is entitled to obtain a reasonable royalty commencing on the date of the publication under PCT Article 21(2)(a) of the international application, or if the publication is in a language other than English, on the date the USPTO receives a translation of the international application in the English language. The right to obtain a reasonable royalty is not available unless the invention as claimed in the patent is substantially identical to the invention claimed in the published international application. For details, see the US National Chapter in Volume II, paragraph US.27 (see also 35 U.S.C. 154(d)).
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(US), page 205]

ZA South Africa

The **South African Patent and Trade Marks Office** has notified a change in the name of the Office, as follows:

Name of Office:	Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa)
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(ZA), page 213]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**UA Ukraine**

L'**Office ukrainien des brevets** a notifié un changement dans l'une de ses adresses de courrier électronique et dans son adresse Internet, ainsi que des changements dans les dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale, comme suit :

Courrier électronique : POST@sdip.kiev.ua (office des brevets)
POST@ukrpatent.org (office récepteur)

Internet : www.sdip.kiev.ua (office des brevets)

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale : Le déposant peut, à compter de la date de publication de la demande internationale par l'office ukrainien des brevets, demander le paiement de dommages-intérêts à toute personne qui, ayant connaissance du fait que les informations contenues dans la demande internationale de brevet ont été publiées ou en ayant reçu notification, par écrit en ukrainien, la notification portant l'indication du numéro de la demande internationale, a utilisé ces informations sans en avoir le droit. Les dommages-intérêts ne sont dûs qu'à compter de la délivrance du brevet (article 21, parties 2 et 4 de l'UPL).

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B1(UA), page 202]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

L'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** a notifié un changement dans les dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale, comme suit :

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale : Le titulaire du brevet peut obtenir une redevance raisonnable à compter de la date de la demande internationale publiée selon l'article 21.2)a) du PCT ou, si la publication est effectuée dans une langue autre que l'anglais, à la date à laquelle l'USPTO reçoit une traduction en anglais de la demande internationale. Le droit à l'obtention d'une redevance raisonnable n'existe que si l'invention telle que revendiquée dans le brevet est identique quand au fond à l'invention revendiquée dans la demande internationale publiée. Pour de plus amples détails, voir le paragraphe US.27 du chapitre national US dans le volume II (voir aussi l'article 154.d) du titre 35 U.S.C.).

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B1(US), page 206]

ZA Afrique du Sud

L'**Office sud-africain des brevets et des marques** a notifié un changement relatif au nom de son office, comme suit :

Nom de l'office : Office de l'enregistrement des sociétés et de la propriété intellectuelle (Afrique du Sud)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B1(ZA), page 215]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**NO Norway**

The **Norwegian Patent Office** has notified a change in the amount of the examination fee in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

Examination fee:¹ NOK 3,000 (none)²

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Summary (NO), page 475]

UA Ukraine

The **Ukraine Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that the following fees payable in **US dollars (USD)** to it as receiving Office, can also be paid in the equivalent in **Ukrainian hryvnia (UAH)**, as follows:

International fee:

Basic fee:³ USD 476 or equivalent in UAH

Fee per sheet in excess of 30:³ USD 12 or equivalent in UAH

Designation fee:³ USD 104 or equivalent in UAH

Each element of the national fee, payable in **US dollars (USD)** to it as designated (or elected) Office can also be paid in the equivalent in **Ukrainian hryvnia (UAH)**.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(UA), page 327, and Summary (UA), page 510]

RECEIVING OFFICES**PT Portugal**

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified a change in its requirements concerning the language of filing of international applications, as follows:

Language in which international applications may be filed: English, French, German or Portuguese

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(PT), page 312]

¹ Must be paid within the limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² The amount in parentheses is applicable where the applicant is a physical person or a legal entity with less than 20 permanent employees.

³ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in Ukraine or any other State mentioned in the corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB). For further details, see PCT Gazette No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**NO Norvège**

L'**Office norvégien des brevets** a notifié un changement dans le montant de la taxe d'examen, exprimée en **couronnes norvégiennes (NOK)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Taxe d'examen¹ : NOK 3.000 (néant)²

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), résumé (NO), page 502]

UA Ukraine

L'**Office ukrainien des brevets** a adressé au Bureau international, une notification l'informant que les taxes suivantes payables en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)** à l'office en tant qu'office récepteur, peuvent également être payées en leur équivalent en **hryvnia ukrainiens (UAH)**, comme suit :

Taxe internationale :

Taxe de base³ : USD 476 ou équivalent en UAH

Taxe par feuille
à compter de la 31^e³ : USD 12 ou équivalent en UAH

Taxe de désignation³ : USD 104 ou équivalent en UAH

Chaque élément de la taxe nationale, payable en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)** à l'office en tant qu'office désigné (ou élu), peut aussi être payé en son équivalent en **hryvnia ukrainiens (UAH)**.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe C(UA), page 338, et résumé (UA), page 541]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**PT Portugal**

L'**Institut national de la propriété industrielle (Portugal)** a notifié un changement dans ses exigences concernant la langue de dépôt de la demande internationale, comme suit :

Langue dans laquelle la demande
internationale peut être déposée : Allemand, anglais, français ou portugais

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe C(PT), page 322]

¹ Doit être payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

² Le montant indiqué entre parenthèses s'applique dans le cas où le déposant est une personne ou une entité juridique ayant moins de 20 employés permanents.

³ Cette taxe est réduite de 75 % lorsque le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux, est une personne physique qui est ressortissante de l'Ukraine et qui y est domiciliée; cette réduction s'applique également dans le cas de tout autre État mentionné dans la note de bas de page pertinente de l'annexe C(IB). Pour plus de précisions, voir la Gazette du PCT n° 50/1995, pages 19267 et 19268.

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material with regard to the time by which the applicant must furnish the indications prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) and with regards to the additional indications which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii). The consolidated table of requirements reads as follows:

<p>Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:</p>		<p>Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13<i>bis</i>.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned</p>
<p>the indications prescribed in Rule 13<i>bis</i>.3(a)(i) to (iii)</p>	<p>any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column</p>	
<p>Where applicant requests publication earlier than 16 months from the priority date, two months from notification of the Office</p>	<p>At the time of filing (as part of the application)</p>	<p>To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material</p>

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex L, page 367]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
EXIGENCES DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS ET ÉLUS**

ES Espagne

L'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques a notifié des changements dans ses exigences relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique en ce qui concerne le délai dans lequel le déposant doit fournir les indications exigées dans la règle 16*bis*.3.a)i) à iii) et en ce qui concerne les indications supplémentaires éventuelles qui doivent figurer outre celles exigées dans la règle 13*bis*.3.a)i) à iii). Le tableau récapitulatif des exigences est le suivant :

Délai (éventuel) inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, dans lequel le déposant doit fournir :		Indications (éventuelles) qui doivent figurer outre celles exigées dans la règle 13<i>bis</i>.3.a)i) à iii) selon les notifications des offices intéressés
les indications exigées dans la règle 13<i>bis</i>.3.a)i) à iii)	toute indication supplémentaire spécifiée dans la colonne adjacente de droite	
Lorsque le déposant requiert la publication dans un délai inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, deux mois à compter de la notification de l'Office	Lors du dépôt (comme partie de la demande)	Dans la mesure où ils sont accessibles au déposant, renseignements se rapportant aux caractéristiques du matériel biologique

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe L, page 373]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES (Cont'd)**

MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The **Industrial Property Protection Office (the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. The consolidated table of requirements reads as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Industrial Property Protection Office with any international depository institution recognized by the Office (a list is published in the official journal of the Office). The furnishing of samples to a third party may be subject to the condition that that party: (a) has a right to demand that a sample of the viable biological or microbiological material be made available; (b) has undertaken to ensure that the applicant does not authorize access to the sample of the deposited viable biological or microbiological material to any third party before the expiry of the prescribed period of validity of the patent.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex L, page 368]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
EXIGENCES DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS ET ÉLUS (suite)**

MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine

L'Office pour la protection de la propriété industrielle (Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine) a notifié des changements dans ses exigences relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique. Le tableau récapitulatif des exigences est le suivant :

Délai (éventuel) inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, dans lequel le déposant doit fournir :		Indications (éventuelles) qui doivent figurer outre celles exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii) selon les notifications des offices intéressés
les indications exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii)	toute indication supplémentaire spécifiée dans la colonne adjacente de droite	
Aucun	Lors du dépôt (comme partie de la demande)	Dans la mesure où ils sont accessibles au déposant, renseignements se rapportant aux caractéristiques du micro-organisme

Les dépôts aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets devant l'Office pour la protection de la propriété industrielle peuvent aussi être effectués auprès de toute institution de dépôt reconnue par l'office (une liste de ces institutions est publiée dans le bulletin officiel de l'office). La remise d'échantillons à un tiers peut être subordonnée à la double condition selon laquelle ce tiers : a) a le droit d'exiger qu'un échantillon viable du matériel biologique ou microbiologique soit mis à disposition; b) s'oblige à faire en sorte que le déposant n'autorise pas l'accès à l'échantillon viable du matériel biologique ou microbiologique déposé à un tiers avant l'expiration de la durée de validité prescrite du brevet.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe L, page 373]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES (Cont'd)**

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. The consolidated table of requirements reads as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism
For the purposes of the patent procedure before the National Institute of Industrial Property a deposit is required not later than at the date of filing the international application with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms.		

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex L, page 364]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified a change in the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b) before the Office as a designated and elected Office. The new time limits, applicable since 1 April 2003, are as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	31 months from the priority date

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (EE), page 417]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
EXIGENCES DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS ET ÉLUS (suite)**

PT Portugal

L'**Institut national de la propriété industrielle (Portugal)** a notifié des changements dans ses exigences relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique. Le tableau récapitulatif des exigences est le suivant :

Délai (éventuel) inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, dans lequel le déposant doit fournir :		Indications (éventuelles) qui doivent figurer outre celles exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii) selon les notifications des offices intéressés
les indications exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii)	toute indication supplémentaire spécifiée dans la colonne adjacente de droite	
Aucun	Lors du dépôt (comme partie de la demande)	Dans la mesure où ils sont accessibles au déposant, renseignements se rapportant aux caractéristiques du micro-organisme

Un dépôt aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets devant l'Institut national de la propriété industrielle, est exigé au plus tard à la date du dépôt de la demande internationale auprès de toute institution de dépôt ayant acquis le statut d'autorité de dépôt internationale en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe L, page 379]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)

EE Estonie

L'**Office estonien des brevets** a notifié un changement dans les délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon les articles 22.3) et 39.1)b) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné et élu. Les nouveaux délais, applicables depuis le 1^{er} avril 2003, sont les suivants :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (EE), page 438]

**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF
MODIFIED PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS;
NOTIFICATION UNDER PCT ARTICLE 22(3)****ZA South Africa**

Further to its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa)** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 23 April 2003.

Furthermore, the **Companies and Intellectual Property Registration Office (South Africa)**, pursuant to PCT Article 22(3), has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase, with effect from the same date. The new time limit is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Summary (ZA), page 523]

**LANGUAGE(S) ACCEPTED FOR THE FILING OF REQUESTS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING
OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(c)**

Under amended PCT Rule 12.1(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, the receiving Office of the following State has notified the International Bureau of the language which it is prepared to accept for the filing of requests, as follows:

AU Australia	English
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(AU), page 235]

**RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ
AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT MODIFIÉ;
NOTIFICATION EN VERTU DE L'ARTICLE 22.3) DU PCT**

ZA Afrique du Sud

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de l'article 22.1) du PCT modifié (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 08/2002, page 3887), l'**Office de l'enregistrement des sociétés et de la propriété intellectuelle (Afrique du Sud)** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 23 avril 2003.

De plus, l'**Office de l'enregistrement des sociétés et de la propriété intellectuelle (Afrique du Sud)**, conformément à l'article 22.3) du PCT, a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, avec effet à compter de la même date. Le nouveau délai est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), résumé (ZA), page 554]

**LANGUE(S) ACCEPTÉE(S) POUR LE DÉPÔT DES REQUÊTES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES
RÉCEPTEURS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 12.1.c) DU PCT**

En vertu de la règle 12.1.c) du PCT modifiée, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003, l'office récepteur de l'État suivant a notifié au Bureau international la langue qu'il est disposé à accepter aux fins du dépôt des requêtes, comme suit :

AU Australie	Anglais
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe C(AU), page 238]

SECTION IV

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NOTIFICATIONS ET INFORMATIONS DE CARACTÈRE GÉNÉRAL

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)**

The **African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)** has notified a change in one of its e-mail addresses. The list of e-mail addresses to be used is now as follows:

E-mail: mail@aripo.org
aripo@ecoweb.co.zw

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B2(AP), page 218]

AZ Azerbaijan

The **State Agency for Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, and has introduced an additional telephone number as well as an e-mail address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Mardanov gardashlar 124, AZ1078 Baku, Azerbaijan
Telephone: (99-412) 40 37 98, 40 35 53
E-mail: SMP@azerin.com

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(AZ), page 21]

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **Kyrgyz Intellectual Property Office** has informed the International Bureau that, since 7 March 2003, provisional patents and utility models are no longer available via the PCT. The only types of protection available are now as follows:

Types of protection available via the PCT: National: Patents
Eurasian: [No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(KG), page 109]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has introduced an e-mail address, as follows:

E-mail: kipopct@kipo.go.kr

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(KR), page 113]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES**AP Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO)**

L'**Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO)** a notifié un changement dans l'une de ses adresses électroniques. La liste des adresses électroniques à utiliser est désormais la suivante :

Courrier électronique : mail@aripo.org
aripo@ecoweb.co.zw

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B2(AP), page 220]

AZ Azerbaïdjan

L'**Agence d'État pour la normalisation, la métrologie et les brevets (Azerbaïdjan)** a notifié un changement dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale et a introduit un numéro de téléphone supplémentaire ainsi qu'une adresse électronique, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale : Mardanov gardashlar 124, AZ1078 Baku, Azerbaïdjan
Téléphone : (99-412) 40 37 98, 40 35 53
Courrier électronique : SMP@azerin.com

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B1(AZ), page 21]

KG Kirghizistan

L'**Office kirghize de la propriété intellectuelle** a informé le Bureau international que, à compter du 7 mars 2003, les brevets provisoires et les modèles d'utilité ne sont plus disponibles par la voie PCT. Les seuls types de protection disponibles sont désormais les suivants :

Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT : Nationale : Brevets
Eurasienne : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B1(KG), page 111]

KR République de Corée

L'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle** a introduit une adresse électronique, comme suit :

Courrier électronique : kipopct@kipo.go.kr

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B1(KR), page 115]

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
(Cont'd)****RO Romania**

The **State Office for Inventions and Trademarks (Romania)** has notified a correction in a reference to an article of the Romanian Patent Law in the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent; the corrected entry reads as follows:

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

A published European patent application confers the protection mentioned above as from the date on which a translation into Romanian of the claims of that application is published by the Office (see Art. 5(2) of the Law No. 611/2002).

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(RO), page 167]

REQUEST IN PCT-EASY FORMAT: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT FILINGS**LT Lithuania**

The **Lithuanian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept the filing of international applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 52/1998, table published on page 17572, and No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(LT), page 294]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Australian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 July 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Australian Patent Office): ZAR 4,700

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex D(AU), page 337]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 July 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): ZAR 7,860

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex D(EP), page 339]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES (suite)**RO Roumanie**

L'**Office d'État pour les inventions et les marques (Roumanie)** a notifié une correction dans une référence à un article de la loi roumaine sur les brevets dans les dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen; la rubrique corrigée se lit comme suit :

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen :

Une demande de brevet européen publiée confère la protection mentionnée ci-dessus à compter de la date à laquelle une traduction en roumain des revendications de cette demande est publiée par l'office (voir l'article 5(2) de la loi n° 611/2002).

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B1(RO), page 169]

REQUÊTE EN MODE DE PRÉSENTATION PCT-EASY : OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DISPOSÉS À ACCEPTER LES DÉPÔTS**LT Lituanie**

L'**Office lituanien des brevets** a informé le Bureau international qu'il est disposé à accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec des disquettes PCT-EASY.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° 52/1998, tableau publié à la page 17573, et n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe C(LT), page 303]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office australien des brevets) :

ZAR 4.700

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe D(AU), page 348]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) :

ZAR 7.860

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe D(EP), page 350]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**HU Hungary**

The **Hungarian Patent Office** has notified changes in the amounts of fees payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, and has also notified that there is no longer an exemption of the national fee if the international application was filed with the Office. The changes read as follows:

Transmittal fee:	HUF 10,000
National fee:	
— where the Office is a designated Office:	HUF 24,000 plus
	HUF 1,400 per claim for the 11th to the 20th claim
	HUF 2,800 per claim for the 21st to the 30th claim
	HUF 4,200 for each claim in excess of 30
— where the Office is an elected Office:	HUF 12,000 plus
	HUF 700 per claim for the 11th to the 20th claim
	HUF 1,400 per claim for the 21st to the 30th claim
	HUF 2,100 for each claim in excess of 30
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(HU), page 273, and Summary (HU), page 434]

JP Japan
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Euro (EUR)** of the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office, has been established. The new amount, applicable as from 1 July 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	EUR 535
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex D(JP), page 342]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the basic fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and the designation fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction of the international fee where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 July 2003, are specified below:

Basic fee:	ZAR 3,580
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 80
Designation fee:	ZAR 780
PCT-EASY fee reduction:	ZAR 1,100

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(ZA), page 333]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**HU Hongrie**

L'**Office hongrois des brevets** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu) et a également notifié qu'il n'y a plus d'exemption de la taxe nationale si la demande internationale a été déposée auprès de l'office. Les changements ont la teneur suivante:

Taxe de transmission :	HUF 10.000
Taxe nationale :	
– lorsque l'office est un office désigné :	HUF 24.000 plus
	HUF 1.400 par revendication de la 11 ^e à la 20 ^e
	HUF 2.800 par revendication de la 21 ^e à la 30 ^e
	HUF 4.200 par revendication à compter de la 31 ^e
– lorsque l'office est un office élu :	HUF 12.000 plus
	HUF 700 par revendication de la 11 ^e à la 20 ^e
	HUF 1.400 par revendication de la 21 ^e à la 30 ^e
	HUF 2.100 par revendication à compter de la 31 ^e
Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :	Néant

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe C(HU), page 279, et résumé (HU), page 456]

JP Japon**IB Bureau international**

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, un nouveau montant équivalent en **euros (EUR)** de la taxe de recherche, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets du Japon, a été établi. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	EUR 535
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe D(JP), page 353]

ZA Afrique du Sud

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, ont été établis pour la taxe de base, la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e et la taxe de désignation, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2003, sont les suivants :

Taxe de base :	ZAR 3.580
Supplément par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	ZAR 80
Taxe de désignation :	ZAR 780
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY :	ZAR 1.100

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe C(ZA), page 344]

RECEIVING OFFICES**LV Latvia**

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified a change in its requirements concerning the language of filing of international applications, as follows:

Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, French, German, Latvian or Russian
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(LV), page 296]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has given clarification concerning the payment of the extension fee in respect of Slovenia and Romania. Only the text and footnote relating to the extension fee are reproduced hereafter:

National fee, comprising	
— [No change]	[No change]
— [No change]	[No change]
— extension fee (for extension of the European patent to Albania, Latvia, Lithuania, or the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia): ¹	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Summary (EP), page 419]

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Patent Office** has notified changes in connection with the footnotes applicable to its special requirements as a designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of special requirements and related footnotes is now as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application ²
	Declaration of assignment where the applicant is not the inventor ³
	Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Hungary ⁴

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Summary (HU), page 434]

¹ The designation and extension fees are payable within 31 months from the priority date. Extension fees are also to be paid if the European patent is to be extended to Slovenia and the international filing date is prior to 1 December 2002, and/or is to be extended to Romania and the international filing date is prior to 1 March 2003.

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

³ Even if a corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17, the Office may nevertheless require further documents or evidence (see *PCT Gazette* No. 05/2001, page 2024).

⁴ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**LV Lettonie**

L'**Office letton des brevets** a notifié un changement dans ses exigences concernant la langue de dépôt de la demande internationale, comme suit :

Langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée :	Allemand, anglais, français, letton ou russe
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe C(LV), page 305]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a donné des précisions concernant le paiement de la taxe d'extension en ce qui concerne la Slovénie et la Roumanie. Seuls le texte et la note de bas de page concernant la taxe d'extension sont reproduits ci-dessous :

Taxe nationale, composée	
— [Sans changement]	[Sans changement]
— [Sans changement]	[Sans changement]
— d'une taxe d'extension (pour l'extension des effets du brevet européen à l'Albanie, à l'Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, à la Lettonie ou à la Lituanie): ¹	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), résumé (EP), page 440]

HU Hongrie

L'**Office hongrois des brevets** a notifié des changements en rapport avec les notes de bas de page applicables à ses exigences particulières en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). La liste récapitulative des exigences particulières et des notes y relatives est désormais la suivante :

Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51 <i>bis</i> du PCT) :	Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale ²
	Déclaration de transfert lorsque le déposant n'est pas l'inventeur ³
	Nomination d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié en Hongrie ⁴

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), résumé (HU), page 456]

¹ Les taxes de désignation et d'extension sont payables dans un délai de 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité. Des taxes d'extension doivent également être acquittées si le brevet européen doit étendre ses effets à la Slovénie et que la date de dépôt international est antérieure au 1^{er} décembre 2002, ou s'il doit étendre ses effets à la Roumanie et que la date de dépôt international est antérieure au 1^{er} mars 2003.

² Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

³ Même si une déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17, l'office peut quand même exiger des documents ou des preuves supplémentaires (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 05/2001, page 2025).

⁴ Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES (Cont'd)**KR Republic of Korea**

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has deleted two special requirements of the Office as a designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list is now as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application ^{5,6} Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in the Republic of Korea ⁷ Translation into Korean of the priority document where it is not identical with the international application; otherwise a written statement confirming identity is sufficient ^{8,9} Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in computer readable form
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Summary (KR), page 450]

LANGUAGE(S) ACCEPTED FOR THE FILING OF REQUESTS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(c)

Under amended PCT Rule 12.1(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, the receiving Offices of the following States have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) which they are prepared to accept for the filing of requests, as follows:

AM Armenia	English
BG Bulgaria	English or Russian
KG Kyrgyzstan	English or Russian
LS Lesotho	English
MA Morocco	French
TR Turkey	English, French or German

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(AM), page 231, Annex C(BG), page 240, Annex C(KG), page 288, Annex C(LS), page 293, Annex C(MA), page 297, and Annex C(TR), page 325]

⁵ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

⁶ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

⁷ Must be appointed within two months from the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

⁸ Must be furnished within two months from the date of notification by the Office of receipt of a copy of the priority document from the International Bureau.

⁹ Such a translation may be required regardless of whether the validity of the priority claim is relevant to the determination of whether the invention concerned is patentable (see *PCT Gazette* No. 05/2001, page 2024).

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS) (suite)**KR République de Corée**

L'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle a supprimé deux exigences particulières de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). La liste récapitulative est désormais la suivante :

Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51 <i>bis</i> du PCT) :	Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale ^{5, 6} Nomination d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié en République de Corée ⁷ Traduction en coréen du document de priorité si celui-ci n'est pas identique à la demande internationale; s'ils sont identiques, une déclaration écrite à cet effet est suffisante ^{8, 9} Fourniture, le cas échéant, d'un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), résumé (KR), page 473]

LANGUE(S) ACCEPTÉE(S) POUR LE DÉPÔT DES REQUÊTES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 12.1.c) DU PCT

En vertu de la règle 12.1.c) du PCT modifiée, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003, les offices récepteurs des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international la ou les langues qu'ils sont disposés à accepter aux fins du dépôt des requêtes, comme suit :

AM Arménie	Anglais
BG Bulgarie	Anglais ou russe
KG Kirghizistan	Anglais ou russe
LS Lesotho	Anglais
MA Maroc	Français
TR Turquie	Allemand, anglais ou français

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe C(AM), page 234, annexe C(BG), page 243, annexe C(KG), page 295, annexe C(LS), page 302, annexe C(MA), page 306, et annexe C(TR), page 336]

⁵ Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

⁶ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

⁷ Exigence à satisfaire dans un délai de deux mois après l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

⁸ Doit être remise dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de notification par l'office de la réception par le Bureau international d'une copie du document de priorité.

⁹ Une telle traduction peut être exigée, que la validité de la revendication de priorité soit pertinente ou non pour déterminer si l'invention en question est brevetable (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 05/2001, page 2025).

SECTION IV

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**CN China**
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Euro (EUR)** of the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **China Intellectual Property Office**, has been established. The new amount, applicable as from 15 July 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the China Intellectual Property Office): EUR 156

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex D(CN), page 338]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 15 July 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): ISK 78,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex D(EP), page 339]

RU Russian Federation

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Euro (EUR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Russian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 15 July 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Russian Patent Office): EUR 258

Furthermore, the **Russian Patent Office** has notified changes with regard to the conditions of reduction of the annual fees, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows (these fees were previously not included in the Summary (RU) referred to below):

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee: [No change]

Examination fee:

— for one invention: [No change]

— for each invention in excess of one: [No change]

Annual fee for the third year: USD 100

For utility model:

Filing fee: [No change]

Annual fee for the first and
the second year, per year: USD 50

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**CN Chine****IB Bureau international**

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, un nouveau montant équivalent en **euros (EUR)** de la taxe de recherche, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine**, a été établi. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 juillet 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine) : EUR 156

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe D(CN), page 349]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 juillet 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) : ISK 78.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe D(EP), page 350]

RU Fédération de Russie

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **euros (EUR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office russe des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 juillet 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office russe des brevets) : EUR 258

De plus, l'**Office russe des brevets** a notifié des changements en ce qui concerne les conditions de réduction des taxes annuelles, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné ou élu, comme suit (ces taxes ne figuraient pas précédemment dans le résumé (RU) auquel il est fait référence ci-dessous :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt : [Sans changement]

Taxe d'examen :

– pour une invention : [Sans changement]

– pour chaque invention à compter de la 2^e : [Sans changement]

Taxe annuelle pour la 3^e année : USD 100

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt : [Sans changement]

Taxe annuelle pour la 1^{ère} et la 2^e année, par année : USD 50

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**RU Russian Federation (Cont'd)**

Exemptions, reductions or refunds
of the national fee:

The annual fees shall be reduced by 50% where a notice about an open license is filed with the Office. The reduction shall apply as from the year following the year of publication of information on the notice.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex D(RU), page 344, and Summary (RU), page 488]

US United States of America**IB International Bureau**

For the purposes of the payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, new equivalent amount in **Euro (EUR)** of the search fee, payable in respect of an international search carried out by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office**, have been established. The new amounts, applicable as from 15 July 2003, are as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the United States Patent and
Trademark Office):

EUR 615 (395)
The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding
prior US national application has been filed under
35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee has been paid

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex D(US), page 346]

RECEIVING OFFICES**AZ Azerbaijan**

The **State Agency for Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan)** has notified a change in its requirements concerning the language of filing of international applications, as follows:

Language in which international
applications may be filed:

Azerbaijani, English or Russian

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(AZ), page 237]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**RU Fédération de Russie (suite)**

Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :

Les taxes annuelles sont réduites de 50% lorsqu'un avis relatif à une licence ouverte est déposé auprès de l'office. La réduction s'applique à compter de l'année qui suit l'année de publication des renseignements portant sur cet avis.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe D(RU), page 355, et résumé (RU), page 517]

US États-Unis d'Amérique
IB Bureau international

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, de nouveaux montants équivalents en **euros (EUR)** de la taxe de recherche, payables pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis**, ont été établis. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 15 juillet 2003, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :

EUR 615 (395)

Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon le paragraphe 111.a) du titre 35 USC et que la taxe de dépôt de base a été payée

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe D(US), page 357]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**AZ Azerbaïdjan**

L'**Agence d'État pour la normalisation, la métrologie et les brevets (Azerbaïdjan)** a notifié un changement dans ses exigences concernant la langue de dépôt de la demande internationale, comme suit :

Langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée :

Anglais, azerbaïdjanais ou russe

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe C(AZ), page 240]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**RU Russian Federation**

The **Russian Patent Office** has notified a change in the time limit relating to the furnishing of the translation of the international application to the Office as designated (or elected) Office (only the footnote related thereto has been modified):

Translation of international application
required into:¹ Russian

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Summary (RU), page 488]

LANGUAGE(S) ACCEPTED FOR THE FILING OF REQUESTS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(c)

Under amended PCT Rule 12.1(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, the receiving Offices of the following States have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) which they are prepared to accept for the filing of requests, as follows:

AZ	Azerbaijan	English or Russian
MK	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	English
MW	Malawi	English
VN	Viet Nam	English or Russian ²
ZA	South Africa	English

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(AZ), page 237, Annex C(MK), page 300, Annex C(MW), page 302, Annex C(VN), page 331, and Annex C(ZA), page 333]

¹ Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² The request must be filed in Russian where the international application is filed in Russian and the International Searching Authority is the Russian Patent Office. In other cases, the request must be filed in English.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**RU Fédération de Russie**

L'**Office russe des brevets** a notifié un changement dans le délai relatif à la remise de la traduction de la demande internationale à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu) (seule la note de bas de page y relative a été modifiée) :

Traduction de la demande internationale
requis en¹ : Russe

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), résumé (RU), page 517]

LANGUE(S) ACCEPTÉE(S) POUR LE DÉPÔT DES REQUÊTES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 12.1.c) DU PCT

En vertu de la règle 12.1.c) du PCT modifiée, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003, les offices récepteurs des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international la ou les langues qu'ils sont disposés à accepter aux fins du dépôt des requêtes, comme suit :

AZ	Azerbaïdjan	Anglais ou russe
MK	Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine	Anglais
MW	Malawi	Anglais
VN	Viet Nam	Anglais ou russe ²
ZA	Afrique du Sud	Anglais

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe C(AZ), page 240, annexe C(MK), page 309, annexe C(MW), page 311, annexe C(VN), page 342, et annexe C(ZA), page 344]

¹ Doit être remise dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

² La requête doit être déposée en russe lorsque la demande internationale est déposée en russe et l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale est l'Office russe des brevets. Dans les autres cas, la requête doit être déposée en anglais.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT
MODIFICATION OF ANNEX A—FORMS****Form PCT/RO/101 (Request)**

The Request Form (Box No. V) has been modified to take into account the following:

- the PCT entered into force for **Nicaragua** on 6 March 2003, and will enter into force for **Papua New Guinea** on 14 June 2003, and for **the Syrian Arab Republic** on 26 June 2003;
- from 1 January 2003, **Hungary** and, from 1 March 2003, **Romania** may also be designated for the purposes of obtaining a European patent;
- it is possible for applicants to obtain utility models in addition to patents in **Colombia**;
- it is no longer possible to obtain provisional patents or utility models in **Kyrgyzstan**; and
- in the list of countries for which national patents are available, the name “**Yugoslavia**” has been replaced by the name “**Serbia and Montenegro**”, the two-letter code remaining unchanged for the time being.

The Notes to the request form (Notes to Box No. V) have been modified to take into account the following:

- the extension of European patents ceases to be available in Romania;
- utility models are available in Colombia;
- provisional patents and utility models are no longer available in Kyrgyzstan; and
- in the sentence relating to the availability in Yugoslavia of petty patents and patents of addition, the name “Yugoslavia” has been replaced by the name “Serbia and Montenegro”.

The Notes to the fee calculation sheet have been modified to take into account the following:

- the applicability of the reduction of the international fee to applicants from Nicaragua, Papua New Guinea and the Syrian Arab Republic; and
- the name “Yugoslavia” has been replaced by the name “Serbia and Montenegro”.

All the sheets of the Request Form, including the Notes to the request form, the Fee Calculation Sheet (annex to the Request Form) and the Notes thereto, are dated July 2003 (the date of issuance or of reprinting of the sheet) and are reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction).

Only the updated version of the Request Form should be used for international applications filed as from 1 July 2003. Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices and the International Bureau, and will also be available on the Internet as from the beginning of July 2003 at the following address: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/index.htm>

**INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT
MODIFICATION DE L'ANNEXE A – FORMULAIRES****Formulaire PCT/RO/101 (requête)**

Le formulaire de requête (cadre n° V) a été modifié pour tenir compte des faits suivants :

- le PCT est entré en vigueur pour le **Nicaragua** le 6 mars 2003 et entrera en vigueur pour la **Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée** le 14 juin 2003 et pour la **République arabe syrienne** le 26 juin 2003;
- à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2003, la **Hongrie** et, à compter du 1^{er} mars 2003, la **Roumanie** peuvent également être désignées aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet européen;
- il est possible pour les déposants d'obtenir des modèles d'utilité en plus des brevets en **Colombie**;
- il n'est plus possible d'obtenir des brevets provisoires ou des modèles d'utilité au **Kirghizistan**; et
- dans la liste des pays pour lesquels des brevets nationaux sont disponibles, le nom "**Yougoslavie**" a été remplacé par le nom "**Serbie-et-Monténégro**", le code à deux lettres restant inchangé pour le moment.

Les notes du formulaire de requête (notes du cadre n° V) ont été modifiées pour tenir compte des faits suivants :

- l'extension de brevets européens n'est plus possible en Roumanie;
- des modèles d'utilité sont disponibles en Colombie;
- les brevets provisoires et les modèles d'utilité ne sont plus disponibles au Kirghizistan; et
- dans la phrase relative à la disponibilité en Yougoslavie de petty patents et de brevets d'addition, le nom "Yougoslavie" a été remplacé par le nom "Serbie-et-Monténégro".

À la page 5 des notes (sous "Cadres n^{os} VIII i) à v"), une erreur typographique a été corrigée (en français seulement).

Les notes de la feuille de calcul des taxes ont été modifiées pour tenir compte des faits suivants :

- l'applicabilité de la réduction de la taxe internationale aux déposants du Nicaragua, de la Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée et de la République arabe syrienne; et
- le nom "Yougoslavie" a été remplacé par le nom "Serbie-et-Monténégro".

Toutes les feuilles du formulaire de requête, y compris les notes y relatives, la feuille de calcul des taxes (annexe de la requête) et les notes y relatives, ont été datées de juillet 2003 (date d'émission ou de réimpression de la feuille) et sont reproduites sur les pages suivantes (sans pagination pour qu'il soit possible de les reproduire aisément).

Seule la version mise à jour du formulaire de requête devrait être utilisée pour les demandes internationales déposées à partir du 1^{er} juillet 2003. Des exemplaires peuvent être obtenus gratuitement auprès des offices récepteurs et du Bureau international et seront également disponibles sur l'Internet au début de juillet 2003 à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/index.htm>

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT
MODIFICATION OF ANNEX A—FORMS (Cont'd)****Form PCT/IPEA/401 (Demand)**

The Demand Form itself has not been modified.

The Notes to the Fee Calculation Sheet (annex to the Demand Form) relating to the reduction of the handling fee for qualifying applicants from certain States have been modified to take into account the entry into force of the PCT for **Nicaragua, Papua New Guinea** and **the Syrian Arab Republic**. Furthermore, the name “**Yugoslavia**” has been replaced by the name “**Serbia and Montenegro**”.

All the sheets of the Demand Form, including the Notes to the demand form, the Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes thereto, are dated July 2003 (the date of issuance or of reprinting of the sheet) and are reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction). Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices, International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau, and will also be available on the Internet as from the beginning of July 2003 at the following address:
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/index.htm>

INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT
MODIFICATION DE L'ANNEXE A – FORMULAIRES (suite)

Formulaire PCT/IPEA/401 (demande d'examen préliminaire international)

Le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international lui-même n'a pas été modifié.

Les notes relatives à la feuille de calcul des taxes (annexe de la demande d'examen préliminaire international) concernant la réduction de la taxe de traitement pour les déposants de certains États qui y ont droit ont été modifiées pour tenir compte de l'entrée en vigueur du PCT pour le **Nicaragua**, la **Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée** et la **République arabe syrienne**. En outre, le nom "**Yougoslavie**" a été remplacé par le nom "**Serbie-et-Monténégro**".

Toutes les feuilles du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international, y compris les notes y relatives, la feuille de calcul des taxes et les notes y relatives ont été datées de juillet 2003 (date d'émission ou de réimpression de la feuille) et sont reproduites sur les pages suivantes (sans pagination pour qu'il soit possible de les reproduire aisément). Des exemplaires peuvent être obtenus gratuitement auprès des offices récepteurs, des administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international et du Bureau international et seront également disponibles sur l'Internet au début de juillet 2003 à l'adresse suivante :
<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/index.htm>

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

For receiving Office use only

International Application No.

International Filing Date

Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum)

Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION	
Box No. II APPLICANT <input type="checkbox"/> This person is also inventor	
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)	Telephone No.
	Facsimile No.
	Teleprinter No.
	Applicant's registration No. with the Office
State (that is, country) of nationality:	State (that is, country) of residence:
This person is applicant for the purposes of: <input type="checkbox"/> all designated States <input type="checkbox"/> all designated States except the United States of America <input type="checkbox"/> the United States of America only <input type="checkbox"/> the States indicated in the Supplemental Box	
Box No. III FURTHER APPLICANT(S) AND/OR (FURTHER) INVENTOR(S)	
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)	This person is: <input type="checkbox"/> applicant only <input type="checkbox"/> applicant and inventor <input type="checkbox"/> inventor only (If this check-box is marked, do not fill in below.)
	Applicant's registration No. with the Office
State (that is, country) of nationality:	State (that is, country) of residence:
This person is applicant for the purposes of: <input type="checkbox"/> all designated States <input type="checkbox"/> all designated States except the United States of America <input type="checkbox"/> the United States of America only <input type="checkbox"/> the States indicated in the Supplemental Box	
<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on a continuation sheet.	
Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	
The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as: <input type="checkbox"/> agent <input type="checkbox"/> common representative	
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)	Telephone No.
	Facsimile No.
	Teleprinter No.
	Agent's registration No. with the Office
<input type="checkbox"/> Address for correspondence: Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special address to which correspondence should be sent.	

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REQUÊTE

Le soussigné requiert que la présente demande internationale soit traitée conformément au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets.

Réservé à l'office récepteur

Demande internationale n°

Date du dépôt international

Nom de l'office récepteur et "Demande internationale PCT"

Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire (*facultatif*)
(12 caractères au maximum)

Cadre n° I TITRE DE L'INVENTION	
Cadre n° II DÉPOSANT <input type="checkbox"/> Cette personne est aussi inventeur	
Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays. Le pays de l'adresse indiquée dans ce cadre est l'État où le déposant a son domicile si aucun domicile n'est indiqué ci-dessous.</i>)	n° de téléphone
	n° de télécopieur
	n° de téléimprimeur
	n° sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office
Nationalité (<i>nom de l'État</i>) :	Domicile (<i>nom de l'État</i>) :
Cette personne est déposant pour : <input type="checkbox"/> tous les États désignés <input type="checkbox"/> tous les États désignés sauf les États-Unis d'Amérique <input type="checkbox"/> les États-Unis d'Amérique seulement <input type="checkbox"/> les États indiqués dans le cadre supplémentaire	
Cadre n° III AUTRE(S) DÉPOSANT(S) OU (AUTRE(S)) INVENTEUR(S)	
Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays. Le pays de l'adresse indiquée dans ce cadre est l'État où le déposant a son domicile si aucun domicile n'est indiqué ci-dessous.</i>)	Cette personne est : <input type="checkbox"/> déposant seulement <input type="checkbox"/> déposant et inventeur <input type="checkbox"/> inventeur seulement (<i>Si cette case est cochée, ne pas remplir la suite.</i>)
	n° sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office
Nationalité (<i>nom de l'État</i>) :	Domicile (<i>nom de l'État</i>) :
Cette personne est déposant pour : <input type="checkbox"/> tous les États désignés <input type="checkbox"/> tous les États désignés sauf les États-Unis d'Amérique <input type="checkbox"/> les États-Unis d'Amérique seulement <input type="checkbox"/> les États indiqués dans le cadre supplémentaire	
<input type="checkbox"/> D'autres déposants ou inventeurs sont indiqués sur une feuille annexe.	
Cadre n° IV MANDATAIRE OU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN; OU ADRESSE POUR LA CORRESPONDANCE	
La personne dont l'identité est donnée ci-dessous est/a été désignée pour agir au nom du ou des déposants auprès des autorités internationales compétentes, comme: <input type="checkbox"/> mandataire <input type="checkbox"/> représentant commun	
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	n° sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office
<input type="checkbox"/> Adresse pour la correspondance : cocher cette case lorsque aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est/n'a été désigné et que l'espace ci-dessus est utilisé pour indiquer une adresse spéciale à laquelle la correspondance doit être envoyée.	

Continuation of Box No. III FURTHER APPLICANT(S) AND/OR (FURTHER) INVENTOR(S)

If none of the following sub-boxes is used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Name and address: <i>(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)</i>	This person is: <input type="checkbox"/> applicant only <input type="checkbox"/> applicant and inventor <input type="checkbox"/> inventor only <i>(If this check-box is marked, do not fill in below.)</i>
Applicant's registration No. with the Office	

State <i>(that is, country)</i> of nationality:	State <i>(that is, country)</i> of residence:
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This person is applicant for the purposes of:	<input type="checkbox"/> all designated States	<input type="checkbox"/> all designated States except the United States of America	<input type="checkbox"/> the United States of America only	<input type="checkbox"/> the States indicated in the Supplemental Box
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<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on another continuation sheet.

Suite du cadre n° III AUTRE(S) DÉPOSANT(S) OU (AUTRE(S)) INVENTEUR(S)*Si aucun des sous-cadres suivants n'est utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.*

Nom et adresse : <i>(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays. Le pays de l'adresse indiquée dans ce cadre est l'État où le déposant a son domicile si aucun domicile n'est indiqué ci-dessous.)</i>		Cette personne est : <input type="checkbox"/> déposant seulement <input type="checkbox"/> déposant et inventeur <input type="checkbox"/> inventeur seulement <i>(Si cette case est cochée, ne pas remplir la suite.)</i>
		n° sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office
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<input type="checkbox"/> D'autres déposants ou inventeurs sont indiqués sur une feuille annexe.		

Box No. V DESIGNATION OF STATES

Mark the applicable check-boxes below; at least one must be marked.

The following designations are hereby made under Rule 4.9(a):

Regional Patent

- AP ARIPO Patent:** GH Ghana, GM Gambia, KE Kenya, LS Lesotho, MW Malawi, MZ Mozambique, SD Sudan, SL Sierra Leone, SZ Swaziland, TZ United Republic of Tanzania, UG Uganda, ZM Zambia, ZW Zimbabwe, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Harare Protocol and of the PCT (if other kind of protection or treatment desired, specify on dotted line)
- EA Eurasian Patent:** AM Armenia, AZ Azerbaijan, BY Belarus, KG Kyrgyzstan, KZ Kazakhstan, MD Republic of Moldova, RU Russian Federation, TJ Tajikistan, TM Turkmenistan, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Eurasian Patent Convention and of the PCT
- EP European Patent:** AT Austria, BE Belgium, BG Bulgaria, CH & LI Switzerland and Liechtenstein, CY Cyprus, CZ Czech Republic, DE Germany, DK Denmark, EE Estonia, ES Spain, FI Finland, FR France, GB United Kingdom, GR Greece, HU Hungary, IE Ireland, IT Italy, LU Luxembourg, MC Monaco, NL Netherlands, PT Portugal, RO Romania, SE Sweden, SI Slovenia, SK Slovakia, TR Turkey, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention and of the PCT
- OA OAPI Patent:** BF Burkina Faso, BJ Benin, CF Central African Republic, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroon, GA Gabon, GN Guinea, GQ Equatorial Guinea, GW Guinea-Bissau, ML Mali, MR Mauritania, NE Niger, SN Senegal, TD Chad, TG Togo, and any other State which is a member State of OAPI and a Contracting State of the PCT (if other kind of protection or treatment desired, specify on dotted line)

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Precautionary Designation Statement: In addition to the designations made above, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all other designations which would be permitted under the PCT except any designation(s) indicated in the Supplemental Box as being excluded from the scope of this statement. The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit. (Confirmation (including fees) must reach the receiving Office within the 15-month time limit.)

Cadre n° V DÉSIGNATION D'ÉTATS *Cocher les cases appropriées; une au moins doit être cochée.*

Les désignations suivantes sont faites conformément à la règle 4.9.a) :

Brevet régional

- AP Brevet ARIPO** : **GH** Ghana, **GM** Gambie, **KE** Kenya, **LS** Lesotho, **MW** Malawi, **MZ** Mozambique, **SD** Soudan, **SL** Sierra Leone, **SZ** Swaziland, **TZ** République-Unie de Tanzanie, **UG** Ouganda, **ZM** Zambie, **ZW** Zimbabwe et tout autre État qui est un État contractant du Protocole de Harare et du PCT (*si une autre forme de protection ou de traitement est souhaitée, le préciser sur la ligne pointillée*).....
- EA Brevet eurasién** : **AM** Arménie, **AZ** Azerbaïdjan, **BY** Bélarus, **KG** Kirghizistan, **KZ** Kazakhstan, **MD** République de Moldova, **RU** Fédération de Russie, **TJ** Tadjikistan, **TM** Turkménistan et tout autre État qui est un État contractant de la Convention sur le brevet eurasién et du PCT
- EP Brevet européen** : **AT** Autriche, **BE** Belgique, **BG** Bulgarie, **CH & LI** Suisse et Liechtenstein, **CY** Chypre, **CZ** République tchèque, **DE** Allemagne, **DK** Danemark, **EE** Estonie, **ES** Espagne, **FI** Finlande, **FR** France, **GB** Royaume-Uni, **GR** Grèce, **HU** Hongrie, **IE** Irlande, **IT** Italie, **LU** Luxembourg, **MC** Monaco, **NL** Pays-Bas, **PT** Portugal, **RO** Roumanie, **SE** Suède, **SI** Slovénie, **SK** Slovaquie, **TR** Turquie et tout autre État qui est un État contractant de la Convention sur le brevet européen et du PCT
- OA Brevet OAPI** : **BF** Burkina Faso, **BJ** Bénin, **CF** République centrafricaine, **CG** Congo, **CI** Côte d'Ivoire, **CM** Cameroun, **GA** Gabon, **GN** Guinée, **GQ** Guinée équatoriale, **GW** Guinée-Bissau, **ML** Mali, **MR** Mauritanie, **NE** Niger, **SN** Sénégal, **TD** Tchad, **TG** Togo et tout autre État qui est un État membre de l'OAPI et un État contractant du PCT (*si une autre forme de protection ou de traitement est souhaitée, le préciser sur la ligne pointillée*).....

Brevet national (*si une autre forme de protection ou de traitement est souhaitée, le préciser sur la ligne pointillée*) :

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Les cases ci-dessous sont réservées à la désignation d'États qui sont devenus parties au PCT après la publication de la présente feuille :

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Déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution : outre les désignations faites ci-dessus, le déposant fait aussi conformément à la règle 4.9.b) toutes les désignations qui seraient autorisées en vertu du PCT, à l'exception de toute désignation indiquée dans le cadre supplémentaire comme étant exclue de la portée de cette déclaration. Le déposant déclare que ces désignations additionnelles sont faites sous réserve de confirmation et que toute désignation qui n'est pas confirmée avant l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité doit être considérée comme retirée par le déposant à l'expiration de ce délai. (*La confirmation (y compris les taxes) doit parvenir à l'office récepteur dans le délai de 15 mois.*)

Supplemental Box

If the Supplemental Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

1. *If, in any of the Boxes, except Boxes Nos. VIII(i) to (v) for which a special continuation box is provided, the space is insufficient to furnish all the information: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No...." (indicate the number of the Box) and furnish the information in the same manner as required according to the captions of the Box in which the space was insufficient, in particular:*
 - (i) *if more than two persons are to be indicated as applicants and/or inventors and no "continuation sheet" is available: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. III" and indicate for each additional person the same type of information as required in Box No. III. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below;*
 - (ii) *if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the indication "the States indicated in the Supplemental Box" is checked: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the applicant(s) involved and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is applicant;*
 - (iii) *if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the inventor or the inventor/applicant is not inventor for the purposes of all designated States or for the purposes of the United States of America: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the inventor(s) and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is inventor;*
 - (iv) *if, in addition to the agent(s) indicated in Box No. IV, there are further agents: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. IV" and indicate for each further agent the same type of information as required in Box No. IV;*
 - (v) *if, in Box No. V, the name of any State (or OAPI) is accompanied by the indication "patent of addition," or "certificate of addition," or if, in Box No. V, the name of the United States of America is accompanied by an indication "continuation" or "continuation-in-part": in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. V" and the name of each State involved (or OAPI), and after the name of each such State (or OAPI), the number of the parent title or parent application and the date of grant of the parent title or filing of the parent application;*
 - (vi) *if, in Box No. VI, there are more than five earlier applications whose priority is claimed: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VI" and indicate for each additional earlier application the same type of information as required in Box No. VI.*
2. *If, with regard to the precautionary designation statement contained in Box No. V, the applicant wishes to exclude any State(s) from the scope of that statement: in such case, write "Designation(s) excluded from precautionary designation statement" and indicate the name or two-letter code of each State so excluded.*

Cadre supplémentaire Si le cadre supplémentaire n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

1. Si l'un des cadres du présent formulaire – à l'exception des cadres n°s VIII.i) à v) pour lesquels une feuille annexe spéciale est prévue – **ne suffit pas** à contenir tous les renseignements : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n°..." (préciser le numéro du cadre) et fournir les renseignements conformément aux instructions données dans le cadre dans lequel la place était insuffisante; en particulier :
 - i) si plus de deux personnes doivent être indiquées comme **déposants ou inventeurs** et que l'on ne dispose d'aucune "feuille annexe" : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n° III" et fournir pour chaque personne supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n° III. Le pays de l'adresse indiquée dans ce cadre est l'État où le déposant a son domicile si aucun domicile n'est indiqué ci-dessous;
 - ii) si, dans le cadre n° II ou dans l'un des sous-cadres du cadre n° III, la case "**les États indiqués dans le cadre supplémentaire**" est cochée : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n° II" ou "Suite du cadre n° III" ou "Suite des cadres n°s II et III" (selon le cas), ainsi que le nom du ou des déposants en cause et, à côté de chaque nom, le ou les États pour lesquels la personne mentionnée a la qualité de déposant (ou, le cas échéant, la mention "brevet ARIPO", "brevet eurasien", "brevet européen" ou "brevet OAPI");
 - iii) si, dans le cadre n° II ou dans l'un des sous-cadres du cadre n° III, l'inventeur ou l'inventeur/déposant n'a pas la qualité d'inventeur pour tous les États désignés ou pour les États-Unis d'Amérique : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n° II" ou "Suite du cadre n° III" ou "Suite des cadres n°s II et III" (selon le cas), ainsi que le nom du ou des inventeurs et, à côté de chaque nom, le ou les États pour lesquels la personne mentionnée a la qualité d'inventeur (ou, le cas échéant, la mention "brevet ARIPO", "brevet eurasien", "brevet européen" ou "brevet OAPI");
 - iv) si, en plus du ou des mandataires indiqués dans le cadre n° IV, il y a d'autres mandataires : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n° IV" et fournir pour chaque mandataire supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n° IV;
 - v) si, dans le cadre n° V, le nom d'un État (ou de l'OAPI) est assorti de la mention "**brevet d'addition**" ou "**certificat d'addition**" ou si, dans le cadre n° V le nom des États-Unis d'Amérique est assorti de la mention "**continuation**" ou "**continuation-in-part**" : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n° V" ainsi que le nom de chaque État en cause (ou de l'OAPI) en précisant après chaque nom le numéro du titre principal ou de la demande principale ainsi que la date de délivrance du titre principal ou la date de dépôt de la demande principale;
 - vi) si, dans le cadre n° VI, la **priorité de plus de cinq demandes antérieures est revendiquée** : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n° VI" et fournir pour chaque demande antérieure supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n° VI.
2. Si, en ce qui concerne la **déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution** contenue dans le cadre n° V, le déposant souhaite exclure un ou plusieurs États de la portée de cette déclaration : dans ce cas, indiquer "Désignations exclues de la portée de la déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution" et fournir le nom ou le code à deux lettres de chaque État concerné.

Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM				
The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:				
Filing date of earlier application <i>(day/month/year)</i>	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office
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item (3)				
item (4)				
item (5)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.				
The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) <i>(only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office)</i> identified above as:				
<input type="checkbox"/> all items <input type="checkbox"/> item (1) <input type="checkbox"/> item (2) <input type="checkbox"/> item (3) <input type="checkbox"/> item (4) <input type="checkbox"/> item (5) <input type="checkbox"/> other, see Supplemental Box				
* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)):				
Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY				
Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) <i>(if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):</i>				
ISA /				
Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search <i>(if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):</i>				
Date <i>(day/month/year)</i>	Number	Country <i>(or regional Office)</i>		
Box No. VIII DECLARATIONS				
The following declarations are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) <i>(mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration):</i>				Number of declarations
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (i)	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor			:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (ii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent			:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application			:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iv)	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)			:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (v)	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty			:

Cadre n° VI REVENDICATION DE PRIORITÉ				
La priorité de la ou des demandes antérieures suivantes est revendiquée :				
Date de dépôt de la demande antérieure (jour/mois/année)	Numéro de la demande antérieure	Lorsque la demande antérieure est une :		
		demande nationale : pays ou membre de l'OMC	demande régionale :* office régional	demande internationale : office récepteur
point 1)				
point 2)				
point 3)				
point 4)				
point 5)				
<input type="checkbox"/> D'autres revendications de priorité sont indiquées dans le cadre supplémentaire.				
L'office récepteur est prié de préparer et de transmettre au Bureau international une copie certifiée conforme de la ou des demandes antérieures (<i>seulement si la demande antérieure a été déposée auprès de l'office qui, aux fins de la présente demande internationale, est l'office récepteur</i>) indiquées ci-dessus sous :				
<input type="checkbox"/> tous les points <input type="checkbox"/> point 1) <input type="checkbox"/> point 2) <input type="checkbox"/> point 3) <input type="checkbox"/> point 4) <input type="checkbox"/> point 5) <input type="checkbox"/> autre, voir le cadre supplémentaire				
* Si la demande antérieure est une demande ARIPO, indiquer au moins un pays partie à la Convention de Paris pour la protection de la propriété industrielle ou un membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce pour lequel cette demande antérieure a été déposée (règle 4.10.b)ii) :				
Cadre n° VII ADMINISTRATION CHARGÉE DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE				
Choix de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (ISA) (<i>si plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes pour procéder à la recherche internationale, indiquer l'administration choisie; le code à deux lettres peut être utilisé</i>) : ISA /				
Demande d'utilisation des résultats d'une recherche antérieure; mention de cette recherche (<i>si une recherche antérieure a été effectuée par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou demandée à cette dernière</i>) : Date (jour/mois/année) Numéro Pays (ou office régional)				
Cadre n° VIII DÉCLARATIONS				
Les déclarations suivantes figurent dans les cadres n° VIII.i) à v) (<i>cocher ci-dessous la ou les cases appropriées et indiquer dans la colonne de droite le nombre de chaque type de déclaration</i>) :				Nombre de déclarations
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.i)	déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.ii)	déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.iii)	déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité d'une demande antérieure	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.iv)	déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique)	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.v)	déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté	:	

Box No. VIII (i) DECLARATION: IDENTITY OF THE INVENTOR

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 211; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (i). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (i)".

Cadre n° VIII.i) DÉCLARATION : IDENTITÉ DE L'INVENTEUR

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 211; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.i). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)i) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.i)".

Box No. VIII (ii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO APPLY FOR AND BE GRANTED A PATENT

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 212; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (ii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (ii)".

Cadre n° VIII.ii) DÉCLARATION : DROIT DE DEMANDER ET D'OBTENIR UN BREVET

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 212; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.ii). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n'est pas appropriée :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.ii)".

Box No. VIII (iii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO CLAIM PRIORITY

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 213; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iii)".

Cadre n° VIII.iii) DÉCLARATION : DROIT DE REVENDIQUER LA PRIORITÉ

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 213; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.iii). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure indiquée ci-dessous si le déposant n'est pas celui qui a déposé la demande antérieure ou si son nom a changé depuis le dépôt de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51bis.1.a)iii) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.iii)".

Box No. VIII (iv) DECLARATION: INVENTORSHIP (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)

The declaration must conform to the following standardized wording provided for in Section 214; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iv). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

**Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))
for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:**

I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/ (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26ter).

I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified international application, including the claims of said application. I have identified in the request of said application, in compliance with PCT Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading "Prior Applications," by application number, country or Member of the World Trade Organization, day, month and year of filing, any application for a patent or inventor's certificate filed in a country other than the United States of America, including any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed.

Prior Applications:
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I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Name:

Residence:
(city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address:
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Citizenship:

Inventor's Signature:
(if not contained in the request, or if declaration is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application. The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

Date:
(of signature which is not contained in the request, or of the declaration that is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application)

Name:

Residence:
(city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address:
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Citizenship:

Inventor's Signature:
(if not contained in the request, or if declaration is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application. The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

Date:
(of signature which is not contained in the request, or of the declaration that is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application)

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iv)".

Cadre n° VIII.iv) DÉCLARATION : QUALITÉ D'INVENTEUR
(seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique)

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 214; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.iv). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (règles 4.17.iv) et 51bis.1.a)iv))
aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique :

Par la présente, je déclare que je crois être le premier inventeur original et unique (si un seul inventeur est mentionné ci-dessous) ou l'un des premiers co-inventeurs (si plusieurs inventeurs sont mentionnés ci-dessous) de l'objet revendiqué pour lequel un brevet est demandé.

La présente déclaration a trait à la demande internationale dont elle fait partie (si la déclaration est déposée avec la demande).

La présente déclaration a trait à la demande internationale n° PCT/..... (si la déclaration est remise en vertu de la règle 26ter).

Par la présente, je déclare que mon domicile, mon adresse postale et ma nationalité sont tels qu'indiqués près de mon nom.

Par la présente, je déclare avoir passé en revue et compris le contenu de la demande internationale à laquelle il est fait référence ci-dessus, y compris les revendications de ladite demande. J'ai indiqué dans la requête de ladite demande, conformément à la règle 4.10 du PCT, toute revendication de priorité d'une demande étrangère et j'ai identifié ci-dessous, sous l'intitulé "Demandes antérieures", au moyen du numéro de demande, du pays ou du membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce, du jour, du mois et de l'année du dépôt, toute demande de brevet ou de certificat d'auteur d'invention déposée dans un pays autre que les États-Unis d'Amérique, y compris toute demande internationale selon le PCT désignant au moins un pays autre que les États-Unis d'Amérique, dont la date de dépôt est antérieure à celle de la demande étrangère dont la priorité est revendiquée.

Demandes antérieures :

Par la présente, je reconnais l'obligation qui m'est faite de divulguer les renseignements dont j'ai connaissance et qui sont pertinents quant à la brevetabilité de l'invention, tels qu'ils sont définis dans le Titre 37, § 1.56, du Code fédéral des réglementations, y compris, en ce qui concerne les demandes de continuation-in-part les renseignements pertinents qui sont devenus accessibles entre la date de dépôt de la demande antérieure et la date du dépôt international de la demande de continuation-in-part.

Je déclare par la présente que toute déclaration ci-incluse est, à ma connaissance, véridique et que toute déclaration formulée à partir de renseignements ou de suppositions est tenue pour véridique; et de plus, que toutes ces déclarations ont été formulées en sachant que toute fausse déclaration volontaire ou son équivalent est passible d'une amende ou d'une incarcération, ou des deux, en vertu de la Section 1001 du Titre 18 du Code des États-Unis, et que de telles déclarations volontairement fausses risquent de compromettre la validité de la demande de brevet ou du brevet délivré à partir de celle-ci.

Nom :

Domicile :
 (ville et État (des États-Unis d'Amérique), le cas échéant, ou pays)

Adresse postale :

Nationalité :

Signature de l'inventeur : **Date :**
 (si elle ne figure pas dans la requête, ou si la déclaration a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale. La signature doit être celle de l'inventeur, il ne peut s'agir de celle du mandataire) (de la signature qui ne figure pas dans la requête, ou de la déclaration qui a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale)

Nom :

Domicile :
 (ville et État (des États-Unis d'Amérique), le cas échéant, ou pays)

Adresse postale :

Nationalité :

Signature de l'inventeur : **Date :**
 (si elle ne figure pas dans la requête, ou si la déclaration a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale. La signature doit être celle de l'inventeur, il ne peut s'agir de celle du mandataire) (de la signature qui ne figure pas dans la requête, ou de la déclaration qui a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale)

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.iv)".

Box No. VIII (v) DECLARATION: NON-PREJUDICIAL DISCLOSURES OR EXCEPTIONS TO LACK OF NOVELTY

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 215; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (v). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty (Rules 4.17(v) and 51bis.1(a)(v)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (v)".

Cadre n° VIII.v) DÉCLARATION : DIVULGATIONS NON OPPOSABLES OU EXCEPTIONS AU DÉFAUT DE NOUVEAUTÉ

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 215; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n^{os} VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.v). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règles 4.17.v) et 51bis.1.a)v) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.v)".

Continuation of Box No. VIII (i) to (v) DECLARATION

*If the space is insufficient in any of Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) to furnish all the information, including in the case where **more than two inventors are to be named** in Box No. VIII (iv), in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VIII ..." (indicate the item number of the Box) and furnish the information in the same manner as required for the purposes of the Box in which the space was insufficient. If additional space is needed in respect of two or more declarations, a separate continuation box must be used for each such declaration. If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.*

Suite du Cadre n° VIII.i) à v) DÉCLARATION

Si l'un des cadres n° VIII.i) à v) ne suffit pas à contenir tous les renseignements, y compris dans le cas où plus de deux inventeurs doivent être nommés dans le cadre n° VIII.iv), dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n° VIII..." (compléter le numéro du cadre en précisant le point) et fournir les renseignements conformément aux instructions données dans le cadre dans lequel la place était insuffisante. Si on a besoin de place supplémentaire dans deux ou plusieurs cadres, il faut utiliser le cadre "Suite" du cadre correspondant pour continuer chacune des déclarations. Si le présent cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Box No. IX CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING		
<p>This international application contains:</p> <p>(a) in paper form, the following number of sheets:</p> <p>request (including declaration sheets) :</p> <p>description (excluding sequence listings and/or tables related thereto) :</p> <p>claims :</p> <p>abstract :</p> <p>drawings :</p> <p>Sub-total number of sheets : _____</p> <p>sequence listings :</p> <p>tables related thereto :</p> <p><i>(for both, actual number of sheets if filed in paper form, whether or not also filed in computer readable form; see (c) below)</i></p> <p>Total number of sheets : _____</p> <p>(b) <input type="checkbox"/> only in computer readable form (Section 801(a)(i))</p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listings</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> tables related thereto</p> <p>(c) <input type="checkbox"/> also in computer readable form (Section 801(a)(ii))</p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listings</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> tables related thereto</p> <p>Type and number of carriers (diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R or other) on which are contained the</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sequence listings:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> tables related thereto:</p> <p><i>(additional copies to be indicated under items 9(ii) and/or 10(ii), in right column)</i></p>	<p>This international application is accompanied by the following item(s) <i>(mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in right column the number of each item)</i>:</p> <p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet :</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney :</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney :</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature :</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s):</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> translation of international application into <i>(language)</i>:</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> separate indications concerning deposited microorganism or other biological material :</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listings in computer readable form <i>(indicate type and number of carriers)</i></p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> copy submitted for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter only (and not as part of the international application) :</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(only where check-box (b)(i) or (c)(i) is marked in left column)</i> additional copies including, where applicable, the copy for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter :</p> <p>(iii) <input type="checkbox"/> together with relevant statement as to the identity of the copy or copies with the sequence listings mentioned in left column :</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> tables in computer readable form related to sequence listings <i>(indicate type and number of carriers)</i></p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> copy submitted for the purposes of international search under Section 802(b-quater) only (and not as part of the international application) :</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(only where check-box (b)(ii) or (c)(ii) is marked in left column)</i> additional copies including, where applicable, the copy for the purposes of international search under Section 802(b-quater) :</p> <p>(iii) <input type="checkbox"/> together with relevant statement as to the identity of the copy or copies with the tables mentioned in left column :</p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> other <i>(specify)</i>:</p>	<p>Number of items</p>
<p>Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract:</p>	<p>Language of filing of the international application:</p>	
<p>Box No. X SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE</p> <p><i>Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request).</i></p>		

For receiving Office use only		
<p>1. Date of actual receipt of the purported international application:</p>	<p>2. Drawings:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> received:</p>	
<p>3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> not received:</p>	
<p>4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2):</p>	<p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid</p>	
<p>5. International Searching Authority (if two or more are competent): ISA /</p>		

For International Bureau use only
<p>Date of receipt of the record copy by the International Bureau:</p>

Cadre n° IX BORDEREAU; LANGUE DE DÉPÔT		
La présente demande internationale contient :	Le ou les éléments suivants sont joint(s) à la présente demande internationale (<i>cocher la ou les cases appropriées et indiquer dans la colonne de droite le nombre de chaque élément</i>)	Nombre d'éléments
a) sous forme papier le nombre de feuilles suivant :		
requête (y compris la ou les feuilles pour déclaration) :	1. <input type="checkbox"/> feuille de calcul des taxes :	
description (à l'exception des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs) :	2. <input type="checkbox"/> pouvoir distinct original :	
revendications :	3. <input type="checkbox"/> original du pouvoir général :	
abrégé :	4. <input type="checkbox"/> copie du pouvoir général; le cas échéant, numéro de référence :	
dessins :	5. <input type="checkbox"/> explication de l'absence d'une signature :	
Sous-total de feuilles :	6. <input type="checkbox"/> document(s) de priorité indiqué(s) dans le cadre n° VI au(x) point(s) :	
listages des séquences :	7. <input type="checkbox"/> traduction de la demande internationale en (<i>langue</i>) :	
tableaux y relatifs :	8. <input type="checkbox"/> indications séparées concernant des micro-organismes ou autre matériel biologique déposés :	
(<i>pour les deux éléments, nombre réel de feuilles s'ils sont déposés sous forme papier, qu'ils soient ou non également déposés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur; voir c) ci-après</i>)	9. <input type="checkbox"/> listages des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (<i>indiquer type et nombre de supports</i>)	
Nombre total de feuilles :	i) <input type="checkbox"/> copie remise aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13ter seulement (et non en tant que partie de la demande internationale) :	
	ii) <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>seulement lorsque la case b) i) ou c) i) de la colonne de gauche est cochée</i>) exemplaires supplémentaires, y compris, le cas échéant, copie remise aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13ter :	
	iii) <input type="checkbox"/> avec la déclaration pertinente quant à l'identité entre la copie – ou les exemplaires supplémentaires – et les listages des séquences mentionnés dans la colonne de gauche :	
b) <input type="checkbox"/> seulement sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (instruction 801.a)i))	10. <input type="checkbox"/> tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur relatifs aux listages des séquences (<i>indiquer type et nombre de supports</i>)	
i) <input type="checkbox"/> listages des séquences	i) <input type="checkbox"/> copie remise aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de l'instruction 802.b- <i>quater</i> seulement (et non en tant que partie de la demande internationale) :	
ii) <input type="checkbox"/> tableaux y relatifs	ii) <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>seulement lorsque la case b) ii) ou c) ii) de la colonne de gauche est cochée</i>) exemplaires supplémentaires, y compris, le cas échéant, copie remise aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de l'instruction 802.b- <i>quater</i>) :	
c) <input type="checkbox"/> également sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (instruction 801.a)ii))	iii) <input type="checkbox"/> avec la déclaration pertinente quant à l'identité entre la copie – ou les exemplaires supplémentaires – et les tableaux mentionnés dans la colonne de gauche :	
i) <input type="checkbox"/> listages des séquences	11. <input type="checkbox"/> autres éléments (<i>préciser</i>) :	
ii) <input type="checkbox"/> tableaux y relatifs :		
Type et nombre de supports (disquette, CD-ROM, CD-R ou autre) sur lesquels figurent les		
i) <input type="checkbox"/> listages des séquences :		
ii) <input type="checkbox"/> tableaux y relatifs :		
(<i>exemplaires supplémentaires à indiquer aux points 9.ii) ou 10.ii), dans la colonne de droite</i>)		
Figure des dessins qui doit accompagner l'abrégé :	Langue de dépôt de la demande internationale :	
Cadre n° X SIGNATURE DU DÉPOSANT, DU MANDATAIRE OU DU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN		
À côté de chaque signature, indiquer le nom du signataire et à quel titre l'intéressé signe (si cela n'apparaît pas clairement à la lecture de la requête).		

Réservé à l'office récepteur	
1. Date effective de réception des pièces supposées constituer la demande internationale :	2. Dessins : <input type="checkbox"/> reçus : <input type="checkbox"/> non reçus :
3. Date effective de réception, rectifiée en raison de la réception ultérieure, mais dans les délais, de documents ou de dessins complétant ce qui est supposé constituer la demande internationale :	
4. Date de réception, dans les délais, des corrections demandées selon l'article 11.2) du PCT :	
5. Administration chargée de la recherche internationale (si plusieurs sont compétentes) : ISA /	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmission de la copie de recherche différée jusqu'au paiement de la taxe de recherche

Réservé au Bureau international
Date de réception de l'exemplaire original par le Bureau international :

NOTES TO THE REQUEST FORM (PCT/RO/101)

These Notes are intended to facilitate the filling in of the request form. For more detailed information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a WIPO publication, which is available, together with other PCT related documents, at WIPO's Website: www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. In case of any discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable.

In the request form and these Notes, "Article", "Rule" and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions, respectively.

Please use a typewriter; check-boxes may be marked by hand with black ink (Rule 11.9(a) and (b)).

The request form and these Notes may be downloaded from WIPO's Website at the address given above.

WHERE TO FILE THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

The international application (request, description, claims, abstract and drawings, if any) must be filed with a competent receiving Office (Article 11(1)(i))—that is, subject to any applicable prescriptions concerning national security, at the choice of the applicant, either:

(i) the receiving Office of, or acting for, a PCT Contracting State of which the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, at least one of them, is a resident or national (Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii) or (b)), or

(ii) the International Bureau of WIPO in Geneva, Switzerland, if the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, at least one of the applicants is a resident or national of any PCT Contracting State (Rule 19.1(a)(iii)).

APPLICANT'S OR AGENT'S FILE REFERENCE

A **file reference** may be indicated, if desired. It should not exceed 12 characters. Characters in excess of 12 may be disregarded by the receiving Office or any International Authority (Rule 11.6(f) and Section 109).

BOX No. I

Title of Invention (Rules 4.3 and 5.1(a)): The title must be short (preferably two to seven words when in English or translated into English) and precise. It must be identical with the title heading the description.

BOXES Nos. II AND III

General: At least one of the applicants named must be a resident or national of a PCT Contracting State for which the receiving Office acts (Articles 9 and 11(1)(i) and Rules 18 and 19). If the international application is filed with the International Bureau under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), at least one of the applicants must be a resident or national of any PCT Contracting State.

If the United States of America is designated, all of the inventors must be named also as applicants for the purposes of that designation (see "Different Applicants for Different Designated States", below).

Indication Whether a Person is Applicant and/or Inventor (Rules 4.5(a) and 4.6(a) and (b)):

Check-box "This person is also inventor" (Box No. II): Mark this check-box if the applicant named is also the inventor or one of the inventors; do not mark this check-box if the applicant is a legal entity.

Check-box "applicant and inventor" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is both applicant and inventor; do not mark this check-box if the person is a legal entity.

Check-box "applicant only" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is a legal entity or if the person named is not also inventor.

Check-box "inventor only" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is inventor but not also applicant; do not mark this check-box if the person is a legal entity.

In Box No. III, one of the three check-boxes must always be marked for each person named.

A person must not be named more than once in Boxes Nos. II and III, even where that person is both applicant and inventor.

Names and Addresses (Rule 4.4): The family name (preferably in capital letters) must be indicated before the given name(s). Titles and academic degrees must be omitted. Names of legal entities must be indicated by their full official designations.

The address must be indicated in such a way that it allows prompt postal delivery; it must consist of all the relevant administrative units (up to and including the indication of the house number, if any), the postal code (if any), and the name of the country.

Only one address may be indicated per person. For the indication of a special "address for correspondence", see the notes to Box No. IV.

Telephone, Facsimile and/or Teleprinter Numbers should be indicated for the person named in Box No. II in order to allow rapid communication with the applicant. Any such number should include the applicable country and area codes.

Applicant's registration number with the Office (Rule 4.5(e)): Where the applicant is registered with the national or regional Office acting as receiving Office, the request may indicate the number or other indication under which the applicant is so registered.

Nationality (Rules 4.5(a) and (b) and 18.1): For each applicant, the nationality must be indicated by the name or two-letter code of the State (that is, country) of which the person is a national. A legal entity constituted according to the national law of a State is considered a national of that State. The indication of the nationality is not required where a person is inventor only.

Residence (Rules 4.5(a) and (c) and 18.1): For each applicant, the residence must be indicated by the name or two-letter code of the State (that is, country) of which the person is a resident. If the State of residence is not indicated, it will be assumed to be the same as the State indicated in the address. Possession of a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in a State is considered residence in that State. The indication of the residence is not required where a person is inventor only.

NOTES RELATIVES AU FORMULAIRE DE REQUÊTE (PCT/RO/101)

Ces notes sont destinées à faciliter l'utilisation du formulaire de requête. On peut aussi trouver de plus amples renseignements dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, publié par l'OMPI, qui est disponible, de même que d'autres documents relatifs au PCT, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/index.html. Les notes sont fondées sur les exigences du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT), du règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT. En cas de divergence entre les présentes notes et ces exigences, ce sont ces dernières qui priment.

Dans le formulaire de requête et dans les présentes notes, les termes "article", "règle" et "instruction" renvoient aux dispositions du traité, de son règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT, respectivement.

Prière de remplir le formulaire à la machine à écrire; les cases appropriées peuvent être cochées à la main, à l'encre noire (règle 11.9.a) et b)).

Le formulaire de requête et les présentes notes peuvent être téléchargés depuis le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse donnée ci-dessus.

OÙ DÉPOSER LA DEMANDE INTERNATIONALE

Il faut que la demande internationale (requête, description, revendications, abrégé et, le cas échéant, dessins) soit déposée auprès d'un office récepteur compétent (article 11.1)i)), c'est-à-dire sous réserve des dispositions applicables en matière de défense nationale et au choix du déposant,

i) l'office récepteur d'un État contractant du PCT ou l'office agissant pour un tel État, dans lequel le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux au moins, est domicilié ou dont il a la nationalité (règle 19.1.a)i) ou ii) ou b)), ou

ii) le Bureau international de l'OMPI à Genève (Suisse) si le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux au moins, est domicilié dans l'un quelconque des États contractants du PCT ou a la nationalité d'un tel État (règle 19.1.a)iii)).

RÉFÉRENCE DU DOSSIER DU DÉPOSANT OU DU MANDATAIRE

Il est possible d'indiquer, à titre facultatif, une telle **référence de dossier**. Celle-ci ne devrait pas dépasser 12 caractères. L'office récepteur ou toute administration internationale peut ne pas tenir compte des caractères en sus du douzième (règle 11.6.f) et instruction 109).

CADRE N° I

Titre de l'invention (règles 4.3 et 5.1.a)) : le titre doit être bref (de préférence de deux à sept mots lorsqu'il est établi ou traduit en anglais) et précis. Il doit être identique à celui qui figure en tête de la description.

CADRES N°s II ET III

Remarques générales : l'un au moins des déposants mentionnés doit être domicilié dans un État contractant du PCT pour lequel l'office récepteur agit, ou avoir la nationalité d'un tel État (articles 9 et 11.1)i) et règles 18 et 19). Si la demande internationale est déposée auprès du Bureau international en vertu de la règle 19.1.a)iii), l'un au moins des déposants doit être domicilié dans un État contractant du PCT ou avoir la nationalité d'un tel État.

Si les États-Unis d'Amérique sont désignés, tous les inventeurs doivent être mentionnés également comme déposants pour cette désignation (voir, ci-après, "Déposants différents pour différents États désignés").

Indication visant à établir si une personne est déposant ou inventeur, ou les deux à la fois (règles 4.5.a) et 4.6.a) et b)) :

Case "Cette personne est aussi inventeur" (cadre n° II) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée est aussi l'inventeur ou l'un des inventeurs; ne pas la cocher si le déposant est une personne morale.

Case "déposant et inventeur" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée a les deux qualités, celle de déposant et celle d'inventeur; ne pas la cocher si cette personne est une personne morale.

Case "déposant seulement" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée est une personne morale ou si elle n'a pas aussi la qualité d'inventeur.

Case "inventeur seulement" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée a la qualité d'inventeur mais pas celle de déposant; ne pas la cocher si cette personne est une personne morale.

Dans le cadre n° III, il faut que l'une des trois cases soit cochée pour chaque personne mentionnée.

Une personne ne doit être mentionnée qu'une seule fois dans les cadres n° II et III, même si elle est à la fois déposant et inventeur.

Noms et adresses (règle 4.4) : le nom de famille (de préférence en lettres majuscules) doit précéder le ou les prénoms. Les titres et les diplômes universitaires ne doivent pas être mentionnés. Les personnes morales doivent être nommées par leurs désignations officielles complètes.

L'adresse doit être indiquée de manière à permettre une distribution postale rapide; elle doit comprendre toutes les unités administratives pertinentes (jusques et y compris le numéro de la maison, s'il y en a un), le code postal, s'il y en a un, et le nom du pays.

Il ne peut être indiqué qu'une seule adresse par personne. En ce qui concerne l'indication d'une adresse spéciale pour la correspondance, voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV.

Pour permettre une communication rapide avec le déposant, il y a lieu d'indiquer les **numéros de téléphone, de télécopieur ou de téléimprimeur** de la personne mentionnée dans le cadre n° II. Tout numéro de ce type doit comporter les indicatifs de pays et de zone en vigueur.

Numéro sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 4.5.e)) : lorsque le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, la requête peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Nationalité (règles 4.5.a) et b) et 18.1) : la nationalité de chaque déposant doit être indiquée au moyen du nom ou du code à deux lettres de l'État (c'est-à-dire, pays) dont l'intéressé

Names of States (Section 115): For the indication of names of States, the two-letter codes appearing in WIPO Standard ST.3 and in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex K, may be used.

Different Applicants for Different Designated States (Rules 4.5(d), 18.3 and 19.2): It is possible to indicate different applicants for the purposes of different designated States. At least one of all the applicants named must be a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State for which the receiving Office acts, irrespective of the designated State(s) for the purposes of which that applicant is named. *Where the United States of America is one of the designated States, all of the inventors must be named also as applicants for the United States of America and the check-boxes "This person is also inventor" (in Box No. II) and/or "applicant and inventor" (in Box No. III) must be marked.*

For the indication of the designated States for which a person is applicant, mark the applicable check-box (only one for each person). The check-box "the States indicated in the Supplemental Box" must be marked where none of the other three check-boxes fits the circumstances; in such a case, the name of the person must be repeated in the Supplemental Box with an indication of the States for which that person is applicant (see item 1(ii) in that Box).

Naming of Inventor (Rule 4.1(a)(v) and (c)(i)): The inventor's name and address must be indicated where the national law of at least one of the designated States requires that the name of the inventor be furnished at the time of filing; for details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, Annexes B1 and B2. It is strongly recommended to always name the inventor.

Different Inventors for Different Designated States (Rule 4.6(c)): Different persons may be indicated as inventors for different designated States (for example, where, in this respect, the requirements of the national laws of the designated States are not the same); in such a case, the Supplemental Box must be used (see item 1(iii) in that Box). In the absence of any indication, it will be assumed that the inventor(s) named is (are) inventor(s) for all designated States.

BOX No. IV

Who Can Act as Agent (Article 49 and Rule 83.1bis): For each of the receiving Offices, information as to who can act as agent is given in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Agent or Common Representative (Rules 4.7, 4.8, 90.1 and 90.2 and Section 108): Mark the applicable check-box in order to indicate whether the person named is (or has been) appointed as "agent" or "common representative" (the "common representative" must be one of the applicants). For the manner in which name(s) and address(es) (including names of States) must be indicated, see the notes to Boxes Nos. II and III. Where several agents are listed, the agent to whom correspondence should be addressed is to be listed first. If there are two or more applicants but no common agent is appointed to represent all of them, one of the applicants who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State may be appointed by the other applicants as their common representative. If this is not done, the applicant first named in the request who is entitled to file an international application with the receiving Office concerned will automatically be considered to be the common representative.

Manner of Appointment of Agent or Common Representative (Rules 90.4 and 90.5 and Section 106): Any such appointment may be made by designating the agent(s) or the common representative in the request or in one or more separate powers of attorney. Each applicant must sign either the request or a separate power of attorney. Where the

international application is filed with reference to a general power of attorney, a copy thereof must be attached to the request. Any applicant who did not sign the general power of attorney must sign either the request or a separate power of attorney.

Agent's registration number with the Office (Rule 4.7(b)): Where the agent is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as receiving Office, the request may indicate the number or other indication under which the agent is so registered.

Address for Correspondence (Rule 4.4(d) and Section 108): Where an agent is appointed, any correspondence intended for the applicant will be sent to the address indicated for that agent (or for the first-mentioned agent, if more than one is appointed). Where one of two or more applicants is appointed as common representative, the address indicated for that applicant in Box No. IV will be used.

Where no agent or common representative is appointed, any correspondence will be sent to the address, indicated in Box No. II or III, of the applicant (if only one person is named as applicant) or of the applicant who is considered to be common representative (if there are two or more persons named as applicants). However, if the applicant wishes correspondence to be sent to a different address in such a case, that address must be indicated in Box No. IV instead of the designation of an agent or common representative. In this case, and only in this case, the last check-box of Box No. IV must be marked (that is, the last check-box must not be marked if either of the check-boxes "agent" or "common representative" has been marked).

BOX No. V

Designation of States (Rules 4.1(a)(iv) and 4.9(a)): The Contracting States in which protection is desired must be designated under Rule 4.9(a) in the request by marking the applicable check-boxes. At least one check-box effecting a specific designation must be marked. *While the general rule is that designations cannot be added after the filing of the international application, it is possible to make a precautionary designation under Rule 4.9(b) covering all other designations which would, as at the international filing date, be permitted under the PCT (see "Precautionary Designation of States Subject to Confirmation", below).*

Where regional (ARIPO, Eurasian, European and/or OAPI) patents are desired, only one PCT designation fee must be paid for each regional designation made, independently of how many States are covered by each such designation.

AP ARIPO Patent: Note that **SZ Swaziland** can only be designated for the purposes of an ARIPO patent and not for the purposes of a national patent. All other PCT Contracting States which are also party to the Harare Protocol can be designated either for a national or an ARIPO patent, or both a national and an ARIPO patent.

EA Eurasian Patent: All PCT Contracting States which are also party to the Eurasian Patent Convention can be designated either for a national or a Eurasian patent, or both a national and a Eurasian patent. Note, however, that it is not possible to designate only some of these States for a Eurasian patent and that any designation of one or more States for a Eurasian patent will be treated as a designation of all the States which are party to both the Convention and the PCT for a Eurasian patent.

EP European Patent: Note that **BE Belgium, CY Cyprus, FR France, GR Greece, IE Ireland, IT Italy, MC Monaco, NL Netherlands and SI Slovenia** can only be designated for the purposes of a European patent and not for the purposes of a national patent. All other PCT Contracting States which are

est ressortissant. Une personne morale constituée conformément à la législation d'un État contractant est considérée comme ayant la nationalité de cet État. L'indication de la nationalité n'est pas exigée lorsqu'une personne est inventeur seulement.

Domicile (règles 4.5.a) et c) et 18.1) : le domicile de chaque déposant doit être indiqué au moyen du nom ou du code à deux lettres de l'État (c'est-à-dire, pays) où l'intéressé a son domicile. Si, cependant, le domicile n'est pas indiqué, l'État du domicile sera présumé être le même que celui qui est indiqué dans l'adresse. La possession d'un établissement industriel ou commercial effectif et sérieux dans un État est considérée comme constituant domicile dans cet État. L'indication du domicile n'est pas exigée lorsqu'une personne est inventeur seulement.

Nom des États (instruction 115) : pour indiquer le nom des États, on peut utiliser le code à deux lettres qui figure dans la norme ST.3 de l'OMPI et dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe K.

Dépôts différents pour différents États désignés (règles 4.5.d), 18.3 et 19.2) : il est possible d'indiquer des dépôts différents pour différents États désignés. L'un au moins des déposants indiqués – quels que soient l'État ou les États désignés pour lesquels il est indiqué – doit être ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT pour lequel l'office récepteur agit ou avoir son domicile dans un tel État. *Lorsque les États-Unis d'Amérique sont l'un des États désignés, tous les inventeurs doivent être indiqués comme déposants pour les États-Unis d'Amérique et les cases "Cette personne est aussi inventeur" (dans le cadre n° II) ou "déposant et inventeur" (dans le cadre n° III) doivent être cochées.*

Afin d'indiquer les États désignés pour lesquels une personne est déposant, il y a lieu de cocher la case appropriée (une seule case par personne). La case "les États indiqués dans le cadre supplémentaire" doit être cochée lorsque aucune des trois autres cases ne convient; en pareil cas, le nom de la personne doit être repris dans le cadre supplémentaire et assorti de l'indication des États pour lesquels cette personne est déposant (voir le point 1.ii) de ce cadre).

Mention de l'inventeur (règle 4.1.a)v) et c)i)) : le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être indiqués lorsque la législation nationale d'un État désigné au moins exige la communication du nom de celui-ci lors du dépôt; pour plus de précisions, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, annexes B1 et B2. Il est vivement recommandé de toujours indiquer le nom de l'inventeur.

Inventeurs différents pour différents États désignés (règle 4.6.c)) : des personnes différentes peuvent être indiquées en tant qu'inventeurs pour différents États désignés (par exemple, lorsque, en la matière, les exigences des législations nationales des États désignés diffèrent); en pareil cas, il y a lieu d'utiliser le cadre supplémentaire (voir le point 1.iii) de ce cadre). En l'absence d'indication, il sera supposé que l'inventeur ou les inventeurs mentionnés ont la qualité d'inventeur pour tous les États désignés.

CADRE N° IV

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ? (article 49 et règle 83.1bis) : pour chacun des office récepteurs, on trouvera, dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C, des informations sur le point de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire.

Mandataire ou représentant commun (règles 4.7, 4.8, 90.1 et 90.2 et instruction 108) : cocher la case appropriée pour indiquer si la personne mentionnée est (ou a été) désignée comme "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" (le

"représentant commun" doit être l'un des déposants). Pour ce qui est de la façon d'indiquer les noms et adresses (y compris le nom des États), il convient de se reporter aux notes relatives aux cadres n°s II et III. Lorsque plusieurs mandataires sont indiqués, il faut mentionner en premier lieu celui à qui la correspondance doit être adressée. S'il y a plusieurs déposants mais aucun mandataire commun désigné pour les représenter tous, l'un des déposants qui est ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT ou qui a son domicile dans un tel État peut être désigné par les autres comme leur représentant commun. A défaut, le déposant nommé en premier lieu dans la requête qui est autorisé à déposer une demande internationale auprès de l'office récepteur en question sera automatiquement considéré comme le représentant commun.

Mode de désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun (règles 90.4 et 90.5 et instruction 106) : la désignation du ou des mandataires ou du représentant commun peut être effectuée dans la requête ou dans un ou plusieurs pouvoirs distincts. Chaque déposant doit signer la requête ou un pouvoir distinct. Si la demande internationale déposée fait état d'un pouvoir général, une copie de celui-ci doit être jointe à la requête. Tout déposant n'ayant pas signé le pouvoir général doit signer soit la requête soit un pouvoir distinct.

Numéro sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 4.7.b)) : lorsque le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, la requête peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Adresse pour la correspondance (règle 4.4.d) et instruction 108) : si un mandataire est désigné, toute correspondance destinée au déposant sera envoyée à l'adresse indiquée pour ce mandataire (ou pour le mandataire mentionné en premier, si plusieurs mandataires ont été désignés). Lorsque, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux est désigné comme représentant commun, l'adresse indiquée pour ce déposant dans le cadre n° IV sera utilisée.

Si aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est désigné, la correspondance sera envoyée à l'adresse – indiquée dans le cadre n° II ou III – du déposant (s'il n'y a qu'une seule personne indiquée comme déposant) ou du déposant considéré comme le représentant commun (s'il y a plusieurs personnes indiquées comme déposants). Cependant, si le ou les déposants souhaitent dans ce cas que la correspondance soit envoyée à une adresse différente, cette adresse doit être indiquée dans le cadre n° IV, en lieu et place de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun. C'est dans ce cas, et seulement dans ce cas, qu'il y a lieu de cocher la dernière case du cadre n° IV (c'est-à-dire que la dernière case ne doit pas être cochée si l'une des cases "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" a été cochée).

CADRE N° V

Désignation d'États (règles 4.1.a)iv) et 4.9.a)) : pour désigner conformément à la règle 4.9.a), dans la requête, les États contractants où la protection est demandée, il faut cocher les cases appropriées. Il faut qu'au moins une case, correspondant à une désignation expresse, soit cochée. *Bien que la règle générale soit qu'aucune désignation ne peut être ajoutée après le dépôt de la demande internationale, il est possible d'effectuer une désignation de précaution conformément à la règle 4.9.b) pour couvrir toutes les autres désignations qui, à la date du dépôt international, seraient autorisées selon le PCT (voir ci-après la rubrique "Désignation d'États à titre de précaution sous réserve de confirmation").*

Lorsque des brevets régionaux (ARIPO, eurasiatique, européen ou OAPI) sont demandés, une seule taxe de désignation du PCT est due pour chaque désignation régionale effectuée, quel que soit le nombre d'États couverts par celle-ci.

also party to the European Patent Convention can be designated either for a national or a European patent, or both a national and a European patent.

If an ARIPO or a European patent is desired for only some of the Contracting States of the Harare Protocol or the European Patent Convention, respectively, the names of those States for which a regional patent is not desired may be deleted by striking them out. However, it is recommended that the applicant always designate for the purposes of a regional patent all PCT Contracting States which are also Contracting States of the Protocol or the Convention, respectively. A decision to proceed with only some of those designations need not be made until entry into the regional phase, at which stage the corresponding regional designation fees must be paid.

Where any of the Contracting States of the Harare Protocol, the Eurasian Patent Convention or the European Patent Convention and the PCT is designated twice, namely *both* for the purposes of an ARIPO, a Eurasian or a European patent and for the purposes of national protection, the applicant must pay one designation fee in respect of the regional patent and as many designation fees as there are national patents or other titles of protection sought (Rule 15.1(ii) and Section 210).

Extension of EP European Patent to Certain States: If it is intended, at the time of entry into the European regional phase, to request the extension of the subsequently granted European patent to AL Albania, LT Lithuania, LV Latvia and/or MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (and/or to any other PCT Contracting State for which, on the date of filing of the international application, an extension agreement with the European Patent Organisation is in force), Box No. V must contain *both* a designation of the State concerned for the purposes of a national patent and *also* a designation, for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, of at least one PCT Contracting State party to the European Patent Convention.

OA OAPI Patent: The designation of States members of OAPI and party to the PCT can only be made for the purposes of an OAPI patent (no national protection is available); furthermore, it is not possible to designate only some of them.

Choice of Certain Kinds of Protection or Treatment (Rules 4.12 to 4.14 and Section 202): Where, in any country where it is possible, a kind of protection other than a patent is desired, write the name or two-letter code of that country followed by the name of the title; that is, "patent for utility solution" (available in VN Viet Nam), "petty patent" (available in YU Serbia and Montenegro), "provisional patent" (available in AM Armenia, KZ Kazakhstan, TM Turkmenistan), "utility model" (available in AE United Arab Emirates, AL Albania, AM Armenia, AP ARIPO, AT Austria, AZ Azerbaijan, BG Bulgaria, BR Brazil, BY Belarus, BZ Belize, CN China, CO Colombia, CR Costa Rica, CZ Czech Republic, DE Germany, DK Denmark, EC Ecuador, EE Estonia, ES Spain, FI Finland, GE Georgia, HU Hungary, JP Japan, KE Kenya, KR Republic of Korea, KZ Kazakhstan, LS Lesotho, MD Republic of Moldova, MX Mexico, MZ Mozambique, PH Philippines, PL Poland, PT Portugal, RU Russian Federation, SK Slovakia, SL Sierra Leone, TJ Tajikistan, TR Turkey, UA Ukraine, UZ Uzbekistan, OA OAPI), "consensual patent" (available in HR Croatia), "utility certificate" (available in GH Ghana, TT Trinidad and Tobago, UG Uganda) or "inventor's certificate" (available in CU Cuba and KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea). Where, in AP ARIPO, AT Austria, CZ Czech Republic, DE Germany, DK Denmark, EE Estonia, FI Finland or SK Slovakia (the only countries in which this possibility exists), in addition to a patent, a utility model is also desired, write after the name of that country "and utility model".

Where, in respect of any country where it is possible, it is desired that the international application be treated as an application for a certain title "of addition" or as an application for a "continuation" or a "continuation-in-part", write after the name of that country the appropriate words; that is, "patent of

addition" (available in AE United Arab Emirates, AT Austria, AU Australia, BA Bosnia and Herzegovina, CU Cuba, DE Germany, ES Spain, IL Israel, IN India, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, MW Malawi, NZ New Zealand, PL Poland, TR Turkey, YU Serbia and Montenegro, ZA South Africa, ZW Zimbabwe), "certificate of addition" (available in BR Brazil, DZ Algeria, MA Morocco, MG Madagascar, OA OAPI), "inventor's certificate of addition" (available in CU Cuba), "continuation" or "continuation-in-part" (both available in US United States of America). If any of these indications is used, also indicate in the Supplemental Box the State for which such treatment is desired, the number of the parent title or parent application, and the date of the grant of the parent title or the date of filing of the parent application, as the case may be (see item 1(v) in that Box).

If, in Box No. V, the check-boxes for making designations are marked with consecutive Arabic numerals, those indications will be taken to express the applicant's *choice of the order of the designations*; if another form of marking is used, the order will be taken as that in which the marked check-boxes appear on the form. This order will only have any significance if the amount received for the designation fees is insufficient to cover all the designations and remains insufficient after the applicant has been invited to pay the balance due; in that case, the amount received will be applied in payment of the fees for the designations following the said order (Rule 16bis.1(c) and Section 321).

The check-boxes located towards the bottom of Box No. V are reserved for designating, for the purposes of a national patent, States which have become party to the PCT after the date appearing at the bottom of the second sheet of the request form; in such a case, the name of the State, preferably preceded by the two-letter code, must be indicated on the dotted line and the corresponding check-box must be marked (together with an indication, where applicable, whether a special kind of protection or treatment is desired).

Precautionary Designation of States Subject to Confirmation (Rules 4.9(b) and (c) and 15.5): For the applicant's safeguard, the lower part of Box No. V contains a statement ("Precautionary Designation Statement") indicating the applicant's wish to make, as a matter of precaution, in addition to the specific designations made by marking the check-boxes in the upper part of Box No. V (at least one such designation must be made), a precautionary designation of all other PCT Contracting States which are not specifically designated.

If the applicant does not wish to avail himself of this safeguard and does not want to make any such precautionary designations, the statement must be crossed out.

If the applicant wishes to expressly exclude a certain State from such precautionary designation so that the international application does not have any effect in that State, the name or two-letter code of that State should be indicated in the Supplemental Box. In no other case is it necessary to make use of this possibility.

If, after filing the international application, the applicant notices that there are any omissions and/or mistakes in respect of the specific designations made, it will be possible to rectify the situation by confirming the precautionary designations concerned. The confirmation of any precautionary designation is possible before the expiration of 15 months from the (earliest) priority date indicated in Box No. VI or, where no priority is claimed, the international filing date. To effect such confirmation, the applicant must file with the receiving Office a written notice specifying the name of each State the designation of which is confirmed (with, where applicable, an indication of the kind of treatment or protection desired) and pay to the receiving Office, for each such designation, a designation fee (even where five designation fees have already been paid) together with a confirmation fee corresponding to 50% of the designation fee.

AP brevet ARIPO : il est à noter que **SZ Swaziland** ne peut être désigné que pour un brevet ARIPO et non aux fins d'un brevet national. Tous les autres États contractants du PCT qui sont aussi parties au Protocole de Harare peuvent être désignés soit aux fins d'un brevet national ou d'un brevet ARIPO, soit à la fois aux fins d'un brevet national et d'un brevet ARIPO.

EA brevet eurasien : tous les États contractants du PCT qui sont aussi parties à la Convention sur le brevet eurasien peuvent être désignés soit aux fins d'un brevet national ou d'un brevet eurasien, soit à la fois aux fins d'un brevet national et d'un brevet eurasien. Cependant, il est à noter qu'il n'est pas possible de désigner seulement certains de ces États aux fins d'un brevet eurasien et que toute désignation d'un ou de plusieurs États aux fins d'un brevet eurasien sera traitée comme une désignation aux fins d'un brevet eurasien de tous les États qui sont parties à la fois à la Convention et au PCT.

EP brevet européen : il est à noter que **BE Belgique, CY Chypre, FR France, GR Grèce, IE Irlande, IT Italie, MC Monaco, NL Pays-Bas et SI Slovénie** ne peuvent être désignés que pour un brevet européen et non aux fins d'un brevet national. Tous les autres États contractants du PCT qui sont aussi parties à la Convention sur le brevet européen peuvent être désignés soit aux fins d'un brevet national ou d'un brevet européen, soit à la fois aux fins d'un brevet national et d'un brevet européen.

Si un brevet ARIPO ou un brevet européen est demandé pour certains seulement des États contractants du Protocole de Harare ou de la Convention sur le brevet européen, respectivement, le nom des États pour lesquels un brevet régional n'est pas demandé peut être biffé. Il est cependant recommandé de toujours désigner aux fins d'un brevet régional tous les États contractants du Protocole ou de la Convention, respectivement. Ce n'est que lorsqu'il s'agira d'aborder la phase régionale et de payer les taxes de désignation régionales que la décision de ne poursuivre la procédure d'obtention de brevet que pour certaines des désignations devra être prise.

Lorsqu'un ou plusieurs États parties au Protocole de Harare, à la Convention sur le brevet eurasien ou à la Convention sur le brevet européen et au PCT sont désignés deux fois, une fois aux fins d'un brevet ARIPO, d'un brevet eurasien ou d'un brevet européen et une autre fois aux fins d'une protection nationale, le déposant doit acquitter une taxe de désignation pour le brevet régional et autant de taxes de désignation qu'il y a de brevets ou autres titres de protection nationaux demandés (règle 15.1.ii) et instruction 210).

Extension du brevet européen (EP) à certains États : s'il est envisagé de demander, au moment de l'ouverture de la phase régionale européenne, l'extension du brevet européen qui sera obtenu ultérieurement à AL Albanie, LT Lituanie, LV Lettonie ou MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine (ou à tout autre État contractant du PCT pour lequel, à la date du dépôt de la demande internationale, un accord d'extension conclu avec l'Organisation européenne des brevets est en vigueur), le cadre n° V doit contenir **à la fois** la désignation de l'État concerné en vue de l'obtention d'un brevet national **et** la désignation, en vue de l'obtention d'un brevet européen, d'au moins un État contractant du PCT partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen.

OA brevet OAPI : la désignation des États membres de l'OAPI qui sont parties au PCT ne peut être effectuée qu'aux fins d'un brevet OAPI (aucune protection nationale n'est offerte); de plus, il n'est pas possible de ne désigner que certains de ces États.

Choix de certaines formes de protection ou de traitement (règles 4.12 à 4.14 et instruction 202) : si, dans un pays, il est possible de demander une forme de protection autre qu'un brevet, écrire le nom de ce pays, ou le code à deux lettres, suivi du nom du titre en question, c'est-à-dire "brevet pour solution

d'utilité" (pour VN Viet Nam), "petty patent" (pour YU Serbie-et-Monténégro), "brevet provisoire" (pour AM Arménie, KZ Kazakhstan, TM Turkménistan), "modèle d'utilité" (pour AE Émirats arabes unis, AL Albanie, AM Arménie, AP ARIPO, AT Autriche, AZ Azerbaïdjan, BG Bulgarie, BR Brésil, BY Bélarus, BZ Belize, CN Chine, CO Colombie, CR Costa Rica, CZ République tchèque, DE Allemagne, DK Danemark, EC Équateur, EE Estonie, ES Espagne, FI Finlande, GE Géorgie, HU Hongrie, JP Japon, KE Kenya, KR République de Corée, KZ Kazakhstan, LS Lesotho, MD République de Moldova, MX Mexique, MZ Mozambique, PH Philippines, PL Pologne, PT Portugal, RU Fédération de Russie, SK Slovaquie, SL Sierra Leone, TJ Tadjikistan, TR Turquie, UA Ukraine, UZ Ouzbékistan, OA OAPI), "brevet consensuel" (pour HR Croatie), "certificat d'utilité" (pour GH Ghana, TT Trinité-et-Tobago, UG Ouganda), ou "certificat d'auteur d'invention" (pour CU Cuba et KP République populaire démocratique de Corée). Si, pour AP ARIPO, AT Autriche, CZ République tchèque, DE Allemagne, DK Danemark, EE Estonie, FI Finlande ou SK Slovaquie (seuls pays où cela est possible), un modèle d'utilité est demandé en plus d'un brevet, écrire après le nom de ce pays "et modèle d'utilité".

Si, pour un pays où cela est possible, il est souhaité que la demande internationale soit traitée comme une demande d'obtention d'un certain titre "d'addition" ou comme une demande de "continuation" ou de "continuation-in-part", écrire après le nom de ce pays la mention appropriée, c'est-à-dire "brevet d'addition" (pour AE Émirats arabes unis, AT Autriche, AU Australie, BA Bosnie-Herzégovine, CU Cuba, DE Allemagne, ES Espagne, IL Israël, IN Inde, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, MW Malawi, NZ Nouvelle-Zélande, PL Pologne, TR Turquie, YU Serbie-et-Monténégro, ZA Afrique du Sud, ZW Zimbabwe), "certificat d'addition" (pour BR Brésil, DZ Algérie, MA Maroc, MG Madagascar, OA OAPI), "certificat d'auteur d'invention additionnel" (pour CU Cuba), "continuation" ou "continuation-in-part" (pour US États-Unis d'Amérique). Si l'une de ces mentions est utilisée, indiquer également dans le cadre supplémentaire l'État pour lequel ce traitement est demandé, le numéro du titre principal ou de la demande principale et la date de délivrance du titre principal ou du dépôt de la demande principale, selon le cas (voir le point 1.v) de ce cadre).

L'indication, dans les cases du cadre n° V correspondant aux désignations, de numéros d'ordre en chiffres arabes sera considérée comme reflétant l'ordre des désignations choisi par le déposant; si les cases sont cochées d'une autre manière, l'ordre considéré sera celui dans lequel les cases cochées apparaissent sur le formulaire. Cet ordre n'aura de signification que si le montant reçu pour les taxes de désignation n'est pas suffisant pour couvrir l'ensemble des désignations et reste insuffisant après que le déposant a été invité à acquitter le solde débiteur; dans ce cas, le montant reçu sera affecté au paiement des taxes pour les désignations dans l'ordre en question (règle 16bis.1.c) et instruction 321).

Les cases situées en bas des colonnes sont réservées à la désignation, aux fins d'un brevet national, d'États qui sont devenus partie au PCT après la date qui figure au bas de la deuxième feuille du formulaire de requête; dans ce cas, il faut mentionner sur la ligne pointillée le nom de l'État, précédé de préférence du code à deux lettres, et cocher la case correspondante (en indiquant, le cas échéant, si une forme particulière de protection ou de traitement est souhaitée).

Désignation d'États à titre de précaution sous réserve de confirmation (règles 4.9.b) et c) et 15.5) : dans l'intérêt du déposant, le cadre n° V comporte, en bas, une déclaration ("Déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution") indiquant que le déposant souhaite, en sus des désignations expresses effectuées en cochant les cases de la première partie de ce cadre (il doit y avoir au moins une désignation de ce type), désigner à titre de précaution tous les autres États contractants du PCT qui n'ont pas été désignés expressément.

The receiving Office will not send to the applicant any reminder or invitation to confirm precautionary designations.

If no precautionary designation is to be confirmed, no action is required by the applicant, and the precautionary designations will then be automatically regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of 15 months from the priority date.

BOX No. VI

Priority Claim(s) (Rule 4.10): If the priority of an earlier application is claimed, the declaration containing the priority claim must be made in the request.

The request must indicate the *date* on which the earlier application from which priority is claimed was filed and the *number* it was assigned. Note that that date must fall within the period of 12 months preceding the international filing date.

Where the earlier application is a national application, the *country* party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or the *Member* of the World Trade Organization that is not a party to that Convention, in which that earlier application was filed must be indicated. Where the earlier application is a regional application, the *regional Office* concerned must be indicated. Where the earlier application is an international application, the *receiving Office* with which that earlier application was filed must be indicated.

Where the earlier application is a regional application (other than an ARIPO application), or an international application, the priority claim may also, if the applicant so wishes, indicate one or more countries party to the Paris Convention for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(i)); such an indication is not, however, mandatory. Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, at least one country party to the Paris Convention or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed must be indicated (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)).

As to the possibility of correcting or adding a priority claim, see Rule 26*bis* and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part.

Certified Copy of Earlier Application (Rule 17.1): A certified copy of each earlier application the priority of which is claimed (priority document) must be submitted by the applicant, irrespective of whether that earlier application is a national, regional or international application. The priority document must be submitted to the receiving Office or to the International Bureau before the expiration of 16 months from the (earliest) priority date or, where an early start of the national phase is requested, not later than at the time such request is made. Any priority document received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the 16-month time limit but before the date of international publication shall be considered to have been received on the last day of that time limit (Rule 17.1(a)).

Where the priority document is issued by the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the receiving Office (not later than 16 months after the priority date) to prepare and transmit the priority document to the International Bureau (Rule 4.1(c)(ii)). Such request may be made by marking the applicable check-boxes which identify the respective documents. *Attention:* where such a request is made, the applicant must, where applicable, pay to the receiving Office the *fee for priority document*, otherwise, the request will be considered not to have been made (see Rule 17.1(b)).

Dates (Section 110): Dates must be indicated by the Arabic number of the day, the name of the month and the Arabic number of the year—in that order; after, below or above such indication, the date should be repeated in parentheses, using two-digit Arabic numerals for the number of the day, the

number of the month and the last two digits of the year, in that order and separated by periods, slants or hyphens, for example, “20 March 2001 (20.03.01)”, “20 March 2001 (20/03/01)” or “20 March 2001 (20-03-01)”.

BOX No. VII

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (Rules 4.1(b)(vi) and 4.14*bis*): If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent for carrying out the international search in relation to the international application—depending on the language in which that application is filed and the receiving Office with which it is filed—the name of the competent Authority chosen by the applicant must be indicated in the space provided, either by its full name or two-letter code.

Request to Use Results of Earlier Search; Reference to that Search (Rules 4.11 and 41.1): The earlier search, if any, must be identified in such a manner that the ISA can retrieve the results easily. Where those results can be used, the ISA may refund the international search fee or a portion thereof.

BOX No. VIII

Declarations Containing Standardized Wording (Rules 4.1(c)(iii) and 4.17): At the option of the applicant, the request may, for the purposes of the national law applicable in one or more designated States, contain one or more of the following declarations:

- (i) declaration as to the identity of the inventor;
- (ii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent;
- (iii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application;
- (iv) declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America);
- (v) declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty;

which must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Sections 211 to 215, respectively, and which must be set forth in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v), as detailed below. Where any such declarations are included, the appropriate check-boxes in Box No. VIII should be marked and the number of each type of declaration should be indicated in the right-hand column. As to the possibility of correcting or adding a declaration, see Rule 26*ter*, Section 216 and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part.

If the circumstances of a particular case are such that the standardized wordings are not applicable, the applicant should not attempt to make use of the declarations provided for in Rule 4.17 but rather will have to comply with the national requirements concerned upon entry into the national phase.

The fact that a declaration is made under Rule 4.17 does not of itself establish the matters declared; the effect of those matters in the designated States concerned will be determined by the designated Offices in accordance with the applicable national law.

Even if the wording of a declaration does not conform to the standardized wording provided for in the Administrative Instructions pursuant to Rule 4.17, any designated Office may accept that declaration for the purposes of the applicable national law, but is not required to do so.

Details as to National Law Requirements: For information on the declarations required by each designated Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, in the relevant National Chapter.

Si le déposant ne souhaite pas faire usage de cette mesure de sécurité ni ne veut faire de désignations de précaution, la déclaration doit être biffée.

Si le déposant souhaite expressément exclure tel ou tel État d'une telle désignation faite à titre de précaution afin que la demande internationale ne produise aucun effet dans cet État, il y aura lieu d'indiquer le nom ou le code à deux lettres de cet État dans le cadre supplémentaire. Cette mention n'est nécessaire dans aucun autre cas.

Si le déposant constate, après le dépôt de la demande internationale, qu'il y a des erreurs ou des omissions en ce qui concerne les désignations faites expressément, il pourra rectifier les erreurs ou corriger les omissions en confirmant les désignations de précaution en question. Il est possible de confirmer une désignation de précaution jusqu'à l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité (la plus ancienne) indiquée dans le cadre n° VI ou, si aucune priorité n'est revendiquée, de la date du dépôt international. Pour confirmer une telle désignation, il faut déposer auprès de l'office récepteur une déclaration écrite contenant l'indication du nom de chaque État dont la désignation est confirmée (avec, le cas échéant, une indication de la forme de traitement ou de protection souhaitée) et payer à l'office récepteur, pour chaque désignation ainsi confirmée, une taxe de désignation (même lorsque cinq taxes de désignation ont déjà été payées) ainsi qu'une taxe de confirmation correspondant à 50 % de la taxe de désignation.

L'office récepteur n'enverra au déposant aucun rappel ni invitation à confirmer des désignations de précaution.

Le déposant ne doit rien faire s'il ne veut confirmer aucune désignation de précaution; les désignations de précaution seront alors automatiquement considérées comme retirées par le déposant à l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité.

CADRE N° VI

Revendication(s) de priorité (règle 4.10) : si la priorité d'une demande antérieure est revendiquée, la déclaration contenant la revendication de priorité doit figurer dans la requête.

La requête doit indiquer la *date* du dépôt de la demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée et son *numéro*. Cette date doit tomber dans la période de 12 mois précédant la date du dépôt international.

Lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande nationale, il faut indiquer le *pays* partie à la Convention de Paris pour la protection de la propriété industrielle, ou le *membre* de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce qui n'est pas partie à ladite convention, où elle a été déposée; lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande régionale, l'*office régional* concerné; et lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande internationale, l'*office récepteur* auprès duquel elle a été déposée.

Lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande régionale (autre qu'une demande ARIPO) ou une demande internationale, la revendication de priorité peut aussi, si le déposant le souhaite, indiquer un ou plusieurs pays parties à la Convention de Paris pour lesquels cette demande a été déposée (règle 4.10.b)i); cette indication n'est cependant pas obligatoire. Lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande ARIPO, il faut indiquer au moins un pays partie à la Convention de Paris ou un membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce pour lequel cette demande a été déposée (règle 4.10.b)ii).

En ce qui concerne les possibilités de correction ou d'adjonction d'une revendication de priorité, voir la règle 26*bis* et le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale.

Copie certifiée conforme de la demande antérieure (règle 17.1) : le déposant doit présenter une copie certifiée conforme de chaque demande antérieure dont la priorité est

revendiquée (document de priorité), que la demande antérieure soit une demande nationale, régionale ou internationale. Le document de priorité doit être présenté à l'office récepteur ou au Bureau international avant l'expiration d'un délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité (la plus ancienne) ou, lorsque l'ouverture anticipée de la phase nationale est demandée, au plus tard à la date à laquelle est faite cette demande. Tout document de priorité qui parvient au Bureau international après l'expiration du délai de 16 mois mais avant la date de publication internationale est réputé avoir été reçu le dernier jour de ce délai (règle 17.1.a)).

Lorsque le document de priorité est délivré par l'office récepteur, le déposant peut, au lieu de présenter ce document, demander à l'office récepteur (au plus tard dans le délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité) de l'établir et de le transmettre au Bureau international (règle 4.1.c)ii). Pour effectuer une requête à cet effet, il faut cocher la case appropriée comportant les indications qui permettent d'identifier le document. **Important** : lorsqu'une telle requête est présentée, le déposant doit, le cas échéant, verser à l'office récepteur la *taxe afférente au document de priorité*; à défaut, cette requête sera considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée (voir la règle 17.1.b)).

Dates (instruction 110) : les dates doivent être indiquées au moyen du quantième, en chiffres arabes, suivi du nom du mois puis de l'année en chiffres arabes, dans cet ordre; à côté, au-dessous ou au-dessus de cette indication, il y a lieu de répéter la date, mais entre parenthèses, sous la forme de numéros à deux chiffres arabes, séparés par un point, une barre oblique ou un tiret, et dans l'ordre suivant : quantième, mois et année (celle-ci étant indiquée au moyen des deux derniers chiffres); exemples : "20 mars 2001 (20.03.01)", "20 mars 2001 (20/03/01)" ou "20 mars 2001 (20-03-01)".

CADRE N° VII

Choix de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (ISA) (règles 4.1.b)vi) et 4.14*bis*) : si plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes pour procéder à la recherche internationale concernant la demande internationale – en fonction de la langue dans laquelle cette demande est déposée et de l'office récepteur auprès duquel elle est déposée – le nom de l'administration compétente choisie par le déposant doit être indiqué dans l'espace prévu, soit en clair soit au moyen du code à deux lettres correspondant.

Demande d'utilisation des résultats d'une recherche antérieure; mention de cette recherche (règles 4.11 et 41.1) : la mention de la recherche antérieure éventuelle doit comporter des indications qui permettent à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale d'en retrouver aisément les résultats. Si ces résultats sont utilisables, l'administration en question pourra rembourser la taxe de recherche internationale ou une fraction de celle-ci.

CADRE N° VIII

Déclarations comportant un libellé standard (règles 4.1.c)iii) et 4.17) : au choix du déposant, la requête peut, aux fins de la législation nationale applicable dans un ou plusieurs États désignés, contenir une ou plusieurs des déclarations suivantes :

- i) une déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur;
- ii) une déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet;
- iii) une déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure;
- iv) une déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique);
- v) une déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté;

Effect in Designated Offices (Rule 51*bis*.2): Where the applicant submits any of the declarations provided for in Rule 4.17(i) to (iv) containing the required standardized wording (either with the international application, or to the International Bureau within the relevant time limit under Rule 26*ter*, or directly to the designated Office during the national phase), the designated Office may not, in the national phase, require further documents or evidence on the matter to which the declaration relates, unless that designated Office may reasonably doubt the veracity of the declaration concerned.

Incompatibility of Certain Items of Rule 51*bis*.2(a) with National Laws (Rule 51*bis*.2(c)): The designated Offices listed below have informed the International Bureau that the applicable national law is not compatible in respect of the following declarations provided in Rule 4.17(i), (ii) and (iii). Those designated Offices are therefore entitled to require further documents or evidence on the matters to which those declarations relate.

Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51*bis*.1(a)(i)): The respective national laws of CH Switzerland, DK Denmark and SE Sweden are not compatible with Rule 51*bis*.2(a)(i).

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(ii)): The respective national laws of CA Canada, CH Switzerland, DK Denmark, HU Hungary and SE Sweden are not compatible with Rule 51*bis*.2(a)(ii).

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(iii)): The respective national laws of CH Switzerland and DK Denmark are not compatible with Rule 51*bis*.2(a)(iii).

BOXES Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (IN GENERAL)

Different Declaration Boxes: There are six different declaration boxes in the pre-printed request form—one box for each of the five different types of declarations provided for in Rule 4.17 (Box No. VIII (i) to Box No. VIII (v)) and a continuation sheet (Continuation of Box No. VIII (i) to (v)) to be used in case any single declaration does not fit in the corresponding box. The title of each type of declaration which is found in the standardized wording provided for in the Administrative Instructions is pre-printed on the appropriate sheet of the request.

Separate Sheet for Each Declaration: Each declaration must start on a separate sheet of the request form in the appropriate Declaration Box.

Titles, Items, Item Numbers, Dotted Lines, Words in Parentheses and Words in Brackets: The prescribed standardized wording of the declarations includes titles, various items, item numbers, dotted lines, words in parentheses and words in brackets. Except for Box No. VIII (iv) which contains the pre-printed standardized wording, only those items which are applicable should be included in a declaration where necessary to support the statements in that declaration (that is, omit those items which do not apply) and item numbers need not be included. Dotted lines indicate where information is required to be inserted. Words in parentheses are instructions to applicants as to the information which may be included in the declaration depending upon the factual circumstances. Words in brackets are optional and should appear in the declaration without the brackets if they apply; if they do not apply, they should be omitted together with the corresponding brackets.

Naming of Several Persons: More than one person may be named in a single declaration. In the alternative, with one exception, a separate declaration may be made for each person.

With respect to the declaration of inventorship set forth in Box No. VIII (iv), which is applicable only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, all inventors must be indicated in a single declaration (see Notes to Box No. VIII (iv), below). The wording of declarations to be set forth in Boxes Nos. VIII (i), (ii), (iii) and (v) may be adapted from the singular to the plural as necessary.

Designated States to Which the Declarations Apply: Each declaration must indicate the designated States to which it applies. In this regard, the standardized wording of the declaration of inventorship (Box No. VIII (iv); see also Rule 4.17(iv) and Section 214) indicates in the title that it is for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America. The other declarations include prescribed wording to indicate whether the declaration is made for all designations or specific designations; one of these choices should always be included in the declaration. Where the declaration is for more than one person, the declaration may include separate statements indicating whether the declaration is made for all designations or specific designations with respect to each separate applicant. For example, this may be expected to occur where the request indicates different applicants for different States in accordance with Rule 4.5(d). However, in such a case, it is advisable to include a separate declaration for each person.

BOX No. VIII (i)

Declaration as to the Identity of the Inventor (Rule 4.17(i) and Section 211): The declaration must be worded as follows:

“Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51*bis*.1(a)(i)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

- (i) ... (*name*) of ... (*address*) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application
- (ii) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations [except the designation of the United States of America]
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ...”

Such a declaration is not necessary in respect of any inventor who is indicated as such (either as inventor only or applicant and inventor) in Box No. II or No. III in accordance with Rule 4.5 or 4.6. However, where the inventor is indicated as applicant in Box No. II or No. III in accordance with Rule 4.5, a declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent (Rule 4.17(ii)) may be appropriate for the purposes of all designated States except the United States of America. Where indications regarding the inventor in accordance with Rule 4.5 or 4.6 are not included in Box No. II or No. III, this declaration may be combined with the prescribed wording of the declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent (Rule 4.17(ii)). For details on such a combined declaration, see Notes to Box No. VIII (ii), below. For details as to the declaration of inventorship for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, see Notes to Box No. VIII (iv), below.

BOX No. VIII (ii)

Declaration as to the Applicant's Entitlement to Apply for and Be Granted a Patent (Rule 4.17(ii) and Section 212): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement:

“Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

qui doivent être conformes au libellé standard fixé dans les instructions 211 à 215, respectivement, et qui doivent être présentées dans les cadres n^{os} VIII.i) à v), comme précisé ci-après. Lorsque de telles déclarations sont incluses, il convient de cocher les cases appropriées dans le cadre n^o VIII et d'indiquer dans la colonne de droite le nombre de déclarations de chaque type. En ce qui concerne les possibilités de correction ou d'adjonction d'une déclaration, voir la règle 26ter, l'instruction 216 et le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale.

Si les circonstances d'un cas particulier sont telles que les libellés standard ne sont pas applicables, le déposant s'abstiendra de faire les déclarations prévues à la règle 4.17, mais il devra satisfaire aux exigences de la législation nationale concernée lors de l'entrée dans la phase nationale.

Le fait qu'une déclaration soit faite en vertu de la règle 4.17 ne suffit pas à prouver les points sur lesquels elle porte; il appartient aux offices désignés de statuer sur l'effet de ces points dans les États désignés en fonction de la législation nationale applicable.

Même si le texte d'une déclaration ne respecte pas le libellé standard fixé dans les instructions administratives en vertu de la règle 4.17, tout office désigné est libre d'accepter ou non cette déclaration aux fins de la législation nationale applicable.

Précisions quant aux exigences des législations nationales : pour des précisions concernant les déclarations qui sont exigées par chaque office désigné, voir les chapitres nationaux pertinents dans le volume II du *Guide du déposant du PCT*.

Effets dans les offices désignés (règle 51bis.2) : lorsqu'un déposant remet l'une des déclarations visées à la règle 4.17.i) à iv) comportant le libellé standard exigé (soit avec la demande internationale, soit au Bureau international dans le délai applicable en vertu de la règle 26ter, ou directement à l'office désigné durant la phase nationale), l'office désigné ne peut, pendant la phase nationale, exiger d'autres documents ou preuves relatifs à l'objet auquel se rapporte la déclaration, à moins qu'il puisse raisonnablement douter de la véracité de la déclaration en question.

Incompatibilité de certains points de la règle 51bis.2.a) avec les législations nationales (règle 51bis.2.c) : les offices désignés dont la liste figure ci-après ont informé le Bureau international que la législation nationale qui leur est applicable n'est pas compatible en ce qui concerne les déclarations suivantes visées à la règle 4.17.i), ii) et iii). Ces offices désignés pourront donc exiger des documents ou des preuves supplémentaires relatifs aux objets auxquels se rapportent ces déclarations.

Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)ii) : les législations nationales respectives de CH Suisse, DK Danemark et SE Suède ne sont pas compatibles avec la règle 51bis.2.a)ii).

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)iii) : les législations nationales respectives de CA Canada, CH Suisse, DK Danemark, HU Hongrie et SE Suède ne sont pas compatibles avec la règle 51bis.2.a)ii).

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51bis.1.a)iii) : les législations nationales respectives de CH Suisse et DK Danemark ne sont pas compatibles avec la règle 51bis.2.a)iii).

CADRES N^{os} VIII i) à v) (GÉNÉRALITÉS)

Différents cadres pour déclarations : le formulaire pré-imprimé contient six cadres différents pour déclarations, un pour chacun des cinq types de déclarations prévues selon la règle 4.17 (du cadre n^o VIII.i) au cadre n^o VIII.v)) et une feuille annexe (Suite du cadre n^o VIII.i) à v)) à utiliser dans le cas où une des déclarations ne tient pas dans le cadre approprié. Le titre de chaque déclaration qui figure dans le libellé standard prévu dans les instructions administratives est pré-imprimé sur la feuille correspondante de la requête.

Feuille distincte pour chaque déclaration : chaque déclaration doit commencer sur une feuille distincte de la requête et dans le cadre pour déclaration approprié.

Titres, éléments, numéros d'éléments, lignes pointillées, mots entre parenthèses et mots entre crochets : le libellé standard fixé pour les déclarations comporte un titre, différents éléments, des numéros d'éléments, des lignes pointillées, des mots entre parenthèses et des mots entre crochets. Sauf en ce qui concerne le cadre n^o VIII.iv) dans lequel le libellé standard est pré-imprimé, seuls les éléments pertinents doivent figurer dans une déclaration lorsque cela est nécessaire à l'énoncé des faits invoqués dans cette déclaration (en d'autres termes, il y a lieu d'omettre les éléments non pertinents) et il n'est pas nécessaire d'inclure les numéros d'éléments. Les lignes pointillées signalent les endroits où il y a lieu d'indiquer les renseignements demandés. Les mots entre parenthèses indiquent au déposant quels renseignements peuvent être inclus dans la déclaration selon la situation de fait. Les mots entre crochets sont facultatifs; s'ils sont applicables, ils doivent figurer dans la déclaration sans les crochets; s'ils ne sont pas applicables, il convient de les omettre ainsi que les crochets.

Mention de plusieurs personnes : plusieurs personnes peuvent être mentionnées dans une même déclaration. Il est aussi possible, sauf dans un cas, de faire une déclaration distincte par personne. Pour la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur, figurant dans le cadre n^o VIII.iv), qui est applicable seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique, tous les inventeurs doivent être indiqués dans une même déclaration (voir les notes du cadre n^o VIII.iv), ci-après). Dans les déclarations devant figurer dans les cadres n^{os} VIII.i), ii), iii) et v), le libellé au singulier peut être mis au pluriel si cela s'avère nécessaire.

États désignés auxquels les déclarations s'appliquent : chaque déclaration doit comporter l'indication des États désignés auxquels elle s'applique. À cet égard, le libellé standard pour la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (cadre n^o VIII.iv); voir également la règle 4.17.iv) et l'instruction 214) indique dans le titre que la déclaration est faite aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique. Les autres déclarations comportent des libellés prescrits pour indiquer si la déclaration est faite aux fins de toutes les désignations ou aux fins de désignations particulières. Une de ces options doit toujours figurer dans la déclaration. Lorsque la déclaration est faite en ce qui concerne plusieurs personnes, elle peut comporter des mentions distinctes indiquant si elle est faite aux fins de toutes les désignations ou aux fins de désignations particulières en ce qui concerne chacun des déposants. Le cas peut par exemple se présenter si la requête indique des déposants différents pour différents États, conformément à la règle 4.5.d). Dans une telle situation, toutefois, il est conseillé d'inclure une déclaration distincte par personne.

CADRE N^o VIII.i)

Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règle 4.17.i) et instruction 211) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit:

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) is entitled to apply for and be granted a patent by virtue of the following:

- (i) ... (*name*) of ... (*address*) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application
- (ii) ... (*name*) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (*inventor's name*)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (*name*) and ... (*name*), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (*name*) in favor of ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vi) a court order issued by ... (*name of court*), effecting a transfer from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) by way of ... (*specify kind of transfer*), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant's name changed from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) on ... (*date*)
- (ix) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations [except the designation of the United States of America]
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ..."

Either (a) or (b) of item (ix) should always be included in the declaration. The remainder of the items may be incorporated as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. ***This declaration is only applicable to those events which have occurred prior to the international filing date.*** The possible kinds of transfer of entitlement in item (vii) include merger, acquisition, inheritance, donation, etc. Where there has been a succession of transfers from the inventor, the order in which transfers are listed should follow the actual succession of transfers, and items may be included more than once, as necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. Where the inventor is not indicated in Box No. II or No. III, this declaration may be presented as a combined declaration explaining the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent and identifying the inventor. In such a case, the introductory phrase of the declaration must be as follows:

"Combined declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(ii)) and as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51*bis*.1(a)(i)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:"

The remainder of the combined declaration must be worded as indicated in the preceding paragraphs.

For details as to the declaration as to the identity of the inventor, see the Notes to Box No. VIII (i), above.

BOX No. VIII (iii)

Declaration as to the Applicant's Entitlement to Claim Priority of the Earlier Application (Rule 4.17(iii) and Section 213): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement:

"Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(iii)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

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... (*name*) is entitled to claim priority of earlier application No. ... by virtue of the following:

- (i) the applicant is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection was sought by way of the earlier application
- (ii) ... (*name*) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (*inventor's name*)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (*name*) and ... (*name*), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (*name*) in favor of ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vi) a court order, issued by ... (*name of court*), effecting a transfer from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) by way of ... (*specify kind of transfer*), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant's name changed from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) on ... (*date*)
- (ix) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ..."

Either (a) or (b) of item (ix) should always be included in the declaration. The remainder of the items may be incorporated as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. ***This declaration is only applicable to those events which have occurred prior to the international filing date.*** In addition, this declaration is only applicable where the person or name of the applicant is different from that of the applicant who filed the earlier application from which priority is claimed. For example, this declaration may be applicable where only one applicant out of five is different from the applicants indicated in respect of an earlier application. The possible kinds of transfer of entitlement in item (vii) include merger, acquisition, inheritance, donation, etc. Where there has been a succession of transfers from the applicant in respect of the earlier application, the order in which transfers are listed should follow the actual succession of transfers, and items may be included more than once, as necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement.

BOX No. VIII (iv)

Declaration of Inventorship (Rule 4.17(iv) and Section 214): The standardized wording for the declaration is pre-printed in Box No. VIII (iv).

All inventors must be named in the declaration, even if they do not all sign the same (copy of) the declaration (Section 214(b)). Bibliographic data, such as address of residence and citizenship, must be included for each inventor. Where the declaration is included in the request, the inventor(s) need not sign and date the declaration if they have signed in Box No. X of the request. If there are more than two inventors, those other inventors must be indicated on the "continuation sheet for declaration." In such a case, write "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iv)," and indicate only the bibliographical data in respect of each inventor. The text of the declaration itself should not be repeated on that continuation sheet. The inventor(s) identified on the continuation sheet must sign and date such sheet, unless the declaration, including the continuation sheet, is included with the request and the inventor(s) has (have) signed in Box No. X of the request.

BOX No. VIII (v)

Declaration as to Non-prejudicial Disclosures or Exceptions to Lack of Novelty (Rule 4.17(v) and Section 215): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (iv) as is necessary:

“Déclaration relative à l’identité de l’inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51*bis*.1.a)i) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

- i) ... (*nom*), ... (*adresse*), est l’inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection est demandée dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale
- ii) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations [sauf la désignation des États-Unis d’Amérique]
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

Une déclaration de cette nature n’est pas nécessaire en ce qui concerne tout inventeur qui est indiqué comme tel (que ce soit comme inventeur seulement ou en qualité à la fois de déposant et d’inventeur) dans le cadre n° II ou le cadre n° III en application de la règle 4.5 ou 4.6. Toutefois, lorsque l’inventeur est indiqué comme étant le déposant dans le cadre n° II ou n° III en application de la règle 4.5, une déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d’obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii) peut être appropriée aux fins de tous les États désignés sauf des États-Unis d’Amérique. Lorsque les indications concernant l’inventeur qui sont à fournir en application de la règle 4.5 ou 4.6 ne sont pas portées dans le cadre n° II ou n° III, cette déclaration peut être combinée avec le libellé standard pour la déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d’obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii). Pour des précisions concernant cette déclaration combinée, voir les notes du cadre n° VIII.ii), ci-après. Pour des précisions quant à la déclaration relative à la qualité d’inventeur aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d’Amérique, voir les notes du cadre n° VIII.iv), ci-après.

CADRE N° VIII.ii)

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d’obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii) et instruction 212) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à viii) nécessaires aux fins de motiver le droit du déposant :

“Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d’obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51*bis*.1.a)ii)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n’est pas appropriée :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*) a le droit de demander et d’obtenir un brevet en vertu :

- i) du fait que ... (*nom*), ... (*adresse*), est l’inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection est demandée dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale
- ii) du fait que... (*nom*) [possède] [possédait] ce droit en qualité d’employeur de l’inventeur, ... (*nom de l’inventeur*)
- iii) d’un contrat conclu entre ... (*nom*) et ... (*nom*), daté du ...
- iv) d’une cession de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- v) d’une autorisation consentie par ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vi) d’une décision de justice rendue par ... (*nom du tribunal*), ordonnant un transfert de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vii) d’un transfert de droits de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), sous la forme de ... (*préciser le type de transfert*), daté du ...
- viii) du changement de nom du déposant de ... (*nom*) en ... (*nom*), le ... (*date*)

ix) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)

- a) de toutes les désignations [sauf la désignation des États-Unis d’Amérique]
- b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

L’une ou l’autre des variantes a) et b) du point ix) doit toujours être incluse dans la déclaration. On ne retiendra parmi les autres éléments que ceux qui sont nécessaires pour motiver le droit du déposant. **Cette déclaration est exclusivement applicable à des faits qui se sont produits avant la date du dépôt international.** Les types possibles de transfert de droits visés au point vii) comprennent la fusion, l’acquisition, l’héritage, la donation, etc. Lorsqu’il y a eu succession de transferts des droits de l’inventeur, l’ordre dans lequel les transferts sont énumérés doit suivre l’ordre effectif de ces transferts successifs et certains points peuvent être cités plus d’une fois si cela s’avère nécessaire pour motiver le droit du déposant. Lorsque l’inventeur n’est pas indiqué dans le cadre n° II ou le cadre n° III, cette déclaration peut être présentée sous la forme d’une déclaration combinée motivant le droit du déposant de demander et d’obtenir un brevet et permettant d’identifier l’inventeur. Dans un tel cas, la phrase introductive de la déclaration est libellée comme suit :

“Déclaration combinée relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d’obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51*bis*.1.a)ii)) et relative à l’identité de l’inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51*bis*.1.a)i)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n’est pas appropriée :”

Le reste de la déclaration combinée est libellé comme indiqué aux paragraphes précédents.

Pour des précisions concernant la déclaration permettant d’identifier l’inventeur, voir les notes relatives au cadre n° VIII.i), ci-dessus.

CADRE N° VIII.iii)

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure (règle 4.17.iii) et instruction 213) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à viii) nécessaires aux fins de motiver le droit du déposant :

“Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande indiquée ci-dessous si le déposant n’est pas celui qui a déposé la demande antérieure ou si son nom a changé depuis le dépôt de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51*bis*.1.a)iii)) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*) a le droit de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure n° ... en vertu :

- i) du fait que le déposant est l’inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection a été demandée dans la demande antérieure
- ii) du fait que ... (*nom*) [possède] [possédait] ce droit en qualité d’employeur de l’inventeur, ...(*nom de l’inventeur*)
- iii) d’un contrat conclu entre ... (*nom*) et ... (*nom*), daté du ...
- iv) d’une cession de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- v) d’une autorisation consentie par ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vi) d’une décision de justice rendue par ... (*nom du tribunal*), ordonnant un transfert de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vii) d’un transfert de droits de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), sous la forme de ... (*préciser le type de transfert*), daté du ...

“Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty (Rules 4.17(v) and 51*bis*.1(a)(v)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) declares that the subject matter claimed in [the] [this] international application was disclosed as follows:

- (i) kind of disclosure (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) international exhibition
 - (b) publication
 - (c) abuse
 - (d) other: ... (*specify*)
- (ii) date of disclosure: ...
- (iii) title of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...
- (iv) place of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...
- (v) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ...”

Either (a), (b), (c) or (d) of item (i) should always be included in the declaration. Item (ii) should also always be included in the declaration. Either (a) or (b) of item (v) should always be included in the declaration. Items (iii) and (iv) may be incorporated depending upon the circumstances.

BOX No. IX

Items Constituting the International Application: The number of sheets of the various parts of the international application must be given in the check list in Arabic numerals. Sheets containing any of Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) must be counted as part of the request.

Where the application contains disclosure of one or more *nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences*, the applicant has the following three options.

First, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listings and/or tables related thereto *in paper form only* (“option (a)”), in which case the number of sheets of the listings and/or tables, respectively, must be indicated under item (a) in the left column of Box No. IX (and therefore included in the total number of sheets), noting that a copy of the sequence listings and/or a copy of the tables, in computer readable form, may accompany the international application but only for the purposes of international search under Rule 13*ter* and/or Section 802(b-*quater*); in such a case, check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(i) and/or 10(i) and, where applicable, 9(iii) and/or 10(iii) must be marked in the right column of Box No. IX.

Second, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listings and/or tables related thereto *in computer readable form only*, under Section 801(a)(i) (“option (b)”), in which case check-boxes b(i) and/or b(ii) must be marked but the spaces for the number of sheets of the sequence listings and/or tables, respectively, under item (a) must be left blank; the type and number of carriers must also be indicated on the dotted lines at the bottom of the left column; in addition, check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and/or 10(ii) and, where applicable, 9(iii) and/or 10(iii) must be marked if additional copies of the sequence listings and/or tables in computer readable form are furnished.

Third, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listings and/or tables related thereto *both in computer readable form and in paper form*, under Section 801(a)(ii) (“option (c)”), in which case the number of sheets (in paper form) of the sequence listings and/or tables, respectively, must be indicated under item (a) in the left column of Box No. IX (although those numbers of sheets will not be taken into account for calculation of the basic fee) and check-boxes c(i) and/or c(ii), respectively, must be marked; the type and number of carriers must also be indicated on the dotted lines at the bottom of the left column; in

addition, check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and/or 10(ii) and, where applicable, 9(iii) and/or 10(iii) must be marked if additional copies of the sequence listings and/or tables in computer readable form are furnished.

Under all three options described above, the sequence listings must be presented as a separate part of the description (“sequence listing part of description”) in accordance with the standard contained in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions. Also, tables related to sequence listings must be presented in accordance with the standard contained in Annex C-*bis* of the Administrative Instructions.

Items Accompanying the International Application:

Where the international application is accompanied by certain items, the applicable check-boxes must be marked, any applicable indication must be made on the dotted line after the applicable item, and the number of such items should be indicated at the end of the relevant line; detailed explanations are provided below only in respect of those items which so require.

Check-box No. 4: Mark this checkbox where a copy of a general power of attorney is filed with the international application; where the general power of attorney has been deposited with the receiving Office, and that Office has accorded to it a reference number, that number may be indicated.

Check-box No. 5: Mark this check-box where a statement explaining the lack of signature of an inventor/applicant for the purposes of the United States of America is furnished together with the international application (see also Notes to Box No. X).

Check-box No. 7: Mark this check-box where a translation of the international application for the purposes of international search (Rule 12.3) is filed together with the international application and indicate the language of that translation.

Check-box No. 8: Mark this check-box where a filled-in Form PCT/RO/134 or any separate sheet containing indications concerning deposited microorganisms and/or other biological material is filed with the international application. If Form PCT/RO/134 or any sheet containing the said indications is included as one of the sheets of the description (as required by certain designated States (see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex L)), do not mark this check-box (for further information, see Rule 13*bis* and Section 209).

Check-box No. 9: Where the international application contains sequence listings and a copy thereof in computer readable form is required by the ISA under Rule 13*ter*, the applicant may furnish the listings in computer readable form (together with the required statement) to the receiving Office with the international application, in which case check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(i) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked. Where the applicant has chosen option (b) or option (c) mentioned above, and an additional copy or copies of the sequence listings in computer readable form are required under Section 804, the applicant may furnish such additional copies together with the international application, in which case check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked. In all cases mentioned above, the applicant should indicate at the end of each applicable entry the type and number of diskettes, CD-ROMs, CD-Rs, or other data carriers furnished.

Check-box No. 10: Where the international application contains tables related to sequence listings and a copy thereof in computer readable form is required by the ISA under Section 802(b-*quater*), the applicant may furnish the tables in computer readable form (together with the required statement) to the receiving Office with the international application, in which case check-boxes Nos. 10, 10(i) and, where applicable, 10(iii) must be marked. Where the applicant has chosen option (b) or option (c) mentioned above, and an additional copy or copies of the tables in computer readable form are required under Section 804, the applicant may furnish such additional copies together with the international application, in

- viii) du changement de nom du déposant de ... (*nom*) en ... (*nom*), le ... (*date*)
- ix) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”
- ii) date de la divulgation : ...
- iii) intitulé de la divulgation (*s’il y a lieu*) : ...
- iv) lieu de la divulgation (*s’il y a lieu*) : ...
- v) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

L’une ou l’autre des variantes a) et b) du point ix) doit toujours être incluse dans la déclaration. On ne retiendra parmi les autres éléments que ceux qui sont nécessaires pour motiver le droit du déposant. ***Cette déclaration est exclusivement applicable à des faits qui se sont produits avant la date du dépôt international.*** En outre, cette déclaration n’est applicable que si la personne du déposant est différente de celle du déposant qui a déposé la demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée, ou si le nom du déposant a changé. Si par exemple un seul déposant sur cinq est différent de ceux qui étaient indiqués pour une demande antérieure, cette déclaration pourra être applicable. Les types possibles de transferts de droits visés au point vii) comprennent la fusion, l’acquisition, l’héritage, la donation, etc. Lorsqu’il y a eu succession de transferts des droits du déposant sur la demande antérieure, l’ordre dans lequel les points sont énumérés doit suivre l’ordre effectif de ces transferts successifs et certains points peuvent être cités plus d’une fois si cela s’avère nécessaire pour motiver le droit du déposant.

CADRE N° VIII.iv)

Déclaration relative à la qualité d’inventeur (règle 4.17.iv) et instruction 214) : le libellé standard pour la déclaration est pré-imprimé au cadre n° VIII.iv).

Tous les inventeurs doivent être mentionnés dans la déclaration même s’ils ne signent pas tous la même (copie de la) déclaration (instruction 214.b)). Les données bibliographiques, telles que l’adresse du domicile et la nationalité, doivent être fournies pour chaque inventeur. Dans le cas d’une déclaration incluse dans la requête, il n’est pas nécessaire que le ou les inventeurs signent ou datent la déclaration s’ils ont signé eux-mêmes dans le cadre n° X de la requête. S’il y a plusieurs inventeurs, les autres inventeurs doivent être indiqués sur la “feuille annexe de déclaration”. Dans ce cas, on écrira “suite du cadre n° VIII.iv)” et on fournira uniquement les données bibliographiques concernant chaque inventeur. Le texte de la déclaration ne doit pas être répété sur cette feuille annexe. Le ou les inventeurs indiqués sur la feuille annexe doivent signer et dater cette feuille, à moins que la déclaration, y compris la feuille annexe, soit incluse dans la requête et que le ou les inventeurs aient signé dans le cadre n° X de la requête.

CADRE N° VIII.v)

Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règle 4.17.v) et instruction 215) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à iv), qui s’avérerait nécessaire :

“Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règles 4.17.v) et 51*bis*.1.a)v)) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*) déclare que l’objet revendiqué dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale a été divulgué comme suit :

- i) nature de la divulgation (*préciser selon le cas*) :
 - a) exposition internationale
 - b) publication
 - c) utilisation abusive
 - d) autre : ... (*préciser*)

L’un des éléments a), b), c) ou d) du point i) doit toujours être inclus dans la déclaration. Le point ii) doit aussi toujours être inclus dans la déclaration. L’un ou l’autre des éléments a) et b) du point v) doit toujours figurer dans la déclaration. Les points iii) et iv) peuvent être incorporés s’il y a lieu.

CADRE N° IX

Éléments constituant la demande internationale : Il faut indiquer en chiffres arabes, dans le bordereau, le nombre de feuilles des différentes parties de la demande internationale. Toute feuille sur laquelle figure l’un quelconque des cadres n°s VIII.i) à v) doit être comptée comme faisant partie de la requête.

Lorsque la demande internationale contient la divulgation d’une ou de plusieurs *séquences de nucléotides ou d’acides aminés*, le déposant dispose des trois options suivantes.

Premièrement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs *sous forme papier seulement* (“option a”), auquel cas le nombre de feuilles des listages ou des tableaux, respectivement, doit être indiqué au point a) de la colonne de gauche du cadre n° IX (et par conséquent compris dans le nombre total de feuilles); on notera dans ce cas qu’une copie des listages des séquences ou une copie des tableaux, sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, peuvent être remises avec la demande internationale mais seulement aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13*ter* ou de l’instruction 802.b-*quater*); dans ce cas, les cases n°s 9, 9.i) ou 10.i) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) ou 10.iii), doivent être cochées dans la colonne de droite du cadre n° IX.

Deuxièmement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs *sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur seulement*, en vertu de l’instruction 801.a)i) (“option b”), auquel cas la case b)i) ou b)ii) doit être cochée mais l’endroit réservé au nombre de feuilles des listages des séquences ou des tableaux, respectivement, sous le point a) doit être laissé en blanc; le type et le nombre de supports doivent également être indiqués sur les lignes pointillées en bas de la colonne de gauche. De plus, les cases n°s 9, 9.ii) ou 10.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) ou 10.iii), doivent être cochées si on joint des exemplaires supplémentaires des listages des séquences ou des tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

Troisièmement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs *à la fois sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et sous forme papier*, en vertu de l’instruction 801.a)ii) (“option c”), auquel cas le nombre de feuilles (sous forme papier) des listages ou des tableaux, respectivement, doit être indiqué sous le point a) dans la colonne de gauche du cadre n° IX (bien que ces nombres de feuilles ne soient pas utilisés aux fins du calcul de la taxe de base) et la case c)i) ou c)ii), respectivement, doit être cochée; le type et le nombre de supports doivent également être indiqués sur les lignes pointillées en bas de la colonne de gauche. De plus, les cases n°s 9, 9.ii) ou 10.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) ou 10.iii), doivent être cochées si on joint des exemplaires supplémentaires des listages des séquences ou des tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

Dans le cadre des trois options décrites ci-dessus, les listages des séquences doivent être présentés dans une partie distincte de la description (“partie de la description réservée au listage

which case check-boxes Nos. 10, 10(ii) and, where applicable, 10(iii) must be marked. In all cases mentioned above, the applicant should indicate at the end of each applicable entry the type and number of diskettes, CD-ROMs, CD-Rs, or other data carriers furnished.

Language of Filing of the International Application (Rules 12.1(a) and 20.4(c) and (d)): With regard to the language in which the international application is filed, for the purposes of according an international filing date, it is, subject to the following sentence, sufficient that the description and the claims are in the language, or one of the languages, accepted by the receiving Office for the filing of international applications; that language should be indicated in that check-box (as regards the language of the abstract and any text matter in the drawings, see Rule 26.3ter(a) and (b); as regards the language of the request, see Rules 12.1(c) and 26.3ter(c) and (d)). Note that where the international application is filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, all elements of the international application (request, description, claims, abstract, text matter of drawings) must, for the purposes of according an international filing date, be in English except that the free text in any sequence listing part of the description, complying with the standard set out in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, may be in a language other than English.

BOX No. X

Signature (Rules 4.1(d), 4.15 and 90): The signature must be that of the applicant (if there are several applicants, all must sign); however, the signature may be that of the agent, or the common representative, where a separate power of attorney appointing the agent or the common representative, respectively, or a copy of a general power of attorney already in the possession of the receiving Office, is furnished. If the power is not filed with the request, the receiving Office will invite the applicant to furnish it.

If the United States of America is designated and an inventor/applicant for that State refused to sign the request or could not be found or reached after diligent effort, a statement explaining the lack of signature may be furnished. It should be noted that this applies only where there are two or more applicants and the international application has been signed by at least one other applicant. The statement must satisfy the receiving Office. If such a statement is furnished with the international application, check-box No. 5 in Box No. IX should be marked.

SUPPLEMENTAL BOX

The cases in which the Supplemental Box may be used and the manner of making indications in it are explained in the left column of that Box.

GENERAL REMARKS

Language of Correspondence (Rule 92.2 and Section 104): Any letter from the applicant to the receiving Office must be in the language of filing of the international application provided that, where the international application is to be published in the language of a translation required under Rule 12.3, such letter should be in the language of that translation; however, the receiving Office may authorize the use of another language.

Any letter from the applicant to the International Bureau must be in the same language as the international application if that language is English or French; otherwise, it must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant.

Any letter from the applicant to the ISA must be in the same language as the international application, provided that, where a translation of the international application for the purposes of international search has been transmitted under Rule 23.1(b), such letter is in the language of that translation. However, the ISA may authorize the use of another language.

Arrangement of Elements and Numbering of Sheets of the International Application (Rule 11.7 and Section 207): The elements of the international application must be placed in the following order: the request, the description (excluding the sequence listing part, if any), the claim(s), the abstract, the drawings (if any), the sequence listing part of the description (if any).

All sheets of the description (excluding the sequence listing part), claims and abstract must be numbered in consecutive Arabic numerals, which must be placed at the top or bottom of the sheet, in the middle, but not in the margin which must remain blank. The number of each sheet of the drawings must consist of two Arabic numerals separated by an oblique stroke, the first being the sheet number and the second being the total number of sheets of drawings (for example, 1/3, 2/3, 3/3). For numbering of the sheets of the sequence listing part of the description, see Section 207.

Indication of the Applicant's or Agent's File Reference on the sheets of the description (excluding the sequence listing part, if any), claim(s), abstract, drawings and sequence listing part of the description (Rule 11.6(f)): The file reference indicated on the request may also be indicated in the left-hand corner of the top margin, within 1.5 cm from the top of any sheet of the international application.

des séquences”) conformément à la norme figurant dans l’annexe C des instructions administratives. De même, les tableaux relatifs aux listages des séquences doivent être présentés conformément à la norme figurant dans l’annexe C-bis des instructions administratives.

Éléments joints à la demande internationale : lorsque des éléments sont joints à la demande internationale, les cases appropriées doivent être cochées et toute indication pertinente doit être portée sur la ligne pointillée correspondante, le nombre de chacun de ces éléments devant être indiqué dans la colonne, en fin de ligne; on trouvera ci-après des explications détaillées concernant uniquement les éléments qui le nécessitent.

Case n° 4 : cocher cette case si la copie d’un pouvoir général est déposée avec la demande internationale; lorsque le pouvoir général a été déposé auprès de l’office récepteur, et que celui-ci lui a attribué un numéro de référence, ce dernier peut être indiqué.

Case n° 5 : cocher cette case si une explication de l’absence de signature d’un inventeur/déposant pour les États-Unis d’Amérique est fournie conjointement avec la demande internationale (voir aussi les notes du cadre n° X).

Case n° 7 : cocher cette case si une traduction de la demande internationale aux fins de la recherche internationale (règle 12.3) est fournie conjointement avec cette demande et indiquer la langue de la traduction.

Case n° 8 : cocher cette case si, avec la demande internationale, est déposé un formulaire PCT/RO/134 rempli ou une ou plusieurs feuilles séparées comportant des indications relatives à des micro-organismes ou autre matériel biologique déposés. Si le formulaire PCT/RO/134 ou toute autre feuille comportant les indications en question figurent en tant que feuilles de la description (comme le prescrivent certains États désignés (voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe L), ne pas cocher cette case (pour de plus amples renseignements, voir la règle 13bis et l’instruction 209).

Case n° 9 : lorsque la demande internationale contient des listages des séquences et qu’une copie de ces derniers, sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, est requise par l’administration chargée de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13ter, le déposant peut fournir, conjointement avec la demande internationale, les listages en question sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (ainsi que la déclaration requise) à l’office récepteur. Si tel est le cas, les cases n° 9, 9.i) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) doivent être cochées. Lorsque le déposant a choisi l’option b) ou l’option c) mentionnée ci-dessus, et qu’un ou plusieurs exemplaires supplémentaires des listages des séquences sont requis en vertu de l’instruction 804, le déposant peut remettre de tels exemplaires supplémentaires, conjointement avec la demande internationale, auquel cas les cases n° 9, 9.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) doivent être cochées. Dans tous les cas mentionnés ci-dessus, le déposant doit indiquer à la fin de chaque rubrique applicable le type et le nombre de disquettes, CD-ROM, CD-R ou autres supports de données qu’il a remis.

Case n° 10 : lorsque la demande internationale contient des tableaux relatifs aux listages des séquences et qu’une copie de ces derniers, sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, est requise par l’administration chargée de la recherche internationale en vertu de l’instruction 802.b-*quater*), le déposant peut fournir, conjointement avec la demande internationale, les tableaux en question sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (ainsi que la déclaration requise) à l’office récepteur. Si tel est le cas, les cases n° 10, 10.i) et, le cas échéant, 10.iii) doivent être cochées. Lorsque le déposant a choisi l’option b) ou l’option c) mentionnée ci-dessus, et qu’un ou plusieurs exemplaires supplémentaires des tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur sont requis en vertu de l’instruction 804, le déposant peut remettre de tels exemplaires supplémentaires, conjointement avec la demande internationale, auquel cas les cases n° 10, 10.ii) et, le cas échéant, 10.iii) doivent être cochées. Dans tous les cas

mentionnés ci-dessus, le déposant doit indiquer à la fin de chaque rubrique applicable le type et le nombre de disquettes, CD-ROM, CD-R ou autres supports de données qu’il a remis.

Langue de dépôt de la demande internationale (règles 12.1.a) et 20.4.c) et d)) : en ce qui concerne la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée, il suffit, aux fins de l’attribution d’une date de dépôt international, et sous réserve de la phrase suivante, que la description et les revendications soient rédigées dans la langue ou l’une des langues acceptées par l’office récepteur pour le dépôt de demandes internationales; cette langue doit être indiquée dans cette case (en ce qui concerne la langue de l’abrégé et de tout texte des dessins, voir la règle 26.3ter.a) et b); en ce qui concerne la langue de la requête, voir les règles 12.1.c) et 26.3ter.c) et d)). On notera que, lorsque la demande internationale est déposée auprès de l’Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis d’Amérique en sa qualité d’office récepteur, tous les éléments de la demande internationale (requête, description, revendications, abrégé, texte des dessins) doivent, aux fins de l’attribution d’une date de dépôt international, être rédigés en anglais, hormis tout texte libre contenu dans la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences conforme à la norme figurant dans l’annexe C des instructions administratives, qui peut être rédigé dans une langue autre que l’anglais.

CADRE N° X

Signature (règles 4.1.d), 4.15 et 90) : la signature doit être celle du déposant (s’il y a plusieurs déposants, tous doivent signer); il peut toutefois s’agir de la signature du mandataire ou du représentant commun, si un pouvoir distinct désignant le mandataire ou le représentant commun, respectivement, ou une copie du pouvoir général déjà détenu par l’office récepteur est fourni. Si la requête n’est pas déposée avec le pouvoir, l’office récepteur invitera le déposant à le remettre.

Si les États-Unis d’Amérique sont désignés et qu’un déposant pour cet État qui a la qualité d’inventeur a refusé de signer la requête ou que des efforts diligents n’ont pas permis de le trouver ou d’entrer en rapport avec lui, il est possible de fournir une explication de l’absence de signature. Cela vaut uniquement lorsqu’il y a plusieurs déposants et que la demande internationale a été signée par au moins un autre déposant. L’explication doit être jugée satisfaisante par l’office récepteur. Si cette explication est remise conjointement avec la demande internationale, il y a lieu de cocher la case n° 5 du cadre n° IX.

CADRE SUPPLÉMENTAIRE

Les cas dans lesquels le cadre supplémentaire peut être utilisé et la manière de fournir les indications prévues dans ce cadre sont expliqués dans la colonne de gauche de celui-ci.

REMARQUES GÉNÉRALES

Langue de la correspondance (règle 92.2 et instruction 104) : toute lettre du déposant à l’office récepteur doit être rédigée dans la langue de dépôt de la demande internationale étant entendu que, lorsque la demande internationale doit être publiée dans la langue d’une traduction remise en vertu de la règle 12.3, cette lettre doit être rédigée dans la langue de cette traduction; l’office récepteur peut cependant autoriser l’emploi d’une autre langue.

Toute lettre du déposant au Bureau international doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale si celle-ci est établie en français ou en anglais; sinon, elle doit être rédigée en français ou en anglais, au choix du déposant.

Toute lettre du déposant à l’administration chargée de la recherche internationale doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale étant entendu que, lorsqu’une traduction de la demande internationale aux fins de la recherche internationale a été transmise en vertu de la règle 23.1.b), cette lettre doit être rédigée dans la langue de cette traduction.

*[There is no page 9 of the Notes
to the Request Form in English]*

Cependant, l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale peut autoriser l'emploi d'une autre langue.

Disposition des éléments et numérotation des feuilles de la demande internationale (règle 11.7 et instruction 207) : les éléments de la demande internationale doivent être présentés dans l'ordre suivant : requête, description (sauf la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant), revendication(s), abrégé, dessins (le cas échéant), partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant.

Toutes les feuilles de la description (sauf la partie réservée au listage des séquences), les revendications et l'abrégé doivent être numérotés consécutivement, en chiffres arabes qui doivent être inscrits, en milieu de ligne, en haut ou en bas de la feuille mais non dans la marge, qui doit rester vierge. Le numéro de chaque feuille des dessins doit consister en deux nombres en

chiffres arabes séparés par une barre oblique, le premier indiquant le numéro de la feuille et le second le nombre total des feuilles de dessins (par exemple : 1/3, 2/3, 3/3). Pour la numérotation des feuilles de la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, se référer à l'instruction 207.

Indication de la référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire sur les feuilles de la description (sauf la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant), de la ou des revendications, de l'abrégé, des dessins et de la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences (règle 11.6.f) : la référence de dossier indiquée sur la requête peut l'être également sur chaque feuille de la demande internationale, dans le coin gauche de la marge du haut, sans toutefois apparaître au-delà de 1,5 cm à partir du haut.

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FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Request

For receiving Office use only

International Application No. _____

Date stamp of the receiving Office _____

Applicant's or agent's
file reference _____

Applicant _____

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

1. TRANSMITTAL FEE T

2. SEARCH FEE S

International search to be carried out by _____
(If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the name of the Authority which is chosen to carry out the international search.)

3. INTERNATIONAL FEE

Basic Fee

Where items (b) and/or (c) of Box No. IX apply, enter **Sub-total number of sheets** } _____
Where items (b) and (c) of Box No. IX do not apply, enter **Total number of sheets** }

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b2 _____ x _____ = b2
number of sheets in excess of 30 fee per sheet

b3 additional component (only if sequence listings and/or tables related thereto are filed in computer readable form under Section 801(a)(i), or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801(a)(ii):
400 x _____ = b3
fee per sheet

Add amounts entered at b1, b2 and b3 and enter total at B B

Designation Fees

The international application contains _____ designations.

_____ x _____ = D
number of designation fees payable (maximum 5) amount of designation fee

Add amounts entered at B and D and enter total at I I

(Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the international fee. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the total to be entered at I is 25% of the sum of the amounts entered at B and D.)

4. FEE FOR PRIORITY DOCUMENT (if applicable) P

5. TOTAL FEES PAYABLE TOTAL
Add amounts entered at T, S, I and P, and enter total in the TOTAL box

The designation fees are not paid at this time.

MODE OF PAYMENT

- authorization to charge deposit account (see below) postal money order cash coupons
- cheque bank draft revenue stamps other (specify): _____

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

(This mode of payment may not be available at all receiving Offices)

- Authorization to charge the total fees indicated above.
- (This check-box may be marked only if the conditions for deposit accounts of the receiving Office so permit)* Authorization to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the total fees indicated above.
- Authorization to charge the fee for priority document.

Receiving Office: RO/ _____

Deposit Account No.: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

PCT

FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES

Annexe de la requête

Réservé à l'office récepteur

Demande internationale n°

Timbre à date de l'office récepteur

Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire

Déposant

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

1. TAXE DE TRANSMISSION T

2. TAXE DE RECHERCHE S

Recherche internationale à effectuer par _____
 (Si plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes pour effectuer la recherche internationale, inscrire le nom de celle qui est choisie pour l'effectuer.)

3. TAXE INTERNATIONALE

Taxe de base

Lorsque les points b) ou c) du cadre n° IX s'appliquent, reporter le **sous-total des feuilles** }
 Lorsque les points b) et c) du cadre n° IX ne s'appliquent pas, reporter le **nombre total de feuilles** }

b1 30 premières feuilles b1

b2 _____ x _____ = b2
 nombre de feuilles au-delà de 30 taxe par feuille

b3 composante supplémentaire (seulement si les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs sont déposés sous forme déchiffirable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), ou à la fois sous cette forme et sur papier, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii) :

400 x _____ = b3
 taxe par feuille

Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres b1, b2 et b3 et inscrire le total dans le cadre B B

Taxes de désignation

La demande internationale contient _____ désignations.

_____ x _____ = D
 nombre de taxes de désignation dues (maximum 5) montant de la taxe de désignation

Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres B et D et inscrire le total dans le cadre I I

(Les déposants de certains États ont droit à une réduction de 75 % de la taxe internationale. Lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à cette réduction, la somme devant figurer sous I est égale à 25 % de la somme des montants portés dans les cadres B et D.)

4. TAXE AFFÉRENTE AU DOCUMENT DE PRIORITÉ (le cas échéant) P

5. TOTAL DES TAXES DUES
 Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres T, S, I et P et inscrire le résultat dans le cadre TOTAL TOTAL

Les taxes de désignation seront payées ultérieurement.

MODE DE PAIEMENT

- autorisation de débiter un compte de dépôt (voir ci-dessous) mandat postal espèces coupons
 chèque traite bancaire timbres fiscaux autre (préciser) :

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

(Les offices récepteurs ne permettent pas tous l'utilisation de ce mode de paiement)

- Autorisation de débiter le total des taxes indiqué ci-dessus.
 (Cette case ne peut être cochée que si les conditions relatives aux comptes de dépôt établies par l'office récepteur le permettent) Autorisation de débiter tout montant manquant – ou de créditer tout excédent – dans le paiement du total des taxes indiqué ci-dessus.
 Autorisation de débiter le montant de la taxe afférente à l'établissement du document de priorité.

Office récepteur : RO/ _____

N° du compte de dépôt : _____

Date : _____

Nom : _____

Signature : _____

NOTES TO THE FEE CALCULATION SHEET (ANNEX TO FORM PCT/RO/101)

The purpose of the fee calculation sheet is to help the applicant to identify the prescribed fees and to calculate the amounts to be paid. It is strongly recommended that the applicant complete the sheet by entering the appropriate amounts in the boxes provided and submit the fee calculation sheet at the time of filing the international application. This will help the receiving Office to verify the calculations and to identify any error in them.

Information about the applicable fees payable can be obtained from the receiving Office. The amounts of the international and search fees may change due to currency fluctuations. Applicants are advised to check what are the latest applicable amounts. All fees, except in some cases the designation fee, must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application. See below for further details concerning the possibility of later payment of the designation fee.

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

Box T: Transmittal Fee for the benefit of the receiving Office (Rule 14.1): The amount of the transmittal fee, if any, is fixed by the receiving Office. It must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office. Information about this fee is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Box S: Search Fee for the benefit of the International Searching Authority (ISA) (Rule 16.1): The amount of the search fee is fixed by the ISA. It must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office. Information about this fee is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex D.

Where two or more ISAs are competent, the applicant must indicate his choice in the space provided for this purpose and pay the amount of the international search fee fixed by the ISA chosen. Information on the competent ISA and whether the applicant has a choice between two or more ISAs is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Box I: International Fee for the benefit of the International Bureau (Rule 15): The international fee consists of a basic fee and as many designation fees as there are specific designations under Rule 4.9(a) in Box No. V of the request. The amounts of the basic fee and of the designation fee are as set out in Swiss francs in the Schedule of Fees and the applicable amounts of those fees in other currencies are as published in the *PCT Gazette* (Rule 15.2). Information about those fees is also contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Reduction of the International Fee Where PCT-EASY Software Is Used: A fee reduction of 200 Swiss francs (or the equivalent in the currency in which the international fee is paid to the receiving Office) is available in certain cases where the PCT-EASY software is used to prepare the request, provided that the necessary conditions are met. For further details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part, and Volume I/B, Annex C, as well as information published in the *PCT Gazette* and the *PCT Newsletter*. Since applicants using the PCT-EASY software will file the Request Form and Fee Calculation Sheet in the form of a printout prepared using that software, no provision is made for this fee reduction in the Fee Calculation Sheet annexed to Form PCT/RO/101.

Reduction of the International Fee Where the International Application Is Filed in Electronic Form: A fee reduction of 200 Swiss francs (or the equivalent in the currency in which the international fee is paid to the receiving Office) is available in certain cases where the international application is filed in electronic form, in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions. For further details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part, and Volume I/B, Annex C, as well as information published in the *PCT Gazette* and the *PCT Newsletter*. Since international applications filed in electronic form will contain the Request Form and Fee Calculation Sheet in such electronic form, no provision is

made for this fee reduction in the Fee Calculation Sheet annexed to Form PCT/RO/101.

Reduction of the International Fee for Applicants from Certain States: An applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997) is entitled, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees, to a reduction of 75% of certain PCT fees including the international fee. If there are several applicants, each must satisfy the above-mentioned criteria. The reduction of the international fee (basic fee and designation fees) is automatically available to any applicant (or applicants) who is (or are) so entitled on the basis of the indications of name, nationality and residence given in Boxes Nos. II and III of the request.

The fee reduction is available even if one or more of the applicants are not from PCT Contracting States, provided that each of them is a national and resident of a State that meets the above-mentioned requirements and that at least one of the applicants is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State and thus is entitled to file an international application.

Natural persons who are nationals of and reside in the following PCT Contracting States are eligible: AL Albania, AM Armenia, AZ Azerbaijan, BA Bosnia and Herzegovina, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgaria, BJ Benin, BR Brazil, BY Belarus, BZ Belize, CF Central African Republic, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroon, CN China, CO Colombia, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ Czech Republic, DM Dominica, DZ Algeria, EC Ecuador, EE Estonia, GA Gabon, GD Grenada, GE Georgia, GH Ghana, GM Gambia, GN Guinea, GQ Equatorial Guinea, GW Guinea-Bissau, HR Croatia, HU Hungary, ID Indonesia, IN India, KE Kenya, KG Kyrgyzstan, KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Saint Lucia, LK Sri Lanka, LR Liberia, LS Lesotho, LT Lithuania, LV Latvia, MA Morocco, MD Republic of Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, ML Mali, MN Mongolia, MR Mauritania, MW Malawi, MX Mexico, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, NI Nicaragua, PG Papua New Guinea, PH Philippines, PL Poland, RO Romania, RU Russian Federation, SD Sudan, SK Slovakia, SL Sierra Leone, SN Senegal, SY Syrian Arab Republic, SZ Swaziland, TD Chad, TG Togo, TJ Tajikistan, TM Turkmenistan, TN Tunisia, TR Turkey, TZ United Republic of Tanzania, UA Ukraine, UG Uganda, UZ Uzbekistan, VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, VN Viet Nam, YU Serbia and Montenegro, ZA South Africa, ZM Zambia and ZW Zimbabwe. As far as other States are concerned, inquiries should be addressed to the International Bureau.

Calculation of the International Fee (Basic Fee and Designation Fees) in Case of Fee Reduction: Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) entitled to a reduction of the international fee, the total to be entered at box I is 25% of the sum of the amounts entered at boxes B and D (see below).

NOTES RELATIVES A LA FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES (ANNEXE DU FORMULAIRE PCT/RO/101)

La feuille de calcul des taxes a pour objet d'aider le déposant à recenser les taxes prescrites et à calculer les montants à payer. Il lui est vivement recommandé de remplir cette feuille en portant les montants appropriés dans les cadres prévus et de la joindre au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale, ce qui permettra à l'office récepteur de vérifier les calculs et d'y déceler d'éventuelles erreurs.

Des renseignements sur le montant en vigueur des taxes à payer peuvent être obtenus auprès de l'office récepteur. Les montants de la taxe internationale et de la taxe de recherche peuvent varier en raison de fluctuations monétaires. Il est recommandé aux déposants de vérifier quels sont les tout derniers montants en vigueur. Toutes les taxes sauf, dans certains cas, la taxe de désignation doivent être payées dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de réception de la demande internationale. On trouvera ci-après quelques précisions supplémentaires relatives à un éventuel paiement différé de la taxe de désignation.

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

Cadre T : Taxe de transmission au profit de l'office récepteur (règle 14.1) : l'office récepteur fixe le montant de la taxe de transmission, s'il y en a une. Celui-ci doit être payé dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale. On peut trouver des renseignements sur cette taxe dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C.

Cadre S : Taxe de recherche au profit de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (règle 16.1) : le montant de la taxe de recherche est fixé par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale. Il doit être payé dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale. On peut trouver des renseignements sur cette taxe dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe D.

Lorsque plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes, le déposant doit indiquer son choix à l'emplacement prévu à cet effet et payer le montant de la taxe de recherche internationale fixé par l'administration qu'il a choisie. Le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C, donne des renseignements sur l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale qui est compétente et sur la question de savoir si le déposant a le choix entre plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale.

Cadre I : Taxe internationale au profit du Bureau international (règle 15) : la taxe internationale comprend une taxe de base et autant de taxes de désignation qu'il y a de désignations faites expressément selon la règle 4.9.a) dans le cadre n° V de la requête. Les montants de la taxe de base et de la taxe de désignation sont fixés en francs suisses dans le barème des taxes et les montants correspondants de ces taxes dans d'autres monnaies sont publiés dans la *Gazette du PCT* (règle 15.2). On peut trouver des renseignements sur ces taxes dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C.

Réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY : une réduction de 200 francs suisses (ou l'équivalent dans la monnaie dans laquelle la taxe internationale est payée à l'office récepteur) peut être obtenue dans certains cas où le logiciel PCT-EASY est utilisé pour la préparation de la requête, à condition que les conditions nécessaires soient remplies. On peut trouver des précisions sur cette réduction dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale, et volume I/B, annexe C, ainsi que dans les informations publiées dans la *Gazette du PCT* et le bulletin *PCT Newsletter*. Étant donné que les déposants qui utilisent le logiciel PCT-EASY déposeront le formulaire de requête et la feuille de calcul des taxes sous la forme d'un imprimé produit par ordinateur à l'aide de ce logiciel, la feuille de calcul des taxes annexée au formulaire PCT/RO/101 ne prévoit pas cette réduction de taxe.

Réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas où la demande internationale est déposée sous forme électronique : une réduction de 200 francs suisses (ou l'équivalent dans la monnaie dans laquelle la taxe internationale est payée à l'office récepteur) peut être obtenue dans certains cas où la demande internationale est, conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F des instructions administratives et dans la mesure prévue par celles-ci, déposée sous forme électronique. On peut trouver des précisions sur cette réduction dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale, et volume I/B, annexe C, ainsi que dans les informations publiées dans la *Gazette du PCT* et dans le bulletin *PCT Newsletter*. Étant donné que les demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique contiendront le formulaire de requête et la feuille de calcul des taxes sous forme électronique, la feuille de calcul des taxes annexée au formulaire PCT/RO/101 ne prévoit pas cette réduction de taxe.

Réduction de la taxe internationale pour les déposants de certains États : un déposant qui est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et est domiciliée dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3 000 dollars des États-Unis a droit, conformément au barème de taxes, à une réduction de 75 % de certaines taxes du PCT, dont la taxe internationale. S'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire à ces critères. La réduction de la taxe internationale (taxe de base et taxe de désignation) s'applique automatiquement à tout déposant qui y a droit (ou à tous les déposants qui y ont droit) au vu des indications de nom, de nationalité et de domicile données dans les cadres n°s II et III de la requête.

La réduction de la taxe s'applique même si l'un ou plusieurs des déposants ne viennent pas d'États contractants du PCT, à condition que chacun d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État, et domicilié dans un État, qui répond aux critères mentionnés ci-dessus et qu'au moins l'un d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT, et domicilié dans un tel État, et ait donc le droit de déposer une demande internationale.

Les personnes physiques qui sont ressortissantes des États contractants du PCT suivants, et qui sont domiciliées dans ces États, peuvent bénéficier de cette réduction : AL Albanie, AM Arménie, AZ Azerbaïdjan, BA Bosnie-Herzégovine, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgarie, BJ Bénin, BR Brésil, BY Bélarus, BZ Belize, CF République centrafricaine, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroun, CN Chine, CO Colombie, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ République tchèque, DM Dominique, DZ Algérie, EC Équateur, EE Estonie, GA Gabon, GD Grenade, GE Géorgie, GH Ghana, GM Gambie, GN Guinée, GQ Guinée équatoriale, GW Guinée-Bissau, HR Croatie, HU Hongrie, ID Indonésie, IN Inde, KE Kenya, KG Kirghizistan, KP République populaire démocratique de Corée, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Sainte-Lucie,

Box B: Basic Fee. The amount of the basic fee depends on the number of sheets of the international application indicated under item (a) of Box No. IX of the request as explained below.

That number is the **Total number of sheets** where items (b) and (c) of Box No. IX of the request do not apply (that is, where the international application either does not contain sequence listings and/or tables related thereto or where it contains such listings and/or tables but not filed in computer readable form under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii)); in such a case, item "b3" must not be filled in.

Otherwise, where items (b) and/or (c) of Box No. IX of the request apply (that is, where the international application contains sequence listings and/or tables related thereto which are filed in computer readable form only, under Section 801(a)(i), or both in that form and in paper form under Section 801(a)(ii)), the number of sheets to be used for the purpose of calculating the amount of the basic fee is the **Sub-total number of sheets**. In such a case, item "b3" must be filled in on the basis that the sequence listings and/or tables related thereto in computer readable form are considered to be equal to 400 sheets (see Section 803).

The basic fee must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office.

Box D: Designation Fees. Subject to what is said below, the number of designation fees due corresponds to the number of check-boxes marked in Box No. V of the request.

The number of designation fees which are due is the same as the number of national patents and regional patents in respect of which specific designations under Rule 4.9(a) are made. Only one designation fee is due for the designation AP, the designation EA, the designation EP or the designation OA, irrespective of the number of States for which an ARIPO patent, a Eurasian patent, a European patent or an OAPI patent, respectively, is sought.

Where any States are designated twice (once for the purposes of an ARIPO patent, a Eurasian patent or a European patent and once for the purposes of national protection), the applicant must pay one designation fee in respect of the ARIPO patent, the Eurasian patent or the European patent and a further designation fee in respect of each national patent or other kind of protection sought (Rule 15.1(ii) and Section 210).

Any designation, in excess of five designations for which the fee is due, is free of charge. Therefore, the

maximum amount to be indicated in box D is five times the amount of the designation fee. If, for example, 15 national patents and four regional patents (an ARIPO patent, a Eurasian patent, a European patent and an OAPI patent) are sought (totalling 19 designations), the figure to be indicated in box D is five times the amount of the designation fee.

The designation fees must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office or one year from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later.

Box P: Fee for Priority Document (Rule 17.1(b)): Where the applicant has requested, by marking the applicable check-box in Box No. VI of the request, that the receiving Office prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application the priority of which is claimed, the amount of the fee prescribed by the receiving Office for such service may be entered (for information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C).

If that fee is not paid at the latest before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date, the receiving Office may consider the request under Rule 17.1(b) as not having been made.

Total Box: The total of the amounts entered in boxes T, S, I and P should be entered in this box. If the applicant so wishes, the currency in which the fees are paid may be indicated next to or in the total box.

Later Payment of Designation Fees: Where the time limit of one year from the priority date expires later than one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office, and the applicant wishes to delay the payment of the designation fees, it is recommended that the corresponding check-box be marked.

MODE OF PAYMENT

In order to help the receiving Office identify the mode of payment of the prescribed fees, it is recommended that the applicable check-box(es) be marked.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The receiving Office will not charge (or credit) fees to deposit accounts unless the deposit account authorization is signed and indicates the deposit account number.

LK Sri Lanka, LR Libéria, LS Lesotho, LT Lituanie, LV Lettonie, MA Maroc, MD République de Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, ML Mali, MN Mongolie, MR Mauritanie, MW Malawi, MX Mexique, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, NI Nicaragua, PG Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée, PH Philippines, PL Pologne, RO Roumanie, RU Fédération de Russie, SD Soudan, SK Slovaquie, SL Sierra Leone, SN Sénégal, SY République arabe syrienne, SZ Swaziland, TD Tchad, TG Togo, TJ Tadjikistan, TM Turkménistan, TN Tunisie, TR Turquie, TZ République-Unie de Tanzanie, UA Ukraine, UG Ouganda, UZ Ouzbékistan, VC Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines, VN Viet Nam, YU Serbie-et-Monténégro, ZA Afrique du Sud, ZM Zambie et ZW Zimbabwe. En ce qui concerne d'autres États, il convient de s'adresser au Bureau international.

Calcul de la taxe internationale (taxe de base et taxes de désignation) en cas de réduction : lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à une réduction de la taxe internationale, la somme devant figurer sous I est égale à 25 % de la somme des montants figurant sous B et D (voir ci-dessous).

Cadre B : Taxe de base. Le montant de la taxe de base est fonction du nombre de feuilles de la demande internationale indiqué au point a) du cadre n° IX de la requête comme expliqué ci-dessous.

Ce nombre est le **nombre total de feuilles** lorsque les points b) et c) du cadre n° IX de la requête ne s'appliquent pas (c'est-à-dire, si la demande internationale ne contient pas de listages des séquences ou de tableaux y relatifs ou qu'elle en contient mais que ces derniers ne sont pas déposés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii) ou ii)); dans ce cas, le point "b3" ne doit pas être rempli.

Sinon, lorsque les points b) ou c) du cadre n° IX de la requête s'appliquent (c'est-à-dire, si la demande internationale contient des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs qui sont déposés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur seulement, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), ou à la fois sous cette forme et sous forme papier en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii)), le nombre de feuilles à utiliser pour le calcul du montant de la taxe de base est le **sous-total des feuilles**. Dans un tel cas, le point "b3" doit être rempli étant entendu que les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur sont considérés comporter 400 pages (voir l'instruction 803).

La taxe de base doit être payée dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de réception de la demande internationale par l'office récepteur.

Cadre D : Taxes de désignation. Sous réserve de ce qui suit, le nombre de taxes de désignation dues correspond au nombre de cases cochées dans le cadre n° V de la requête.

Sont dues autant de taxes de désignation qu'il y a de brevets nationaux et de brevets régionaux pour lesquels une désignation expresse a été faite en vertu de la règle 4.9.a). Une seule taxe de désignation est due pour la désignation AP, la désignation EA, la désignation EP ou la désignation OA, quel que soit le nombre d'États pour lesquels un brevet ARIPO, un brevet eurasiatique, un brevet européen ou un brevet OAPI, respectivement, est demandé.

Si un ou plusieurs États sont désignés deux fois (une fois aux fins d'un brevet ARIPO, d'un brevet eurasiatique ou d'un brevet européen et une fois aux fins d'une protection nationale), le déposant doit payer une taxe de désignation pour le brevet ARIPO, le brevet eurasiatique ou le brevet européen et une autre taxe de désignation pour chaque brevet ou autre forme de protection nationale demandé (règle 15.1.ii) et instruction 210).

Toute désignation faite au-delà de cinq désignations soumises à la taxe est gratuite. Le montant maximum à indiquer dans le cadre D est donc de cinq fois le montant de la taxe de désignation. Si, par exemple, 15 brevets nationaux et quatre brevets régionaux (un brevet ARIPO, un brevet eurasiatique, un brevet européen et un brevet OAPI) sont demandés (soit un total de 19 désignations), la somme à indiquer dans le cadre D est de cinq fois le montant de la taxe de désignation.

Les taxes de désignation doivent être payées dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale ou d'un an à compter de la date de priorité, le délai applicable étant celui des deux qui arrive à expiration le plus tard.

Cadre P : Taxe afférente au document de priorité (règle 17.1.b)) : si, en cochant la case appropriée dans le cadre n° VI de la requête, le déposant a demandé que l'office récepteur prépare et transmette au Bureau international une copie certifiée conforme de la demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée, il peut indiquer le montant de la taxe prescrite par l'office récepteur pour ce service (pour plus de renseignements, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C).

Si cette taxe n'est pas payée au plus tard avant l'expiration d'un délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, l'office récepteur peut considérer la requête selon la règle 17.1.b) comme n'ayant pas été présentée.

Total : le total des montants inscrits dans les cadres T, S, I et P doit être porté dans ce cadre. Le déposant peut, s'il le souhaite, indiquer à proximité ou à l'intérieur du cadre "Total" la monnaie dans laquelle il paie les taxes.

Paiement différé des taxes de désignation : si le délai d'un an à compter de la date de priorité arrive à expiration plus d'un mois après la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale, et que le déposant souhaite différer le paiement des taxes de désignation, il est recommandé de cocher la case appropriée.

MODE DE PAIEMENT

Pour aider l'office récepteur à déterminer le mode de paiement des taxes prescrites qui a été utilisé, il est recommandé de cocher la ou les cases appropriées.

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

L'office récepteur ne débitera (ou ne créditera) un compte de dépôt du montant des taxes que si l'autorisation correspondante est signée et qu'elle indique le numéro du compte de dépôt.

The demand must be filed directly with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority or, if two or more Authorities are competent, with the one chosen by the applicant. The full name or two-letter code of that Authority may be indicated by the applicant on the line below:

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CHAPTER II

DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:
 The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only

Identification of IPEA		Date of receipt of DEMAND
Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION		Applicant's or agent's file reference
International application No.	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>)	(Earliest) Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>)
Title of invention		
Box No. II APPLICANT(S)		
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		Telephone No.
		Facsimile No.
		Teleprinter No.
		Applicant's registration No. with the Office
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants are indicated on a continuation sheet.		

La demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être présentée directement à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui est compétente ou, si plusieurs administrations sont compétentes, à l'une d'entre elles, au choix du déposant. Le déposant peut indiquer le nom complet ou le code à deux lettres de cette administration au-dessus de la ligne qui suit :

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CHAPITRE II

DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL

selon l'article 31 du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets :
Le soussigné requiert que la demande internationale spécifiée ci-après fasse l'objet d'un examen préliminaire international conformément au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets et fait élection de tous les États éligibles sauf indication contraire.

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

Administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international	Date de réception de la demande d'examen préliminaire international
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Cadre n° I IDENTIFICATION DE LA DEMANDE INTERNATIONALE		Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire	
Demande internationale n°	Date du dépôt international (<i>jour/mois/année</i>)	Date de priorité (la plus ancienne) (<i>jour/mois/année</i>)	
Titre de l'invention			
Cadre n° II DÉPOSANT(S)			
Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.</i>)		n° de téléphone	
		n° de télécopieur	
		n° de téléimprimeur	
		n° sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office	
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :		Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.</i>)			
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :		Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.</i>)			
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :		Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
<input type="checkbox"/> D'autres déposants sont indiqués sur une feuille annexe.			

Continuation of Box No. II APPLICANT(S)

If none of the following sub-boxes is used, this sheet should not be included in the demand.

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Further applicants are indicated on another continuation sheet.

Suite du cadre n° II DÉPOSANT(S)

Si aucun des sous-cadres suivants n'est utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

D'autres déposants sont indiqués sur une autre feuille annexe.

Box No. III AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The following person is agent common representative
 and has been appointed earlier and represents the applicant(s) also for international preliminary examination.
 is hereby appointed and any earlier appointment of (an) agent(s)/common representative is hereby revoked.
 is hereby appointed, specifically for the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority, in addition to the agent(s)/common representative appointed earlier.

Name and address: <i>(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)</i>	Telephone No.
	Facsimile No.
	Teleprinter No.
	Agent's registration No. with the Office

Address for correspondence: Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special address to which correspondence should be sent.

Box No. IV BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Statement concerning amendments:*

1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination **to start on the basis of:**

the international application as originally filed
 the description as originally filed
 as amended under Article 34

the claims as originally filed
 as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)
 as amended under Article 34

the drawings as originally filed
 as amended under Article 34

2. The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.

3. The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination **to be postponed** until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)). *(This check-box may be marked only where the time limit under Article 19 has not yet expired.)*

* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

which is the language in which the international application was filed.
 which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.
 which is the language of publication of the international application.
 which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES

The applicant hereby **elects all eligible States** *(that is, all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT)*
 excluding the following States which the applicant wishes **not to elect:**

Cadre n° III MANDATAIRE OU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN; OU ADRESSE POUR LA CORRESPONDANCE

La personne indiquée ci-dessous est mandataire représentant commun
 et a été désignée à une date antérieure; elle représente aussi le ou les déposants pour l'examen préliminaire international.
 est désignée par la présente; toute désignation antérieure de mandataires ou d'un représentant commun est de ce fait révoquée.
 est désignée par la présente, spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, en sus du ou des mandataires ou du représentant commun désignés antérieurement.

Nom et adresse : (Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)

n° de téléphone

n° de télécopieur

n° de téléimprimeur

n° sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office

Adresse pour la correspondance : cocher cette case lorsque aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est ou n'a été désigné et que l'espace ci-dessus est utilisé pour indiquer une adresse spéciale à laquelle la correspondance doit être envoyée.

Cadre n° IV BASE DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**Déclaration concernant les modifications :***

1. Le déposant souhaite que l'examen préliminaire international **commence sur la base suivante** :

- la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement
 la description telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement
 telle qu'elle a été modifiée en vertu de l'article 34
 les revendications telles qu'elles ont été déposées initialement
 telles qu'elles ont été modifiées en vertu de l'article 19 (avec, le cas échéant, la déclaration jointe aux modifications)
 telles qu'elles ont été modifiées en vertu de l'article 34
 les dessins tels qu'ils ont été déposés initialement
 tels qu'ils ont été modifiés en vertu de l'article 34

2. Le déposant souhaite que les modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 soient considérées comme écartées.

3. Le déposant souhaite que le commencement de l'examen préliminaire international **soit différé** jusqu'à l'expiration d'un délai de 20 mois à compter de la date de priorité, à moins que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ne reçoive une copie des modifications effectuées en vertu de l'article 19 ou une déclaration du déposant, aux termes de laquelle celui-ci ne souhaite pas effectuer de modifications en vertu de l'article 19 (règle 69.1.d). (Ne pas cocher cette case lorsque le délai visé à l'article 19 a expiré.)

* Lorsque aucune case n'est cochée, l'examen préliminaire international commencera sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement ou, si l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international reçoit copie des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 ou des modifications apportées à la demande internationale en vertu de l'article 34 avant d'avoir commencé à rédiger une opinion écrite ou le rapport d'examen préliminaire international, sur la base de la demande internationale ainsi modifiée.

Langue : l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué en, **qui est**

- la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale a été déposée.
 la langue d'une traduction remise aux fins de la recherche internationale.
 la langue de publication de la demande internationale.
 la langue de la traduction (qui sera) remise aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international.

Cadre n° V ÉLECTION D'ÉTATS

Le déposant **élit tous les États éligibles** (c'est-à-dire tous les États qui ont été désignés et qui sont liés par le chapitre II du PCT) à l'exclusion des États ci-après que le déposant souhaite **ne pas élire** :

Box No. VI CHECK LIST

The demand is accompanied by the following elements, in the language referred to in Box No. IV, for the purposes of international preliminary examination:			For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only	
			received	not received
1.	translation of international application	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	amendments under Article 34	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	letter	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	other (<i>specify</i>)	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The demand is also accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

1. <input type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet	5. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature
2. <input type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney	6. <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listings in computer readable form
3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney	7. <input type="checkbox"/> tables in computer readable form related to sequence listings
4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:	8. <input type="checkbox"/> other (<i>specify</i>):

Box No. VII SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the demand).

For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only

1. Date of actual receipt of DEMAND:	
2. Adjusted date of receipt of demand due to CORRECTIONS under Rule 60.1(b):	
3. <input type="checkbox"/> The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and item 4 or 5, below, does not apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> The applicant has been informed accordingly.
4. <input type="checkbox"/> The date of receipt of the demand is WITHIN the period of 19 months from the priority date as extended by virtue of Rule 80.5.	
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82.	

For International Bureau use only

Demand received from IPEA on:

Cadre n° VI BORDEREAU

Aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international, les éléments suivants, établis dans la langue indiquée au cadre n° IV, sont joints à la présente demande d'examen :

- | | | |
|--|---|----------|
| 1. traduction de la demande internationale | : | feuilles |
| 2. modifications selon l'article 34 | : | feuilles |
| 3. copie (ou, si elle est exigée, traduction) des modifications selon l'article 19 | : | feuilles |
| 4. copie (ou, si elle est exigée, traduction) de la déclaration selon l'article 19 | : | feuilles |
| 5. lettre | : | feuilles |
| 6. autres pièces (<i>préciser</i>) | : | feuilles |

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

reçu	non reçu
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Le ou les éléments cochés ci-après sont aussi joints à la demande d'examen préliminaire international :

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> feuille de calcul des taxes | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> explication de l'absence d'une signature |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> pouvoir distinct original | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> listages des séquences sous forme déchiffable par ordinateur |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> original du pouvoir général | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> tableaux relatifs aux listages des séquences sous forme déchiffable par ordinateur |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> copie du pouvoir général; le cas échéant, numéro de référence : | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> autres éléments (<i>préciser</i>) : |

Cadre n° VII SIGNATURE DU DÉPOSANT, DU MANDATAIRE OU DU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN

À côté de chaque signature, indiquer le nom du signataire et, si cela n'apparaît pas clairement à la lecture de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, à quel titre l'intéressé signe.

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

1. Date effective de réception de la DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL :

2. Date modifiée de réception de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, en cas de CORRECTIONS apportées en vertu de la règle 60.1.b) :

3. La demande d'examen préliminaire international a été reçue PLUS DE 19 mois après la date de priorité et les points 4 et 5 ne sont pas applicables. Le déposant a été informé en conséquence.

4. La demande d'examen préliminaire international a été reçue dans le délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité, prorogé en vertu de la règle 80.5.

5. Bien que la demande d'examen préliminaire international ait été reçue plus de 19 mois après la date de priorité, le retard à l'arrivée est EXCUSÉ en vertu de la règle 82.

Réservé au Bureau international

Demande d'examen préliminaire international reçue de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international le :

NOTES TO THE DEMAND FORM (PCT/IPEA/401)

These Notes are intended to facilitate the filling in of the demand form and to give some information concerning international preliminary examination under Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). For more detailed information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a WIPO publication, which is available, together with other PCT related documents, at WIPO's Website: www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html. The Notes are based on the requirements of the PCT, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. In case of any discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable.

In the demand form and these Notes, "Article", "Rule" and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the Administrative Instructions, respectively.

Please use a typewriter; check-boxes may be marked by hand with dark ink (Rules 11.9(a) and (b) and 11.14).

The demand form and these Notes may be downloaded from WIPO's Website at the address given above.

IMPORTANT GENERAL INFORMATION

Who May File a Demand? (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54): A demand (for international preliminary examination) may only be filed by an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II of the PCT; furthermore, the international application must have been filed with a receiving Office of, or acting for, a State bound by Chapter II. Where there are two or more applicants (for the same or different elected States) at least one of them must qualify.

Where Must the Demand Be Filed? (Article 31(6)(a)): The demand must be filed with a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA). The receiving Office with which the international application was filed will, upon request, give information about the competent IPEA (or see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C). If several IPEAs are competent, the applicant has the choice and the demand must be filed with (and the fees must be paid to) the IPEA chosen by the applicant. The IPEA chosen by the applicant may be identified, preferably by an indication of the name or two-letter code of the IPEA, at the top of the first sheet of the demand in the space provided for that purpose.

When Must the Demand Be Filed? (Article 39(1)): The demand must be filed within 19 months from the priority date, but **only in respect of some designated Offices**, if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later); otherwise, the applicant must, within 20 months from the priority date, perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before those designated Offices. **In respect of other designated Offices, the time limit of 30 months (in some Offices even later) will apply** even if no demand is filed within 19 months. See the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 and, for details about the applicable time limits, Office by Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, National Chapters.

In Which Language Must the Demand Be Filed? (Rule 55.1): The demand must be filed in the language in which international preliminary examination will be carried out (see Notes to Box No. IV).

What is the Language of Correspondence? (Rules 66.9 and 92.2 and Section 104): Any letter from the applicant to the IPEA must be in the same language as the international application to which it relates. However, where the international preliminary examination will be carried out on the basis of a translation (see Notes to Box No. IV), any letter from the applicant to the IPEA must be in the language of the translation. The IPEA may authorize the use of other languages for letters which do not contain or relate to amendments of the international application. Any letter from the applicant to the International Bureau must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international

application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

Which Fees Must Be Paid and When? (Rules 57 and 58): Two fees are due in respect of the international preliminary examination: the preliminary examination fee and the handling fee. Both fees must be paid to the IPEA within one month from the date on which the demand is submitted. The Fee Calculation Sheet should be used for that purpose. For details concerning the payment of the fees, see the Notes to that Sheet.

BOX No. I

Applicant's or Agent's File Reference: A file reference may be indicated, if desired. It should not exceed 12 characters. Characters in excess of 12 may be disregarded (Section 109).

Identification of the International Application (Rule 53.6): The international application number must be indicated in Box No. I. Where the demand is filed at a time when the international application number has not yet been notified by the receiving Office, the name of that Office must be indicated instead of the international application number.

International Filing Date and (Earliest) Priority Date (Section 110): Dates must be indicated by the Arabic number of the day, the name of the month and the Arabic number of the year—in that order; after, below or above such indication, the date should be repeated in parentheses, using two-digit Arabic numerals for each of the number of the day, the number of the month and the last two digits of the year, in that order, and separated by periods, slants or hyphens, for example, "20 March 2001 (20.03.01)", "20 March 2001 (20/03/01)" or "20 March 2001 (20-03-01)". Where the international application claims the priority of several earlier applications, the filing date of the earliest application whose priority is claimed must be indicated as the priority date.

Title of the Invention: If a new title has been established by the International Searching Authority, that title must be indicated in Box No. I.

BOX No. II

Applicant(s) (Rule 53.4): All the applicants for the elected States must be indicated in the demand; an applicant named in the request (Form PCT/RO/101) for a State which is not elected need not be named in the demand. It should be noted that the persons named as "inventor only" in the request need not be named in the demand.

Make in Box No. II of the demand the required indications as appearing in Boxes Nos. II and III of the request. The Notes

NOTES RELATIVES AU FORMULAIRE DE DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL (PCT/IPEA/401)

Ces notes sont destinées à faciliter l'utilisation du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et à donner certains renseignements concernant l'examen préliminaire international prévu au chapitre II du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT). On peut aussi trouver de plus amples renseignements dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, publié par l'OMPI, qui est disponible, de même que d'autres documents relatifs au PCT, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/index.html. Les notes sont fondées sur les exigences du traité, du règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT. En cas de divergence entre les présentes notes et ces exigences, ce sont ces dernières qui priment.

Dans le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et dans les présentes notes, les termes "article", "règle" et "instruction" renvoient aux dispositions du traité, de son règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT, respectivement.

Prière de remplir le formulaire à la machine à écrire. Les cases appropriées peuvent être cochées à la main, à l'encre foncée (règles 11.9.a) et b) et 11.14).

Le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et les présentes notes peuvent être téléchargés depuis le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse donnée ci-dessus.

RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS D'ORDRE GÉNÉRAL

Qui peut présenter une demande d'examen préliminaire international ? (article 31.2a) et règle 54) : une demande d'examen préliminaire international ne peut être présentée que par un déposant qui est ressortissant d'un État contractant lié par le chapitre II du PCT ou qui a son domicile dans un tel État; en outre, la demande internationale doit avoir été déposée auprès de l'office récepteur d'un État lié par le chapitre II, ou agissant pour un tel État. S'il y a plusieurs déposants (pour les mêmes États élus ou pour des États élus différents), au moins l'un d'entre eux doit remplir les conditions requises.

Où la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (article 31.6a)) : la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être présentée à une administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (IPEA) compétente. L'office récepteur auprès duquel la demande internationale a été déposée donnera, sur demande, des renseignements au sujet de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui est compétente (voir aussi le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C). Si plusieurs administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international sont compétentes, le déposant doit présenter la demande d'examen préliminaire international à l'administration de son choix (et lui payer les taxes). Cette administration peut être indiquée, de préférence au moyen de son nom ou de son code à deux lettres, en haut de la première feuille de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, dans l'espace prévu à cet effet.

Quand la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (article 39.1)) : la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être présentée avant l'expiration d'un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité, **mais seulement en ce qui concerne certains offices désignés**, si le déposant souhaite le report de la phase nationale jusqu'à 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité (ou plus dans certains offices); sinon, le déposant doit, dans le délai de 20 mois à compter de la date de priorité, accomplir les actes requis pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de ces offices. **En ce qui concerne d'autres offices désignés, le délai de 30 mois (dans certains offices, même plus tard) s'appliquera** même si aucune demande d'examen préliminaire international n'est présentée dans les 19 mois. Voir l'annexe du formulaire PCT/IB/301 et les chapitres nationaux du volume II du *Guide du déposant du PCT*.

En quelle langue la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (règle 55.1) : la

demande d'examen doit être présentée dans la langue dans laquelle l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué (voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV).

Quelle est la langue à utiliser dans la correspondance ? (règles 66.9 et 92.2 et instruction 104) : toute lettre adressée par le déposant à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale qu'elle concerne. Cependant, lorsque l'examen préliminaire international doit être effectué sur la base d'une traduction (voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV), toute lettre adressée par le déposant à l'administration chargée de cet examen doit être rédigée dans la langue de la traduction. L'administration chargée de l'examen peut autoriser l'utilisation d'autres langues pour des lettres qui ne contiennent pas de modifications de la demande internationale ou qui ne se rapportent pas à des modifications. Toute lettre adressée par le déposant au Bureau international doit être rédigée en anglais ou en français, au choix du déposant. Toutefois, si la langue de la demande internationale est l'anglais, la lettre doit être rédigée en anglais; si la langue de la demande internationale est le français, la lettre doit être rédigée en français.

Quelles taxes doivent être payées et quand ? (règles 57 et 58) : l'examen préliminaire international donne lieu au paiement de deux taxes : la taxe d'examen préliminaire et la taxe de traitement. Ces deux taxes doivent être acquittées auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de présentation de la demande d'examen. La feuille de calcul des taxes devrait être utilisée à cette fin. Pour de plus amples renseignements concernant le paiement des taxes, voir les notes relatives à cette feuille.

CADRE N° I

Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire : il est possible d'indiquer, à titre facultatif, une telle référence de dossier. Celle-ci ne devrait pas dépasser 12 caractères. L'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international peut ne pas tenir compte des caractères en sus du douzième (instruction 109).

Identification de la demande internationale (règle 53.6) : le numéro de la demande internationale doit être indiqué dans le cadre n° I. Si la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée alors même que le numéro de la demande

to the request apply *mutatis mutandis*. If there are two or more applicants for the States elected in the demand, give the required indications for each of them; if there are more than three applicants, make the required indications on the "Continuation Sheet".

If different applicants are indicated in the request for different designated States, indicate in Box No. II of the demand only the applicants for the States elected in Box No. V (no indication of the States for which a person is applicant need be made, because those indications have been made in the request).

Applicant's registration number with the Office (Rule 53.4): Where the applicant is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority, the demand may indicate the number or other indication under which the applicant is so registered.

BOX No. III

Agent or Common Representative (Rules 53.5, 90.1 and 90.2): Mark the applicable check-boxes to indicate *first* whether the person named in this Box is agent or common representative, *then* whether that person *has been appointed earlier* (i.e., during the procedure under Chapter I), or *is appointed in the demand* and any earlier appointment of another person is revoked, or *is appointed specifically for the procedure before the IPEA* (without revocation of any earlier appointment), in addition to the person(s) appointed earlier.

Where an additional person is appointed specifically for the procedure before the IPEA, all notifications issued by the IPEA will be addressed only to that additional person.

A separate power of attorney must be filed with the IPEA, the International Bureau or the receiving Office, if the person appointed at the time the demand is filed (i.e., was not appointed earlier) signs the demand on behalf of the applicant (Rule 90.4).

Agent's registration number with the Office (Rule 53.5): Where the agent is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority, the demand may indicate the number or other indication under which the agent is so registered.

Address for Correspondence (Rule 4.4(d) and Section 108): Where an agent is appointed, any correspondence intended for the applicant will be sent to the address indicated for that agent (or for the first-mentioned agent, if more than one is appointed). Where one of two or more applicants is appointed as common representative, the address indicated for that applicant in Box No. III will be used.

Where no agent or common representative is appointed, any correspondence will be sent to the address, indicated in Box No. II, of the applicant (if only one person is named as applicant) or of the applicant who is considered to be common representative (if there are two or more persons named as applicants). However, if the applicant wishes correspondence to be sent to a different address in such a case, that address may be indicated in Box No. III instead of the designation of an agent or common representative. In this case, and only in this case, the last check-box of Box No. III must be marked (that is, the last check-box must not be marked if either of the check-boxes "agent" or "common representative" in Box No. III has been marked).

BOX No. IV

Statement Concerning Amendments (Rules 53.2(a)(v), 53.9, 62, 66.1 and 69.1): The international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as filed or, if amendments have been filed, as amended. Mark the appropriate check-box(es) to enable the IPEA to determine when and on what basis it can start international preliminary examination.

Mark the corresponding check-box(es) under No. 1 where the international preliminary examination should start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or where amendments are to be taken into account, as the case may be. Where amendments are to be taken into account, the applicant must submit *with the demand* a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 (Rule 53.9(a)(i)) and/or the amendments of the international application under Article 34 (Rule 53.9(c)), as the case may be. If a check-box is marked but the demand is not accompanied by the documents referred to, the start of international preliminary examination will be delayed until the IPEA receives them.

Mark check-box No. 2 if amendments of the claims under Article 19 have been filed with the International Bureau during the Chapter I procedure, but the applicant does not want these amendments to be taken into account for the purpose of international preliminary examination when the latter starts (Rule 53.9(a)(ii)).

Mark check-box No. 3 where the time limit for filing amendments of the claims under Article 19 has not expired at the time the demand is filed and the applicant wants to keep the option for the filing of such amendments open; the IPEA is thus requested to postpone the start of international preliminary examination (Rules 53.9(b) and 69.1(d)). It should be noted that the examination will start in any event after the expiration of 20 months from the priority date even where the time limit for filing amendments has not yet expired or no amendments have been received by the IPEA.

If no check-box is marked, refer to the footnote at the bottom of the Box.

Language for the Purposes of International Preliminary Examination (Rule 55.2): Where neither the language in which the international application is filed nor the language in which the international application is published is accepted by the IPEA that is to carry out the international preliminary examination, the applicant must furnish with the demand a translation of the international application into a language which is both a language accepted by that Authority and a language of publication.

Where such translation has already been furnished to the International Searching Authority for the purposes of carrying out international search and the IPEA is part of the same Office or intergovernmental organization as the International Searching Authority, the applicant need not furnish another translation. In such a case the international preliminary examination is carried out on the basis of the translation furnished for the purposes of international search.

The language for the purposes of international preliminary examination should be indicated in Box No. IV, on the dotted line, and the corresponding check-box should be marked.

internationale n'a pas encore été notifié par l'office récepteur, le nom de cet office doit être indiqué en lieu et place du numéro de la demande internationale.

Date du dépôt international et date de priorité (la plus ancienne) (instruction 110) : les dates doivent être indiquées au moyen du quantième, en chiffres arabes, suivi du nom du mois puis de l'année en chiffres arabes, dans cet ordre; à côté, au-dessous ou au-dessus de cette indication, il y a lieu de répéter la date, mais entre parenthèses, sous la forme de numéros à deux chiffres arabes, séparés par un point, une barre oblique ou un tiret, et dans l'ordre suivant : quantième, mois et année (celle-ci étant indiquée au moyen des deux derniers chiffres); exemples "20 mars 2001 (20.03.01)", "20 mars 2001 (20/03/01)" ou "20 mars 2001 (20-03-01)". Lorsque la demande internationale revendique la priorité de plusieurs demandes antérieures, la date de dépôt de la plus ancienne demande dont la priorité est revendiquée doit être indiquée en tant que date de priorité.

Titre de l'invention : si l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale a établi un nouveau titre, celui-ci doit être indiqué dans le cadre n° I.

CADRE N° II

Déposant(s) (règle 53.4) : tous les déposants qui ont cette qualité pour les États élus doivent être mentionnés dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international; un déposant mentionné dans la requête (formulaire PCT/RO/101) pour un État qui n'est pas élu n'a pas à être mentionné dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Il est à noter que les personnes mentionnées dans la requête comme "inventeur seulement" n'ont pas non plus à être mentionnées dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

Reprendre dans le cadre n° II de la demande d'examen préliminaire international les indications requises figurant dans les cadres n°s II et III de la requête. Les notes relatives à la requête s'appliquent *mutatis mutandis*. S'il y a pluralité de déposants pour les États élus dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international, fournir les indications requises sur chacun d'eux; si ces déposants sont plus de trois, porter les indications en question sur une "feuille annexe".

Si, dans la requête, des déposants différents sont indiqués pour différents États désignés, n'indiquer dans le cadre n° II de la demande d'examen préliminaire international que les déposants ayant cette qualité pour les États élus dans le cadre n° V (il n'y a pas lieu d'indiquer les États pour lesquels une personne est mentionnée comme déposant, car ces indications ont été fournies dans la requête).

Numéro sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 53.4) : lorsque le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, la demande d'examen préliminaire international peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

CADRE N° III

Mandataire ou représentant commun (règles 53.5, 90.1 et 90.2) : cocher les cases appropriées afin d'indiquer, *premièrement*, si la personne indiquée dans le cadre n° III est mandataire ou représentant commun, *deuxièmement*, si cette personne a été désignée à une date antérieure (c'est-à-dire au cours de la procédure prévue au chapitre I), *est désignée dans la demande d'examen préliminaire internationale* (toute désignation antérieure d'une autre personne étant révoquée) ou *est désignée spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire*

internationale (sans qu'il y ait révocation d'une désignation antérieure) en sus de la ou des personnes désignées antérieurement.

Lorsqu'une personne supplémentaire est désignée spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, toute la correspondance émanant de cette administration sera adressée seulement à cette personne supplémentaire.

Un pouvoir distinct doit être déposé auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, du Bureau international ou de l'office récepteur si la personne qui est désignée au moment de la présentation de la demande d'examen préliminaire international (et qui n'a donc pas été désignée antérieurement) signe cette demande d'examen au nom du déposant (règle 90.4).

Numéro sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 53.5) : lorsque le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, la demande d'examen préliminaire international peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Adresse pour la correspondance (règle 4.4.d) et instruction 108) : si un mandataire est désigné, toute correspondance destinée au déposant sera envoyée à l'adresse indiquée pour ce mandataire (ou pour le mandataire mentionné en premier, si plusieurs mandataires ont été désignés). Lorsque, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux est désigné comme représentant commun, l'adresse indiquée pour ce déposant dans le cadre n° III sera utilisée.

Si aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est désigné, la correspondance sera envoyée à l'adresse – indiquée dans le cadre n° II – du déposant (s'il n'y a qu'une seule personne indiquée comme déposant) ou du déposant considéré comme le représentant commun (s'il y a plusieurs personnes indiquées comme déposants). Cependant, si le ou les déposants souhaitent dans ce cas que la correspondance soit envoyée à une adresse différente, il est possible d'indiquer cette adresse dans le cadre n° III, en lieu et place de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun. C'est dans ce cas et seulement dans ce cas qu'il y a lieu de cocher la dernière case du cadre n° III (c'est-à-dire que la dernière case ne doit pas être cochée si l'une des cases "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" a été cochée).

CADRE N° IV

Déclaration concernant les modifications (règles 53.2.a)v), 53.9, 62, 66.1 et 69.1) : l'examen préliminaire international commencera sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée ou, si des modifications ont été déposées, telle qu'elle a été modifiée. Cocher la ou les cases appropriées pour permettre à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international de déterminer si elle peut commencer l'examen préliminaire international et sur quelle base.

Cocher la ou les cases appropriées de la rubrique n° 1 pour indiquer si l'examen préliminaire international doit commencer sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée ou s'il doit être tenu compte de modifications, selon le cas. S'il y a des modifications à prendre en compte, le déposant doit présenter *avec la demande d'examen* une copie des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 (règle 53.9.a)i) ou des modifications apportées à la demande internationale en vertu de l'article 34 (règle 53.9.c)), ou une copie des deux types de

Language of Amendments (Rules 55.3 and 66.9): Amendments and letters relating thereto must be in the same language as that in which the international preliminary examination is carried out, as explained in the preceding paragraphs.

Time Limit for Furnishing Translation of the International Application (Rule 55.2): Any required translation of the international application should be furnished (by the applicant) together with the demand. If it is not so furnished, the IPEA will invite the applicant to furnish it within a time limit which shall not be less than one month from the date of the invitation. That time limit may be extended by the IPEA.

BOX No. V

Election of States (Rule 53.7): Only States which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT *and* which have been designated in the international application (that is, States whose designations have been made under Rule 4.9(a), confirmed under Rule 4.9(c) or considered as having been made under Rule 32.2(a)(i)) can be elected. They are the “eligible States”.

For the convenience and protection of applicants, Box No. V contains a statement to the effect that all eligible States are elected. It is only where the applicant does not wish to elect certain eligible States that the name(s) or two-letter code(s) of those States must be indicated after the words “wishes not to elect:”.

The indication in the demand of the kind of protection or treatment desired for any elected State is not required since it follows the indication made when designating that State in the international application.

BOX No. VI

Check List: It is recommended that this Box be filled in carefully in order for the IPEA to determine as soon as possible whether it is in possession of the documents on the basis of which the applicant wishes international preliminary examination to start.

Where the international application contains disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences, and a copy of the sequence listings in computer readable form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions is required by the IPEA, the applicant may furnish the listings in computer readable form to the IPEA with the demand. If this is the case, check-box No. 6 must be marked.

Similarly, where such an application contains tables related to the sequence listings, and a copy of the tables in computer readable form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions is required by the IPEA, the applicant may furnish the tables in computer readable form to the IPEA with the demand. If this is the case, check-box No. 7 must be marked.

BOX No. VII

Signature (Rules 53.8, 90.3(a) and 90.4(a)): The demand must be signed by the applicant or by his agent; if there are two or more applicants, the common representative may sign the demand. If the demand is not signed by (all) the persons who are applicants for the elected States (a person who is applicant only for a State which is not elected need not sign the demand), a power of attorney signed by that (all those) applicant(s) must be filed with the IPEA, with the International Bureau or with the receiving Office unless the agent has previously been appointed.

modifications, selon le cas. Si une case est cochée et que les documents correspondants ne sont pas joints à la demande d'examen préliminaire international, le commencement de cet examen sera différé jusqu'à ce que l'administration qui en est chargée les reçoive.

Cocher la case n° 2 si des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 ont été déposées auprès du Bureau international lors de la procédure prévue au chapitre I, et que le déposant ne veut pas qu'il en soit tenu compte aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international lorsque celui-ci commencera (règle 53.9.a)ii).

Cocher la case n° 3 si le délai fixé pour le dépôt de modifications des revendications en vertu de l'article 19 n'a pas expiré au moment où la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée et que le déposant veut conserver la possibilité de déposer de telles modifications; il est ainsi demandé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international de différer le commencement de cet examen (règles 53.9.b) et 69.1.d)). Il est à noter que l'examen commencera, en tout état de cause, après l'expiration d'un délai de 20 mois à compter de la date de priorité, même si le délai pour déposer des modifications n'a pas expiré ou que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international n'a reçu aucune modification.

Si aucune case n'est cochée, la procédure décrite dans la note figurant au bas du cadre sera suivie.

Langue aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international (règle 55.2) : lorsque ni la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée ni la langue dans laquelle elle est publiée n'est acceptée par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui effectuera cet examen, le déposant doit remettre avec la demande d'examen préliminaire international une traduction de la demande internationale dans une langue qui est à la fois une langue acceptée par cette administration et une langue de publication.

Lorsqu'une traduction répondant à ces critères a déjà été remise à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale pour les besoins de cette recherche et que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international fait partie du même office ou de la même organisation intergouvernementale que l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, il n'est pas nécessaire pour le déposant de remettre une autre traduction. Dans ce cas, l'examen préliminaire international est effectué sur la base de la traduction remise aux fins de la recherche internationale.

La langue dans laquelle sera effectué l'examen préliminaire international doit être indiquée dans le cadre n° IV sur la ligne pointillée, et la case appropriée la concernant doit être cochée.

Langue des modifications (règles 55.3 et 66.9) : les modifications et les lettres qui s'y rapportent doivent être rédigées dans la langue dans laquelle l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué, comme il est expliqué aux paragraphes précédents.

Délai imparti pour remettre une traduction de la demande internationale (règle 55.2) : toute traduction de la demande internationale qui est exigée doit être remise (par le déposant) en même temps que la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Si la traduction n'est pas remise en même temps, l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international invitera le déposant à remettre cette traduction dans un délai qui sera d'au moins un mois à compter de la date de l'invitation. Ce délai peut être prorogé par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

CADRE N° V

Élection d'États (règle 53.7) : seuls peuvent être élus les États qui sont liés par le chapitre II du PCT *et* qui ont été désignés dans la demande internationale (c'est-à-dire qui ont fait l'objet de désignations faites en vertu de la règle 4.9.a), confirmées en vertu de la règle 4.9.c) ou considérées comme ayant été faites, en vertu de la règle 32.2.a)ii)). Ces États sont les "États éligibles".

Pour faciliter la tâche des déposants et les protéger, le cadre n° V contient une déclaration selon laquelle tous les États éligibles sont élus. Ce n'est que si le déposant ne souhaite pas élire certains États éligibles qu'il doit indiquer le nom ou le code à deux lettres de ces États après les mots "souhaite ne pas élire :".

Il n'est pas nécessaire d'indiquer dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international quelle forme de protection ou de traitement est souhaitée pour tel ou tel État élu puisque les indications portées dans la demande internationale lors de la désignation de cet État restent valables.

CADRE N° VI

Bordereau : il est recommandé de remplir soigneusement ce cadre pour que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international puisse déterminer le plus rapidement possible si elle est en possession de la ou des modifications ou de la ou des lettres sur la base desquelles le déposant souhaite que l'examen préliminaire international commence.

Lorsque la demande internationale contient la divulgation d'une ou plusieurs séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés, et qu'une copie des listages des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, conforme à la norme figurant dans les instructions administratives, est requise par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, le déposant peut fournir à cette administration, conjointement avec la demande d'examen préliminaire international, les listages en question sous une forme déchiffrable par ordinateur. S'il le fait, la case n° 6 doit être cochée.

De la même manière, lorsque la demande internationale contient des tableaux relatifs aux listages des séquences et qu'une copie des tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, conforme à la norme figurant dans les instructions administratives, est requise par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, le déposant peut fournir à cette administration, conjointement avec la demande d'examen préliminaire international, les tableaux en question sous une forme déchiffrable par ordinateur. S'il le fait, la case n° 7 doit être cochée.

CADRE N° VII

Signature (règles 53.8, 90.3.a) et 90.4.a) : la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être signée par le déposant ou par son mandataire; s'il y a plusieurs déposants, elle peut l'être par le représentant commun. Si elle n'est pas signée par une ou plusieurs personnes qui ont la qualité de déposant pour les États élus (une personne qui est déposant seulement pour un État non élu n'a pas besoin de signer la demande d'examen préliminaire international), un pouvoir signé par ces personnes doit être déposé auprès du Bureau international, de l'office récepteur ou de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, sauf si le mandataire a été désigné à une date antérieure.

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FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Demand

International application No.	For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only			
Applicant's or agent's file reference	Date stamp of the IPEA			
Applicant				
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FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES

Annexe de la demande d'examen préliminaire international

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**NOTES TO THE FEE CALCULATION SHEET
(ANNEX TO FORM PCT/IPEA/401)**

The purpose of the fee calculation sheet is to help the applicant to identify the prescribed fees and to calculate the amounts to be paid. It is strongly recommended that the applicant complete, by entering the appropriate amounts in the boxes provided, and submit the fee calculation sheet at the time of filing of the demand. This will help the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) to verify the calculations and to identify any error in them.

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

Two fees must be paid for international preliminary examination:

- (i) the preliminary examination fee for the benefit of the IPEA (Rule 58.1);
- (ii) the handling fee for the benefit of the International Bureau (Rule 57).

Both fees must be paid to the IPEA within one month from the date on which the demand is submitted. The amount payable is the amount applicable on the date of submittal (Rules 57.3 and 58.1(b)). The fees must be paid in a currency acceptable to the IPEA.

Information about the amount of those fees or about equivalent amounts in other currencies can be obtained from the IPEA or the receiving Office. This information is also published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex E, and from time to time in Section IV of the *PCT Gazette*.

Box P: The amount of the preliminary examination fee must be entered in Box P.

Box H: The amount of the handling fee must be entered in Box H.

Reduction of the Handling Fee for Applicants from Certain States: An applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997) is entitled, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees, to a reduction of 75% of certain PCT fees including the handling fee. If there are several applicants, each must satisfy the above-mentioned criteria. The reduction of the handling fee will be automatically available to any applicant (or applicants) who is (or are) so entitled on the basis of the indications of name, nationality and residence given in Box No. II of the demand.

The fee reduction will be available even if one or more of the applicants are not from PCT Contracting States, provided that each of them is a national and resident of a State that meets the above-mentioned requirements and that at least one of the applicants is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State and thus is entitled to file an international application.

Natural persons who are nationals of and reside in the following PCT Contracting States are eligible: AL Albania, AM Armenia, AZ Azerbaijan, BA Bosnia and Herzegovina, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgaria, BJ Benin, BR Brazil, BY Belarus, BZ Belize, CF Central African Republic, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroon, CN China,

CO Colombia, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ Czech Republic, DM Dominica, DZ Algeria, EC Ecuador, EE Estonia, GA Gabon, GD Grenada, GE Georgia, GH Ghana, GM Gambia, GN Guinea, GQ Equatorial Guinea, GW Guinea-Bissau, HR Croatia, HU Hungary, ID Indonesia, IN India, KE Kenya, KG Kyrgyzstan, KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Saint Lucia, LK Sri Lanka, LR Liberia, LS Lesotho, LT Lithuania, LV Latvia, MA Morocco, MD Republic of Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, ML Mali, MN Mongolia, MR Mauritania, MW Malawi, MX Mexico, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, NI Nicaragua, PG Papua New Guinea, PH Philippines, PL Poland, RO Romania, RU Russian Federation, SD Sudan, SK Slovakia, SL Sierra Leone, SN Senegal, SY Syrian Arab Republic, SZ Swaziland, TD Chad, TG Togo, TJ Tajikistan, TM Turkmenistan, TN Tunisia, TR Turkey, TZ United Republic of Tanzania, UA Ukraine, UG Uganda, UZ Uzbekistan, VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, VN Viet Nam, YU Serbia and Montenegro, ZA South Africa, ZM Zambia and ZW Zimbabwe. As far as other States are concerned, inquiries should be addressed to the International Bureau.

Calculation of the Handling Fee in Case of Fee Reduction: Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) entitled to a reduction of the handling fee, the total to be entered at Box H is 25% of the handling fee.

Total Box: The total of the amounts inserted in Boxes P and H is the amount which must be paid to the IPEA.

MODE OF PAYMENT

In order to help the IPEA identify the mode of payment of the prescribed fees, it is recommended to mark the applicable check-box(es).

**AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
(OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

The applicant should check whether the IPEA allows the use of deposit accounts for payment of PCT fees. In addition, it is recommended that the applicant check what are the specific conditions applicable to the use of deposit accounts with the IPEA since not all IPEAs provide the same services.

Finally, if the IPEA is not the same national Office or intergovernmental organization as that with which the international application was filed, the deposit account with the receiving Office cannot be charged for the purpose of paying the preliminary examination and handling fees due to the IPEA.

The IPEA will not charge fees to deposit accounts unless the deposit account authorization is signed and indicates the deposit account number.

NOTES RELATIVES À LA FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES (ANNEXE DU FORMULAIRE PCT/IPEA/401)

La feuille de calcul des taxes a pour objet d'aider le déposant à recenser les taxes prescrites et à calculer les montants à payer. Il lui est vivement recommandé de remplir cette feuille en portant les montants appropriés dans les cadres prévus et de la joindre à la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Cela aidera l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (IPEA) à vérifier les calculs et à y déceler d'éventuelles erreurs.

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

L'examen préliminaire international donne lieu au paiement de deux taxes :

- i) la taxe d'examen préliminaire, au profit de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (règle 58.1);
- ii) la taxe de traitement, au profit du Bureau international (règle 57).

Ces deux taxes doivent être payées à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée. Le montant dû est le montant applicable à la date de présentation de cette demande d'examen (règles 57.3 et 58.1.b)). Les taxes doivent être payées dans une monnaie que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international accepte.

Des renseignements au sujet du montant de ces taxes ou de leur contre-valeur en d'autres monnaies peuvent être obtenus auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ou de l'office récepteur. Ces renseignements figurent également dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe E, et sont aussi publiés périodiquement dans la section IV de la *Gazette du PCT*.

Cadre P : le montant de la taxe d'examen préliminaire doit être inscrit dans le cadre P.

Cadre H : le montant de la taxe de traitement doit être inscrit dans le cadre H.

Réduction de la taxe de traitement pour les déposants de certains États : un déposant qui est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et est domiciliée dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3 000 dollars des États-Unis a droit, conformément au barème de taxes, à une réduction de 75% de certaines taxes du PCT, dont la taxe de traitement. S'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire à ces critères. La réduction de la taxe de traitement s'appliquera automatiquement à tout déposant qui y a droit (ou à tous les déposants qui y ont droit) au vu des indications de nom, de nationalité et de domicile données dans le cadre n° II de la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

La réduction de la taxe s'appliquera même si l'un ou plusieurs des déposants ne viennent pas d'États contractants du PCT, à condition que chacun d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État, et domicilié dans un État, qui répond aux critères mentionnés ci-dessus et qu'au moins l'un d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT, et domicilié dans un tel État, et ait donc le droit de déposer une demande internationale.

Les personnes physiques qui sont ressortissantes des États contractants du PCT suivants, et qui sont domiciliées dans ces États, peuvent bénéficier de cette réduction : AL Albanie, AM Arménie, AZ Azerbaïdjan, BA Bosnie-Herzégovine, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgarie, BJ Bénin, BR Brésil, BY Bélarus, BZ Belize, CF République centrafricaine, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroun, CN Chine, CO Colombie, CR Costa

Rica, CU Cuba, CZ République tchèque, DM Dominique, DZ Algérie, EC Équateur, EE Estonie, GA Gabon, GD Grenade, GE Géorgie, GH Ghana, GM Gambie, GN Guinée, GQ Guinée équatoriale, GW Guinée-Bissau, HR Croatie, HU Hongrie, ID Indonésie, IN Inde, KE Kenya, KG Kirghizistan, KP République populaire démocratique de Corée, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Sainte-Lucie, LK Sri Lanka, LR Libéria, LS Lesotho, LT Lituanie, LV Lettonie, MA Maroc, MD République de Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, ML Mali, MN Mongolie, MR Mauritanie, MW Malawi, MX Mexique, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, NI Nicaragua, PG Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée, PH Philippines, PL Pologne, RO Roumanie, RU Fédération de Russie, SD Soudan, SK Slovaquie, SL Sierra Leone, SN Sénégal, SY République arabe syrienne, SZ Swaziland, TD Tchad, TG Togo, TJ Tadjikistan, TM Turkménistan, TN Tunisie, TR Turquie, TZ République-Unie de Tanzanie, UA Ukraine, UG Ouganda, UZ Ouzbékistan, VC Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines, VN Viet Nam, YU Serbie-et-Monténégro, ZA Afrique du Sud, ZM Zambie et ZW Zimbabwe. En ce qui concerne d'autres États, il conviendra de s'adresser au Bureau international.

Calcul de la taxe de traitement en cas de réduction : lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à une réduction de la taxe de traitement, le montant devant figurer dans le cadre H est égal à 25% de la taxe de traitement.

Total : le total des montants inscrits dans les cadres P et H représente la somme à verser à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

MODE DE PAIEMENT

Pour aider l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international à déterminer le mode de paiement des taxes prescrites qui a été utilisé, il est recommandé de cocher la ou les cases appropriées.

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

Le déposant devrait s'assurer que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international permet l'utilisation de comptes de dépôt pour le paiement des taxes du PCT. En outre, il est recommandé qu'il prenne connaissance des modalités particulières d'utilisation des comptes de dépôt auprès de cette administration étant donné que toutes les administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international n'offrent pas les mêmes services.

Enfin, si l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international n'est pas l'office national auprès duquel, ou l'organisation intergouvernementale auprès de laquelle, la demande internationale a été déposée, le déposant ne peut pas utiliser le compte de dépôt auprès de l'office récepteur pour payer les taxes d'examen préliminaire et de traitement dues à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

L'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ne débitera un compte de dépôt du montant des taxes que si l'autorisation correspondante est signée et qu'elle indique le numéro du compte de dépôt.

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RECEIVING OFFICES**PT Portugal—Corrigendum**

The date of entry into force of the introduction by the **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** of the Portuguese language as an additional language of filing of international applications (see Section IV No. 21/2003, dated 22 May 2003) is 1 July 2003.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(PT), page 312]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**BZ Belize**

The **Belize Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 39(1)(a) before the Office as an elected Office, as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry
into the national phase:

Under PCT Article 22(1): [No change]

Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority
date¹

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Summary (BZ), page 394]

LANGUAGE(S) ACCEPTED FOR THE FILING OF REQUESTS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(c)

Under amended PCT Rule 12.1(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, the receiving Office of the following State has notified the International Bureau of the language which it is prepared to accept for the filing of requests, as follows:

CO Colombia

Spanish

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(CO), page 248]

¹ May be extended upon written request of the applicant.

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**PT Portugal – Rectificatif**

La date d'entrée en vigueur de l'introduction par l'**Institut national de la propriété industrielle (Portugal)** du portugais comme langue de dépôt supplémentaire de la demande internationale (voir la Section IV n° 21/2003 du 22 mai 2003) est le 1^{er} juillet 2003.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe C(PT), page 322]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**BZ Belize**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Belize** a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 39.1)a) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office élu, comme suit :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture
de la phase nationale :

En vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT : [Sans changement]

En vertu de l'article 39.1)a) du PCT : 30 mois à compter de
la date de priorité¹

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), résumé (BZ), page 411]

**LANGUE(S) ACCEPTÉE(S) POUR LE DÉPÔT DES REQUÊTES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES
RÉCEPTEURS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 12.1.c) DU PCT**

En vertu de la règle 12.1.c) du PCT modifiée, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003, l'office récepteur de l'État suivant a notifié au Bureau international la langue qu'il est disposé à accepter aux fins du dépôt des requêtes, comme suit :

CO Colombie

Espagnol

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe C(CO), page 251]

¹ Peut être prorogé à la demande écrite du déposant.

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ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT: STANDARD FOR THE ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS – MODIFICATIONS TO ANNEX F**NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and the technical standard for electronic filing and processing of international applications entered into force on 7 January 2002 (see PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-04/2001 dated 27 December 2001). Annex F was subsequently the subject of modifications that entered into force on 12 December 2002 (see PCT Gazette No. 50/2002 dated 12 December 2002).

Modifications of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to Rule 89.2(b), Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, including Appendix I thereof, is now modified with effect from 19 June 2003.

The main body of Annex F is modified as follows:

- (i) section 3.1.1.1.1 – new section “Paragraph numbering in XML documents (description)”;
- (ii) section 3.2 – referenced document added to Figure 2;
- (iii) section 4.2.1 – changes concerning the description of signers;
- (iv) section 4.2.3 – new section “Compound WASP (C-WASP)”;
- (v) section 4.3 – new section “Recommended file naming convention”;
- (vi) section 5.1.3 – new section “Application layer protocol for notification” (including new Figures 6, 10, 11, and 12);
- (vii) sections 5.1.4 to 5.1.9 – some changes and additions to the E-filing interoperability protocol;
- (viii) sections 5.2.1 to 5.2.3 – some changes and additions to the package/transmission combinations.

In addition, Appendix I of Annex F (“XML DTDs for the E-PCT Standard”) is modified as follows:

- (i) new section 3.9 “Table”;
- (ii) new section 3.10 “*Ex officio* correction”;
- (iii) modifications to section 4.1 “Package header”;
- (iv) new sections 4.3 “Dispatch list” and 4.4 “Receipt list”;
- (v) new section 5 “Other E-PCT DTDs,” including:
 - section 5.1 “Demand form,”
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 - section 5.6 “IB bibliographic data,”
 - section 5.7 “IB publication,” and
 - section 5.8 “Filing of amendment, including any statement, under Article 19 and Article 34.2(b)” (former section 3.5);
- (vi) minor corrections and additions to existing DTDs.

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La septième partie et l'annexe F des instructions administratives relatives, respectivement, au cadre juridique et à la norme technique nécessaires à la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement électroniques des demandes internationales sont entrées en vigueur le 7 janvier 2002 (voir le numéro spécial S-04/2001, du 27 décembre 2001, de la Gazette du PCT). L'annexe F a par la suite fait l'objet de modifications qui sont entrées en vigueur le 12 décembre 2002 (voir le n° 50/2002, du 12 décembre 2002, de la Gazette du PCT).

Modifications de l'annexe F des instructions administratives

Après consultation des offices et des administrations intéressés, conformément à la règle 89.2.b), l'annexe F des instructions administratives, y compris l'appendice I, est maintenant modifiée avec effet au 19 juin 2003.

La partie principale de l'annexe F est modifiée comme suit :

- i) section 3.1.1.1.1 – nouvelle section “Numérotage des paragraphes dans les documents XML (description)”;
- ii) section 3.2 – document de référence ajouté à la figure 2;
- iii) section 4.2.1 – modifications relatives à la description des signataires;
- iv) section 4.2.3 – nouvelle section “WASP combiné (C-WASP)”;
- v) section 4.3 – nouvelle section “Convention recommandée de nommage des dossiers”;
- vi) section 5.1.3 – nouvelle section “Protocole sur les couches du système applicatif en matière de notification” (y compris les nouvelles figures 6, 10, 11, et 12);
- vii) sections 5.1.4 à 5.1.9 – quelques modifications et ajouts au protocole sur l'interopérabilité en matière de dépôt électronique;
- viii) sections 5.2.1 à 5.2.3 – quelques modifications et ajouts en ce qui concerne les combinaisons paquet/transmission.

En outre, l'appendice I de l'annexe F (“DTDs en XML pour la norme E-PCT”) est modifiée comme suit :

- i) nouvelle section 3.9 “Tableau”;
- ii) nouvelle section 3.10 “Correction d'office”;
- iii) modifications apportées à la section 4.1 “En-tête du paquet”;
- iv) nouvelles sections 4.3 “Répertoire d'envoi” et 4.4 “Répertoire de réception”;
- v) nouvelle section 5 “Autres DTDs de la norme E-PCT” comprenant:
 - section 5.1 “Formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international”,
 - section 5.2 “Informations reçues par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international à partir du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international”,
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 - section 5.7 “Publication par le Bureau international”, et
 - section 5.8 “Dépôt de modifications, et le cas échéant de déclarations, selon les articles 19 et 34.2)b)” (ancienne section 3.5);
- vi) corrections et ajouts mineurs apportés aux DTDs existantes.

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The text of the modifications of the main body of Annex F appears on the following pages. The text of the modifications of Appendix I of Annex F is not, due to its technical nature, reproduced here but has been published, as document PCT/AI/1 Rev.1 Add.8, on WIPO's Website at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm>;

paper copies are available from the International Bureau upon request.

The present text of the Administrative Instructions is set out in the following issues of the PCT Gazette:

- Special Issue No. S-03/2001, dated 30 August 2001, with subsequent modifications indicated below,
 - new Part 7 and new Annex F, as set out in Special Issue No. S-04/2001 dated 27 December 2001,
 - modified Section 404, as set out in No. 47/2001 dated 22 November 2001, page 21586,
 - modified Sections 801 to 806 and new Annex C-*bis*, as set out in No. 36/2002 dated 6 September 2002, page 17634,
 - modified Sections 102*bis* and 707, as set out in No. 42/2002 dated 17 October 2002, page 21002,
 - modified Annex F, as set out in No. 50/2002 dated 12 December 2002, page 25614,
 - modified Sections 102, 103, 104, 305*bis*, 308, 311, 332, 405 and 506 and Annex D as set out in No. 52/2002 dated 27 December 2002, page 26706.
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Le texte des modifications de la principale partie de l'annexe F figure sur les pages suivantes. Le texte des modifications de l'appendice I de l'annexe F n'est pas reproduit ici en raison de sa nature technique mais il a été publié, en tant que document PCT/AI/1 Rev.1 Add.8, sur le site Web de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/index.htm> ; des copies papier seront fournies par le Bureau international sur demande.

Le texte actuel des instructions administratives figure dans les numéros suivants de la Gazette du PCT :

- numéro spécial S-03/2001, du 30 août 2001, les modifications ultérieures étant indiquées ci-dessous,
 - nouvelle septième partie et nouvelle annexe F dans le numéro spécial S-04/2001, du 27 décembre 2001,
 - instruction 404 modifiée dans le n° 47/2001, du 22 novembre 2001, page 21587,
 - instructions 801 à 806 modifiées et nouvelle annexe C-*bis* dans le n° 36/2002, du 6 septembre 2002, pages 17635,
 - instructions 102*bis* and 707 modifiées dans le n° 42/2002 du 17 octobre 2002, page 21003.
 - annexe F modifiée dans le n° 50/2002, du 12 décembre 2002, page 25615,
 - instructions 102, 103, 104, 305*bis*, 308, 311, 332, 405 et 506 modifiées et annexe D dans le n° 52/2002, du 27 décembre 2002, page 26707.
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1. and 2. [No change]

3. E-PCT SUBMISSION STRUCTURE AND FORMAT

[No change to the introductory text]

3.1 *Allowable electronic document formats*

[No change to the introductory text]

3.1.1 *Character coded formats*

3.1.1.1 *XML*

[No change to the introductory text]

3.1.1.1.1 *Paragraph Numbering in XML documents (description) [New]*

If the description part of an international application is encoded in XML format, the paragraphs of that description part shall be numbered by a four-digit Arabic number, with leading zeros where required, for example, [0099], enclosed in square brackets and placed to the right of the left margin of the document.

If the number of paragraphs exceeds four digits, then the numbering of paragraphs should increase by one digit, and so forth, according to need. For example, paragraph [10000] follows paragraph [9999] and paragraph [100000] follows paragraph [99999].

3.1.1.2 and 3.1.1.3 [No change]

3.1.2 and 3.1.3 [No change]

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1. et 2. [Sans changement]

**3. STRUCTURE ET FORMAT DE LA DEMANDE INTERNATIONALE
PRÉSENTÉE SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE (DEMANDE E-PCT)**

[Sans changement au texte introductif]

3.1 *Formats de document électronique acceptables*

[Sans changement au texte introductif]

3.1.1 *Formats à codage de caractères***3.1.1.1 *XML***

[Sans changement au texte introductif]

**3.1.1.1.1 *Numérotage des paragraphes dans les documents en XML (description)*
[Nouveau]**

Si la partie de la demande internationale correspondant à la description codée est en format XML, les paragraphes de cette partie sont numérotés par un numéro à quatre chiffres arabes commençant par des zéros si nécessaire, par exemple [0099], inscrit entre crochets et disposé à droite de la marge de gauche du document.

Si le nombre de paragraphes dépasse quatre chiffres, leur numérotage doit alors augmenter d'un chiffre, et ainsi de suite selon les besoins. Par exemple, le paragraphe [10000] suit le paragraphe [9999], et le paragraphe [100000] suit le paragraphe [99999].

3.1.1.2 et 3.1.1.3 [Sans changement]

3.1.2 et 3.1.3 [Sans changement]

3.2 *Structure de la présentation et des documents constitutifs d'une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique (demande E-PCT).*

[Sans changement au texte introductif]

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3.2 E-PCT document and submission structure

[No change to the introductory text]

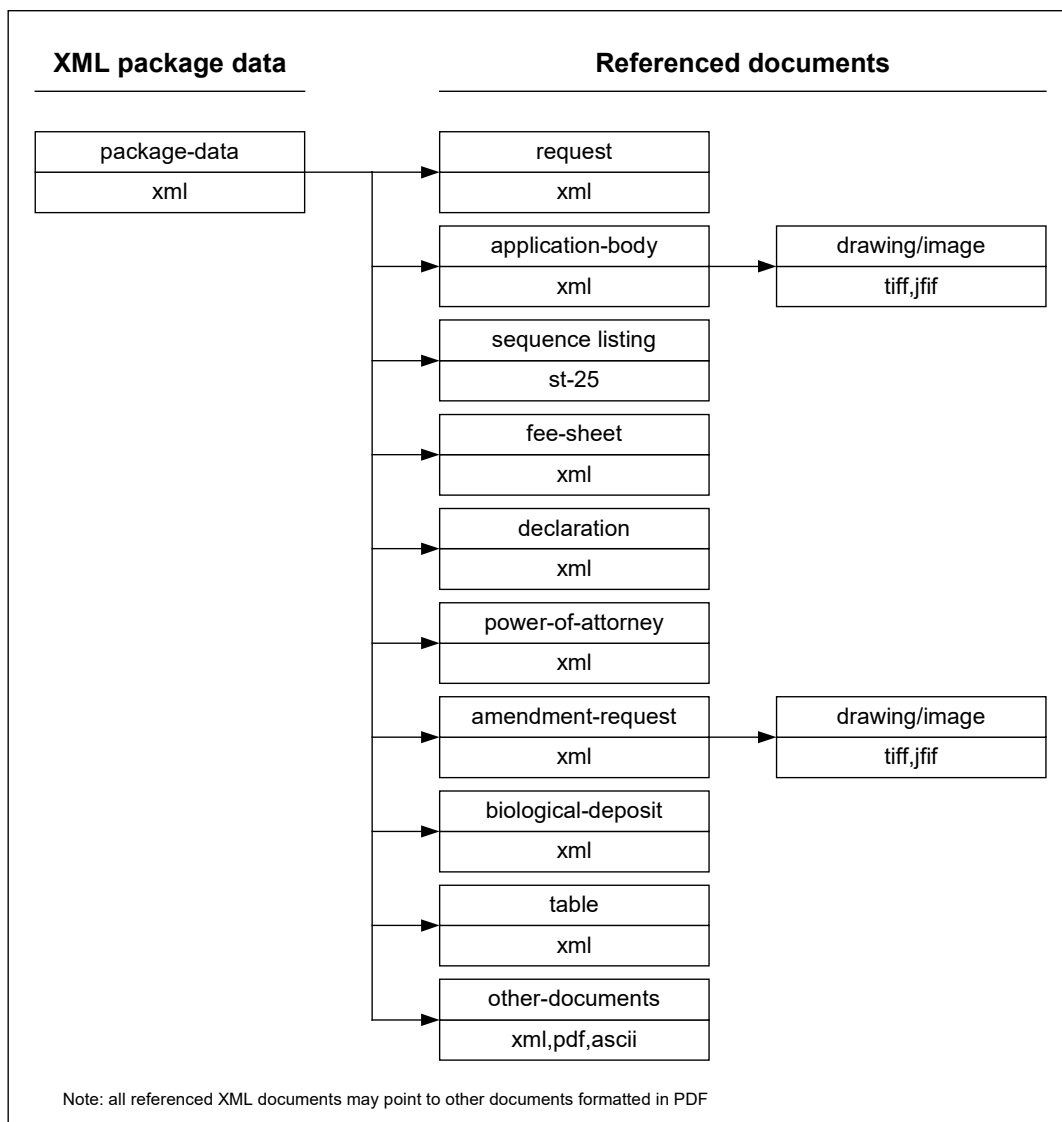


Figure 2 – Example E-PCT submission document structure

3.3 and 3.4 [No change]

4. IA DOCUMENTS PACKAGING

[No change to the introductory text]

4.1 [No change]

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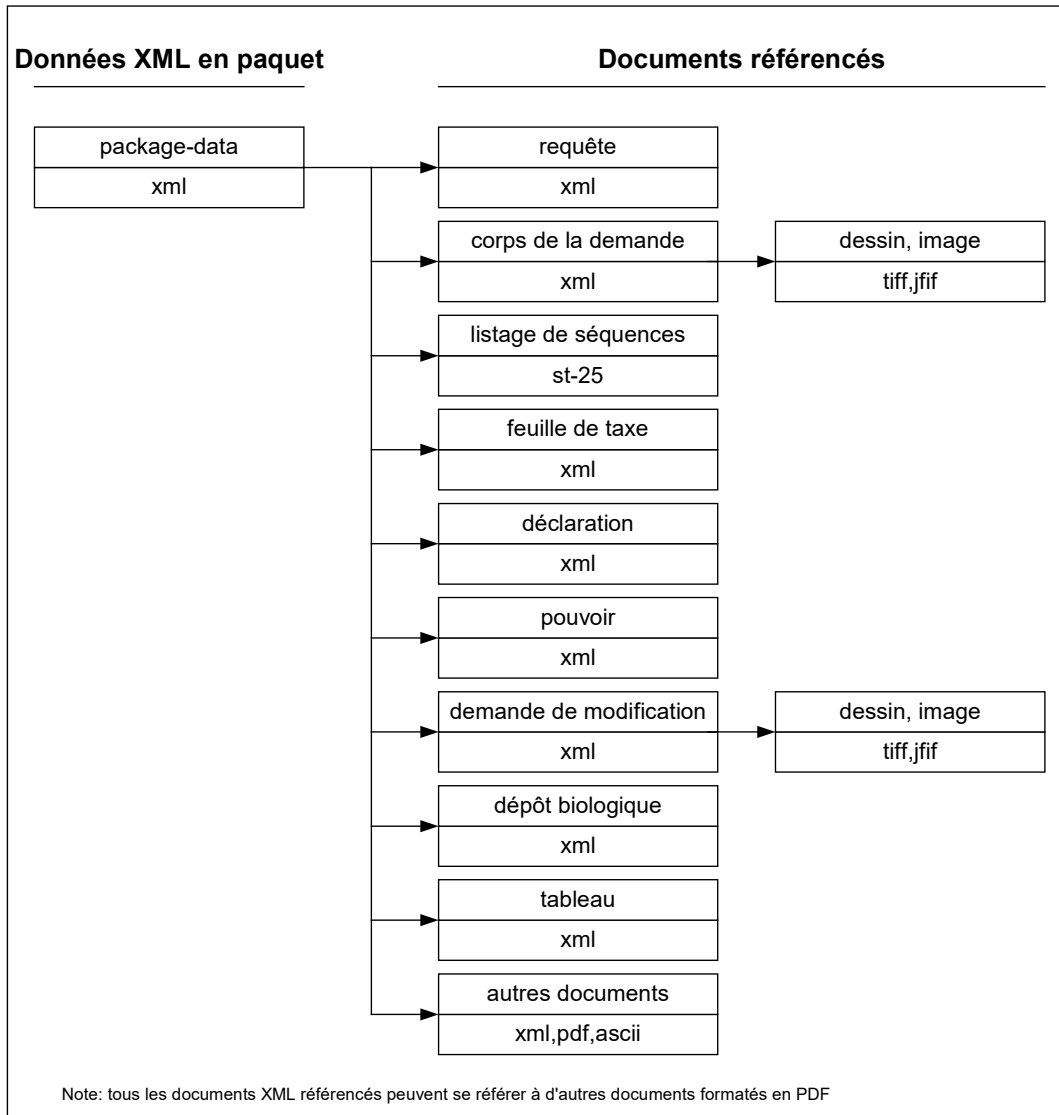


Figure 2 - Exemple de structure de document d'une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique (demande E-PCT).

3.3 et 3.4 [Sans changement]

4. EMPAQUETAGE DES DOCUMENTS CONSTITUTIFS DE DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES

[Sans changement au texte introductif]

4.1 [Sans changement]

4.2 *Types de paquets basés ICP*

[Sans changement au texte introductif]

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4.2 PKI package types

[No change to the introductory text]

4.2.1 *Wrapped and signed package (WASP)*

When a person who signs the WASP is the applicant (or his representative), the signature of the WASP may also serve as an enhanced electronic signature of the application (see section 3.3) if technical systems in place provide that the application is automatically signed thereby.

A low-level or high-level digital certificate (see definitions in section 9) accompanies the digital signature.

Figure 3 is a simplified anatomy of the WASP. The diagram has been intentionally simplified to obscure technical detail that may distract the reader from the key issues of the package design. For example, the PKZIP wrapping has been left out of the diagram.

In case of a notification sent by the Office to the applicant, the Office prepares, signs and sends the WASP which contains such notification.

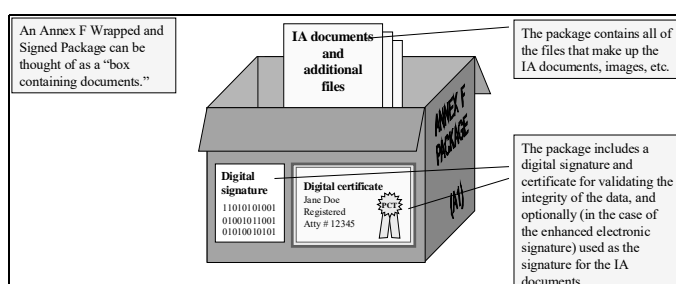


Figure 3 – Wrapped and signed package (WASP)

See Appendix II for additional detail on the WASP technical specification.

4.2.2 [No change]

4.2.3 *Compound WASP (C-WASP)* [New]

The one or more WASPs sent to the applicant from the Office are wrapped using the ZIP as shown in the section 4.1.1 and treated as one data block. This data block is called “Compound WASP” (C-WASP).

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4.2.1 Paquet compacté et signé (WASP)

Lorsqu'une personne qui signe le WASP est le déposant (ou son représentant), la signature du WASP peut aussi être utilisée en tant que signature électronique renforcée de la demande (voir la section 3.3) si les systèmes techniques en place permettent que la demande soit ainsi signée de façon automatique.

Un certificat numérique simplifié ou qualifié (voir les définitions correspondantes dans la section 9) accompagne la signature numérique.

La figure 3 donne une représentation simplifiée du paquet compacté et signé. Le schéma a été délibérément simplifié pour exclure les détails techniques qui ne se rapportent pas directement aux éléments essentiels de la structure du paquet. Par exemple, l'emballage PKZIP n'a pas été représenté.

Dans le cas d'une notification envoyée au déposant, l'office prépare, signe et envoie le WASP qui contient ladite notification.

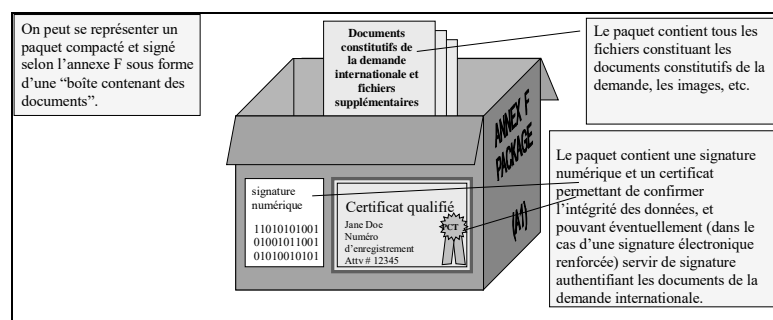


Figure 3 - Paquet compacté et signé (WASP)

Voir l'appendice II pour de plus amples précisions sur la spécification technique du WASP.

4.2.2 [Sans changement]

4.2.3 WASP combiné (C-WASP) [Nouvelle]

Le ou les WASPs envoyés au déposant par l'office sont compactés en utilisant le standard de compression ZIP tel que cela est décrit dans la section 4.1.1 et ils sont traités comme un seul bloc de données. Ce bloc de données est appelé le WASP combiné (C-WASP).

4.3 Convention recommandée de nommage des dossiers [Nouvelle]

Un dépôt électronique d'une demande de brevet comporte un certain nombre de dossiers associés. L'établissement de conventions de nommage des dossiers permet de renforcer l'automatisation des serveurs, de faciliter le travail produit au niveau du logiciel client et d'établir une bonne pratique de travail aux fins d'une meilleure compréhension par les utilisateurs du système. La série de tableaux qui suit constitue la convention recommandée de nommage des dossiers et les logiciels clients devraient produire de manière automatique les suffixes et les extensions des dossiers en conséquence. Chacun de ces tableaux représente un niveau de la convention, le dernier tableau présentant des exemples.

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4.3 Recommended file naming convention [New]

An electronic filing of a patent application will have multiple files associated with it. Filing name conventions need to be established in order to enhance server automation, as well as to establish a client side software workflow and a good work practice for user understanding. The following set of tables constitutes the recommended file naming convention and the client side software should automatically produce the suffixes and extensions accordingly. Each of these tables addresses a level of the standard with a final table of examples to follow.

4.3.1 Tables

Table 1

<i>Codes used in the descriptions below</i>	
A	One character from the following set: {ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz}
A...	Any combination of at least two characters from the following set: {ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz0123456789}
AAA	Any combination of one to three characters from the following set: {ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz0123456789}
NNNNNN	Any combination of six characters from the following set: {0123456789}

Table 2

<i>Each instance of a document type</i>		
A...	Applicant's identifier, not to exceed 50 positions	Recommended
-	Separator (dash)	
A...	Document type (<i>see Table 6</i>)	
.	Separator (period)	
AAA	File type (<i>see Table 5</i>)	

Table 3

<i>External entities referenced from within document instances</i>		
A...	Applicant's identifier, not to exceed 50 positions	Recommended
-	Separator (dash)	
A...	Document type (<i>see Table 6</i>)	
-	Separator (dash)	
A	Entity type (<i>see Table 8</i>)	
NNNNNN	Entity sequence number, right-justified, left-padded with zero	Optional
-	Separator (dash)	
NNNNNN	Page sequence number, right-justified, left-padded with zero	
.	Separator (period)	Recommended
AAA	File type (<i>see Table 5</i>)	

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4.3.1 Tableaux

Tableau 1

<i>Codes à utiliser en fonction des descriptifs</i>	
A	un seul caractère issu de la liste suivante: {ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz}
A...	toute combinaison d'au moins deux caractères issus de la liste suivante: {ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz0123456789}
AAA	toute combinaison de un, deux ou trois caractères issus de la liste suivante: {ABCDEFGHIJKLMNOPQRSTUVWXYZabcdefghijklmnopqrstuvwxyz0123456789}
NNNNNN	toute combinaison de six caractères issus de la liste suivante: {0123456789}

Tableau 2

<i>Codes à utiliser à chaque fois</i>		
A...	identifiant du déposant, ne peut pas dépasser 50 numéros	Recommandé
-	séparateur (tiret)	
A...	nature du document (<i>voir tableau 6</i>)	
.	séparateur (point)	
AAA	nature du dossier (<i>voir tableau 5</i>)	

Tableau 3

<i>Codes des dossiers externes référencés dans les documents</i>		
A...	identifiant du déposant, ne peut pas dépasser 50 caractères	Recommandé
-	séparateur (tiret)	
A...	nature du document (<i>voir tableau 6</i>)	
-	séparateur (tiret)	
A	nature de l'entité (<i>voir tableau 8</i>)	
NNNNNN	numéro de la séquence de l'entité, justifié à droite, avec des zéros à gauche pour remplir le vide	Optionnel
-	séparateur (tiret)	
NNNNNN	numéro de la séquence de la page, justifié à droite, avec des zéros à gauche pour remplir le vide	Recommandé
.	séparateur (point)	
AAA	nature du dossier (<i>voir tableau 5</i>)	

Tableau 4

<i>Dossiers non référencés dans les documents</i>		
A...	identifiant du déposant, ne peut pas dépasser 50 caractères	Recommandé
-	séparateur (tiret)	
A...	nom du document tel que fourni par le déposant, ne peut pas dépasser 50 caractères	
.	séparateur (point)	
AAA	nature du dossier (<i>voir tableau 5</i>)	

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Table 4

<i>Files not referenced from within document instances</i>		
A...	Applicant's identifier, not to exceed 50 positions	Recommended
-	Separator (dash)	
A...	Document name as provided by applicant, not to exceed 50 positions	
.	Separator (period)	
AAA	File type (<i>see Table 5</i>)	

Table 5

<i>File name extensions accepted</i>	
txt	Text file, see section 3.1.1.3.
xml	see section 3.1.1.1.
tif	TIFF, see section 3.1.3.1.
jpg	JFIF, see section 3.1.3.2.
zip	Archive file containing one or more files that might or might not be compressed.
app	ST.25 , see section 3.1.1.2.
pdf	Portable document format, see section 3.1.2.

Table 6

<i>Document types currently accepted for initial ePCT filing</i>	
<i>Document type</i>	<i>Code</i>
amendment-request	amnd
application-body	appb
bio-deposit	biod
declaration	decl
package-data	pkda
fee-sheet	fees
power-of-attorney	poat
priority-doc	pdoc
request	requ
ro-request-receiving-info	rrri
xmit-receipt	xmre
pkgheader	pkgh
Office-specific document types	[2-position country code]AA
ST.25	seq1
Table exceeding fifty printed pages	mtbl

Table 7

<i>Subdocument types currently accepted for initial ePCT filing</i>	
<i>Subdocument type</i>	<i>Code</i>
description	desc
claims	clam
abstract	abst
drawings	draw

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<i>Extensions de noms de dossiers acceptées</i>	
txt	dossier contenant du texte, voir la section 3.1.1.3
xml	Voir la section 3.1.1.1
tif	format TIFF, voir la section 3.1.3.1
jpg	format JFIF, voir la section 3.1.3.2
zip	dossier contenant un ou plusieurs dossiers qui pourrait être compressés ou pas
app	ST.25, voir la section 3.1.1.2
pdf	Portable Document Format (Adobe), voir la section 3.1.2

Tableau 6

<i>Documents acceptés pour la phase initiale du dépôt électronique du PCT</i>	
<i>Documents</i>	<i>Code</i>
modifications apportées à la requête	amnd
corps de la demande	appb
dépôt biologique	biod
déclaration	decl
paquet de données	pkda
feuille de taxes	fees
pouvoir	poat
document de priorité	pdoc
requête	requ
informations contenues dans la requête après examen de l'office récepteur (request-receiving-info)	rrri
reçu xmit (xmit-receipt)	xmre
en-tête pkg (pkgheader)	pkgh
documents propres à l'office	[code-pays à 2 caractères]AA
ST.25 CRF	seql
tableau contenant plus de cinquante pages imprimées	mtbl

Tableau 7

<i>Sous-documents acceptés pour la phase initiale du dépôt électronique du PCT</i>	
<i>Sous-documents</i>	<i>Code</i>
description	desc
revendications	clam
abrégé	abst
dessins	draw

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<i>Entity types</i>	
T	Table
M	Mathematical formula
C	Chemical structure or formula
S	Sequence listing
D	Drawing page (contains one or more figures per image page and one or more image pages)
F	Figure (exactly one figure on exactly one image page)
I	Embedded image (one or more image pages)
P	Document page

4.3.2 Applicant's identifier

The applicant's identifier is determined by the applicant with or without the help of the filing tool. The name of every file that is part of a submission will begin with the same applicant's identifier. Applicant's identifier might be a name or a docket number or some other string that has significance to the applicant. An applicant's identifier is not necessarily unique to each submission, that is, it might be used for another submission associated with prosecution of the same application; it could even be used by the applicant for all submissions for all his applications. The applicant's identifier is placed first so that in a directory listing, all the files for a particular submission or application or applicant will sort together.

4.3.3 Examples

<i>File</i>	<i>Contents</i>
dupont003340-appb.xml	Application
dupont003340-appb-C000001.CDX	First chemical structure, ChemDraw format
dupont003340-appb-C000001.MOL	First chemical structure, MOL format
dupont003340-appb-C000001.TIF	First chemical structure, TIFF image format
dupont003340-pkda.xml	Package Data
dupont003340-fees.xml	Fee sheet
dupont003340-poa.xml	Power of attorney
dupont003340-requ.xml	Request
dupont003340-appb-T000001.TIF	First table, TIFF format
dupont003340-appb-T000002-000001.TIF	Second table, first page, TIFF format
dupont003340-appb-T000002-000002.TIF	Second table, second page, TIFF format
dupont003355-appb.xml	Application
dupont003355-appb-D000001.TIF	First drawing page, TIFF format
dupont003355-pkda.xml	Package Data
dupont003355-fees.xml	Fee sheet
dupont003355-appb-M000001.TIF	First mathematical formula, TIFF format
dupont003355-appb-M000002.TIF	Second mathematical formula, TIFF format
dupont003355-requ.xml	Request
dupont003355-appb-T000001.TIF	First table, TIFF format

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<i>Formes des documents</i>	
T	tableau
M	formule mathématique
C	structure ou formule chimique
S	listage des séquences
D	page de dessin (contient un ou plusieurs dessins par page d'image et une ou plusieurs pages d'image)
F	dessin (un seul dessin dans une seule page d'image)
I	image (contient une ou plusieurs pages d'image)
P	page du document

4.3.2 Identifiant du déposant

L'identifiant du déposant est choisi par le déposant avec ou sans l'aide du logiciel de dépôt. Le nom des dossiers contenus dans le paquet électronique de la demande internationale commence par le même identifiant. L'identifiant peut être un nom, un numéro d'enregistrement ou une autre chaîne de caractères signifiant quelque chose pour le déposant. L'identifiant peut être utilisé dans d'autres circonstances que pour le seul dépôt de la demande internationale comme par exemple pour nommer les dossiers électroniques présentés à l'office dans le cadre du traitement de la même demande internationale; il pourrait même être utilisé par le déposant dans le cadre de toutes ses demandes internationales. L'identifiant est placé en premier de telle sorte que tous les dossiers relatifs à un dépôt, à une demande internationale ou à un déposant apparaissent ensemble dans le répertoire.

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5. TRANSMISSION

[No change to the introductory text]

5.1 *The E-filing interoperability protocol*

[No change to the introductory text]

5.1.1 *Principles*

[No change to the introductory text]

5.1.2 *Application layer protocol for application*

At the highest level for application, there are five events that the protocol requires a client and server to support. These events are:

- (a) Begin Transaction
- (b) Send Package Header
- (c) Send Package Data
- (d) Get Receipt
- (e) End Transaction

In between the Begin and End Transactions, there are three types of WASP sent between the client and the server:

- (i) The package header contains essential information for initial processing to identify the submission. It is a WASP containing the package header in XML format.
- (ii) The package data contains the information for submitting application. It is a WASP consisting of various types of files.
- (iii) The receipt is an acknowledgment of the submission. The content of this receipt (XML data plus an optional human readable certificate in PDF or TIFF), which is signed by the receiving Office, is defined in Annex F Appendix I. The date of receipt will be determined according to the usual principles applicable to the filing of applications on paper, including filing by electronic means (such as by facsimile transmission), that is, based on the date prevailing at the location of the Office at the time when the complete transmission of the application has been received.

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4.3.3 Exemples

<i>Dossier</i>	<i>Contenu</i>
dupont003340-appb.xml	Demande internationale
dupont003340-appb-C000001.CDX	Première structure chimique, format ChemDraw
dupont003340-appb-C000001.MOL	Première structure chimique, format MOL
dupont003340-appb-C000001.TIF	Première structure chimique, format TIFF
dupont003340-pkda.xml	Paquet de données
dupont003340-fees.xml	Feuille de taxes
dupont003340-poat.xml	Pouvoir
dupont003340-requ.xml	Requête
dupont003340-appb-T000001.TIF	Premier tableau, format TIFF
dupont003340-appb-T000002-000001.TIF	Deuxième tableau, première page, format TIFF
dupont003340-appb-T000002-000002.TIF	Deuxième tableau, deuxième page, format TIFF
dupont003355-appb.xml	Demande
dupont003355-appb-D000001.TIF	Première page de dessin, format TIFF
dupont003355-pkda.xml	Paquet de données
dupont003355-fees.xml	Feuille de taxes
dupont003355-appb-M000001.TIF	Première formule mathématique, format TIFF
dupont003355-appb-M000002.TIF	Deuxième formule mathématique, format TIFF
dupont003355-requ.xml	Requête
dupont003355-appb-T000001.TIF	Premier tableau, format TIFF

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[Sans changement au texte introductif]

5.1 *Protocole sur l'interopérabilité en matière de dépôt électronique*

[Sans changement au texte introductif]

5.1.1 *Principes*

[Sans changement au texte introductif]

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These events are all performed within an SSL tunnel that is established before issuing the Begin Transaction event. The SSL tunnel is built using both client and server authentication. The SSL tunnel may be stopped at the end of the transaction or, if a batch of transmissions is foreseen, the SSL tunnel can be left open and only stopped when all transmissions are complete. The SSL tunnel uses the SSL protocol version 3.0.

*5.1.2.2 Application level events for application***Start SSL session (See Figure 5)****Step 0: Begin Transaction***Client action:*

Get transaction Information.

Server response:

Return values in the *transaction_id* and *max_division_size* transaction management header elements.

transaction_id is a unique identifier assigned by the server associating all transactions involved in the submission of an application.

max_division_size is the maximum number of bytes permitted by the server for the size of a division.

Step 1: Send Package Header*Client action:*

Send package header

Server response:

- a) OK
- b) Error (Abort, go back to step 0)
- c) Package already received; go to step 3 to get the receipt.

After receiving the last division of the WASP containing the package header, the server must verify the signature of the WASP. If the signature is invalid (for instance expired), the Application Response Code (ARC) will remain OK, but the server will capture the error and provide a message on the receipt.

Step 2: Send Package Data*Client action:*

Send package data

Server response:

- a) OK
- b) Error (Abort, go back to step 0)

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MODIFICATIONS DE L'ANNEXE F (suite)***5.1.2 Protocole sur les couches du système applicatif pour la demande*

Au plus haut niveau applicatif, le protocole prévoit que le logiciel client et le serveur suivent les cinq actions suivantes:

- a) Début de la transaction
- b) Envoi de l'en-tête du paquet
- c) Envoi du paquet de données
- d) Demande d'un accusé de réception
- e) Fin de la transaction

Entre le début et la fin de l'échange, trois types de WASPs sont échangés entre le logiciel client et le serveur, à savoir

- i) L'en-tête du paquet contient les informations essentielles pour le traitement initial relatif à l'identification de la demande envoyée. Il s'agit d'un Wasp qui contient l'en-tête du paquet en format XML.
- ii) Le paquet de données contient les informations pour envoyer une demande. C'est un Wasp qui comprend plusieurs types de fichiers.
- iii) L'accusé de réception est une acceptation de la demande envoyée. Le contenu de cet accusé de réception (données en format XML avec un certificat optionnel en format PDF ou TIFF lisible par un être humain), qui est signé par l'office récepteur, est défini dans l'appendice I de l'annexe F. La date de réception est déterminée conformément aux principes habituellement appliqués au dépôt des demandes sur papier, y compris le dépôt par des moyens électroniques (comme la télécopie), c'est-à-dire qu'elle est fondée sur la date en cours au siège de l'office au moment où la transmission complète de la demande est finalisée.

5.1.2.1 Utilisation du tunnel SSL pour la demande

Ces actions sont toutes mises en oeuvre à travers le tunnel SSL établi avant d'entamer l'action "Début de la transaction". Le tunnel SSL, construit en utilisant à la fois l'authentification du client et celle du serveur, peut être fermé à la fin de l'échange. Si une série de transmissions est prévue, le tunnel SSL peut aussi être laissé ouvert et n'être fermé qu'à la fin des échanges. Le tunnel SSL utilise la version 3 de la norme standard.

*5.1.2.2 Actions prévues par le système applicatif pour la demande***Commencer la session SSL (voir Figure 5)**

Étape 0: Début de la transaction

Action du client:

Obtenir des informations sur l'échange

Réponse du serveur:

Renvoyer les valeurs dans les éléments de l'en-tête de gestion de la transaction (transaction_id, max_division_size)

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After receiving the last division of the WASP containing the package data, the server must verify the signature of the WASP and compare the message digest of the unsigned package against the message digest provided in the Package Header in Step 1 of the transaction before returning the ARC to the client. If both conditions are met, the server should return an ARC indicating OK. If the hash values in package header and the WAD of the package data do not match, the ARC value should be set to FFF7. If the signature is invalid (for instance expired), the ARC will remain OK, but the server will capture the error and provide a message on the receipt.

Step 3: Request Receipt*Client action:*

Send request

Server response:

- a) OK (Receipt object included in response)
- b) Error (Abort, go back to step 0)

Step 4: End Transaction.*Client action:*

Send acknowledgment of completion including information about any client problem to the server.

Server response:

- a) OK
- b) Error (Client can ignore this response)

Close SSL session

In all cases of SSL Tunnel, the current protocol requires each individual transaction to be acknowledged by an individual receipt.

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transaction_id est un identifiant unique attribué par le serveur et qui associe toutes les transactions liées au dépôt de la demande

max_division_size est le nombre maximum d'octets permis par le serveur pour la taille de chaque division

Étape 1: Envoi de l'en-tête du paquet

Action du client:

Envoi de l'en-tête du paquet

Réponse du serveur:

a) OK

b) Erreur (opération annulée, retourner à l'étape 0)

c) Paquet déjà reçu; aller à l'étape 3 afin de demander un accusé de réception.

Après avoir reçu la dernière division du WASP contenant l'en-tête du paquet, le serveur doit vérifier la signature du WASP. Si la signature n'est pas admissible (ce qui est le cas, par exemple, lorsque sa date d'expiration est dépassée), le code de réponse de la demande (ou ARC) demeure valable mais le serveur saisit automatiquement l'erreur et appose un message y relatif sur l'accusé de réception.

Étape 2: Envoi du paquet de données

Action du client:

Envoi du paquet de données

Réponse du serveur:

a) OK

b) Erreur (opération annulée, retourner à l'étape 0)

Après avoir reçu la dernière division du WASP contenant le paquet de données, le serveur doit vérifier la signature du WASP et comparer le message condensé du paquet non-signé au condensé du message prévu dans l'en-tête du paquet tel qu'à l'étape 1 de la transaction, avant de renvoyer l'ARC au client. Si les deux conditions sont réunies, le serveur doit renvoyer un ARC indiquant OK. Si les données hachées dans l'en-tête du paquet et le WAD du paquet de données ne correspondent pas, l'ARC doit être FFF7. Si la signature n'est pas admissible (lorsque sa date d'expiration est dépassée par exemple), l'ARC demeure valable mais le serveur saisit automatiquement l'erreur et appose un message y relatif sur l'accusé de réception.

Étape 3: Demande d'un accusé de réception

Action du client:

Envoi de la demande

Réponse du serveur:

a) OK (l'objet de l'accusé de réception est inclus dans la réponse)

b) Erreur (opération annulée, retourner à l'étape 0)

Étape 4: Fin de la transaction.

Action du client:

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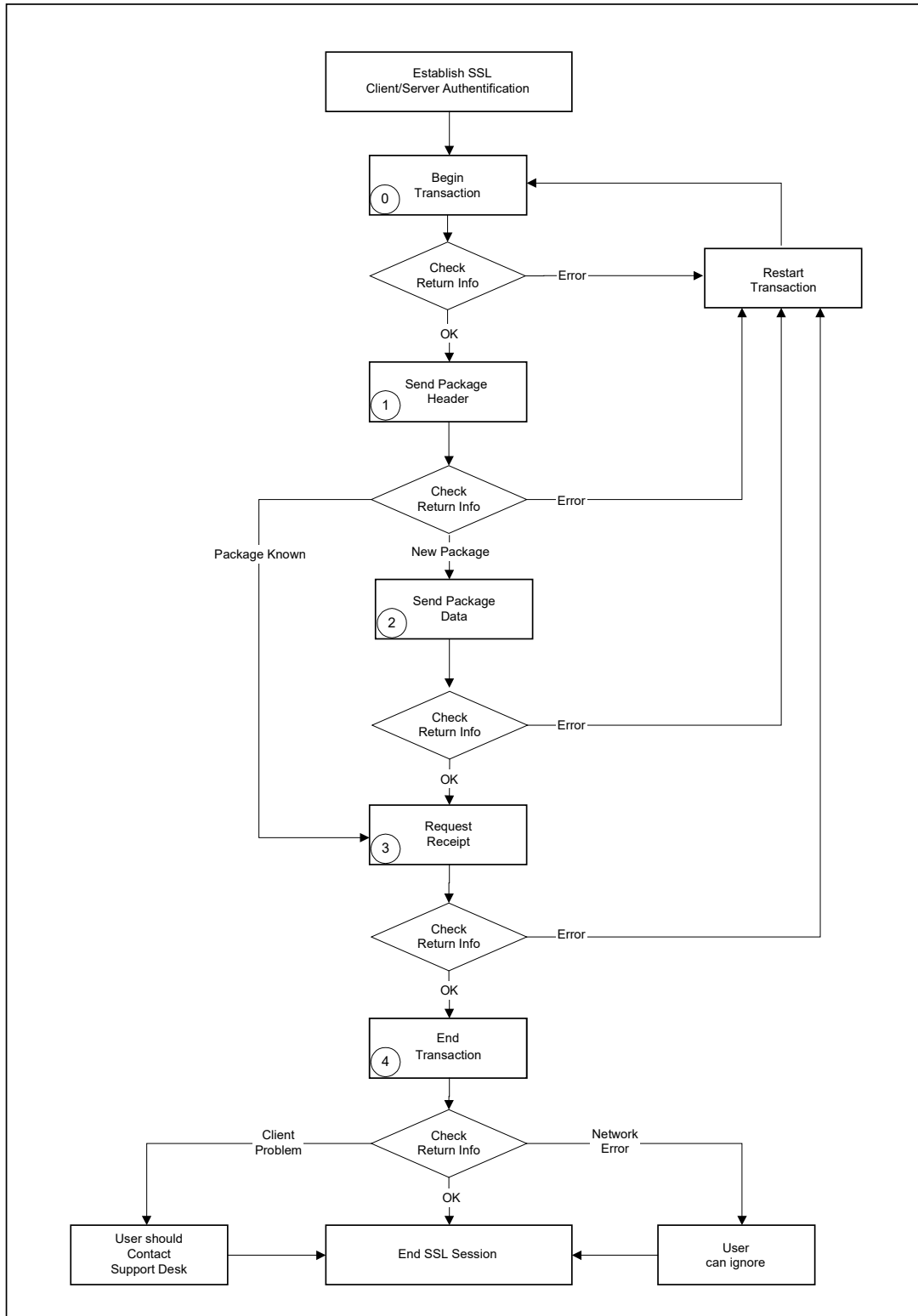


Figure 5 – Application level protocol behavior for application

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Envoyer au serveur, à la fin de la transmission, un accusé de réception qui contient, le cas échéant, des informations sur les problèmes auxquels le client est confronté.

Réponse du serveur:

- a) OK
- b) Erreur (le client peut ignorer cette réponse)

Fermer la session SSL

Dans tous les cas prévus dans le tunnel SSL, le présent protocole prévoit que chaque échange individuel soit accepté par un accusé de réception individuel.

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At the highest level for notification, there are five events that the protocol requires a client and server to support¹⁰. These events are:¹¹

- (a) Begin Transaction
- (b) Get Package Header (for notification, or dispatch list, or application receipt list)¹²
- (c) Get Package Data (for notification, or dispatch list, or application receipt list)¹²
- (d) Send Receipt Check Notice (for notification, or dispatch list, or application receipt list)¹²
- (e) End Transaction

In between the Begin and End Transactions, there are two types of WASP and one type of C-WASP sent between the client and the server:

- (i) The client action package header contains essential information for initial processing to identify the request for notification. It is a WASP containing the package header in XML format. (This is applied to request to a server from a client.)
- (ii) The server response package header contains summary information (such as a dispatch-number and the number of notifications to be sent) on the notification to be notified. It is a WASP containing the package header in XML format. (This is applied to response to a client from server.)
- (iii) The package data contains the dispatched notification information. It is a C-WASP that consists of one or more WASP(s).

5.1.3.1 Use of the SSL tunnel for notification

Refer to Section 5.1.2.1, "Use of the SSL tunnel for application."

¹⁰ The Office may inform the applicant of the existence of notifications before these five events, by other means of communication, such as e-mail.

¹¹ This protocol may be used to transmit the dispatch list, the application receipt list, and the notification. Transmission of the dispatch list, the application receipt list, and the notification is supported at the discretion of the Office. The dispatch list contains dispatch numbers corresponding to notifications that the Office has sent to the applicant. The application receipt list contains application numbers corresponding to application documents that the Office has received from the applicant.

¹² The server uses the value of the "transaction-type" attribute (see section 5.1.4) to identify the type of document requested, e.g. notification, dispatch list, application receipt list.

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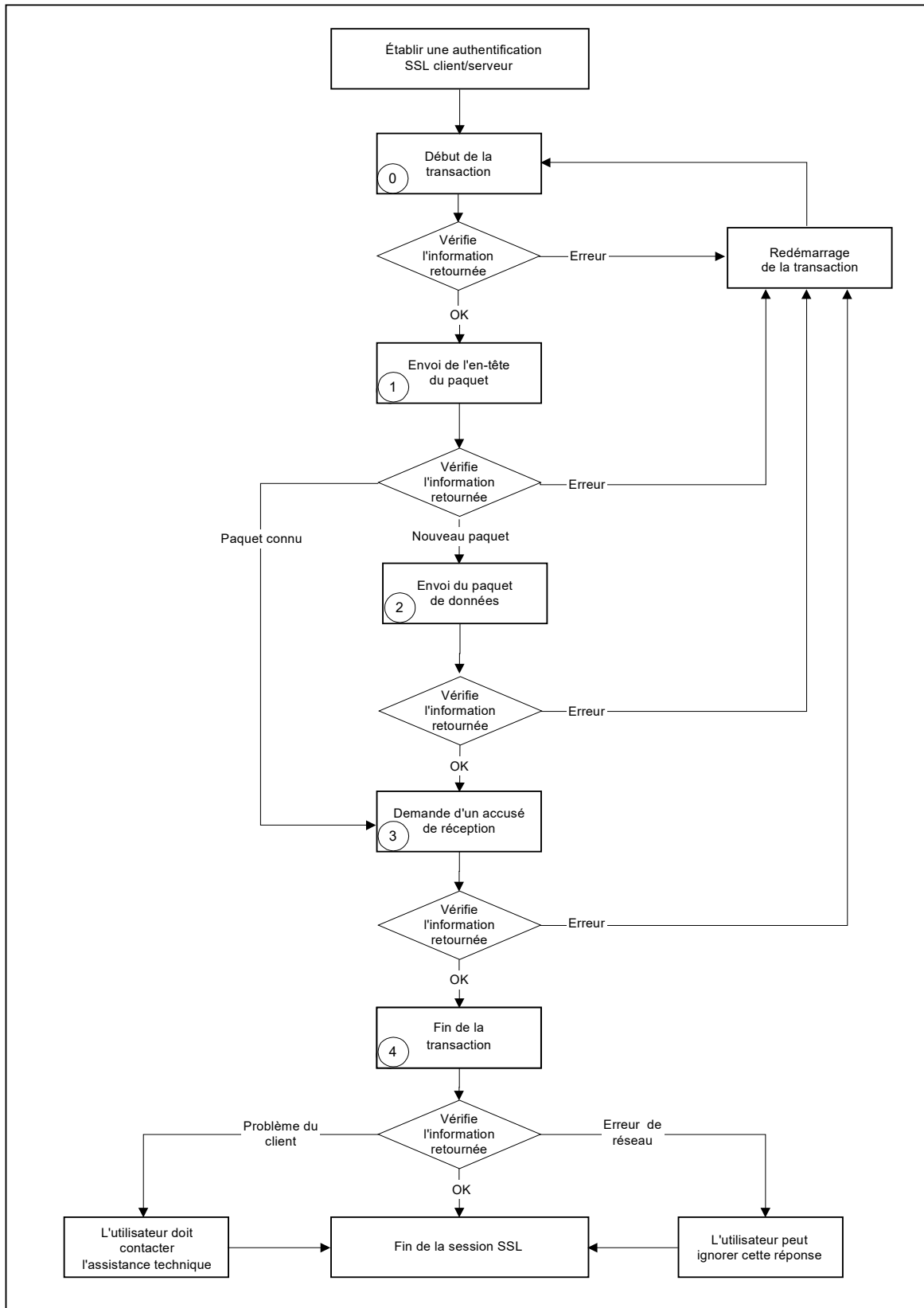


Figure 5 – Conduite à suivre selon le protocole sur le système applicatif en ce qui concerne la demande

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Get transaction Information.

Server response:

Return values in the *transaction_id* and *max_division_size* transaction management header elements.

transaction_id is a unique identifier assigned by the server associating all transactions involved in sending a notification.

max_division_size is the maximum number of bytes permitted by the server for the size of a division.

Step 1: Get Package Header*Client action:*

Send request for package header (The WASP of package header for request of notification is contained.)

Server response:

- a) OK (The response contains the WASP of package header containing summary information (such as dispatch-number, number-of-notification) of notifications.)¹³
- b) Error (Abort, go back to step 0)

After receiving the last division of the WASP containing the package header, the server must verify the signature of the WASP. If the signature is invalid (for instance, due to a signature verification error or validation data expiration), the application response code (ARC) value is set to FFF6.

If the number of sendable notifications in package header of Server response is “0(zero)” (there is no sendable notifications), then go to Step 4.

Step 2: Get Package Data*Client action:*

Send request for Package data

Server response:

- a) OK (The response contains the C-WASP consisted of one or more WASP(s))
- b) Error (Abort, go back to step 0)

¹³ If the C-WASP contains multiple WASP, the notice-info of each notification is set in the package header.

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Au plus haut niveau du système applicatif en matière de notification, le protocole prévoit que le logiciel client et le serveur suivent les cinq actions¹⁰ suivantes:¹¹

- a) Début de la transaction
- b) Envoi de l'en-tête du paquet (pour le notification, il s'agit de la liste de distribution ou de la liste de réception de la demande)¹²
- c) Envoi du paquet de données (pour le notification, il s'agit de la liste de distribution ou de la liste de réception de la demande)¹²
- d) Demande d'un accusé de réception (pour le notification, il s'agit de la liste de distribution ou de la liste de réception de la demande)¹²
- e) Fin de la transaction

Entre le début et la fin de l'échange, deux types de WASPs et un type de C-WASP sont envoyés entre le logiciel client et le serveur, à savoir:

- i) L'en-tête du paquet envoyé par le logiciel client contient les informations essentielles pour le traitement initial relatif à l'identification de la demande pour une notification. Il s'agit d'un WASP qui contient l'en-tête du paquet en format XML. Cela s'applique à la requête du logiciel client au serveur.
- ii) L'en-tête du paquet envoyé par le serveur contient des informations sommaires concernant la notification (telles que le numéro d'envoi et le nombre de notifications à envoyer) pour le traitement initial relatif à l'identification de la demande pour une notification. Il s'agit d'un WASP qui contient l'en-tête du paquet en format XML. Cela s'applique à la réponse du serveur au logiciel client.
- iii) Le paquet de données contient les informations contenues dans la notification qui est envoyée. Il s'agit d'un WASP qui comprend un ou plusieurs WASPs.

5.1.3.1 Utilisation du tunnel SSL pour la notification

Cf. section 5.1.2.1, "Utilisation du tunnel SSL pour la demande".

¹⁰ L'office peut informer le déposant de l'existence de notifications avant ces cinq actions par le biais d'autres moyens de communication tels que le courrier électronique.

¹¹ Le présent protocole peut être utilisé pour transmettre le répertoire d'envoi, le répertoire de réception de la demande et la notification. La transmission du répertoire d'envoi, du répertoire de réception de la demande et de la notification est laissée à l'appréciation de l'office. Le répertoire d'envoi contient des numéros d'envoi correspondant aux notifications envoyées par l'office au déposant. Le répertoire de réception de la demande contient des numéros de demandes correspondant aux documents de demandes reçus par l'office en provenance du déposant.

¹² Le serveur utilise la valeur de l'attribut "transaction-type" (voir la section 5.1.4) afin d'identifier le type de document demandé, par ex. notification, répertoire d'envoi, répertoire de réception de la demande.

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Step 3: Send Receipt Check Notice

Client action:

Send Receipt Check Notice

Server response:

- a) OK
- b) Error (Abort, go back to step 0)

Step 4: End Transaction.

Client action:

Send acknowledgment of completion including information about any client problem to the server.

Server response:

- a) OK
- b) Error (Client can ignore this response)

Close SSL session

In all cases of SSL Tunnel, the current protocol requires that, for each transaction, the client acknowledge the reception by sending Receipt Check Notice to the server.

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Obtenir des informations sur l'échange

Réponse du serveur:

Renvoyer les valeurs dans les éléments de l'en-tête de gestion de la transaction (transaction_id, max_division_size)

transaction_id est un identifiant unique attribué par le serveur et qui associe toutes les transactions liées à l'envoi de la notification

max_division_size est le nombre maximum d'octets permis par le serveur pour la taille de chaque division

Étape 1: Envoi de l'en-tête du paquet*Action du logiciel client:*

Envoi d'une demande pour l'en-tête du paquet (??)

Réponse du serveur:

- a) OK (La réponse comprend le WASP de l'en-tête du paquet contenant des informations sommaires sur la notification telles que le numéro d'envoi ou le nombre de notification)¹³
- b) Erreur (opération annulée, retourner à l'étape 0)

Après avoir reçu la dernière division du WASP contenant l'en-tête du paquet, le serveur doit vérifier la signature du WASP. Si la signature n'est pas admissible (ce qui est le cas, par exemple, lorsque sa date d'expiration est dépassée), la valeur du code de réponse de la demande (ou ARC) est FFF6.

Si le nombre de notifications pouvant être envoyées dans l'en-tête de la réponse du serveur est "0(zero)" (aucune notification susceptible d'être envoyée), aller à l'étape 4.

Étape 2: Envoi du paquet de données*Action du logiciel client:*

Envoi du paquet de données

Réponse du serveur:

- a) OK (la réponse contient le C-WASP qui consiste en un ou plusieurs WASPs)
- b) Erreur (opération annulée, retourner à l'étape 0)

Étape 3: Demande d'un accusé de réception*Action du logiciel client:*

Envoi de l'accusé de réception

¹³ Si le C-WASP contient plusieurs WASPs, cette information figure dans l'en-tête du paquet contenant la notification.

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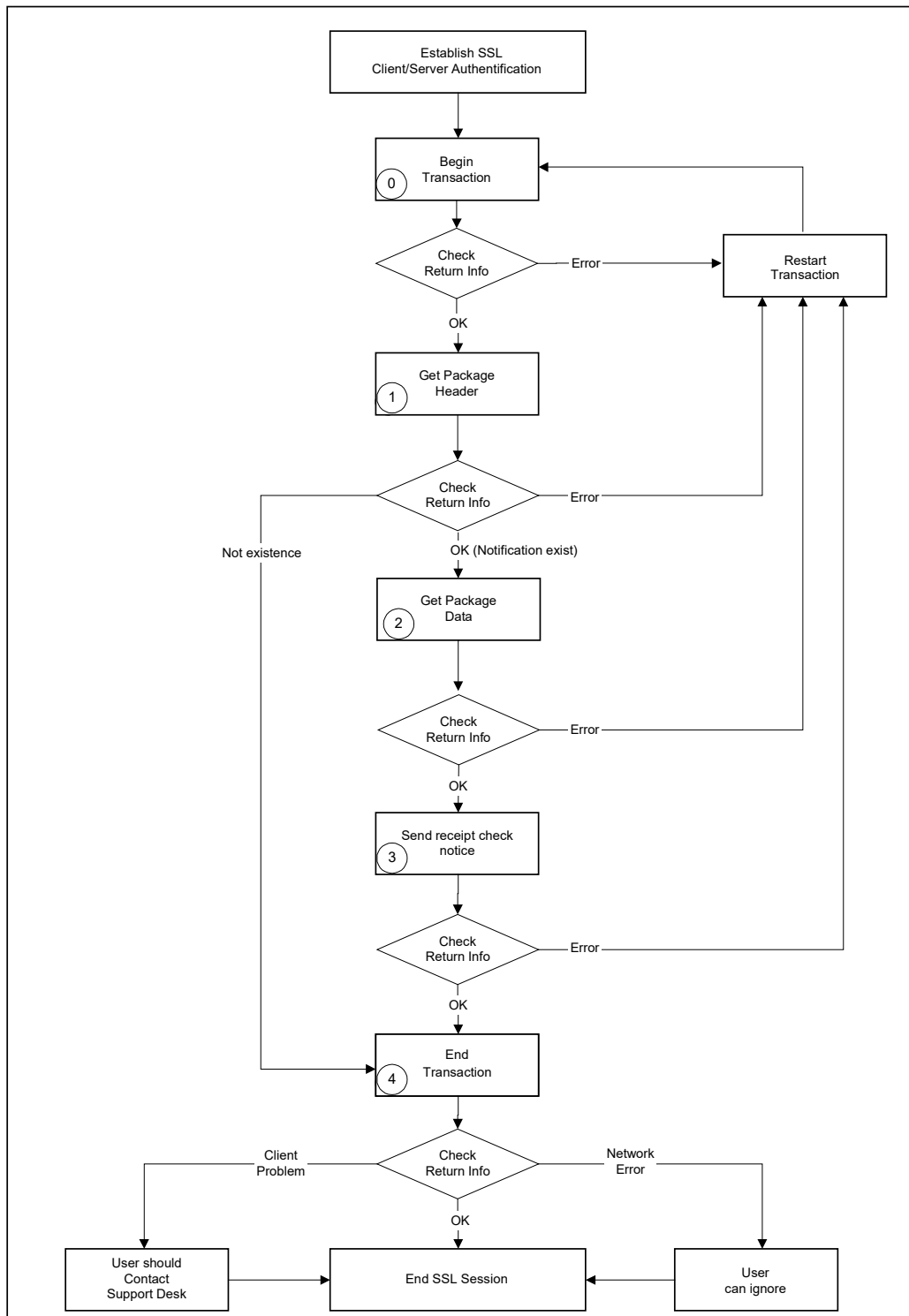


Figure 6 – Application level protocol behavior for notification [New]

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Réponse du serveur:

- a) OK
- b) Erreur (opération annulée, retourner à l'étape 0)

Étape 4: Fin de la transaction.

Action du logiciel client:

Envoyer au serveur, à la fin de la transmission, un accusé de réception qui contient des informations sur les problèmes auxquels le client est confronté.

Réponse du serveur:

- a) OK
- b) Erreur (le client peut ignorer cette réponse)

Fermer la session SSL

Dans tous les cas prévus dans le tunnel SSL, le présent protocole prévoit que chaque échange individuel soit accepté par le logiciel client en envoyant un accusé de réception au serveur.

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The following items, which are all fixed length, are included in all post and response messages. Unused parameters of header elements are set to space (ASCII '20').

Attrib. Name	division_hash
Values	ASCII upper case Hexadecimal representation of 160-bit hash value
Length	40 bytes (40 x 8bit characters)
Description	SHA-1 Hash of the current division.

Attrib. Name	protocol_version
Values	Unique
Length	4 bytes (4 x 8bit ASCII char)
Description	A unique identifier for the version of the protocol used to create the transaction data (e.g. 0100 for Version 1.0) First two bytes are for the major version number and last two for the release within this version.

Attrib. Name	transaction_type	
Values	pbeg, ebeg,	
	pend, eend	
	ehdr, phdr,	
	edat, pdat,	
	erct, prct,	
	ephn, pphn	Get package header for notification
	epdn, ppdn	Get package data for notification
	ercn, prcn	Send receipt check notice for notification
	ephd, pphd	Get package header for dispatch list
	epdd, ppdd	Get package data for dispatch list
	ercd, prcd	Send receipt check notice for dispatch list
	epha, ppha	Get package header for application receipt list
	epda, ppda	Get package data for application receipt list
	erca, prca	Send receipt check notice for application receipt list
Length	4 bytes	
Description	Attrib. of the transaction header that identifies the nature of the data transmitted. The value beginning with letter d or z is not available.	

Note that the value beginning with the letter d or z is reserved for domestic application or the other transmission.

Attrib. Name	transaction_id
Values	Unique
Length	36 bytes
Description	A unique identifier assigned by the server associating all transactions involved in the submission of an application. For Begin Transaction this is blank (ASCII x'20').

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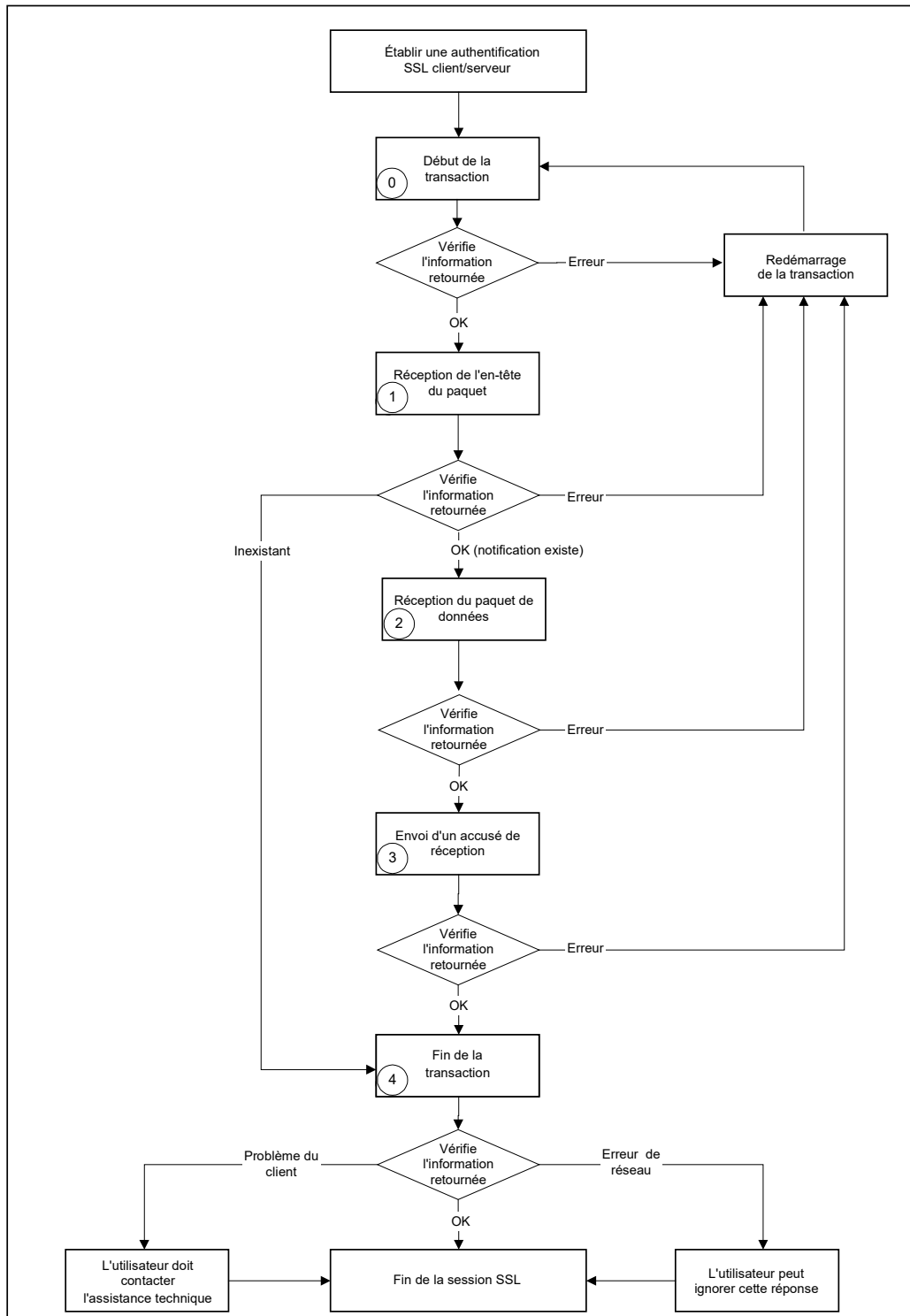


Figure 6 – Conduite à suivre selon le protocole de niveau applicatif pour la notification

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Attrib. Name	reserved_use
Values	Reserved for domestic use (e.g. Server date and time YYYYMMDDHHMMSS)
Length	32 bytes
Description	This data area is available for the option by each RO. (e.g. To inform a client of the machine time of the RO server).

Attrib. Name	total_bytes
Values	Numeric ASCII with left-hand zero padding (e.g. 0000000123456789)
Length	16 bytes (16 x 8bit chars)
Description	The total size in bytes of the object being sent (WASP containing the Package Header, WASP containing the package data, and the WASP containing the receipt).

Attrib. Name	division_size
Values	Numeric ASCII with left-hand zero padding (e.g. 0000000123456789)
Length	16 bytes (16 x 8bit chars)
Description	The size in bytes of the data component (chunk) of the object being transferred.

Attrib. Name	division_offset
Values	Numeric ASCII with left-hand zero padding (e.g. 0000000123456789)
Length	16 bytes (16 x 8bit chars)
Description	Value representing the starting position of the data within the object being transferred. Division_offset starts at 0.

Attrib. Name	division_response_code		
Values		<i>Division RCs</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
		0000	OK
		FFFF	General Error
		FFFE	Resend Last
		FFFD	Wait
		FFFC	Protocol Sequence Error
	ASCII 4 x 8bit char		
Length	4 bytes		
Description	Server or client return code used to manage the division mechanism		

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5.1.4 Eléments de l'en-tête de gestion des échanges

Les éléments suivants, qui ont tous une taille fixe, sont inclus dans toutes les requêtes "POST" et les réponses y relatives. Les paramètres non utilisés des éléments de l'en-tête sont représentés par un espace (ASCII '20').

Elément	Division_hash
Valeurs d'ARC	représentation ASCII majuscule hexadécimale d'un indice de hachage de 160-bit
Taille du corps d'entité	40 octets (40 x 8 bit caractères)
Description	Hachage de la présente division, grâce à l'algorithme SHA-1.

Elément	protocol_version
Valeurs d'ARC	Unique
Taille du corps d'entité	4 octets (caractères ASCII 4 x 8bit)
Description	Un identifiant unique pour la version du protocole utilisé pour créer l'échange de données (par ex. 0100 pour la version 1.0). Les deux premiers octets sont réservés au numéro identifiant la version principale et les deux derniers sont réservés au numéro identifiant les versions révisées de cette version.

Elément	transaction_type	
Valeurs	pbeg, ebeg,	
	pend, eend	
	ehdr, phdr,	
	edat, pdat,	
	erct, pret,	
	ephn, pphn	Get package header for notification
	epdn, ppdn	Get package data for notification
	ercn, prcn	Send receipt check notice for notification
	ephdr, pphdr	Get package header for dispatch list
	epdd, ppdd	Get package data for dispatch list
	ercd, prcd	Send receipt check notice for dispatch list
	epha, ppha	Get package header for application receipt list
	epda, ppda	Get package data for application receipt list
	erca, prca	Send receipt check notice for application receipt list
Taille du corps d'entité	4 octets	
Description	Elément de l'en-tête de l'échange qui identifie la nature des données transmises La valeur commençant par la lettre d ou z n'est pas disponible.	

Remarque: la valeur commençant par une lettre d ou z est réservée pour les demandes nationales ou d'autres types d'échanges.

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Attrib. Name	application response code		
Values		<i>Application RCs</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
		0000	OK
		FFFF	General Error
		0001	OK, Package Known
		0002	OK, New Package
		0003	OK, Not Existence
		1000	Pending
		FFFB	Client Problem
		FFFA	Network Error
		FFF9	Protocol Version Error
		FFF8	Hash Value of “division hash” in the Transaction Management Header is erroneous.
		FFF7	The hash values in package header and the WAD of package data do not match.
		FFF6	The signature is invalid (for instance, due to a signature verification error or validation data expiration). ¹⁴
	ASCII 4 x 8bit char		
Length	4 bytes		
Description	Server or client return code used to manage the application level events		

Attrib. Name	Encoding method		
Values		<i>Application RCs</i>	<i>Meaning</i>
		UTF8	UNICODE UTF8
		SJIS	UNICODE Shift-JIS
		KS X	UNICODE KS X 1001
	ASCII 4 x 8bit char		
Length	4 bytes		
Description	Encoding scheme for error message translation.		

Attrib. Name	error message
Values	UNICODE UTF8, UNICODE Shift-JIS, UNICODE KS X 1001
Length	256 bytes (256 x 8bits)
Description	Optional text explaining the reason for error response codes. If an error message is needed for both division and application response codes, these should be concatenated. Each server will choose one of the specified encoding schemes to translate the error message into human readable format.

¹⁴ This code is applied when the server cannot verify the authentication in Get package header.

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Elément	transaction_id
Valeurs d'ARC	Unique
Taille du corps d'entité	36 octets
Description	Un identifiant unique assigné par le serveur et associé à tous les échanges liés à l'envoi de la demande. Pour l'événement "Début Transaction", celui-ci est blanc (ASCII x'20').

Elément	reserved_use
Valeurs d'ARC	Reservée à l'usage national (par ex. la date et l'heure du serveur: YYYYMMDDHHMMSS)
Taille du corps d'entité	32 octets
Description	Cette zone de données est laissée à la discrétion de chaque office récepteur. (par ex. pour informer un client de l'horaire du serveur de l'office récepteur).

Elément	total_bytes
Valeurs d'ARC	ASCII numérique avec remplissage de zéros sur la gauche (par ex. 0000000123456789)
Taille du corps d'entité	16 octets (caractères 16 x 8bit)
Description	La taille totale, en octets, des objets envoyés (le WASP contenant l'en-tête du paquet, le WASP contenant le paquet de données et le WASP contenant l'accusé de réception).

Elément	division_size
Valeurs d'ARC	ASCII numérique avec remplissage de zéros sur la gauche (par ex. 0000000123456789)
Taille du corps d'entité	16 octets (caractères 16 x 8bit)
Description	La taille, en octets, de la composante "données" de l'objet transféré

Elément	division_offset
Valeurs d'ARC	ASCII numérique avec remplissage de zéros sur la gauche (par ex. 0000000123456789)
Taille du corps d'entité	16 octets (caractères 16 x 8bit)
Description	- Valeur représentant le point de départ des données au sein de l'objet transféré - Division_offset commence à 0

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Attrib. Name	max_division_size
Values	Numeric ASCII with left-hand zero padding
Length	16 bytes (16 x 8bit chars)
Description	Maximum bytes allowed for a division.
Example	0000000000008192 (8Kbytes)

5.1.6 Server parameters

Attrib. Name	Server_timeout
Values	Numeric ASCII with left-hand zero padding (e.g. 0000000123456789)
Length	16 bytes (16 x 8bit chars)
Description	Time in seconds before the server can assume that a client has lost its network connection and the transaction can be abandoned.
Example	000000000000120 (2 minutes)

Note that the value for the server_timeout at the protocol level is set at the discretion of the individual Office.

5.1.7 Client parameters

Attrib. Name	Client_preferred_division_size
Values	Numeric ASCII with left-hand zero padding
Length	16 bytes (16 x 8bit chars)
Description	Preferred number of bytes to be used for a division.
Example	000000000004096 (8k)

Attrib. Name	Client_retry_limit
Values	Numeric ASCII with left-hand zero padding
Length	16 bytes (16 x 8bit chars)
Description	Number of times the client should resend a division before abandoning the transaction
Example	000000000000005 (5 retries)

Note that the maximum number of Attrib. Client_retry_limit is NN (16 times). When a server retries more than 16 times, the transmission may be terminated.

Attrib. Name	Client_retry_wait
Values	Numeric ASCII with left-hand zero padding (e.g. 0000000123456789)
Length	16 bytes (16 x 8bit chars)
Description	The time in seconds the client should wait before issuing a retry
Example	000000000000005 (5 secs)

Note that the value for the client_retry_wait at the protocol level is set at the application level.

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Elément	division response code	
Valeurs d'ARC	<i>Division RCs</i>	<i>Signification</i>
	0000	OK
	FFFF	Erreur générale
	FFFE	Renvoyer
	FFFD	Attendre
	FFFC	Erreur de séquence du protocole
	4 octets (caractères ASCII 4 x 8bit)	
Taille du corps d'entité	4 octets	
Description	Le code de retour du serveur ou du client est utilisé pour gérer le mécanisme de division	

Elément	application response code	
Valeurs d'ARC	<i>Application RCs</i>	<i>Signification</i>
	0000	OK
	FFFF	Erreur générale
	0001	OK, paquet connu
	0002	OK, nouveau paquet
	0003	OK, Inexistant
	1000	En attente
	FFFB	Problème du client
	FFFA	Erreur de réseau
	FFF9	Erreur de version du protocole
	FFF8	La valeur de hachage de la division dans la transaction de gestion de l'en-tête est une erreur.
	FFF7	Les valeurs de hachage dans le paquet de l'en-tête et le WAD du paquet de données ne correspondent pas..
	FFF6	La signature n'est pas valable (par exemple, en raison d'une erreur de vérification de la signature ou une validation de données expirées). ¹⁴
	4 octets (caractères ASCII 4 x 8bit)	
Taille du corps d'entité	4 octets	
Description	Code de retour du serveur ou du client utilisé pour gérer les étapes d'envoi de la demande	

¹⁴ Ce code s'applique lorsque le serveur ne peut pas établir l'authentification prévue dans la fonction Obtenir l'en-tête du paquet.

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When sending data between the client and server, this data is divided into manageable chunks which, together with a transaction management header, are called divisions. Under the control of the client, the size of these divisions can vary during the life of the transactions. This provides a pacing mechanism that can be used to overcome Internet transmission problems.

The initial size of the division data message is set to the smallest of either:

- (a) max_division_size returned by the server as a response to the Begin Transaction Request
- (b) client_preferred_division_size set in the startup parameters of the client

The client builds one or more divisions made up of the transmission management header and a data message. As each division is sent in the divided order to the server, the server checks for completeness of the transmission by calculating the hash value of the division.

5.1.8.1 Calculating the division hash value

The hash is calculated on the basis of all fields in the header as well as any data message. The hash, which is calculated using the SHA-1 algorithm, is placed as the first element of each division.

Before the server rejects a package as invalid, it should check the version of the protocol before checking the hash value in case a future version of the protocol should adopt a different hash algorithm.

The following fields of the HTTP Post or response message are therefore included in the hash calculation:

Name	Protocol Version	Transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application rc	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	???

5.1.9 Event level protocol

Transactions described in this section are further illustrated in Figure 7 to 12 below.

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Elément	Encoding method		
Valeurs d'ARC		<i>Demande RCs</i>	<i>Signification</i>
		UTF8	UNICODE UTF8
		SJIS	UNICODE Shift-JIS
		KS X	UNICODE KS X 1001
	caractères ASCII 4 x 8bit		
Taille du corps d'entité	4 octets		
Description	Plan de chiffrement pour la traduction des messages d'erreur.		

Elément	error_message
Valeurs	UNICODE UTF8, UNICODE Shift-JIS, UNICODE KS X 1001
Taille du corps d'entité	256 octets (caractères 256 x 8bit)
Description	Texte optionnel expliquent pourquoi les codes de réponse sont erronés. Si un message erroné est nécessaire à la fois pour les codes de réponse de la division et de la demande, ces derniers doivent être liés. Chaque serveur choisit l'un des plans de chiffrement spécifiés pour traduire le message d'erreur dans un format lisible par un être humain.

5.1.5 Eléments relatifs aux données de gestion des échanges

Elément	max_division_size
Valeurs d'ARC	ASCII numérique avec remplissage de zéros sur la gauche
Taille du corps d'entité	16 octets (caractères 16 x 8bit)
Description	Nombre maximum d'octets permis par division
Exemple	0000000000008192 (8 kilo-octets)

5.1.6 Paramètres du serveur

Elément	server_timeout
Valeurs d'ARC	ASCII numérique avec remplissage de zéros sur la gauche (par ex. 0000000123456789)
Taille du corps d'entité	16 octets (caractères 16 x 8bit)
Description	Le temps, en secondes, avant que le serveur ne comprenne qu'un client a n'est plus connecté au réseau et que l'échange est interrompu.
Exemple	000000000000120 (2 minutes)

Remarque: chaque office détermine la valeur pour server_timeout au niveau du protocole.

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The Begin Transaction post message submitted by the client contains the highest protocol version supported by the client. If the server supports the version provided by the client, it should communicate with the client in accordance with the rules for that version of the protocol and use that version number in all response messages. If the server cannot support the protocol version specified by the client, the application response code should indicate protocol version error, and the version number specified in the response message should be the highest protocol version supported by the server. The client should support earlier versions.

Post Message

Name	Division hash	Protocol Version	Transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Value	X	0100	pbeg	Blank	???	0	0	0	0	0	???	blank	None

Response Message

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	Transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	16
Value	X	0100	pbeg	New id	???	16	16	0	0	0	???	???	???

Data Message: max_division_size (16 bytes)

*5.1.9.2 Send package header***Post Message**

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	???
Value	X	0100	phdr	trandid	???	X	Y	Z	0	0	???	blank	pkghdr

Data Message: WASP containing package header

Response Message

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Value	X	0100	phdr	trandid	???	0	0	0	a	b	???	blank	None

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5.1.7 Paramètres du client

Elément	client_preferred_division_size
Valeurs d'ARC	ASCII numérique avec remplissage de zéros sur la gauche
Taille du corps d'entité	16 octets (caractères 16 x 8bit)
Description	Nombre choisi d'octets par division
Exemple	0000000000004096 (8 k)

Elément	client_retry_limit
Valeurs d'ARC	ASCII numérique avec remplissage de zéros sur la gauche
Taille du corps d'entité	16 octets (caractères 16 x 8bit)
Description	Nombre de fois que le client doit renvoyer la division avant d'abandonner définitivement l'échange
Exemple	0000000000000005 (5 tentatives)

Remarque : le nombre maximal d'attributs pour Client_retry_limit est NN (16 fois).
Lorsqu'un serveur effectue 16 tentatives, la transmission peut être terminée.

Elément	client_retry_wait
Valeurs d'ARC	ASCII numérique avec remplissage de zéros sur la gauche (par ex. 0000000123456789)
Taille du corps d'entité	16 octets (caractères 16 x 8bit)
Description	Le temps, compté en secondes, que le client doit attendre avant de faire un nouvel essai
Exemple	0000000000000005 (5 secondes)

Remarque: il revient au logiciel de déterminer la valeur pour client_retry_wait.

5.1.8 Mécanisme de division

Les données qui transitent entre le client et le serveur sont divisées en paquets de données gérables qui, avec l'en-tête de gestion des échanges, forment ce que l'on appelle des divisions. Sous le contrôle du client, la taille de ces divisions peut varier au fur et à mesure des échanges. Ceci permet la mise en oeuvre d'un mécanisme de contrôle des communications qui peut être utilisé pour surmonter les difficultés de transmission via l'Internet.

La taille initiale du message contenant une division de données est établie par rapport au plus petit des messages suivants:

- a) max_division_size renvoyé par le serveur en tant que réponse à la demande d'ouverture de l'échange
- b) client_preferred_division_size placé dans les paramètres d'initialisation du client

Le logiciel client crée une ou plusieurs divisions à partir de l'en-tête de gestion de la transmission et d'un message de données. Comme chaque division est envoyée dans un ordre différent au serveur, celui-ci vérifie si la transmission est complète en calculant la valeur de hachage de la division.

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Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	???
Value	X	0100	pdat	trandid	???	x	y	z	0	0	???	blank	pkgdata

Data Message: WASP containing package data

Response Message

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Value	X	0100	pdat	trandid	???	0	0	0	a	b	???	blank	None

*5.1.9.4 Get receipt***Post Message**

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Value	X	0100	prct	trandid	???	0	0	0	???	0	???	blank	None

Response Message

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	???
Value	X	0100	prct	trandid	???	x	y	z	???	0	???	blank	Receipt

Data Message: WASP containing receipt

*5.1.9.5 End transaction***Post Message**

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	Transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Value	X	0100	pend	trandid	???	0	0	0	0	0	???	blank	None

Response Message

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	Transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Value	X	0100	pend	trandid	???	0	0	0	a	b	???	???	None

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5.1.8.1 Calculer la valeur du hachage de la division

Le hachage est calculé sur la base de tous les champs de l'en-tête ainsi que de tous les messages de données. Le hachage, qui est calculé en utilisant l'algorithme SHA-1, représente le premier élément de chaque division.

Le serveur doit vérifier la version du protocole avant d'examiner la valeur de hachage afin d'éviter de rejeter un paquet du fait qu'il n'est pas valide, au cas où une nouvelle version du protocole adopterait un algorithme de hachage différent.

Les champs suivants de la requête "POST" ou de la réponse HTTP sont ainsi inclus dans le calcul du hachage:

Nom	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	???

5.1.9 Protocole sur les niveaux du processus

Les transactions décrites dans cette section sont illustrées plus loin dans les figures 7 à 12.

5.1.9.1 Début de la transaction

La requête POST envoyée par le client pour commencer la transaction contient la dernière version du protocole acceptable par le client. Si le serveur peut utiliser la version fournie par le client, il communique avec le client conformément aux règles de cette version du protocole et utilise le numéro d'identification de cette version pour tous les messages de réponse. Si le serveur ne peut pas utiliser la version du protocole spécifiée par le client, le code de réponse de la demande doit indiquer que la version du protocole n'est pas la bonne et le numéro d'identification de la version envoyée dans le message de réponse doit être la dernière version du protocole acceptable par le serveur. Le client doit pouvoir s'appuyer sur des versions antérieures.

Requête POST

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Valeur	X	0100	pbeg	espace	???	0	0	0	0	0	???	espace	aucune

Réponse

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	16
Valeur	X	0100	pbeg	nouvelle id	???	16	16	0	0	0	???	???	???

Message de données: max_division_size (16 octets)

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MODIFICATIONS TO ANNEX F (Cont'd)***5.1.9.6 Get package header for notification***Post Message**

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	???
Value	X	0100	pphn	trandid	???	X	Y	Z	a	b	???	blank	pkghdr

Data Message: WASP containing package header

Response Message

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Value	X	0100	pphn	trandid	???	X	Y	Z	a	b	???	blank	pkghdr

Data Message: WASP containing package header

*5.1.9.7 Get package data for notification***Post Message**

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Value	X	0100	ppdn	trandid	???	0	0	0	a	b	???	blank	None

Response Message

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	???
Value	X	0100	ppdn	trandid	???	x	y	Z	0	0	???	blank	pkgdata

Data Message: C-WASP containing WASP

*5.1.9.8 Send receipt check notice for notification***Post Message**

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Value	X	0100	prcn	trandid	???	0	0	0	0	0	???	blank	None

Response Message

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Value	X	0100	prcn	trandid	???	0	0	0	a	b	???	blank	None

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5.1.9.2 Envoyer l'en-tête du paquet

Requête POST

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	???
Valeur	X	0100	phdr	tranid	???	X	Y	Z	0	0	???	espace	pkghdr

Message de données: WASP contenant l'en-tête du paquet

Réponse

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Valeur	X	0100	phdr	tranid	???	0	0	0	a	b	???	espace	aucune

5.1.9.3 Envoyer le paquet de données

Requête POST

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	???
Valeur	X	0100	pdat	tranid	???	x	y	z	0	0	???	espace	pkgdata

Message de données: WASP contenant le paquet de données

Réponse

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Valeur	X	0100	pdat	tranid	???	0	0	0	a	b	???	espace	aucune

5.1.9.4 Obtenir un accusé de réception

Requête POST

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Valeur	X	0100	prct	tranid	???	0	0	0	???	0	???	espace	aucune

Réponse

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	???
Valeur	X	0100	prct	tranid	???	x	y	z	???	0	???	espace	reçu

Message de données: WASP contenant l'accusé de réception

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MODIFICATIONS TO ANNEX F (Cont'd)***5.1.9.9 Get package header for dispatch list***Post Message**

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	???
Value	X	0100	pphd	trandid	???	X	Y	Z	a	b	???	blank	pkghdr

Data Message: WASP containing package header

Response Message

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Value	X	0100	pphd	trandid	???	X	Y	Z	a	b	???	blank	pkghdr

Data Message: WASP containing package header

*5.1.9.10 Get package data for dispatch list***Post Message**

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Value	X	0100	ppdd	trandid	???	0	0	0	a	b	???	blank	None

Response Message

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	???
Value	X	0100	ppdd	trandid	???	x	y	z	0	0	???	blank	pkgdata

Data Message: C-WASP containing WASP

*5.1.9.11 Send receipt check notice for dispatch list***Post Message**

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Value	X	0100	prcd	trandid	???	0	0	0	0	0	???	blank	None

Response Message

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Value	X	0100	prcd	trandid	???	0	0	0	a	b	???	blank	None

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5.1.9.5 Fin de la transaction

Requête POST

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Valeur	X	0100	en attente	trnid	???	0	0	0	0	0	???	espace	aucune

Réponse

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Valeur	X	0100	en attente	trnid	???	0	0	0	a	b	???	???	aucune

5.1.9.6 Obtention de l'en-tête du paquet pour la notification

Requête POST

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	???
Valeur	X	0100	pphn	trnid	???	X	Y	Z	a	b	???	espace	pkghdr

Message de données: WASP contenant l'en-tête du paquet

Réponse

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Valeur	X	0100	pphn	trnid	???	X	Y	Z	a	b	???	espace	pkghdr

Message de données: WASP contenant l'en-tête du paquet

5.1.9.7 Obtenir le paquet de données pour la notification

Requête POST

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Valeur	X	0100	ppdn	trnid	???	0	0	0	a	b	???	espace	aucune

Réponse

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	???
Valeur	X	0100	ppdn	trnid	???	x	y	Z	0	0	???	espace	pkgdata

Message de données: C-WASP contenant un WASP

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT –
MODIFICATIONS TO ANNEX F (Cont'd)***5.1.9.12 Get Package header for application receipt list***Post Message**

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	???
Value	X	0100	ppha	trandid	???	X	Y	Z	a	b	???	blank	pkghdr

Data Message: WASP containing package header

Response Message

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Value	X	0100	ppha	trandid	???	X	Y	Z	a	b	???	blank	pkghdr

Data Message: WASP containing package header

*5.1.9.13 Get package data for application receipt list***Post Message**

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Value	X	0100	ppda	trandid	???	0	0	0	a	b	???	blank	None

Response Message

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	???
Value	X	0100	ppda	trandid	???	x	y	z	0	0	???	blank	pkgdata

Data Message: C-WASP containing WASP

*5.1.9.14 Send receipt check notice for application receipt list***Post Message**

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Value	X	0100	prca	trandid	???	0	0	0	0	0	???	blank	None

Response Message

Name	division hash	Protocol Version	transaction type	transaction id	Reserved use	total bytes	division size	division offset	division RC	application RC	Encoding method	error message	data message
Length	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Value	X	0100	prca	trandid	???	0	0	0	a	b	???	blank	None

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5.1.9.8 Envoyer l'accusé de réception pour la notification

Requête POST

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Valeur	X	0100	prcn	trnid	???	0	0	0	0	0	???	espace	aucune

Réponse

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Valeur	X	0100	prcn	trnid	???	0	0	0	a	b	???	espace	aucune

5.1.9.9 Obtenir l'en-tête du paquet pour la liste de distribution

Requête POST

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	???
Valeur	X	0100	pphd	trnid	???	X	Y	Z	a	b	???	espace	pkghdr

Message de données: WASP contenant l'en-tête du paquet

Réponse

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Valeur	X	0100	pphd	trnid	???	X	Y	Z	a	b	???	espace	pkghdr

Message de données: WASP contenant l'en-tête du paquet

5.1.9.10 Obtenir le paquet de données pour la liste de distribution

Requête POST

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Valeur	X	0100	ppdd	trnid	???	0	0	0	a	b	???	espace	aucune

Réponse

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	???
Valeur	X	0100	ppdd	trnid	???	x	y	z	0	0	???	espace	pkgdata

Message de données: C-WASP contenant un WASP

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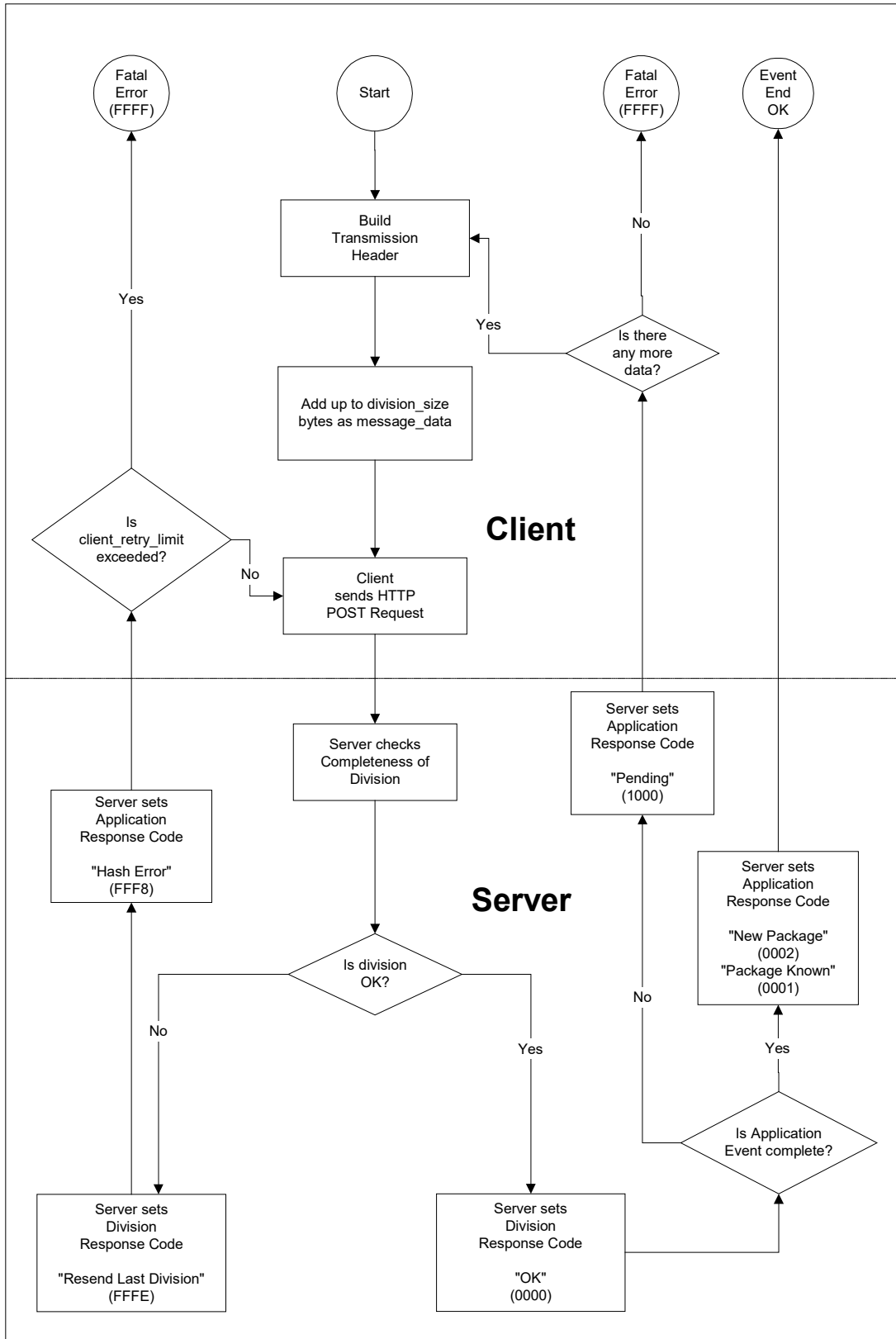


Figure 7 – Send package header behavior

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5.1.9.11 Envoyer l'accusé de réception pour la liste de distribution

Requête POST

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Valeur	X	0100	pred	trandid	???	0	0	0	0	0	???	espace	aucune

Réponse

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Valeur	X	0100	pred	trandid	???	0	0	0	a	b	???	espace	aucune

5.1.9.12 Obtenir l'en-tête du paquet pour la liste de réception de la demande

Requête POST

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	???
Valeur	X	0100	ppha	trandid	???	X	Y	Z	a	b	???	espace	pkghdr

Message de données: WASP contenant l'en-tête du paquet

Réponse

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Valeur	X	0100	ppha	trandid	???	X	Y	Z	a	b	???	espace	pkghdr

Message de données: WASP contenant l'en-tête du paquet

5.1.9.13 Obtenir le paquet de données pour la liste de réception de la demande

Requête POST

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Valeur	X	0100	ppda	trandid	???	0	0	0	a	b	???	espace	aucune

Réponse

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	???
Valeur	X	0100	ppda	trandid	???	x	y	z	0	0	???	espace	pkgdata

Message de données: C-WASP contenant un WASP

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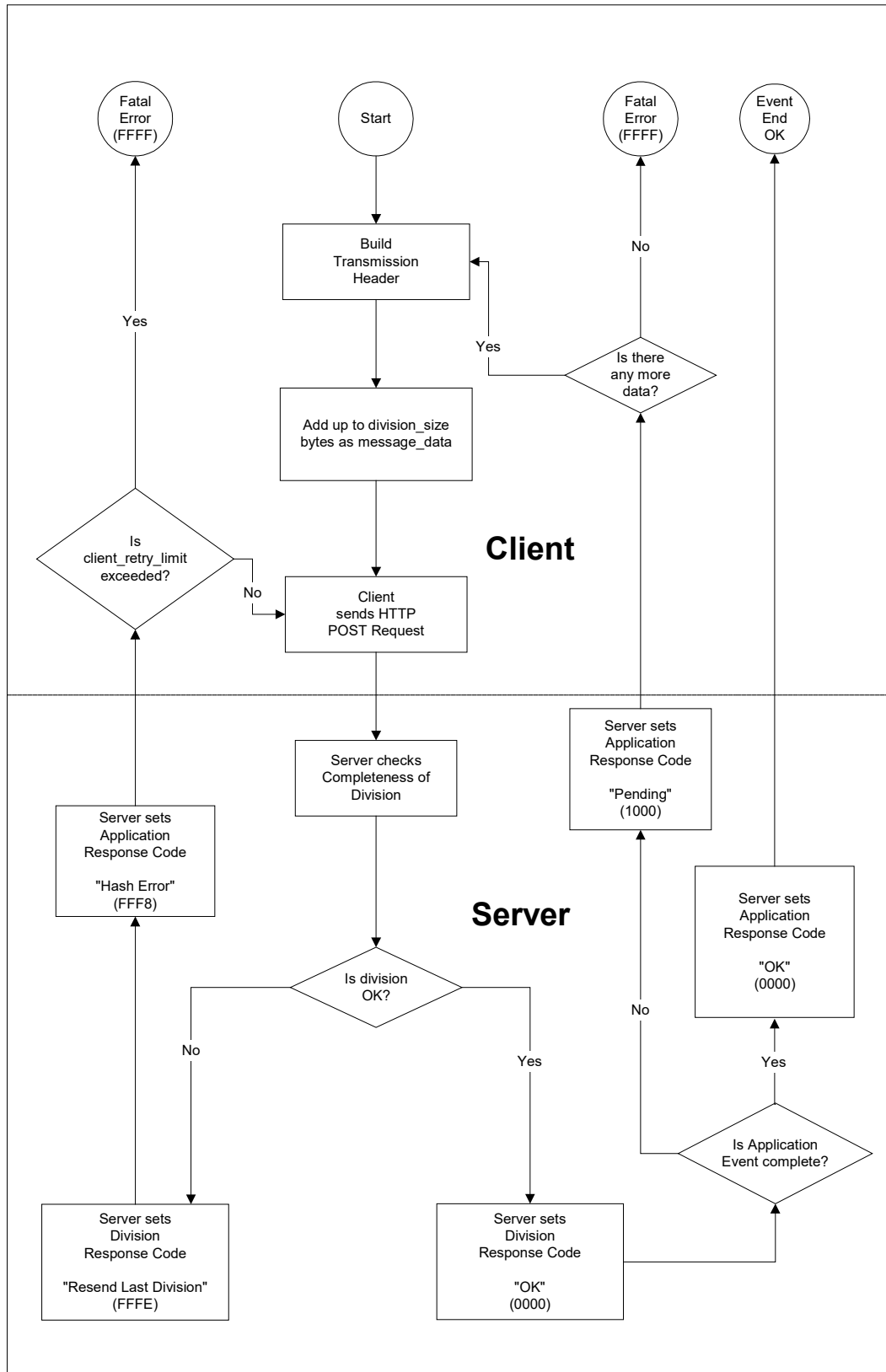


Figure 8 – Send package data behavior

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5.1.9.14 Envoyer l'accusé de réception pour la liste de réception de la demande

Requête POST

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Valeur	X	0100	prca	trandid	???	0	0	0	0	0	???	espace	aucune

Réponse

Nom	Hachage de division	Version du protocole	Type de transaction	Transaction id	Utilisation réservée	Nombre total de octets	Longueur de la division	Début de la division	division RC	Demande RC	Méthode de codage	Message d'erreur	Message de données
Longueur	40	4	4	36	32	16	16	16	4	4	4	256	0
Valeur	X	0100	prca	trandid	???	0	0	0	a	b	???	espace	aucune

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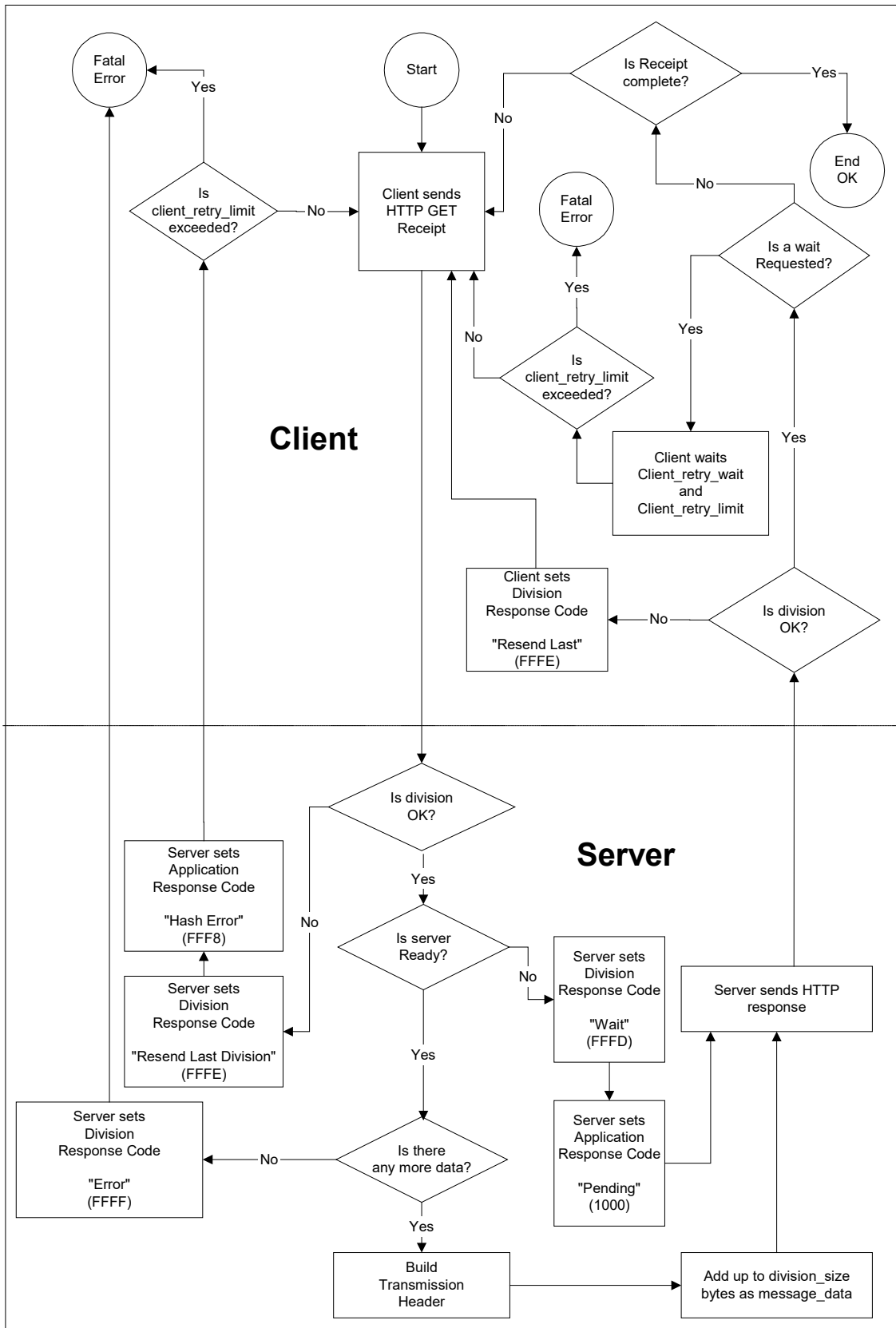


Figure 9 – Get receipt behavior

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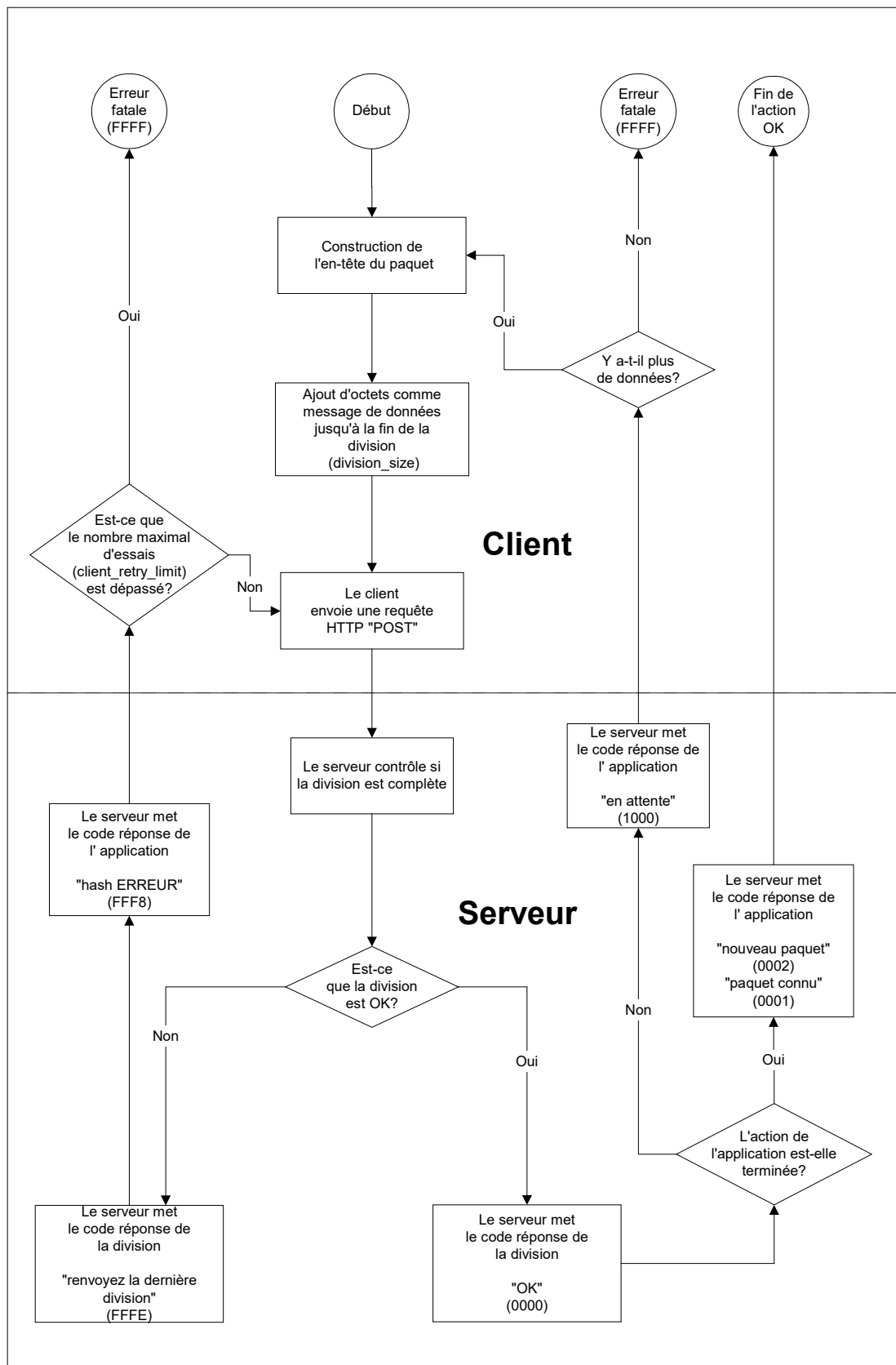


Figure 7 - Conduite à suivre pour l'envoi de l'en-tête du paquet

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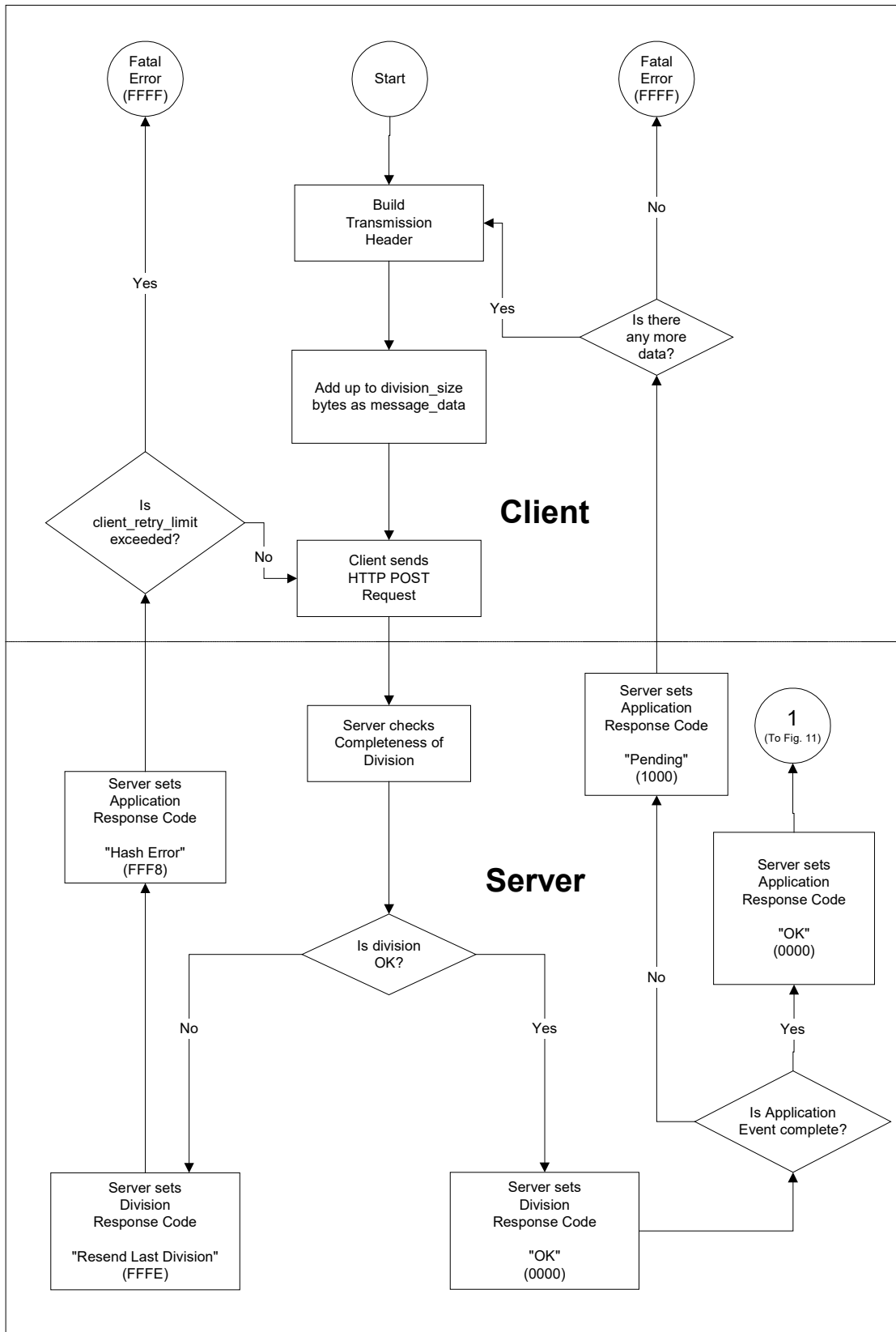


Figure 10 – Get package header behavior <upstream> [New]

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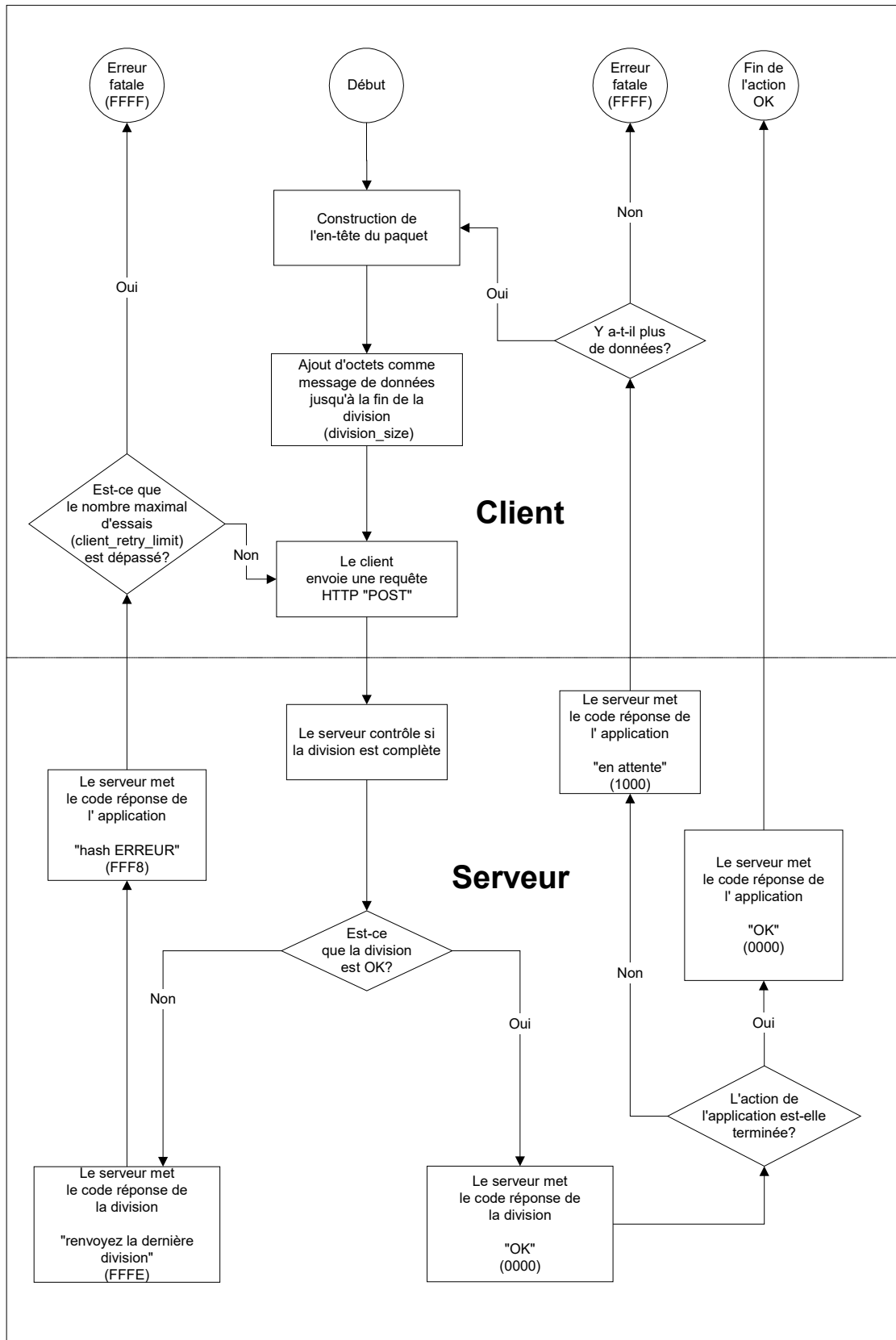


Figure 8 - Conduite à suivre pour l'envoi du paquet de données

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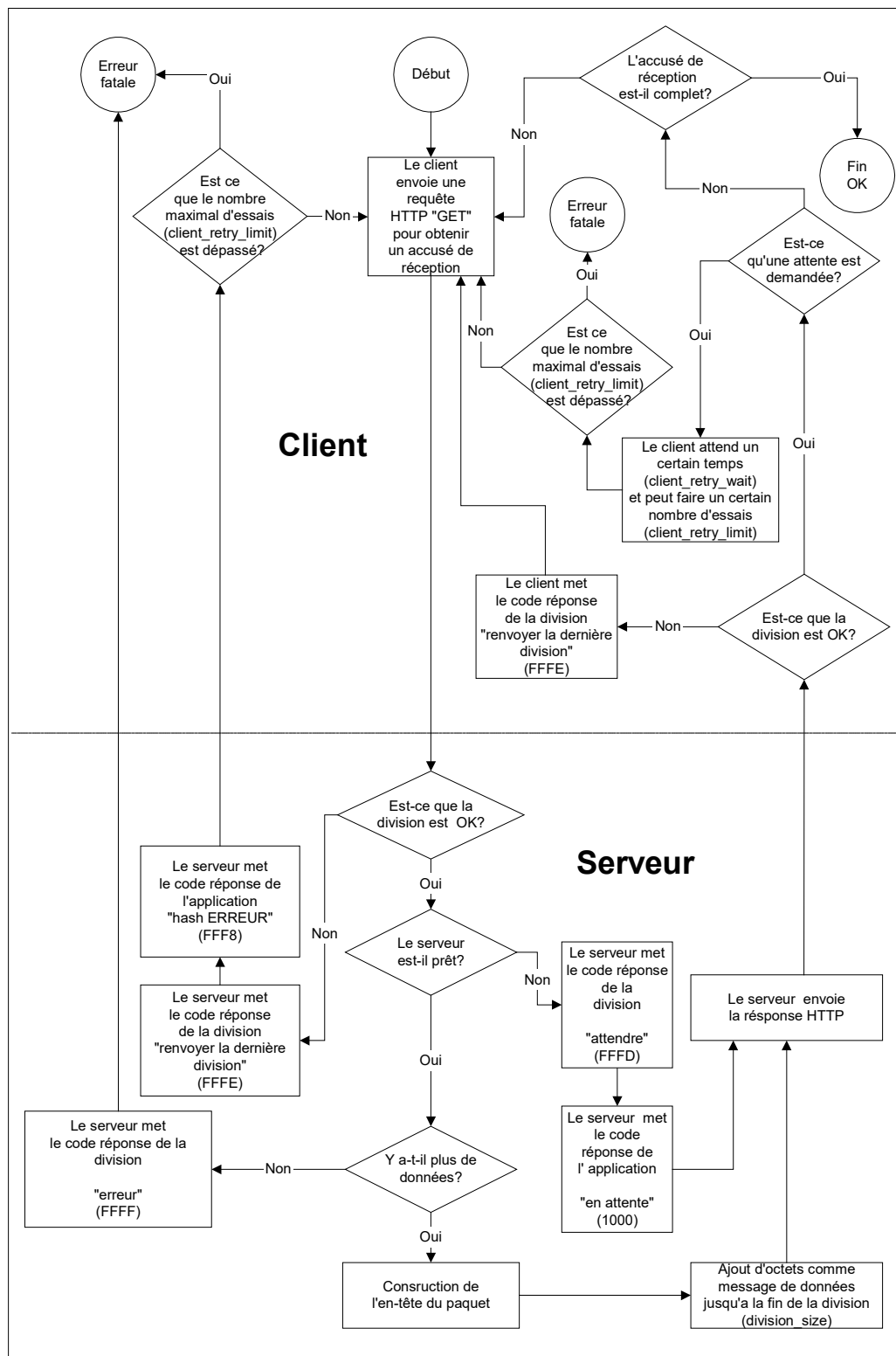


Figure 9 - Conduite à suivre pour l'obtention de l'accusé de réception

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT –
MODIFICATIONS TO ANNEX F (Cont'd)**

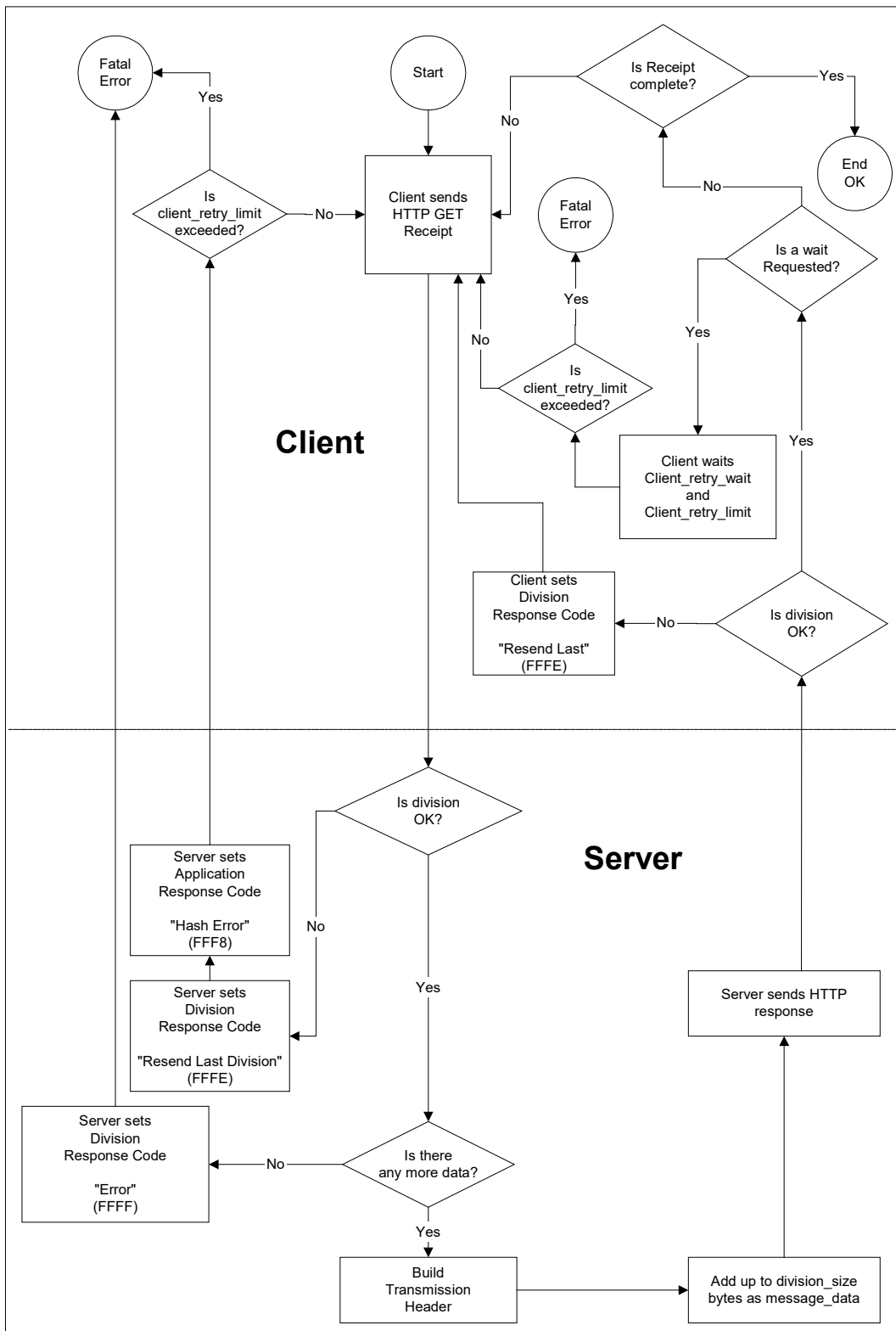


Figure 12 – Get package data behavior [New]

**INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT –
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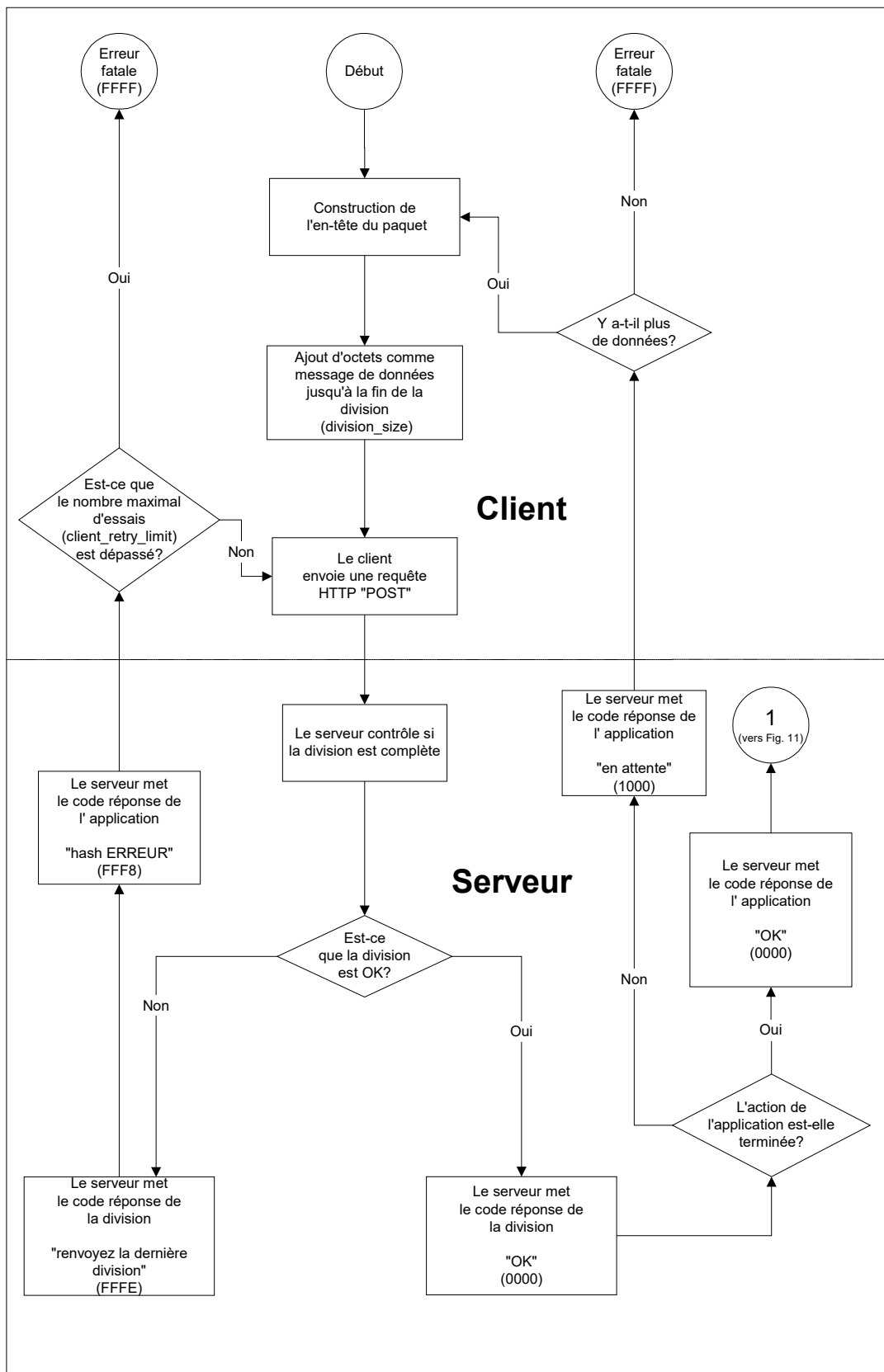


Figure 10 – Conduite à suivre pour l'obtention de l'en-tête du paquet (du déposant à l'office)

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5.2 Package/transmission combinations

[No change to the introductory text]

5.2.1 Applicant-Office (international phase) sector

IA documents may be filed by on-line means (using PKI) over the public Internet, over a private network, or transmitted off-line (using PKI or non-PKI) on physical media. The option of on-line filing of an IA utilizing a non-PKI method is not presently permitted, except under possible transitional reservations permitted by AIs Section 703(f) (see section 7.1.1 as to the consequences of non-PKI filing under such a transitional reservation).

Figure 13 shows a matrix of the various submission mechanism/packaging combinations that are permissible in the Applicant-Office (international phase) sector as specified under this standard. In summary, for each submission mechanism:

- (a) On-line/Internet: The SEP must be used. TCP/IP used to exchange data, in realtime, over the Internet
- (b) On-line/secure: The SEP, WASP or C-WASP must be used. This is defined as a telecommunication connection established to exchange data, over a network which includes: 1) a private network; 2) the Internet using channel level encryption (e.g. SSL); 3) a Virtual Private Network (VPN) connection over the Internet.
- (c) Off-line/physical media: either the SEP, WASP, C-WASP or WAD package must be used. Physical media (e.g., diskette, CD-ROM, DVD, etc.) is used to store IA data with no real-time data exchange.

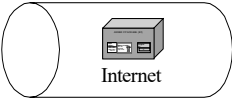








	Signed and Encrypted Package	Wrapped and Signed Package Compound WASP	Wrapped Application Documents
On-line / Internet	 Internet	 Not permissible	 Not permissible
On-line / secure	 Secure	 Secure	 Not permissible
Off-line / media			

Figure 13 – Package/transmission combinations permitted in the Applicant-Office (international phase) sector

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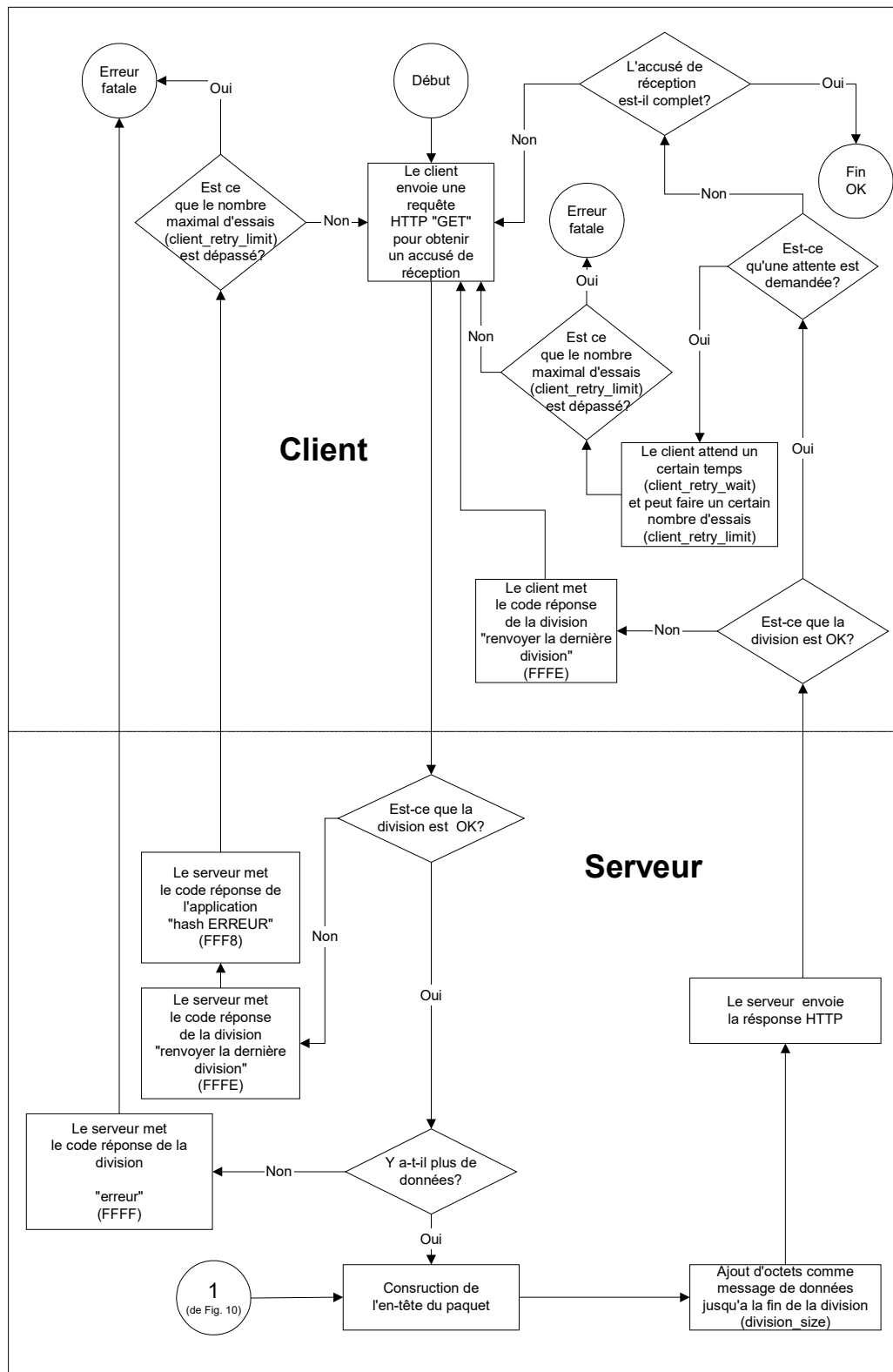


Figure 11 – Conduite à suivre pour l’obtention de l’en-tête du paquet (de l’office au déposant) [Nouvelle]

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5.2.2 Office-Office sector

All Office-Office sector data exchange must be conducted utilizing PKI-based data exchange. IA documents may be exchanged by on-line means over the public Internet or over a private network (such as Tri-Net or WIPONET), or transported on physical media.

Figure 14 shows a matrix of the various submission mechanism/packaging combinations that are permissible as specified under this standard. In summary, for each data exchange mechanism:

- (a) On-line/Internet: The SEP must be used. TCP/IP used to exchange data, in realtime, over the Internet
- (b) On-line/secure: The SEP or WASP must be used. This is defined as a telecommunication connection established to exchange data, over a network which includes: 1) a private network (e.g. WIPONET, Tri-Net); 2) the Internet using channel level encryption (e.g. SSL); 3) a Virtual Private Network (VPN) connection over the Internet.
- (c) Off-line/physical media: The SEP or WASP must be used. Physical media (e.g. diskette, CD-ROM, DVD, etc.) is used to store IA data with no real-time data exchange.

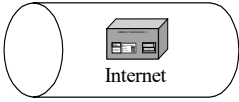








	Signed and Encrypted Package	Wrapped and Signed Package	Wrapped Application Documents
On-line / Internet	 Internet	 Not permissible	 Not permissible
On-line / secure	 Secure	 Secure	 Not permissible
Off-line / media	 Media	 Media	 Not permissible

Figure 14 – Package/transmission combinations permitted in Office-Office sector

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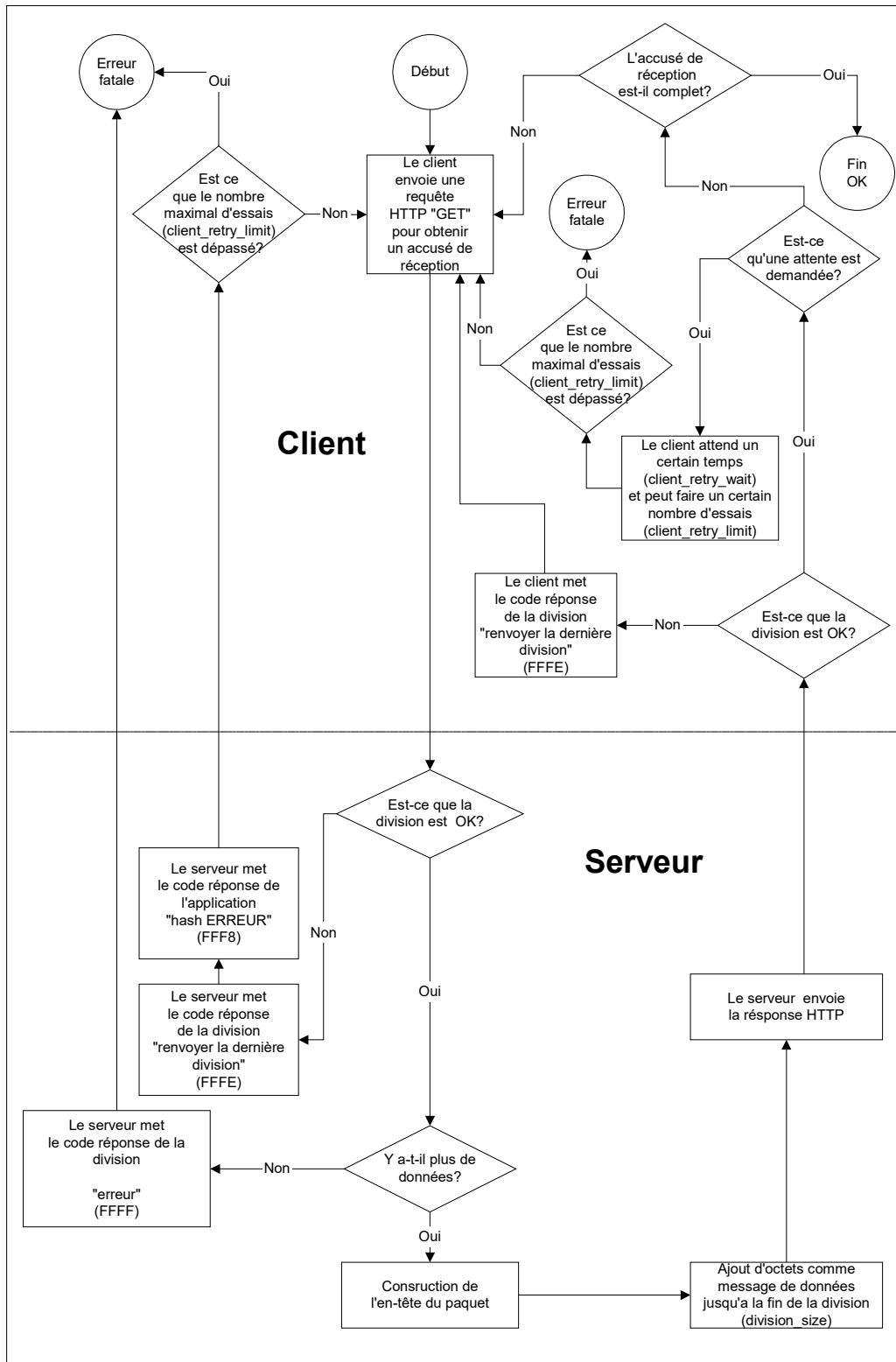


Figure 12 – Conduite à suivre pour l'obtention des données du paquet [Nouvelle]

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5.2.3 Designated Office sector

The SEP, WASP, or WAD package may be used when exchanging IA documents under the designated Office sector. Figure 15 shows a matrix of the various submission mechanism/packaging combinations that are permissible. In summary, for each data exchange mechanism:

- (a) On-line/Internet: the SEP must be used. TCP/IP used to exchange data, in realtime, over the Internet
- (b) On-line/secure: the SEP, WASP, or WAD must be used. This is defined as a telecommunication connection established to exchange data, over a network which includes: 1) a private network (e.g. WIPONET, Tri-Net); 2) the Internet using channel level encryption (e.g., SSL); 3) a Virtual Private Network (VPN) connection over the Internet.
- (c) Off-line/physical media: either the SEP, WASP, or WAD package must be used. Physical media (e.g., diskette, CD-ROM, DVD, etc.) is used to store IA data with no real-time data exchange.

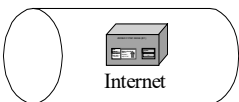




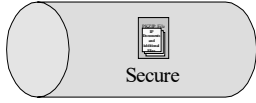



	Signed and Encrypted Package	Wrapped and Signed Package	Wrapped Application Documents
On-line / Internet	 Internet	 Not permissible	 Not permissible
On-line / secure	 Secure	 Secure	 Secure
Off-line / media			

Figure 15 – Package/transmission combinations permitted in designated Office sector

6. to 9. [No change]

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5.2 *Combinaisons paquet/transmission*

[Sans changement au texte introductif]

5.2.1 *Secteur de communication entre le déposant et l'office (phase internationale)*

Les documents constitutifs de la demande internationale peuvent être déposés en ligne (dans un environnement ICP) par l'intermédiaire de l'Internet ou d'un réseau privé, ou transmis hors-ligne (dans un environnement ICP ou non ICP) sur support matériel. Le dépôt en ligne d'une demande internationale à l'aide d'une méthode non basée ICP n'est pas autorisé à l'heure actuelle, sauf dans le cadre des réserves provisoires permises en vertu de l'instruction administrative 703.f) (voir la section 7.1.1 quant aux conséquences d'un dépôt non fondé sur une technologie ICP effectué en vertu d'une réserve provisoire de ce type).

La figure 13 présente une grille des différentes combinaisons mécanismes de transmission/paquet autorisées dans le secteur de communication entre le déposant et l'office (phase internationale) en vertu de la présente norme. En résumé, pour chaque mécanisme transmission :

- a) En ligne/Internet : il faut utiliser le paquet signé et chiffré (SEP), ainsi qu'un TCP/IP pour l'échange de données, en temps réel, à travers l'Internet.
- b) En ligne/environnement sécurisé: il convient d'utiliser un SEP, un WASP ou un C-WASP. Ceci est défini comme une connection de télécommunication établie pour échanger des données, à travers un réseau qui est a pour caractéristiques : 1) d'être un réseau privé, 2), d'utiliser l'Internet avec un niveau élevé de chiffrement (par ex. SSL), 3) d'avoir une connection Internet sur un réseau privé virtuel (VPN).
- c) Hors ligne/supports matériels: les types de paquets suivants doivent être employés: SEP, WASP, C-WASP ou WAD. Le support matériel (par ex. disquette, CD-ROM, DVD, etc.) est employé pour conserver les données des demandes internationales sans échange de données en temps réel.

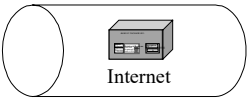








	Paquet signé et chiffré	Paquet compacté et signé WASP combiné	Documents constitutifs de la demande, compactés
En ligne / Internet	 Internet	 Non autorisé	 Non autorisé
En ligne environnement sécurisé	 Environnement sécurisé	 Environnement sécurisé	 Non autorisé
Hors ligne Supports matériels			

Figure 13 - Combinaisons paquet/transmission autorisées dans le secteur de communication entre le déposant et l'office (phase internationale).

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*[There is no corresponding page in English;
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two pages less than the French version]*

**INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT –
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5.2.2 Secteur de communication entre offices (d'office à office)

Tous les échanges de données dans le secteur office à office doivent s'inscrire dans un environnement ICP. Les documents constitutifs des demandes internationales peuvent être échangés en ligne sur l'Internet ou un réseau privé (tels que Tri-Net ou le WIPONET), ou envoyés sur support matériel.

La figure 14 présente une grille des différentes combinaisons transmission/paquet autorisées en vertu de la présente norme. En résumé, pour chaque mécanisme d'échange de données :

- a) En ligne/Internet : il convient d'utiliser le paquet signé et chiffré, ainsi qu'un TCP/IP pour l'échange de données, en temps réel, à travers l'Internet.
- b) En ligne/réseau sécurisé : il convient d'utiliser un SEP ou un WASP. Ceci est défini comme une connexion de télécommunication établie pour échanger des données, à travers un réseau qui est a pour caractéristiques : 1) d'être un réseau privé (par ex. WIPONET, Tri-Net), 2) d'utiliser l'Internet avec un niveau élevé de chiffrement (par ex. SSL), 3) d'avoir une connexion Internet sur un réseau privé virtuel (VPN).
- c) Hors ligne/support matériel : un SEP ou un WASP doit être utilisé. Le support matériel (par ex. disquette, CD-ROM, DVD etc.) est employé pour conserver les données des demandes internationales sans échange de données en temps réel.

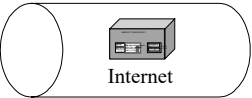


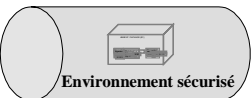





	Paquet signé et chiffré	Paquet compacté et signé	Documents constitutifs de la demande, compactés
En ligne / Internet	 Internet	 Non autorisé	 Non autorisé
En ligne environnement sécurisé	 Environnement sécurisé	 Environnement sécurisé	 Non autorisé
Hors ligne Supports matériels			 Non autorisé

Figure 14 - Combinaisons paquet/transmission autorisées dans le secteur de communication entre offices (d'office à office)

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT –
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INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT – MODIFICATIONS DE L'ANNEXE F (suite)

5.2.3 Secteur de communication des offices désignés

Un SEP, WASP ou WAD peut être utilisé dans l'échange de documents dans le secteur de communication des offices désignés. La figure 15 présente une grille des différentes combinaisons mécanismes de transmission/paquet autorisées. En résumé, pour chaque mécanisme d'échange de données :

- En ligne/Internet : il faut utiliser un SEP, ainsi qu'un TCP/IP pour l'échange de données, en temps réel, à travers l'Internet.
- En ligne/réseau sécurisé : il convient d'utiliser un SEP, un WASP ou un WAD. Ceci est défini comme une connection de télécommunication établie pour échanger des données, à travers un réseau qui est a pour caractéristiques : 1) d'être un réseau privé (par ex. Tri-Net, WIPONET), 2) d'utiliser l'Internet avec un niveau élevé de chiffrement (par ex. SSL), 3) d'avoir une connection Internet sur un réseau privé virtuel (VPN).
- Hors ligne/support matériel : un SEP, un WASP ou un WAD. Le support matériel (par ex. disquette, CD-ROM, DVD etc.) est employé pour conserver les données des demandes internationales sans échange de données en temps réel.

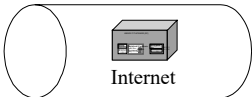








	Paquet signé et chiffré	Paquet compacté et signé	Documents constitutifs de la demande, compactés
En ligne / Internet	 Internet	 Non autorisé	 Non autorisé
En ligne environnement sécurisé	 Environnement sécurisé	 Environnement sécurisé	 Environnement sécurisé
Hors ligne Supports matériels			

Figure 15 - Combinaisons paquet/transmission autorisées dans le secteur de communication des offices désignés

6. à 9. [Sans changement]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**MZ Mozambique**

The **Central Department of Industrial Property (Mozambique)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as well as in its telephone and facsimile numbers, and has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Avenida 25 de Setembro No. 1502, P.O. Box 1831, Maputo, Mozambique
Telephone:	(258-1) 325 640
Facsimile machine:	(258-1) 321 301
Internet:	www.mic.gov.mz

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex B1(MZ), page 151]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**SE Sweden**

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), as well as for the reduction of the international fee where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 August 2003, are specified below:

Basic fee:	SEK 3,940
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	SEK 90
Designation fee:	SEK 850
PCT-EASY fee reduction:	SEK 1,210
Handling fee:	SEK 1,410

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the search fee in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** payable for an international search by the Office. The new amount, applicable as from 15 July 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Swedish Patent Office):	ISK 78,000
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(SE), page 317, Annex D(SE), page 345, and Annex E(SE), page 355]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**MZ Mozambique**

Le **Département central de la propriété industrielle (Mozambique)** a notifié des changements dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, ainsi que dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, et a notifié son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale :	Avenida 25 de Setembro No. 1502, P.O. Box 1831, Maputo, Mozambique
Téléphone :	(258-1) 325 640
Télécopieur :	(258-1) 321 301
Internet :	www.mic.gov.mz

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe B1(MZ), page 153]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**SE Suède**

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **couronnes suédoises (SEK)**, ont été établis pour la taxe de base, le supplément par feuille à compter de la 31^e, la taxe de désignation et la taxe de traitement, conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} août 2003, sont les suivants :

Taxe de base :	SEK 3.940
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	SEK 90
Taxe de désignation :	SEK 850
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY :	SEK 1.210
Taxe de traitement :	SEK 1.410

L'**Office suédois des brevets** a notifié au Bureau international un nouveau montant de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 juillet 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office suédois des brevets) :	ISK 78.000
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DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**BR Brazil**

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Brazil)** has notified changes in the special requirements of the Office as a designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of special requirements is now as follows:

Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Instrument of assignment where the name of the applicant has changed after the international filing date and the change has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (PCT/IB/306)¹

Translation into Portuguese of the priority document's filing certificate or statement permitting the application to be identified²

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Brazil¹

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Summary (BR), page 390]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**Non-Working Days**

In anticipation of possible disruptions coinciding with the G8 Summit which was held in Evian, France, from 1 to 3 June 2003, inclusive, the offices of WIPO were closed from Friday, 30 May to Tuesday, 3 June 2003, inclusive. Thursday, 29 May 2003 was already an official holiday at WIPO.

In relation to PCT time limits for filing a response or other communication directly with the International Bureau, or paying a fee directly to the International Bureau, any such time limit which expired on one of the days on which WIPO was closed has been extended until Wednesday, 4 June 2003. PCT Rule 80.5 (Expiration on a Non-Working Day) states:

“If the expiration of any period during which any document or fee must reach a national Office or intergovernmental organization falls on a day on which such Office or organization is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business, or on which ordinary mail is not delivered in the locality in which such Office or organization is situated, the period shall expire on the next subsequent day on which neither of the said two circumstances exists.”

Filing with the International Bureau as receiving Office

Concerning the filing of international applications with the receiving Office of the International Bureau in relation to which the 12-month priority period expired on one of the days on which WIPO was closed, Article 4C(3) of the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property states:

“If the last day of the period is an official holiday, or a day when the Office is not open for the filing of applications . . . , the period shall be extended until the first following working day.”

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 04/2003, page 2018]

¹ Must be furnished within 60 days from the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² Only if the validity of the priority claim is relevant to the determination of whether the invention concerned is patentable.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**BR Brésil**

L'**Institut national de la propriété industrielle (Brésil)** a notifié des changements dans les exigences particulières de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). La liste récapitulative des exigences spéciales est désormais la suivante :

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT) :

Acte de cession lorsque le nom du déposant a changé après la date du dépôt international et que le changement n'a pas été reflété dans une notification émanant du Bureau international (PCT/IB/306)¹

Traduction en portugais du récépissé de dépôt du document de priorité ou d'une déclaration permettant d'identifier la demande²

Nomination d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié au Brésil¹

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), résumé (BR), page 407]

BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**Jours chômés**

En prévision des perturbations pouvant coïncider avec le sommet du G8 qui s'est tenu à Évian du 1^{er} au 3 juin 2003 inclus, les bureaux de l'OMPI ont été fermés du vendredi 30 mai au mardi 3 juin 2003 inclus. Le jeudi 29 mai 2003 était déjà un jour férié légal à l'OMPI.

En ce qui concerne les délais prévus par le Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT) pour le dépôt de réponse ou de toute autre communication directement auprès du Bureau international, ou pour le paiement de toute taxe directement auprès du Bureau international, l'un quelconque de ces délais qui est venu à expiration pendant l'un des jours mentionnés ci-dessus durant lesquels les bureaux de l'OMPI étaient officiellement fermés a été prorogé jusqu'au mercredi 4 juin 2003. La règle 80.5 du PCT (Expiration un jour chômé) énonce :

“Si un délai quelconque pendant lequel un document ou une taxe doit parvenir à un office national ou à une organisation intergouvernementale expire un jour où cet office ou cette organisation n'est pas ouvert au public pour traiter d'affaires officielles, ou bien un jour où le courrier ordinaire n'est pas délivré dans la localité où cet office ou cette organisation est situé, le délai prend fin le premier jour suivant auquel aucune de ces deux circonstances n'existe plus.”

Dépôt auprès du Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur

Concernant le dépôt de demandes internationales auprès du Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur au sujet desquelles le délai de priorité de 12 mois est venu à expiration l'un des jours pendant lesquels les bureaux de l'OMPI étaient fermés, l'article 4C(3) de la Convention de Paris pour la protection de la propriété industrielle énonce :

“Si le dernier jour du délai est un jour férié légal, ou un jour où le Bureau n'est pas ouvert pour recevoir le dépôt des demandes ..., le délai sera prorogé jusqu'au premier jour ouvrable qui suit.”

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° 04/2003, page 2019]

¹ Doit être remis dans un délai de 60 jours à compter de l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

² Seulement si la validité de la revendication de priorité est pertinente pour déterminer si l'invention en question est brevetable ou non.

LANGUAGE(S) ACCEPTED FOR THE FILING OF REQUESTS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(c)

Under amended PCT Rule 12.1(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, the receiving Offices of the following States have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) which they are prepared to accept for the filing of requests, as follows:

BE	Belgium	English, French or German
KE	Kenya	English

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2003 (E), Annex C(BE), page 239, and Annex C(KE), page 284]

LANGUE(S) ACCEPTÉE(S) POUR LE DÉPÔT DES REQUÊTES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 12.1.c) DU PCT

En vertu de la règle 12.1.c) du PCT modifiée, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003, les offices récepteurs des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international la ou les langues qu'ils sont disposés à accepter aux fins du dépôt des requêtes, comme suit :

BE	Belgique	Allemand, anglais ou français
KE	Kenya	Anglais

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2003 (F), annexe C(BE), page 242, et annexe C(KE), page 242]

SECTION IV

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CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****EG Egypt**

On 6 June 2003, **Egypt** deposited its instrument of ratification of the PCT. Egypt will become the 121th Contracting State of the PCT on 6 September 2003.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 6 September 2003, Egypt (country code: EG) may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 6 September 2003, nationals and residents of Egypt will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex A, page 8]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

The **Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea** has notified an additional type of protection available via the PCT, and has notified changes as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Democratic People's Republic of Korea is designated or elected, as follows:

Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, inventors' certificates, utility models
Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the Democratic People's Republic of Korea is designated (or elected):	Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiry of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of three months from the date of invitation.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(KP), page 111]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified a change in the type of protection available via the PCT. The consolidated list of available types of protection is as follows:

Types of protection available via the PCT:	National:	Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a national patent)
	European:	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(PT), page 167]

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)

EG Égypte

Le 6 juin 2003, l'**Égypte** a déposé son instrument de ratification du PCT. L'Égypte deviendra le 121^e État contractant du PCT le 6 septembre 2003.

En conséquence, l'Égypte pourra être désignée (code pour le pays : EG) dans toute demande internationale déposée le 6 septembre 2003 ou ultérieurement et, étant liée par le chapitre II du PCT, pourra aussi être élue. En outre, à partir du 6 septembre 2003, les nationaux de l'Égypte et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe A, page 8]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

KP République populaire démocratique de Corée

L'**Office des inventions de la République populaire démocratique de Corée** a notifié un type de protection additionnel disponible par la voie PCT, ainsi que des changements dans le délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si la République populaire démocratique de Corée est désignée ou élue, comme suit :

Types de protection disponibles
par la voie PCT :

Brevets, certificats d'auteur d'invention, modèles d'utilité

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de
l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si
la République populaire démocratique de
Corée est désignée (ou élue) :

Doivent figurer dans la requête. Si les renseignements se rapportant à l'inventeur n'ont pas été communiqués à l'expiration du délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1)a) du PCT, l'office invitera le déposant à faire le nécessaire dans un délai de trois mois à compter de l'invitation.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B1(KP), page 113]

PT Portugal

L'**Institut national de la propriété industrielle (Portugal)** a notifié un changement dans un type de protection disponible par la voie PCT. La liste récapitulative des types de protection disponibles est la suivante :

Types de protection disponibles
par la voie PCT :

Nationale : Brevets, modèles d'utilité (un modèle d'utilité peut être demandé au lieu ou en plus d'un brevet national)

Européenne : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B1(PT), page 169]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AT Austria**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Austrian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 September 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Austrian Patent Office): KRW 222,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(AT), page 342]

DZ Algeria

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau that, in its capacity as receiving Office, it does not require the payment of a transmittal fee.

Transmittal fee: None

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(DZ), page 260]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** and in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 September 2003, are as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): JPY 129,500 USD 1,119

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(EP), page 345]

ES Spain

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office for the purposes of certain receiving Offices which have specified the US dollar (USD) as a currency of payment or use the US dollar (USD) as a basis for calculating an equivalent amount in the national currency. The new amount, applicable as from 1 September 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Spanish Patent and
Trademark Office): USD 1,119

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(ES), page 347]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

AT Autriche

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **won coréens (KRW)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office autrichien des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office autrichien des brevets) : KRW 222.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe D(AT), page 354]

DZ Algérie

L'**Institut national algérien de la propriété industrielle**, en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié le Bureau international qu'il n'exige pas de paiement de taxe de transmission.

Taxe de transmission : Néant

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(DZ), page 266]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **yen japonais (JPY)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2003, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) : JPY 129.500 USD 1.119

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe D(EP), page 357]

ES Espagne

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques aux fins de certains offices récepteurs qui ont spécifiés le dollar des États-Unis (USD) comme monnaie de paiement ou comme base de calcul du montant équivalent dans leur monnaie nationale. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques) : USD 1.119

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe D(ES), page 359]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

The **Invention Office of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **won (KPW)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:	Equivalent in KPW of Euro 230
Additional fee for late furnishing of the translation, per month:	Equivalent in KPW of Euro 30

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (KP), page 448]

KR Republic of Korea

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 September 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Korean Intellectual Property Office): CHF 163

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(KR), page 349]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)** payable for an international search by the Office. The new amount, applicable as from 1 September 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Swedish Patent Office): USD 1,119

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(SE), page 351]

LANGUAGE(S) ACCEPTED FOR THE FILING OF REQUESTS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(c)

Under amended PCT Rule 12.1(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, the receiving Offices of the following States have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) which they are prepared to accept for the filing of requests, as follows:

BZ	Belize	English
DK	Denmark	English, French or German
IT	Italy	English, French or German
KZ	Kazakhstan	English or Russian
LV	Latvia	English, French, German or Russian

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(BZ), page 247, Annex C(DK), page 258, Annex C(IT), page 287, Annex C(KZ), page 294, and Annex C(LV), page 299]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)

KP République populaire démocratique de Corée

L'Office des inventions de la République populaire démocratique de Corée a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **won (KPW)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt : Équivalent en KPW de 230 euros

Taxe additionnelle pour remise
tardive de la traduction, par mois : Équivalent en KPW de 30 euros

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), résumé (KP), page 477]

KR République de Corée

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **francs suisses (CHF)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale
effectuée par l'Office coréen de la
propriété intellectuelle) : CHF 163

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe D(KR), page 361]

SE Suède

L'Office suédois des brevets a notifié au Bureau international un nouveau montant de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche
internationale effectuée par
l'Office suédois des brevets) : USD 1.119

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe D(SE), page 363]

LANGUE(S) ACCEPTÉE(S) POUR LE DÉPÔT DES REQUÊTES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 12.1.c) DU PCT

En vertu de la règle 12.1.c) du PCT modifiée, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003, les offices récepteurs des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international la ou les langues qu'ils sont disposés à accepter aux fins du dépôt des requêtes, comme suit :

BZ	Belize	Anglais
DK	Danemark	Allemand, anglais ou français
IT	Italie	Allemand, anglais ou français
KZ	Kazakhstan	Anglais ou russe
LV	Lettonie	Allemand, anglais, français ou russe

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(BZ), page 251, annexe C(DK), page 264, annexe C(IT), page 294, annexe C(KZ), page 302, et annexe C(LV), page 308]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AT Austria**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Austrian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 September 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Austrian Patent Office): USD 183

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(AT), page 342]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amounts, applicable as from 15 September 2003, are as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): SGD 1,930 ZAR 8,760

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(EP), page 345]

**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF
MODIFIED PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS;
NOTIFICATION UNDER PCT ARTICLE 22(3)****DK Denmark**

Further to its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 July 2003.

Furthermore, the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office**, pursuant to PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b), has notified changes in the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase, with effect from the same date. The new time limits are as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry
into the national phase: Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date
Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (DK), page 414]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

AT Autriche

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office autrichien des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office autrichien des brevets) : USD 183

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe D(AT), page 354]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **dollars de Singapour (SGD)** et en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 15 septembre 2003, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) : SGD 1.930 ZAR 8.760

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe D(EP), page 357]

RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT MODIFIÉ; NOTIFICATION EN VERTU DE L'ARTICLE 22.3) DU PCT

DK Danemark

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de l'article 22.1) du PCT modifié (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 08/2002, page 3887), l'**Office danois des brevets et des marques** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2003.

De plus, l'**Office danois des brevets et des marques**, conformément aux articles 22.3) et 39.1)b) du PCT, a notifié des changements dans les délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, avec effet à compter de la même date. Les nouveaux délais sont les suivants :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), résumé (DK), page 437]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF AMENDED RULE 51BIS WITH NATIONAL LAWS**DK Denmark**

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Rule 51*bis*.2(a), as amended with effect from 1 March 2001, with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, page 2024), the **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 July 2003; amended PCT Rule 51*bis*.2(a) will therefore apply as from that date.

LANGUAGE(S) ACCEPTED FOR THE FILING OF REQUESTS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(c)

Under amended PCT Rule 12.1(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, the receiving Offices of the following States have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) which they are prepared to accept for the filing of requests, as follows:

BR	Brazil	English
CN	China	Chinese or English
CU	Cuba	Spanish
DZ	Algeria	French
EC	Ecuador	Spanish
GE	Georgia	English or Russian
MD	Republic of Moldova	English or Russian

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(BR), page 244, Annex C(CN), page 250, Annex C(CU), page 253, Annex C(DZ), page 260, Annex C(EC), page 262, Annex C(GE), page 272, and Annex C(MD), page 302]

**RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ
AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE LA RÈGLE 51BIS DU PCT MODIFIÉE**

DK Danemark

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de la règle 51bis.2.a) du PCT, telle que modifiée à compter du 1^{er} mars 2001 (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 05/2001, page 2025), l'**Office danois des brevets et des marques** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2003; la règle 51bis.2.a) du PCT modifiée s'appliquera donc à compter de cette date.

**LANGUE(S) ACCEPTÉE(S) POUR LE DÉPÔT DES REQUÊTES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES
RÉCEPTEURS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 12.1.c) DU PCT**

En vertu de la règle 12.1.c) du PCT modifiée, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003, les offices récepteurs des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international la ou les langues qu'ils sont disposés à accepter aux fins du dépôt des requêtes, comme suit :

BR	Brésil	Anglais
CN	Chine	Anglais ou chinois
CU	Cuba	Espagnol
DZ	Algérie	Français
EC	Équateur	Espagnol
GE	Géorgie	Anglais ou russe
MD	République de Moldova	Anglais ou russe

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(BR), page 248, annexe C(CN), page 254, annexe C(CU), page 257, annexe C(DZ), page 266, annexe C(EC), page 268, annexe C(GE), page 278, et annexe C(MD), page 311]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**BZ Belize**

The **Belize Intellectual Property Office** has introduced an additional telephone number. The telephone numbers to be used are as follows:

Telephone: (501-8) 22 13 81, 22 20 73

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(BZ), page 37]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 October 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): NOK 7,830

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(EP), page 345]

LANGUAGE(S) ACCEPTED FOR THE FILING OF REQUESTS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(c)

Under amended PCT Rule 12.1(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, the receiving Offices of the following States have notified the International Bureau of the language(s) which they are prepared to accept for the filing of requests, as follows:

GR	Greece	English, French or German
UZ	Uzbekistan	Russian

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(GR), page 274, and Annex C(UZ), page 335]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**BZ Belize**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Belize** a introduit un numéro de téléphone supplémentaire. Les numéros de téléphone à utiliser sont les suivants :

Téléphone : (501-8) 22 13 81, 22 20 73

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B1(BZ), page 37]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **couronnes norvégiennes (NOK)** a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) : NOK 7.830

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe D(EP), page 357]

LANGUE(S) ACCEPTÉE(S) POUR LE DÉPÔT DES REQUÊTES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 12.1.c) DU PCT

En vertu de la règle 12.1.c) du PCT modifiée, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003, les offices récepteurs des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international la ou les langues qu'ils sont disposés à accepter aux fins du dépôt des requêtes, comme suit :

GR Grèce	Allemand, anglais ou français
UZ Ouzbékistan	Russe

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(GR), page 280, et annexe C(UZ), page 346]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**KG Kyrgyzstan**

The **Kyrgyz Intellectual Property Office** has informed the International Bureau that the information published in PCT Gazette No. 22/2003, on 30 May 2003, namely, that it was no longer possible to obtain utility models in Kyrgyzstan via the PCT, was incorrect. The types of protection available via the PCT remain as they were previous to that publication:

Types of protection available via the PCT: National: Patents, utility models

Eurasian: [No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(KG), page 109]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**UA Ukraine**

The **Ukraine Patent Office** has notified changes in the amounts of a fee in **Ukrainian hryvnia (UAH)**, payable to it as receiving Office, and to the amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): UAH 85 plus UAH 2 for each sheet in excess of 30

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:¹ USD 150 (75)²

Additional fee for each claim,
dependent or independent,
in excess of 15: USD 15 (7.50)²

Examination fee:³ USD 600 (300)²

Additional fee for each
independent claim
in excess of one: USD 450 (225)²

For utility model:

Filing fee:¹ USD 90 (45)²

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(UA), page 333, and Summary (UA), page 506]

¹ Must be [...] paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 and 39(1). The applicant may still [...] pay the fee within two months after the expiration of the applicable time limit, provided that a written request for extension of the applicable time limit has been made and the fee for filing such request has been paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 and 39(1).

² The amount in parentheses is applicable where the applicant is also the inventor.

³ A written request for examination must be made and the examination fee must be paid within three years from the international filing date.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**KG Kirghizistan**

L'Office kirghize de la propriété intellectuelle a informé le Bureau international que l'information publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 22/2003 le 30 mai 2003, à savoir qu'il n'était plus possible d'obtenir des modèles d'utilité au Kirghizistan par la voie PCT, était erronée. Les types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT restent tels qu'ils étaient avant cette publication :

Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Nationale : Brevets, modèles d'utilité
	Eurasienne : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B1(KG), page 111]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**UA Ukraine**

L'Office ukrainien des brevets a notifié des changements dans les montants d'une taxe, exprimés en hryvnia ukrainiens (UAH), payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, et dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en dollars des États-Unis (USD), payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	UAH 85 plus UAH 2	pour chaque feuille à compter de la 31 ^e
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Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt ¹ :	USD 150	(75) ²
Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication, dépendante ou indépendante à compter de la 16 ^e :	USD 15	(7,50) ²
Taxe d'examen ³ :	USD 600	(300) ²
Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 2 ^e :	USD 450	(225) ²

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt ¹ :	USD 90	(45) ²
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(UA), page 344, et résumé (UA), page 544]

¹ Doit être [...] payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 et 39.1) du PCT. Le déposant peut encore [...] acquitter la taxe dans un délai de deux mois après l'expiration du délai applicable, pour autant qu'une demande de prorogation de délai soit faite et que la taxe correspondante soit payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 et 39.1) du PCT.

² Le montant indiqué entre parenthèses est applicable dans le cas où le déposant est aussi l'inventeur.

³ Une requête en examen doit être formulée par écrit et la taxe d'examen doit être acquittée dans un délai de trois ans à compter de la date du dépôt international.

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NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****BW Botswana****AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)**

On 30 July 2003, **Botswana** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Botswana will become the 122nd Contracting State of the PCT on 30 October 2003.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 30 October 2003, Botswana (country code: BW) may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 30 October 2003, nationals and residents of Botswana will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

Since Botswana is party to the Harare Protocol within the framework of the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO), it will also be possible to designate Botswana for the purposes of obtaining an ARIPO patent. Any designation for an ARIPO patent in an international application filed on or after 30 October 2003 will automatically include the designation of Botswana for that purpose.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex A, page 8, Annex B2(AP), page 221, and Annex C(AP), page 235]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**YU Serbia and Montenegro**

The two-letter code for **Serbia and Montenegro** has been changed, as follows:

CS Serbia and Montenegro

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex A, page 8, Annex B1(YU), page 214, Annex C (YU), page 338, and Summary (YU), page 516]

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)****BW Botswana****AP Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO)**

Le 30 juillet 2003, le **Botswana** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT. Le Botswana deviendra le 122^e État contractant du PCT le 30 octobre 2003.

En conséquence, le Botswana pourra être désigné (code pour le pays : BW) dans toute demande internationale déposée le 30 octobre 2003 ou ultérieurement et, étant lié par le chapitre II du PCT, pourra aussi être élu. En outre, à partir du 30 octobre 2003, les nationaux du Botswana et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

Le Botswana étant partie au Protocole de Harare dans le cadre de l'Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO), il pourra être désigné en vue de l'obtention d'un brevet ARIPO. Toute désignation en vue de l'obtention d'un brevet ARIPO faite dans une demande internationale déposée le 30 octobre 2003 ou ultérieurement emportera automatiquement la désignation du Botswana à cet effet.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe A, page 8, annexe B2(AP), page 223, et annexe C(AP), page 238]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**YU Serbie-et-Monténégro**

Le code à deux lettres de la **Serbie-et-Monténégro** a été modifié comme suit :

CS Serbie-et-Monténégro

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe A, page 9, annexe B1 (YU), page 216, annexe C (YU), page 350, et résumé (YU), page 555]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**KR Republic of Korea**

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes relating to the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:¹

Under PCT Article 22: Request², description, claims (if amended, as originally filed or as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19, at applicant's option), any text matter of drawings, abstract

Under PCT Article 39(1): Request², description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (KR), page 450]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF AMENDED PCT RULE 49.6 WITH NATIONAL LAWS**PT Portugal**

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Rule 49.6, as amended with effect from 1 January 2004, with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2003, page 2524), **the National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 July 2003; amended PCT Rule 49.6 therefore applies as from that date.

LANGUAGE(S) ACCEPTED FOR THE FILING OF REQUESTS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(c)

Under amended PCT Rule 12.1(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, the receiving Office of the following State has notified the International Bureau of the language which it is prepared to accept for the filing of requests, as follows:

ID Indonesia English

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(ID), page 280]

¹ Must be furnished [...] within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² The Request does not need to be translated when Form No. 67 is used for entering the national phase (see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, Annex KR.II).

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**KR République de Corée**

L'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié des changements dans ses exigences relatives aux éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale¹ :

En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Requête², description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, telles que déposées initialement ou telles que modifiées, ainsi que la déclaration en vertu de l'article 19 du PCT, au choix du déposant), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé

En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Requête², description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer à la fois tel que déposé initialement et tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), résumé (KR), page 479]

RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE LA RÈGLE 49.6 DU PCT MODIFIÉE**PT Portugal**

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de la règle 49.6 du PCT, telle que modifiée à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004 (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 05/2003), page 2525), l'**Institut national de la propriété industrielle (Portugal)** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2003; la règle 49.6 du PCT modifiée s'applique donc à compter de cette date.

LANGUE(S) ACCEPTÉE(S) POUR LE DÉPÔT DES REQUÊTES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 12.1.c) DU PCT

En vertu de la règle 12.1.c) du PCT modifiée, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003, l'office récepteur de l'État suivant a notifié au Bureau international la langue qu'il est disposé à accepter aux fins du dépôt des requêtes, comme suit :

ID Indonésie

Anglais

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(ID), page 287]

¹ Doit être remise [...] dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

² Il n'est pas nécessaire de traduire la requête lorsque le formulaire n° 67 est utilisé pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale (voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume II, annexe KR.II).

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
RECEIVING OFFICES
DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER
BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL**

NI Nicaragua

General information on **Nicaragua** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)** as receiving Office, is reproduced in Annexes B1(NI) and C(NI), on the following pages.

The information referred to in Annex B1(NI) as to special provisions concerning the deposit of micro-organisms and other biological material is as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	None	To the extent available to the applicant, all relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex L, page 369]

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS
OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS
DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE
MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE**

NI Nicaragua

Des informations de caractère général concernant le **Nicaragua** en tant qu'État contractant, ainsi que des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences du **Registre de la propriété intellectuelle (Nicaragua)** en tant qu'office récepteur, sont reproduites dans les annexes B1(NI) et C(NI), aux pages suivantes.

Les informations auxquelles il est fait référence à l'annexe B1(NI) concernant des dispositions particulières au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique sont les suivantes :

Délai (éventuel) inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, dans lequel le déposant doit fournir :		Indications (éventuelles) qui doivent figurer outre celles exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii) selon les notifications des offices intéressés
les indications exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii)	toute indication supplémentaire spécifiée dans la colonne adjacente de droite	
Aucun	Aucun	Dans la mesure où ils sont accessibles au déposant, tous les renseignements importants se rapportant aux caractéristiques du matériel biologique

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe L, page 386]

B1 Information on Contracting States B1**NI NICARAGUA NI****General information**

Name of Office:	Registro de la Propiedad Intelectual Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua)
Location:	Costado Este Hotel Real Intercontinental Metrocentro, Managua, Nicaragua
Mailing address:	Apartado No. 8, Managua, Nicaragua
Telephone:	(505) 267 3061, 267 1543, 267 2417
Facsimile machine:	(505) 267 5393
Teleprinter:	—
E-mail:	rpi@mific.gob.ni
Internet:	http://rpi.gob.ni http://www.mific.gob.ni
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Nicaragua:	Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Nicaragua is designated (or elected):	Registry of Intellectual Property (Nicaragua) (see Volume II)
May Nicaragua be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Nicaragua concerning international-type search:	None

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B1 Informations sur les États contractants B1

NI NICARAGUA NI

Informations générales

Nom de l'office:	Registro de la Propiedad Intelectual Registre de la propriété intellectuelle (Nicaragua)
Siège:	Costado Este Hotel Real Intercontinental Metrocentro, Managua, Nicaragua
Adresse postale:	Apartado No. 8, Managua, Nicaragua
Téléphone:	(505) 267 3061, 267 1543, 267 2417
Télécopieur:	(505) 267 5393
Téléimprimeur:	–
Courrier électronique:	rpi@mific.gob.ni
Internet:	http://rpi.gob.ni http://www.mific.gob.ni
L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT)?	Oui, par télécopieur
Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens?	Tous types de documents
L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas?	Oui, dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de la transmission
L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT)?	Oui
Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux du Nicaragua et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées:	Registre de la propriété intellectuelle (Nicaragua) ou Bureau international de l'OMPI, au choix du déposant (voir l'annexe C)
Office désigné (ou élu) compétent si le Nicaragua est désigné (ou élu):	Registre de la propriété intellectuelle (Nicaragua) (voir le volume II)
Le Nicaragua peut-il être élu?	Oui (lié par le chapitre II du PCT)
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT:	Brevets, modèles d'utilité

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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****NI****NICARAGUA****NI***[Continued]*Provisional protection after
international publication:

None

Information of interest if Nicaragua is designated (or elected)Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Nicaragua is designated (or elected):Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time
limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will
invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time
limit of two months from the date of the invitation.Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

B1 **Informations sur les États contractants** **B1****NI** **NICARAGUA** **NI***[Suite]*

Protection provisoire à la suite de la
publication internationale: Néant

Informations utiles si le Nicaragua est désigné (ou élu)

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de
l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si
le Nicaragua est désigné (ou élu):

Doivent figurer dans la requête. S'ils n'ont pas été communiqués
dans le délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1)a) du PCT, l'office
invitera le déposant à faire le nécessaire dans un délai de deux mois
à compter de la date de l'invitation.

Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières
relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes
et autre matériel biologique?

Oui (voir l'annexe L)

C **Receiving Offices** **C**

NI **REGISTRY OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY** **NI**

(NICARAGUA)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Nicaragua
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish ¹
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	Yes
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office or Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD 175
International fee:	
Basic fee: ³	USD 476
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ³	USD 12
Designation fee: ³	USD 104
PCT-EASY fee reduction: ²	USD 148
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (ES)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 20
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Nicaragua Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any attorney registered in Nicaragua

¹ Depending on the applicant's choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332), the total amount of the international fee is reduced.

³ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in Nicaragua or any other State mentioned in the corresponding footnote to Annex C(1B). For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234. It is to be noted that, if both the PCT-EASY reduction and the 75% reduction of the international fee are applicable, the 75% reduction is calculated after the PCT-EASY reduction.

C	Offices récepteurs	C
NI	REGISTRE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE (NICARAGUA)	NI

Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux et les résidents de:	Nicaragua
Langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée:	Espagnol ¹
Nombre d'exemplaires requis par l'office récepteur:	3
L'office récepteur accepte-t-il le dépôt de demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY ² ?	Oui
Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale:	Office espagnol des brevets et des marques ou Office européen des brevets
Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international:	Office espagnol des brevets et des marques ou Office européen des brevets
Taxes payables à l'office récepteur:	Monnaie: Dollar des États-Unis (USD)
Taxe de transmission:	USD 175
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Taxe de base ³ :	USD 476
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e ³ :	USD 12
Taxe de désignation ³ :	USD 104
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Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT):	USD 20
L'office récepteur exige-t-il un mandataire?	Non, si le déposant est domicilié au Nicaragua Oui, dans le cas contraire
Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?	Tout avocat enregistré au Nicaragua

¹ En fonction du choix du déposant quant à l'administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale, il pourra être nécessaire pour le déposant de remettre une traduction dans une langue correspondante (voir l'annexe D) (règle 12.3 du PCT).

² Lorsque la requête est déposée en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec une disquette PCT-EASY et que l'office récepteur accepte ce mode de dépôt (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 51/1998, pages 17331 et 17333), le montant total de la taxe internationale est réduit.

³ Cette taxe est réduite de 75% lorsque le déposant, ou s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux est une personne physique qui est ressortissante du Nicaragua et qui y est domiciliée; la réduction s'applique également dans le cas de tout autre État mentionné dans la note de bas de page pertinente de l'annexe C(1B). Pour plus de précisions, voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 50/1995, pages 19267 et 19268. Il convient de noter que, si la réduction PCT-EASY et la réduction de 75% de la taxe internationale s'appliquent toutes deux, la réduction de 75% est calculée après la réduction PCT-EASY.

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**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****IB International Bureau (as receiving Office)**

Following the coming into effect on 7 January 2002 of new Part 7 and new Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of electronic filing and processing of international applications under the PCT, as provided for by Rule 89*bis*.1, any receiving Office having the necessary technical systems in place is able to decide to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F.

The International Bureau as receiving Office announces that, with effect from 25 August 2003, it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form *provided that* they are filed by users already registered with the International Bureau as receiving Office for that purpose under the PCT-SAFE pilot (see PCT Gazette No. 46/2002, page 23268). Electronic filing will be introduced on a wider basis when electronic systems so permit, at which stage a further announcement will be published in the Gazette.

In accordance with Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions, the International Bureau notifies the following requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form with it as receiving Office:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2 and Annex C)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- on-line filing (see Annex F, section 5.1 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing on one of the following physical media: 3.5 inch diskette, CD-R or DVD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1, Appendix III, section 2(e) and Appendix IV, sections 4.1, 4.3 and 4.5)

As to electronic document packaging:

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)
- WAD (Wrapped Application Document; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) but only for filing on a physical medium

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE and *epoline*® software

As to types of electronic signatures (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile, text string and click wrap types of signatures (see Annex F, sections 3.3.1 to 3.3.3)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS

IB Bureau international (en sa qualité d'office récepteur)

Suite à l'entrée en vigueur, le 7 janvier 2002, de la nouvelle septième partie et de la nouvelle annexe F des instructions administratives contenant respectivement le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires pour la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement électroniques des demandes internationales selon le PCT, tel que prévu à la règle 89*bis*.1, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques nécessaires est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F.

Le Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur annonce qu'il est prêt, à compter du 25 août 2003, à recevoir des demandes internationales sous forme électronique à *condition qu'*elles soient déposées par des utilisateurs déjà enregistrés à cette fin auprès du Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur dans le cadre du logiciel pilote PCT-SAFE (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 46/2002, page 23269). Le dépôt électronique sera ouvert à un plus large public lorsque les systèmes informatiques le permettront, et une nouvelle annonce sera alors publiée dans la Gazette.

Conformément à l'instruction 710.a) des instructions administratives, le Bureau international notifie ci-après ses exigences et pratiques en matière de dépôt de demandes internationales sous forme électronique lorsqu'il agit en sa qualité d'office récepteur :

“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- XML (en général; voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- Norme OMPI ST.25 (pour les listages des séquences; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F et l'annexe C)
- PDF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.2 de l'annexe F)
- TIFF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :

- dépôt en ligne (voir la section 5.1 de l'annexe F et la section 2.d) de l'appendice III)
- dépôt effectué sur l'un des supports matériels suivants : disquette de 3,5 pouces, CD-R ou DVD-R (voir la section 5.2.1 de l'annexe F, la section 2.e) de l'appendice III et les sections 4.1, 4.3 et 4.5 de l'appendice IV)

En ce qui concerne l'emballage électronique des documents :

- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l'annexe F)
- WAD (paquet contenant les documents constitutifs de la demande compactés; voir la section 4.1.1 de l'annexe F) mais seulement pour déposer sur un support matériel

En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- logiciels PCT-SAFE et *epoline*®

En ce qui concerne les types de signatures électroniques (instruction 710.a)i) :

- signature en fac-similé, signature composée d'une chaîne de caractères et signature enveloppée électroniquement selon la méthode dite du “click-wrap” (voir les sections 3.3.1 à 3.3.3 de l'annexe F)
- signature numérique renforcée (voir la section 3.3.4 de l'annexe F)

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****IB International Bureau (as receiving Office) (Cont'd)****As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):**

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with the International Bureau as receiving Office will contain the information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

The International Bureau as receiving Office will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated. Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the International Bureau will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Payment online is not available at this stage: only currently available methods of payment are allowed.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The PCT-SAFE Help Desk is available from 8:30 am until 4:00 pm Central European time and can be contacted as follows:

via e-mail: pctsafe.help@wipo.int
by telephone: (+41-22) 338 9523
by facsimile: (+41-22) 338 8040

Every attempt will be made to respond to e-mail questions within 24 hours.

As to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted to the Office on-line (Section 710(a)(iii)):

— international applications

As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):

The International Bureau as receiving Office will accept the filing with it of a backup copy of the international application on paper or on one of the physical media accepted under Section 710(a)(i) (see above).

As to procedures for notifying applicants of the procedures to follow as alternatives when electronic systems of the Office are not available (see Section 710(a)(v)):

In case of failure of electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, the International Bureau as receiving Office will use all means available to it, such as e-mail or fax, to inform the applicant about procedures to follow as alternatives.

The International Bureau as receiving Office will provide, on the PCT-SAFE web site (see <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe>), information concerning the availability of on-line filing systems and backup filing procedures.

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****IB Bureau international (en sa qualité d'office récepteur) (suite)****En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures ayant trait à la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)ii) :**

L'accusé de réception de toute demande internationale présumée, qui est déposée auprès du Bureau international lorsqu'il agit en sa qualité d'office récepteur, contient les informations exigées au titre de l'instruction 704.a)i) à iv).

Le Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique. Ce n'est que dans le cas où la demande n'est pas envoyée conformément au protocole sur l'interopérabilité en matière de dépôt électronique (voir la section 5.1 de l'annexe F) que l'accusé de réception n'est pas généré. Lorsqu'il s'avère que l'accusé de réception envoyé au déposant par des moyens de transmission électroniques n'est pas reçu, le Bureau international envoie à nouveau, à bref délai, l'accusé de réception par le même moyen ou par un autre moyen (voir l'instruction 709.b)).

En ce qui concerne le paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a)ii) :

À ce stade, le paiement en ligne n'est pas possible : seuls les modes de paiement disponibles actuellement sont acceptés.

En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d'assistance (instruction 710.a)ii) :

Le service d'assistance PCT-SAFE est ouvert de 8h30 à 16h, heure centre-européenne, et peut être contacté de la façon suivante:

par courriel, à l'adresse suivante : pctsafe.help@wipo.int

par téléphone, au (+ 41-22) 338 9523

par télécopie, au (+ 41-22) 338 8040

Dans la mesure du possible, il sera répondu aux questions posées par courriel dans un délai de 24 heures.

En ce qui concerne les types de documents transmis en ligne à l'office (instruction 710.a)iii) :

- demandes internationales

En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :

Le Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur acceptera le dépôt d'une copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sous forme papier ou sur l'un des supports matériels acceptés en vertu de l'instruction 710.a)i) (voir ci-dessus).

En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :

Dans le cas où les systèmes informatiques ne seraient plus en état de marche au moment où une demande internationale est déposée auprès de lui, le Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur mettra en œuvre tous les moyens dont il dispose, tels que le courriel ou la télécopie, pour informer le déposant des procédures de remplacement à suivre.

Le Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur fournira, sur le site Internet du PCT-SAFE (voir <http://www.wipo.int/pct-safe>), les informations relatives aux disponibilités des systèmes de dépôt en ligne et aux procédures de dépôt de copies de sauvegarde.

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****IB International Bureau (as receiving Office) (Cont'd)**

As to certification authorities accepted by the Office and the electronic address of a listing of the certificate policies under which the certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

Unless otherwise notified by the International Bureau in the Gazette, a certification authority accepted by any PCT receiving Office and notified accordingly to the International Bureau under Section 710(a) may act as a certification authority for the filing with the International Bureau as receiving Office, *provided that* certificates issued under the certification policy established by the certification authority may be used for filing with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No on-line file inspection by applicants is provided at present.”

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**UA Ukraine**

The **Ukraine Patent Office** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable since 25 June 2003, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (UA), page 506]

**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF
AMENDED PCT RULE 49.6 WITH NATIONAL LAWS****PT Portugal – Corrigendum**

The Notice, published in PCT Gazette No. 33/2003, page 18716, was erroneous: The date of entry into force of the notification of incompatibility of PCT Rule 49.6 should have read 1 January 2003 instead of 1 January 2004, and the page reference of publication of the notification of incompatibility in PCT Gazette No. 05/2003 should have been 2526 instead of 2524.

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****IB Bureau international (en sa qualité d'office récepteur) (suite)**

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office et l'adresse électronique de la liste des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés (instruction 710.a)vi) :

À moins qu'il en soit notifié autrement par le Bureau international dans la Gazette, une autorité de certification qui est acceptée par tout office récepteur du PCT et notifiée au Bureau international selon l'instruction 710.a) peut agir en tant qu'autorité de certification pour le dépôt auprès du Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur, à condition que les certificats délivrés dans le cadre de la politique de certification établie par l'autorité de certification puissent être utilisés pour déposer auprès du Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur.

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou conservées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible".

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**UA Ukraine**

L'Office ukrainien des brevets a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable depuis le 25 juin 2003, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
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En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), résumé (UA), page 544]

**RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ
AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE LA RÈGLE 49.6 DU PCT MODIFIÉE****PT Portugal – rectificatif**

L'avis publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 33/2003, page 18717, était erroné : la date d'entrée en vigueur de la notification d'incompatibilité de la règle 49.6 du PCT est le 1^{er} janvier 2003 et non le 1^{er} janvier 2004, et la référence de la page de publication de la notification d'incompatibilité dans la Gazette du PCT n° 05/2003 est 2527 et non 2525.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**US United States of America**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 October 2003, are as follows:

Search fee (international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office):	ZAR 5,300 (3,400) The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee has been paid
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(US), page 352]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2003, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :	ZAR 5.300 (3.400)
	Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon le paragraphe 111.a) du titre 35 USC et que la taxe de dépôt de base a été payée

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** and in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 December 2003, are as follows:

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	ISK 83,000	ZAR 7,930
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(EP), page 345]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Euros (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 30
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Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 35
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National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:	EUR 110
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Examination fee:	EUR 200
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Fee for submission of any document:	EUR 5
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For utility model:

Filing fee:	EUR 110
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Examination fee: ¹	EUR 200
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Fee for submission of any document:	EUR 5
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(PT), page 317, and Summary (PT), page 484]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** and **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, payable for an international search by the Office. The new amount in **ISK**, applicable as from 1 December 2003, and the new amount in **NOK**, applicable as from 1 October 2003, are as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Swedish Patent Office):	ISK 83,000	NOK 7,830
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¹ Whenever examination is requested.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)** et en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} décembre 2003, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) :	ISK 83.000	ZAR 7.930
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe D(EP), page 357]

PT Portugal

L'**Institut national de la propriété industrielle (Portugal)** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe de transmission :	EUR 30
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	EUR 35
Taxe nationale :	
Pour un brevet :	
Taxe de dépôt :	EUR 110
Taxe d'examen :	EUR 200
Taxe pour la présentation de tout document :	EUR 5
Pour un modèle d'utilité :	
Taxe de dépôt :	EUR 110
Taxe d'examen ¹ :	EUR 200
Taxe pour la présentation de tout document :	EUR 5

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(PT), page 327, et résumé (PT), page 517]

SE Suède

L'**Office suédois des brevets** a notifié au Bureau international de nouveaux montants de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)** et en **couronnes norvégiennes (NOK)**, payables pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office. Le nouveau montant exprimé en **ISK**, applicable à compter du 1^{er} décembre 2003, et le nouveau montant exprimé en **NOK**, applicable à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2003, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office suédois des brevets) :	ISK 83.000	NOK 7.830
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¹ Lorsque l'examen est demandé.

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 October 2003, are as follows:

Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5))
(amounts in parentheses are applicable in
case of filing by a “small entity”):

— where a preliminary examination fee has been paid on the international application to the USPTO:	USD 730 (365)
— where no preliminary examination fee has been paid to the USPTO, but a search fee has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority:	USD 770 (385)
— where no preliminary examination fee has been paid and no search fee has been paid on the international application to the USPTO and no international search report has been prepared by the European Patent Office or the Japan Patent Office:	USD 1,080 (540)
— where an international search report has been prepared by the European Patent Office or the Japan Patent Office:	USD 920 (460)
— where the international preliminary examination report prepared by the USPTO states that the criteria of novelty, inventive step (non-obviousness) and industrial applicability, as defined in PCT Article 33(1) to (4), have been satisfied for all the claims presented in the international application entering the national phase:	[No change]
Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three:	USD 86 (43)
Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20:	[No change]
In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application:	USD 290 (145)
Surcharge for filing oath or declaration after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1):	[No change]
Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (US), page 508]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

L'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO) a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné ou élu. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2003, sont les suivants :

Taxe nationale de base (37 CFR 1.492.a)1)-5))

(les montants indiqués entre parenthèses s'appliquent dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par une "petite entité") :

- lorsqu'une taxe d'examen préliminaire a été payée pour la demande internationale à l'USPTO : USD 730 (365)
- lorsque aucune taxe d'examen préliminaire n'a été payée à l'USPTO mais une taxe de recherche a été payée pour la demande internationale à l'USPTO en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale : USD 770 (385)
- lorsque aucune taxe d'examen préliminaire n'a été payée et aucune taxe de recherche n'a été payée pour la demande internationale à l'USPTO et aucun rapport de recherche internationale n'a été établi par l'Office européen des brevets ou l'Office des brevets du Japon : USD 1.080 (540)
- lorsqu'un rapport de recherche internationale a été établi par l'Office européen des brevets ou l'Office des brevets du Japon : USD 920 (460)
- lorsque le rapport d'examen préliminaire international établi par l'USPTO mentionne qu'il a été satisfait aux critères de nouveauté, d'activité inventive (non-évidence) et d'application industrielle, tels que définis à l'article 33.1) à 4) du PCT, à l'égard de toutes les revendications figurant dans la demande internationale lors de l'ouverture de la phase nationale : [Sans changement]

Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication indépendante, à compter de la 4^e :

USD 86 (43)

Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication, indépendante ou non, à compter de la 21^e :

[Sans changement]

De plus, si la demande contient une ou plusieurs revendications à dépendances multiples, par demande :

USD 290 (145)

Surtaxe pour le dépôt du serment ou de la déclaration après l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT :

[Sans changement]

Taxe de traitement pour le dépôt d'une traduction anglaise après l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT :

[Sans changement]

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LANGUE(S) ACCEPTÉE(S) POUR LE DÉPÔT DES REQUÊTES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 12.1.c) DU PCT

En vertu de la règle 12.1.c) du PCT modifiée, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003, l'office récepteur de l'État suivant a notifié au Bureau international la langue qu'il est disposé à accepter aux fins du dépôt des requêtes, comme suit :

TT Trinité-et-Tobago

Anglais

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**IN India**

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified restrictions for applicants filing an international application with the International Bureau of WIPO as receiving Office. These restrictions appear under footnote 2.

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of India:	Patent Office (India) (Kolkata or its branch office in New Dehli, Chennai or Mumbai ¹) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant ² (see Annex C)
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(IN), page 99]

LANGUAGE(S) ACCEPTED FOR THE FILING OF REQUESTS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(c)

Under amended PCT Rule 12.1(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, the receiving Office of the following State has notified the International Bureau of the language which it is prepared to accept for the filing of requests, as follows:

FI Finland	English
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(FI), page 267]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF AMENDED PCT RULE 49.6 WITH NATIONAL LAWS**BY Belarus**

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Rule 49.6, as amended with effect from 1 January 2003, with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2003, page 2526), the **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 August 2003; amended PCT Rule 49.6 therefore applies as from that date.

¹ Depending on the residence or place of business of the applicant (or of the first applicant if there are several applicants), the place from where the invention actually originated or the address for service, within the territorial jurisdiction under the Indian patents legislation.

² An Indian resident shall not file an international application direct at the International Bureau of WIPO for an invention relevant to defence purposes or related to atomic energy: (i) except under the authority of a written permit granted by or on behalf of the Controller; or (ii) except where an application for a patent for the same invention has been made in India and not less than six weeks have elapsed without any direction having been given by the Controller prohibiting publication or communication of the same. These restrictions do not apply in relation to an invention for which an application for protection has first been filed in a country outside India by a person resident outside India.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**IN Inde**

L'**Office des brevets (Inde)** a notifié des restrictions pour les personnes déposant une demande internationale auprès du Bureau international de l'OMPI en sa qualité d'office récepteur. Ces restrictions figurent sous la note de bas de page 2.

Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux de l'Inde et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées :

Office des brevets (Inde) (Kolkata ou son agence à New Dehli, Chennai ou Mumbai¹) ou Bureau international de l'OMPI, au choix du déposant² (voir l'annexe C)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B1(IN), page 101]

LANGUE(S) ACCEPTÉE(S) POUR LE DÉPÔT DES REQUÊTES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 12.1.c) DU PCT

En vertu de la règle 12.1.c) du PCT modifiée, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003, l'office récepteur de l'État suivant a notifié au Bureau international la langue qu'il est disposé à accepter aux fins du dépôt des requêtes, comme suit :

FI Finlande

Anglais

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(FI), page 273]

RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE LA RÈGLE 49.6 DU PCT MODIFIÉE**BY Bélarus**

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de la règle 49.6 du PCT, telle que modifiée à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2003 (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 05/2003), page 2527), le **Centre national pour la propriété intellectuelle (Bélarus)** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 1^{er} août 2003; la règle 49.6 du PCT modifiée s'applique donc à compter de cette date.

¹ En fonction du domicile ou du lieu où le déposant (ou le premier déposant s'il y a plusieurs déposants) exerce son activité, le lieu d'origine de l'invention ou l'adresse pour la correspondance, dans la juridiction territoriale selon la législation indienne des brevets.

² Une personne domiciliée en Inde ne peut déposer une demande internationale directement auprès du Bureau international de l'OMPI pour une invention intéressant la défense ou relative à l'énergie atomique i) qu'après avoir obtenu une autorisation écrite du Controller – ou une autorisation délivrée en son nom – ou ii) après avoir déposé en Inde une demande de brevet pour la même invention et au moins six semaines se sont écoulées sans que le Controller ait donné d'instructions interdisant la publication ou la communication de l'invention. Ces restrictions ne sont pas applicables à une demande de brevet portant sur une invention pour laquelle une demande de brevet a été déposée auparavant hors de l'Inde par une personne ne résidant pas en Inde.

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INFORMATION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)**

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified a change in its facsimile number, as follows:

Facsimile: (70-95) 928 63 91

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B2(EA), page 223]

INTERNATIONAL PUBLICATION NUMBERS OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS**Indication of certain “WO” numbers in Section II of the PCT Gazette—Corrigendum**

It is recalled that the system of numbering of international publications of PCT applications was modified with effect from 1 July 2002 to allow for a six-digit number, instead of a five-digit number (see PCT Gazette No. 47/2001, page 21584).

However, the necessary modifications in the indication of international publication numbers (“WO” numbers) were inadvertently not made as from that date in one particular table published in Section II of the PCT Gazette, namely, the table containing the list of international applications in respect of which a demand for international preliminary examination was filed prior to the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, and which contains the WO number under which each application was published. In other words, in the above-mentioned tables contained in PCT Gazette Nos. 27/2002 dated 4 July 2002 to 36/2003 dated 4 September 2003, the WO numbers were made up of only five digits.

Whereas this should not affect WO numbers with a serial number of 99999 and less, which only have five digits anyway (and so, under a six-digit system, would simply have had an extra zero in front of the number), all numbers of 100000 or more have lost the first digit, and could therefore correspond to an already-existing WO number (for example, WO 02/123456 appeared as WO 02/23456). The tables which contain such erroneously shortened numbers were published in PCT Gazette Nos. 02/2003 dated 9 January 2003 to 36/2003 dated 4 September 2003.

A corrected version of all the relevant entries from these tables is being published in the form of a consolidated table, appearing on pages 21189 to 21212 of this Gazette.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES**EA Organisation eurasienne des brevets (OEAB)**

L'**Office eurasien des brevets (OEAB)** a notifié un changement dans son numéro de télécopieur, comme suit :

Télécopieur : (70-95) 928 63 91

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B2(EA), page 225]

NUMÉRO DE PUBLICATION INTERNATIONALE DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES**Indication de certains numéros “WO” dans la Section II de la Gazette du PCT – rectificatif**

Il est rappelé que le système de numérotation des publications internationales des demandes PCT a été modifié à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2002 pour permettre l'adoption d'une configuration à six chiffres, au lieu d'une configuration à cinq chiffres (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 47/2001, page 21585).

Toutefois, les modifications nécessaires relatives à la présentation des numéros de publication internationale (numéros “WO”) n'ont, par inadvertance, pas été faits, à compter de cette date, dans un tableau en particulier, publié dans la Section II de la Gazette du PCT, à savoir le tableau contenant la liste des demandes internationales pour lesquelles une demande d'examen préliminaire international a été présentée avant l'expiration du délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité, et contenant le numéro WO sous lequel chaque demande internationale a été publiée. En d'autres termes, dans les tableaux mentionnés ci-dessus figurant dans la Gazette du PCT n^{os} 27/2002 du 4 juillet 2002 à 36/2003 du 4 septembre 2003, les numéros WO étaient constitués de cinq chiffres seulement.

Alors que ceci ne devrait pas toucher les numéros WO ayant un numéro d'ordre de 99999 et moins, qui de toute manière ne comportent que cinq chiffres (et qui, dans un système à six chiffres, auraient simplement eu un zéro de plus devant le numéro), tous les numéros de 100000 et plus ont perdu le premier chiffre et, en conséquence, pourraient correspondre à un numéro WO déjà existant (par exemple, WO 02/123456 a figuré en tant que WO 02/23456). Les tableaux contenant de tels numéros raccourcis par erreur ont été publiés dans la Gazette du PCT n^{os} 02/2003 du 9 janvier 2003 à 36/2003 du 4 septembre 2003.

Une version corrigée de toutes les rubriques pertinentes est publiée sous forme de tableau récapitulatif figurant aux pages 21189 à 21212 de la présente gazette.

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Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Rule 51bis.1(e), as amended with effect from 1 March 2001, with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, page 2024), the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 August 2003. PCT Rule 51bis.1(e) therefore applies in respect of international applications filed on or after 1 August 2003 and in respect of international applications filed before that date, if the date by which the translation is to be furnished for that application, in accordance with the Patents Rules in force immediately before 1 August 2003 (including such time limit as extended therein), has not passed.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**SG Singapore**

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified changes in its special requirements as a designated (or elected) Office. The changes only affect footnotes 3 and 4. The consolidated list of special requirements and related footnotes is now as follows:

Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51bis):

Verification of translation of international application¹
Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application^{1,2}
Verified translation of priority document into English^{3,4}
Address for service in Singapore (but no representation by an agent is required)⁵

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (SG), page 492]

LANGUAGE(S) ACCEPTED FOR THE FILING OF REQUESTS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(c)

Under amended PCT Rule 12.1(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, the receiving Office of the following State has notified the International Bureau of the language which it is prepared to accept for the filing of requests, as follows:

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina English

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(BA), page 241]

¹ Must be furnished within two months from the time limit for entering the national phase.

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

³ Must be furnished only upon request from the Registrar within two months from the date of the notice from the Registrar.

⁴ Such a translation may be required where the validity of the priority claim is relevant to the determination of whether the invention concerned is patentable (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, page 2024).

⁵ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE LA RÈGLE 51bis DU PCT MODIFIÉE**SG Singapour**

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de la règle 51bis.1.e) du PCT, telle que modifiée à compter du 1^{er} mars 2001 (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 05/2001, page 2025), l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Singapour** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 1^{er} août 2003. En conséquence, la règle 51bis.1.e) du PCT s'applique aux demandes internationales déposées le 1^{er} août 2003 ou ultérieurement. Elle s'applique également aux demandes internationales déposées avant cette date, si la date de remise de la traduction pour une telle demande internationale (conformément aux dispositions du Règlement relatif aux brevets en vigueur jusqu'au 1^{er} août 2003 (y compris tout délai étendu par ce règlement)), n'a pas été dépassée.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**SG Singapour**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Singapour** a notifié des changements dans ses exigences particulières en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Ces changements concernent seulement les notes de bas de page 3 et 4. La liste récapitulative des exigences spéciales et des notes de bas de page y relatives est désormais la suivante :

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51bis du PCT) :

Vérification de la traduction de la demande internationale¹
Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale^{1,2}
Traduction vérifiée du document de priorité en anglais^{3,4}
Adresse de service à Singapour (mais la représentation par un mandataire n'est pas exigée)⁵

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), résumé (SG), page 527]

LANGUE(S) ACCEPTÉE(S) POUR LE DÉPÔT DES REQUÊTES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 12.1.c) DU PCT

En vertu de la règle 12.1.c) du PCT modifiée, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003, l'office récepteur de l'État suivant a notifié au Bureau international la langue qu'il est disposé à accepter aux fins du dépôt des requêtes, comme suit :

BA Bosnie-Herzégovine Anglais

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(BA), page 244]

¹ Doit être remise dans un délai de deux mois à compter du délai d'ouverture de la phase nationale.

² Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

³ Doit être remise uniquement à la demande du Directeur de l'enregistrement dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de la notification du Directeur de l'enregistrement.

⁴ Une telle traduction peut être exigée lorsque la validité de la revendication de priorité est pertinente pour déterminer si l'invention en question est brevetable (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 05/2001, page 2025).

⁵ Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**BZ Belize**

The **Belize Intellectual Property Office** has notified certain amounts of fees in **Belize dollars (BZD)** for patents and utility models, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Annual fees for the first three years:	BZD 600

For utility model:

Filing fee:	BZD 300
Annual fees for the first three years:	BZD 600

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (BZ), page 399]

CA Canada

New equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** have been established for the basic fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and the designation fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction of the international fee where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 December 2003, are specified below:

Basic fee:	CAD 643
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CAD 15
Designation fee:	CAD 138
PCT-EASY fee reduction:	CAD 198

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(CA), page 248]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 December 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	CAD 1,457
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(EP), page 345]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**BZ Belize**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Belize** a notifié certains montants de taxes, exprimés en **dollars du Belize (BZD)**, pour les brevets et les modèles d'utilité, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt : [Sans changement]

Taxes annuelles pour les
trois premières années : BZD 600

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt : BZD 300

Taxes annuelles pour les
trois premières années : BZD 600

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), résumé (BZ), page 419]

CA Canada

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars canadiens (CAD)**, ont été établis pour la taxe de base, la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e et la taxe de désignation, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} décembre 2003, sont les suivants :

Taxe de base : CAD 643

Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e : CAD 15

Taxe de désignation : CAD 138

Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY : CAD 198

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(CA), page 252]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars canadiens (CAD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} décembre 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche
internationale effectuée par l'Office
européen des brevets) : CAD 1.457

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CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****NA Namibia**

On 1 October 2003, **Namibia** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Namibia will become the 123rd Contracting State of the PCT on 1 January 2004.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 1 January 2004, Namibia (country code: NA) may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, as from 1 January 2004, nationals and residents of Namibia will be entitled to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex A, page 8]

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)****NA Namibie**

Le 1^{er} octobre 2003, la **Namibie** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT. La Namibie deviendra le 123^e État contractant du PCT le 1^{er} janvier 2004.

En conséquence, la Namibie pourra être désignée (code pour le pays : NA) dans toute demande internationale déposée le 1^{er} janvier 2004 ou ultérieurement et, étant liée par le chapitre II du PCT, pourra aussi être élue. En outre, à partir du 1^{er} janvier 2004, les nationaux de la Namibie et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe A, page 8]

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**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY
(THIRTY-SECOND (14TH ORDINARY) SESSION)****NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

A number of changes to the PCT Regulations and other changes affecting the PCT system were approved by the Assembly of the PCT Union during its thirty-second (14th ordinary) session which was held in Geneva from 22 September to 1 October 2003, as part of the meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO. Documents which were prepared for the PCT Assembly, and which give detailed background information relating to the decisions that were taken, are available, and the report of the session will be available shortly on the PCT website, at:

www.wipo.int/pct/en/meetings/assemblies/index.htm

Some of the changes that were approved by the Assembly and other matters that were discussed during the meeting are outlined below:

Amendments to the PCT Regulations and the Schedule of Fees

The Assembly approved the proposed amendments to the Schedule of Fees (annexed to the PCT Regulations). Those amendments, which will enter into force on 1 January 2004, fixed the amount of the new flat-rate “international filing fee” (the introduction of which had been approved by the Assembly in October 2002), reduced the amount of the handling fee, made the 75% fee reduction more widely available to all applicants from least developed countries, and fixed a new scale of fee reductions for international applications filed in electronic form.

The amendments, which are outlined below, will generally apply to any international application, the international filing date of which is on or after 1 January 2004. Note, however, that the Schedule of Fees as worded before its amendment will continue to apply to any international application which is received by a receiving Office before 1 January 2004, but is accorded an international filing date that is on or after 1 January 2004, and that there is an exception to the above-mentioned applicability as far as the handling fee is concerned (see (b), below).

(a) New “international filing fee”

The international filing fee, which the Assembly agreed to fix at 1,400 Swiss francs, will replace the current basic and designation fees to give a more simplified fee structure. For information on the new designation system that will operate as from 1 January 2004, see PCT Gazette No. 49/2002, page 2492 *et seq.* Note that the fee for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 will form part of the international filing fee and will remain at the same level (15 Swiss francs). For information on the applicability of the 75% fee reduction, see (c), below.

(b) New amount of the handling fee

The amount of the handling fee has been reduced from 233 Swiss francs to 200 Swiss francs. The new amount (which may, for certain applicants, be subject to the 75% reduction referred to in (c), below) is payable in respect of any international application for which a demand for international preliminary examination is filed on or after 1 January 2004, regardless of whether the international filing date of the international application is before, on or after 1 January 2004.

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS –
ASSEMBLÉE (TRENTE-DEUXIÈME SESSION (14^e SESSION ORDINAIRE))****NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**

Un certain nombre de modifications du règlement d'exécution du PCT ainsi que d'autres changements concernant le système du PCT ont été approuvés par l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) durant sa trente-deuxième session (14^e session ordinaire) qui s'est tenue à Genève, du 22 septembre au 1^{er} octobre 2003, dans le cadre des réunions des Assemblées des États membres de l'OMPI. Les documents qui ont été établis pour l'Assemblée du PCT et qui donnent l'historique des décisions qui ont été prises sont disponibles; le rapport de la session sera disponible prochainement sur le site Web du PCT à l'adresse suivante :

www.wipo.int/pct/fr/meetings/assemblies/index.htm

Certains des changements qui ont été approuvés par l'assemblée et d'autres questions qui ont fait l'objet de discussions durant la réunion sont présentés ci-dessous.

Modifications du règlement d'exécution du PCT et du barème de taxes

L'assemblée a approuvé les propositions de modification du barème de taxes (annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT). Ces modifications, qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, fixent le montant de la nouvelle taxe forfaitaire "taxe internationale de dépôt" (dont l'introduction avait été approuvée par l'assemblée en octobre 2002), réduisent le montant de la taxe de traitement, rendent les réductions de taxes plus accessibles à tous les déposants ressortissants de pays appartenant à la catégorie des pays les moins avancés, et fixent une nouvelle échelle de réductions de taxe pour les demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique.

Les modifications, qui sont exposées ci-dessous, s'appliqueront en règle générale à toute demande internationale dont la date de dépôt international sera le 1^{er} janvier 2004 ou une date postérieure. Il convient de noter, toutefois, que le barème de taxes tel qu'il était libellé avant d'être modifié continuera de s'appliquer à toute demande internationale qui parviendra à l'office récepteur avant le 1^{er} janvier 2004, et dont la date de dépôt international sera le 1^{er} janvier 2004 ou une date postérieure, et qu'il y a une exception à l'applicabilité mentionnée ci-dessus en ce qui concerne la taxe de traitement (voir le point b) ci-dessous).

a) Nouvelle "taxe internationale de dépôt"

La taxe internationale de dépôt, que l'assemblée a décidé de fixer à 1 400 francs suisses, remplacera les taxes actuelles de base et de désignation pour permettre la simplification de la structure des taxes. Pour obtenir des précisions sur le nouveau système de désignation qui sera mis en place à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, voir la Gazette du PCT n° 49/2002, page 24993 et suiv. Il convient de noter que la taxe payable pour chaque feuille de la demande internationale à compter de la 31^e fera partie de la taxe internationale de dépôt et restera au même niveau (15 francs suisses). Pour obtenir plus de précisions sur l'applicabilité de la réduction de taxe de 75%, voir le point c), ci-dessous.

b) Nouveau montant de la taxe de traitement

Le montant de la taxe de traitement a été ramené de 233 à 200 francs suisses. Le nouveau montant (qui peut, pour certains déposants, faire l'objet de la réduction de 75% visée au point c), ci-dessous) s'applique à toute demande internationale à l'égard de laquelle une demande d'examen préliminaire international sera présentée le 1^{er} janvier 2004 ou après cette date, que la date de dépôt international de la demande internationale soit le 1^{er} janvier 2004, une date antérieure ou une date postérieure.

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(c) Wider applicability of the 75% fee reduction

The 75% fee reduction which is currently available to an applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State the per capita national income of which is below 3,000 US dollars (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997), will, as from 1 January 2004, be applicable to the new international filing fee and, as is currently the case, the handling fee. It will also be available, as from that date, to any applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is classed as a least developed country by the United Nations. This means that the 75% fee reduction will also be available in respect of international applications filed by universities, research institutions or companies from least developed countries, provided that, if there is more than one applicant, each applicant must either be a national of and reside in a least developed country or must be a natural person who fulfills the requirements outlined at the beginning of this paragraph (that is, must be a national of and reside in a State whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars).

(d) Fee reductions for international applications filed in electronic form

The Assembly approved the establishment, as from 1 January 2004, of three levels of reduction in the amount of the new international filing fee for international applications filed in electronic form, as follows:

— where the request is created using the PCT-EASY features that will be incorporated into the PCT-SAFE software (which is expected to be available as from 1 January 2004) and is presented as a computer print-out together with a diskette prepared using that software containing a copy of the data contained in the request and a copy of the abstract): 100 Swiss francs (instead of the current reduction of 200 Swiss francs);

— where the international application is filed in electronic form but the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format—for example, an international application filed in fully electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software and the description, claims and abstract are in PDF (portable document format): 200 Swiss francs;

— where the international application is filed in electronic form and the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format—for example, an international application filed in fully electronic form using the PCT-SAFE software and the description, claims and abstract in the prescribed text based format—XML (extensible markup language) format: 300 Swiss francs.

The text of the amended Schedule of Fees, as in force from 1 January 2004, is reproduced on page 24736.

(e) Amendments to the PCT Regulations

The Assembly also made a number of amendments to the PCT Regulations that will enter into force on 1 January 2004, following previously adopted major changes designed to streamline and rationalize the PCT system.

The text of the amended Rules, as in force from 1 January 2004, is set out on pages 24738, 24740, 24742, 24744, 24746 and 24748.

For the amendments that were adopted in October 2002 that will also enter into force on 1 January 2004, see PCT Gazette No. 49/2002, page 25004 *et seq.*

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c) Élargissement de l'applicabilité de la réduction de 75%

La réduction de taxe de 75% qui est actuellement accordée à un déposant qui est une personne physique et qui est ressortissant d'un État, et est domicilié dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant est inférieur à 3 000 dollars des États-Unis (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997), s'appliquera, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, à la nouvelle taxe internationale de dépôt et, comme c'est le cas actuellement, à la taxe de traitement. Cette réduction sera aussi applicable, à compter de cette date, à un déposant, qu'il soit ou non une personne physique, qui est ressortissant d'un État, et est domicilié dans un État classé par l'Organisation des Nations Unies dans la catégorie des pays les moins avancés. Ceci signifie que la réduction de taxe de 75% sera également disponible en ce qui concerne les demandes internationales déposées par des universités, des instituts de recherche ou des sociétés de pays les moins avancés étant entendu que, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit être soit ressortissant d'un des pays les moins avancés et être domicilié dans un de ces pays, soit une personne physique qui remplisse les exigences exposées au début de cet alinéa (à savoir, qu'il soit ressortissant d'un État, et domicilié dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant est inférieur à 3 000 dollars des États-Unis).

d) Réductions de taxe pour les demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique

L'assemblée a approuvé l'établissement, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, de trois niveaux de réduction du montant de la nouvelle taxe internationale de dépôt pour les demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique, comme suit :

– lorsque la requête est établie à l'aide des fonctions de PCT-EASY qui seront intégrées dans le logiciel PCT-SAFE (qui devrait être disponible à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004) et qu'elle est présentée sous forme d'imprimé d'ordinateur avec une disquette établie à l'aide de ce logiciel contenant une copie des données figurant dans la requête et une copie de l'abrégé) : 100 francs suisses (au lieu de la réduction actuelle de 200 francs suisses);

– lorsque la demande internationale est déposée sous forme électronique mais que le texte de la description, des revendications et de l'abrégé n'est pas en format à codage de caractères – par exemple, une demande internationale déposée entièrement sous forme électronique à l'aide du logiciel PCT-SAFE et la description, les revendications et l'abrégé sont en format PDF (*Portable Document Format*) : 200 francs suisses;

– lorsque la demande internationale est déposée sous forme électronique et que le texte de la description, des revendications et de l'abrégé est en format à codage de caractères – par exemple, une demande internationale déposée entièrement sous forme électronique à l'aide du logiciel PCT-SAFE et la description, les revendications et l'abrégé sont dans le format de texte prescrit – XML (*eXtensible Markup Language*) : 300 francs suisses.

Le texte du barème de taxes modifié, en vigueur à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, est reproduit à la page 24737.

(e) Modifications du règlement d'exécution du PCT

L'assemblée a également procédé à un certain nombre de modifications du règlement d'exécution du PCT qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, suite à d'importants changements précédemment adoptés, destinés à simplifier et à rationaliser le système du PCT.

Le texte des règles modifiées, telles qu'elles entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, figure sur les pages 24739, 24741, 24743, 24745, 24747 et 24749.

Pour les modifications qui ont été adoptées en octobre 2002 et qui entreront également en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, voir la Gazette du PCT n^o 49/2002, page 25005 et suiv.

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The Assembly approved proposals concerning the work program in connection with reform of the PCT to be undertaken between the September 2003 and September 2004 sessions of the Assembly, including matters to be considered, the convening of sessions of the Working Group and possibly the Committee, and financial assistance to enable attendance of certain delegations. It was agreed that the next meeting of the Working Group would be held from 17 to 21 November 2003.

Appointment of a new International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority

The Assembly appointed the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA), bringing the number of Offices which have been appointed as ISAs/IPEAs to 12. Note that applicants cannot yet choose the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland as ISA or IPEA; the date of entry into force of the Agreement in relation to the functioning of the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland as an ISA and IPEA (expected to be during the course of 2004) and other details will be announced in the PCT Gazette in due course.

The text of the Agreement is published on pages 24750, 24752, 24754, 24756, 24758 and 24760.

IMPACT and PCT-SAFE projects

The Assembly also took note of the status reports on the IMPACT Project and the PCT-SAFE Project, which are also available at the above-mentioned Internet address.

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L'assemblée a approuvé les propositions concernant le programme de travail relatif à la réforme du PCT à mettre en oeuvre entre les sessions de septembre 2003 et septembre 2004 de l'assemblée, y compris les questions à examiner, la convocation des sessions du groupe de travail et, éventuellement, du comité, et l'assistance financière pour permettre la participation de certaines délégations. Il a été décidé que la prochaine réunion du groupe de travail se tiendrait du 17 au 21 novembre 2003.

Nomination d'une nouvelle administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international

L'assemblée a nommé l'Office des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international, ce qui porte à 12 le nombre d'offices qui ont été nommés à ces fonctions. Il convient de noter que les déposants ne peuvent pas encore choisir cet office en tant qu'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international. La date d'entrée en vigueur de l'accord concernant les fonctions de l'Office des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international (prévue pour le courant 2004) et d'autres précisions seront annoncés en temps voulu dans la Gazette du PCT.

Le texte de l'accord est publié aux pages 24751, 24753, 24755, 24757, 24759 et 24761.

Projets IMPACT et PCT-SAFE

L'assemblée a également pris note des rapports sur l'état d'avancement du projet IMPACT et du projet PCT-SAFE, qui peuvent aussi être consultés à l'adresse Internet mentionnée ci-dessus.

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SCHEDULE OF FEES

Fees	Amounts
1. International filing fee: (Rule 15.2)	1,400 Swiss francs plus 15 Swiss francs for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets
2. Handling fee: (Rule 57.2)	200 Swiss francs

Reductions

3. The international filing fee is reduced by the following amount if the international application is, in accordance with and to the extent provided for in the Administrative Instructions, filed:

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| (a) on paper together with a copy thereof in electronic form: | 100 Swiss francs |
| (b) in electronic form where the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format: | 200 Swiss francs |
| (c) in electronic form where the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format: | 300 Swiss francs |

4. The international filing fee (where applicable, as reduced under item 3) and the handling fee are reduced by 75% if the international application is filed by:

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| (a) an applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below US\$3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997); or |
| (b) an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is classed as a least developed country by the United Nations; |

provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria set out in either sub-item (a) or (b).

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BARÈME DE TAXES

Taxes

Taxes	Montants
1. Taxe internationale de dépôt : (règle 15.2)	1 400 francs suisses plus 15 francs suisses par feuille de la demande internationale à compter de la 31 ^e
2. Taxe de traitement : (règle 57.2)	200 francs suisses

Réductions

3. La taxe internationale de dépôt est réduite du montant suivant si la demande internationale est, conformément aux instructions administratives et dans la mesure prévue par celles-ci, déposée :
- a) sur papier avec une copie de la demande sous forme électronique : 100 francs suisses
 - b) sous forme électronique lorsque le texte de la description, des revendications et de l'abrégé n'est pas en format à codage de caractères : 200 francs suisses
 - c) sous forme électronique lorsque le texte de la description, des revendications et de l'abrégé est en format à codage de caractères : 300 francs suisses
4. La taxe internationale de dépôt (compte tenu, le cas échéant, de la réduction prévue au point 3) et la taxe de traitement sont réduites de 75% si la demande internationale est déposée par :
- a) un déposant qui est une personne physique et qui est ressortissant d'un État, et est domicilié dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3 000 dollars des États-Unis, ou
 - b) un déposant, personne physique ou non, qui est ressortissant d'un État, et est domicilié dans un État, qui est classé dans la catégorie des pays les moins avancés par l'Organisation des Nations Unies,

étant entendu que, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire aux critères énoncés au point 4.a) ou au point 4.b).

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The Request (Contents)

4.1 to 4.10 [No change]

4.11 *Reference to Earlier Search, Continuation or Continuation-in-Part, or Parent Application or Grant*

(a) If:

(i) to (iii) [No change]

(iv) the applicant intends to make an indication under Rule 49*bis*.1(d) of the wish that the international application be treated, in any designated State, as an application for a continuation or a continuation-in-part of an earlier application;

the request shall so indicate and shall, as the case may be, identify the application in respect of which the earlier search was made or otherwise identify the search, or indicate the relevant parent application or parent patent or other parent grant.

(b) [No change]

4.12 to 4.14 [*Remain deleted*]

4.14*bis* to 4.18 [No change]

Rule 16*bis*
Extension of Time Limits for Payment of Fees

16*bis*.1 [No change]

16*bis*.2 *Late Payment Fee*

(a) [No change]

(b) The amount of the late payment fee shall not, however, exceed the amount of 50% of the international filing fee referred to in item 1 of the Schedule of Fees, not taking into account any fee for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets.

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Règle 4
Requête (contenu)

4.1 à 4.10 [Sans changement]

4.11 *Mention d'une recherche antérieure, d'une demande de "continuation" ou de "continuation-in-part" ou d'une demande principale ou d'un brevet principal*

a) Si

i) à iii) [Sans changement]

iv) le déposant a l'intention d'indiquer, conformément à la règle 49*bis*.1.d), qu'il souhaite que la demande internationale soit traitée, dans tout État désigné, comme une demande de "continuation" ou de "continuation-in-part" d'une demande antérieure,

la requête doit l'indiquer et, selon le cas, permettre d'identifier la demande pour laquelle la recherche antérieure a été effectuée ou d'identifier, d'une autre manière, la recherche, ou encore indiquer la demande principale, le brevet principal ou le titre principal correspondant.

b) [Sans changement]

4.12 à 4.14 [*Restent supprimées*]

4.14*bis* à 4.18 [Sans changement]

Règle 16*bis*
Prorogation des délais de paiement des taxes

16*bis*.1 [Sans changement]

16*bis*.2 *Taxe pour paiement tardif*

a) [Sans changement]

b) Cependant, le montant de la taxe pour paiement tardif n'est jamais supérieur à 50% du montant de la taxe internationale de dépôt mentionné au point 1 du barème de taxes, non compris toute taxe pour chaque feuille de la demande internationale à compter de la trente et unième.

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The Priority Document**

17.1 [No change]

17.2 *Availability of Copies*

(a) Where the applicant has complied with Rule 17.1(a), (b) or (b-*bis*), the International Bureau shall, at the specific request of the designated Office, promptly but not prior to the international publication of the international application, furnish a copy of the priority document to that Office. No such Office shall ask the applicant himself to furnish it with a copy. The applicant shall not be required to furnish a translation to the designated Office before the expiration of the applicable time limit under Article 22. Where the applicant makes an express request to the designated Office under Article 23(2) prior to the international publication of the international application, the International Bureau shall, at the specific request of the designated Office, furnish a copy of the priority document to that Office promptly after receiving it.

(b) and (c) [No change]

**Rule 32
Extension of Effects of International Application to
Certain Successor States**

32.1 *Extension of International Application to Successor State*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) [*Remains deleted*]

32.2 [No change]

**Rule 43bis
Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority**

43bis.1 *Written Opinion*

(a) [No change]

(b) For the purposes of establishing the written opinion, Articles 33(2) to (6), 35(2) and 35(3) and Rules 43.4, 64, 65, 66.1(e), 66.7, 67, 70.2(b) and (d), 70.3, 70.4(ii), 70.5(a), 70.6 to 70.10, 70.12, 70.14 and 70.15(a) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(c) [No change]

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Document de priorité**

17.1 [Sans changement]

17.2 *Obtention de copies*

a) Lorsque le déposant s'est conformé aux dispositions de la règle 17.1.a), b) ou b-*bis*), le Bureau international, sur demande expresse de l'office désigné, adresse, dès que possible mais pas avant la publication internationale de la demande internationale, une copie du document de priorité à cet office. Aucun office désigné ne doit demander de copie au déposant. Le déposant n'a pas l'obligation de remettre une traduction à l'office désigné avant l'expiration du délai applicable selon l'article 22. Lorsque le déposant adresse à l'office désigné, avant la publication internationale de la demande internationale, la requête expresse visée à l'article 23.2), le Bureau international remet à l'office désigné, à la demande de ce dernier, une copie du document de priorité dès que possible après réception de celui-ci.

b) et c) [Sans changement]

**Règle 32
Extension des effets d'une demande internationale
à certains États successeurs**

32.1 *Extension d'une demande internationale à l'État successeur*

a) à c) [Sans changement]

d) [*Reste supprimé*]

32.2 [Sans changement]

**Règle 43bis
Opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale**

43bis.1 *Opinion écrite*

a) [Sans changement]

b) Aux fins de l'établissement de l'opinion écrite, les articles 33.2) à 6) et 35.2) et 3) et les règles 43.4, 64, 65, 66.1.e), 66.7, 67, 70.2.b) et d), 70.3, 70.4.ii), 70.5.a), 70.6 à 70.10, 70.12, 70.14 et 70.15.a) s'appliquent *mutatis mutandis*.

c) [Sans changement]

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International Preliminary Report on Patentability by
the International Searching Authority***44bis.1 Issuance of Report; Transmittal to the Applicant*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) The International Bureau shall promptly transmit one copy of the report issued under paragraph (a) to the applicant.

44bis.2 to 44bis.4 [No change]

**Rule 53
The Demand**

53.1 [No change]

53.2 Contents

(a) The demand shall contain:

(i) to (iii) [No change]

(iv) where applicable, a statement concerning amendments.

(b) [No change]

53.3 to 53.9 [No change]

**Rule 60
Certain Defects in the Demand***60.1 Defects in the Demand*

(a) Subject to paragraphs (a-bis) and (a-ter), if the demand does not comply with the requirements specified in Rules 53.1, 53.2(a)(i) to (iii), 53.2(b), 53.3 to 53.8 and 55.1, the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall invite the applicant to correct the defects within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances. That time limit shall not be less than one month from the date of the invitation. It may be extended by the International Preliminary Examining Authority at any time before a decision is taken.

(a-bis) and (a-ter) [No change]

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Règle 44bis

**Rapport préliminaire international sur la brevetabilité établi
par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale**

44bis.1 *Établissement du rapport; transmission au déposant*

a) et b) [Sans changement]

c) Le Bureau international transmet à bref délai au déposant une copie du rapport établi en vertu de l'alinéa a).

44bis.2 à 44bis.4 [Sans changement]

Règle 53

Demande d'examen préliminaire international

53.1 [Sans changement]

53.2 *Contenu*

a) La demande d'examen préliminaire international doit comporter :

i) à iii) [Sans changement]

iv) le cas échéant, une déclaration concernant les modifications.

b) [Sans changement]

53.3 à 53.9 [Sans changement]

Règle 60

Irrégularités dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international

60.1 *Irrégularités dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international*

a) Sous réserve des alinéas a-bis) et a-ter), si la demande d'examen préliminaire international ne remplit pas les conditions spécifiées aux règles 53.1, 53.2.a)i) à iii), 53.2.b), 53.3 à 53.8 et 55.1, l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international invite le déposant à corriger les irrégularités dans un délai qui doit être raisonnable en l'espèce. Ce délai est d'au moins un mois à compter de la date de l'invitation. Il peut être prorogé par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international à tout moment avant qu'une décision ait été prise.

a-bis) et a-ter) [Sans changement]

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(b) If the applicant complies with the invitation within the time limit under paragraph (a), the demand shall be considered as if it had been received on the actual filing date, provided that the demand as submitted permitted the international application to be identified; otherwise, the demand shall be considered as if it had been received on the date on which the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives the correction.

(c) If the applicant does not comply with the invitation within the time limit under paragraph (a), the demand shall be considered as if it had not been submitted and the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall so declare.

(d) [Deleted]

(e) If the defect is noticed by the International Bureau, it shall bring the defect to the attention of the International Preliminary Examining Authority, which shall then proceed as provided in paragraphs (a) to (c).

(f) and (g) [No change]

60.2 [*Remains deleted*]

**Rule 61
Notification of the Demand and Elections****61.1 *Notification to the International Bureau and the Applicant***

(a) [No change]

(b) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall promptly notify the applicant of the date of receipt of the demand. Where the demand has been considered under Rules 54.4, 55.2(d), 58*bis*.1(b) or 60.1(c) as if it had not been submitted, the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall notify the applicant and the International Bureau accordingly.

(c) [*Remains deleted*]

61.2 to 61.4 [No change]

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b) Si le déposant donne suite à l'invitation dans le délai visé à l'alinéa a), la demande d'examen préliminaire international est considérée comme ayant été reçue à la date à laquelle elle a effectivement été présentée, à condition que, telle qu'elle a été présentée, elle permette d'identifier la demande internationale; sinon, la demande d'examen préliminaire international est considérée comme ayant été reçue à la date de réception de la correction par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

c) Si le déposant ne donne pas suite à l'invitation dans le délai visé à l'alinéa a), la demande d'examen préliminaire international est considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée et l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international le déclare.

d) [Supprimé]

e) Si l'irrégularité est constatée par le Bureau international, ce dernier attire l'attention de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international sur cette irrégularité; cette administration procède alors de la manière prévue aux alinéas a) à c).

f) et g) [Sans changement]

60.2 [Reste supprimée]

Règle 61**Notification de la demande d'examen préliminaire international et des élections**

61.1 *Notification au Bureau international et au déposant*

a) [Sans changement]

b) L'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international notifie, à bref délai, au déposant la date de réception de la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Lorsque cette demande est considérée, conformément aux règles 54.4, 55.2.d), 58bis.1.b) ou 60.1.c), comme n'ayant pas été présentée, cette administration le notifie au déposant et au Bureau international.

c) [Reste supprimé]

61.2 à 61.4 [Sans changement]

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(THIRTY-SECOND (14TH ORDINARY) SESSION) (Cont'd)****AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)****Rule 70****International Preliminary Report on Patentability by
the International Preliminary Examining Authority
(International Preliminary Examination Report)**

70.1 to 70.15 [No change]

70.16 *Annexes to the Report*

(a) Each replacement sheet under Rule 66.8(a) or (b), each replacement sheet containing amendments under Article 19 and each replacement sheet containing rectifications of obvious errors authorized under Rule 91.1(e)(iii) shall, unless superseded by later replacement sheets or amendments resulting in the cancellation of entire sheets under Rule 66.8(b), be annexed to the report. Replacement sheets containing amendments under Article 19 which have been considered as reversed by an amendment under Article 34 and letters under Rule 66.8 shall not be annexed.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), each superseded or reversed replacement sheet referred to in that paragraph shall also be annexed to the report where the International Preliminary Examining Authority considers that the relevant superseding or reversing amendment goes beyond the disclosure in the international application as filed and the report contains an indication referred to in Rule 70.2(c). In such a case, the superseded or reversed replacement sheet shall be marked as provided by the Administrative Instructions.

70.17 [No change]

Rule 80**Computation of Time Limits**

80.1 to 80.4 [No change]

80.5 *Expiration on a Non-Working Day or Official Holiday*

If the expiration of any period during which any document or fee must reach a national Office or intergovernmental organization falls on a day:

- (i) on which such Office or organization is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business;
- (ii) on which ordinary mail is not delivered in the locality in which such Office or organization is situated;
- (iii) which, where such Office or organization is situated in more than one locality, is an official holiday in at least one of the localities in which such Office or organization is situated, and in circumstances where the national law applicable by that Office or organization provides, in respect of national applications, that, in such a case, such period shall expire on a subsequent day;
or

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ASSEMBLÉE (TRENTE-DEUXIÈME SESSION (14^e SESSION ORDINAIRE)) (suite)****MODIFICATIONS DU RÈGLEMENT D'EXÉCUTION DU PCT (suite)****Règle 70****Rapport préliminaire international sur la brevetabilité établi
par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international
(rapport d'examen préliminaire international)**

70.1 à 70.15 [Sans changement]

70.16 *Annexes du rapport*

a) Chaque feuille de remplacement visée à la règle 66.8.a) ou b), chaque feuille de remplacement contenant des modifications effectuées en vertu de l'article 19 et chaque feuille de remplacement contenant des rectifications d'erreurs évidentes autorisées en vertu de la règle 91.1.e)iii) est annexée au rapport, sauf si d'autres feuilles de remplacement lui ont été substituées ultérieurement ou si les modifications entraînent la suppression de feuilles entières comme il est prévu à la règle 66.8.b). Les feuilles de remplacement contenant des modifications effectuées en vertu de l'article 19 qui ont été considérées comme écartées par une modification effectuée en vertu de l'article 34 et les lettres visées à la règle 66.8 ne sont pas annexées.

b) Nonobstant l'alinéa a), chaque feuille de remplacement visée dans cet alinéa, qui a été remplacée ou écartée, est aussi annexée au rapport lorsque l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international considère que la modification ultérieure, dans l'un ou l'autre cas de figure, va au-delà de l'exposé de l'invention figurant dans la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée et que le rapport contient l'indication visée à la règle 70.2.c). La mention prévue dans les instructions administratives est alors apposée sur la feuille de remplacement qui a été remplacée ou écartée.

70.17 [Sans changement]

Règle 80**Calcul des délais**

80.1 à 80.4 [Sans changement]

80.5 *Expiration un jour chômé ou un jour férié*

Si un délai quelconque pendant lequel un document ou une taxe doit parvenir à un office national ou à une organisation intergouvernementale expire un jour

- i) où cet office ou cette organisation n'est pas ouvert au public pour traiter d'affaires officielles;
- ii) où le courrier ordinaire n'est pas délivré dans la localité où cet office ou cette organisation est situé;
- iii) qui, lorsque cet office ou cette organisation est situé dans plus d'une localité, est un jour férié dans au moins une des localités dans lesquelles cet office ou cette organisation est situé, et dans le cas où la législation nationale applicable par cet office ou cette organisation prévoit, à l'égard des demandes nationales, que, dans cette situation, ce délai prend fin le jour suivant; ou

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- (iv) which, where such Office is the government authority of a Contracting State entrusted with the granting of patents, is an official holiday in part of that Contracting State, and in circumstances where the national law applicable by that Office provides, in respect of national applications, that, in such a case, such period shall expire on a subsequent day;

the period shall expire on the next subsequent day on which none of the said four circumstances exists.

80.6 and 80.7 [No change]

**Rule 90
Agents and Common Representatives**

90.1 [No change]

90.2 *Common Representative*

(a) Where there are two or more applicants and the applicants have not appointed an agent representing all of them (a “common agent”) under Rule 90.1(a), one of the applicants who is entitled to file an international application according to Article 9 may be appointed by the other applicants as their common representative.

(b) Where there are two or more applicants and all the applicants have not appointed a common agent under Rule 90.1(a) or a common representative under paragraph (a), the applicant first named in the request who is entitled according to Rule 19.1 to file an international application with the receiving Office shall be considered to be the common representative of all the applicants.

90.3 and 90.4 [No change]

90.5 *General Power of Attorney*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) Any receiving Office, any International Searching Authority and any International Preliminary Examining Authority may waive the requirement under paragraph (a)(ii) that a copy of the general power of attorney is attached to the request, the demand or the separate notice, as the case may be.

(d) Notwithstanding paragraph (c), where the agent submits any notice of withdrawal referred to in Rules 90*bis*.1 to 90*bis*.4 to the receiving Office, the International Searching Authority or the International Preliminary Examining Authority, a copy of the general power of attorney shall be submitted to that Office or Authority.

90.6 [No change]

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- iv) qui, lorsque cet office est l'administration gouvernementale d'un État contractant chargée de délivrer des brevets, est un jour férié dans une partie de cet État contractant, et dans le cas où la législation nationale applicable par cet office prévoit, à l'égard des demandes nationales, que, dans cette situation, ce délai prend fin le jour suivant;

le délai prend fin le premier jour suivant auquel aucune de ces quatre circonstances n'existe plus.

80.6 et 80.7 [Sans changement]

**Règle 90
Mandataires et représentants communs**

90.1 [Sans changement]

90.2 *Représentant commun*

a) Lorsqu'il y a plusieurs déposants et qu'ils n'ont pas désigné un mandataire pour les représenter tous ("mandataire commun") en vertu de la règle 90.1.a), l'un des déposants qui est habilité à déposer une demande internationale conformément à l'article 9 peut être désigné par les autres déposants comme leur représentant commun.

b) Lorsqu'il y a plusieurs déposants et qu'ils n'ont pas tous désigné un mandataire commun en vertu de la règle 90.1.a) ou un représentant commun en vertu de l'alinéa a), est considéré comme le représentant commun de tous les déposants celui d'entre eux qui, parmi ceux qui sont habilités, conformément à la règle 19.1, à déposer une demande internationale auprès de l'office récepteur, est nommé en premier dans la requête.

90.3 et 90.4 [Sans changement]

90.5 *Pouvoir général*

a) et b) [Sans changement]

c) Tout office récepteur, toute administration chargée de la recherche internationale et toute administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international peuvent renoncer à l'exigence visée à l'alinéa a)ii) selon laquelle une copie du pouvoir général doit être jointe, selon le cas, à la requête, à la demande d'examen préliminaire international ou à la déclaration séparée.

d) Nonobstant l'alinéa c), si le mandataire remet une déclaration de retrait visée dans l'une des règles 90bis.1 à 90bis.4 à l'office récepteur, à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, une copie du pouvoir général doit être remise à cet office ou à cette administration.

90.6 [Sans changement]

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(THIRTY-SECOND (14TH ORDINARY) SESSION) (Cont'd)****AGREEMENT BETWEEN
THE NATIONAL BOARD OF PATENTS AND REGISTRATION OF FINLAND
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF
THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION**

in relation to
the functioning of the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Hereby agree as follows:

*Article 1
Terms and Expressions*

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

*Article 2
Basic Obligations*

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement. In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT Search Guidelines and the PCT Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

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**ACCORD ENTRE
L'OFFICE DES BREVETS ET DE L'ENREGISTREMENT DE LA FINLANDE
ET LE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DE
L'ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE**

concernant
les fonctions de l'Office des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande
en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et
d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international
au titre du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets

Préambule

L'Office des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle,

Sont convenus de ce qui suit :

*Article premier
Termes et expressions*

- 1) Aux fins du présent accord, on entend par
 - a) "traité" le Traité de coopération en matière de brevets;
 - b) "règlement d'exécution" le règlement d'exécution du traité;
 - c) "instructions administratives" les instructions administratives du traité;
 - d) "article" un article du traité (sauf quand il est fait expressément référence à un article du présent accord);
 - e) "règle" une règle du règlement d'exécution;
 - f) "État contractant" un État partie au traité;
 - g) "Administration" l'Office des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande;
 - h) "Bureau international" le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle.

2) Aux fins du présent accord, tous les autres termes et expressions utilisés qui sont également employés dans le traité, le règlement d'exécution ou les instructions administratives, ont le même sens que dans le traité, le règlement d'exécution et les instructions administratives.

*Article 2
Obligations fondamentales*

1) L'Administration procède à la recherche internationale et à l'examen préliminaire international conformément aux dispositions du traité, du règlement d'exécution, des instructions administratives et du présent accord et assume toutes autres fonctions confiées aux administrations chargées de la recherche internationale et aux administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international en vertu de ces dispositions. Pour procéder à la recherche internationale et à l'examen préliminaire international, l'Administration applique et observe toutes les règles communes à la recherche internationale et à l'examen préliminaire international et se conforme notamment aux Directives concernant la recherche selon le PCT et aux Directives concernant l'examen préliminaire selon le PCT.

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(2) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

*Article 3
Competence of Authority*

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement, that, where applicable, the Authority has been chosen by the applicant, and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

*Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined*

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

*Article 5
Fees and Charges*

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its function as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search made by the Authority (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

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2) L'Administration et le Bureau international, eu égard à leurs tâches respectives telles que prévues par le traité, le règlement d'exécution, les instructions administratives et le présent accord, se prêtent mutuellement assistance, dans la mesure qu'ils jugent l'un et l'autre appropriée, pour l'exécution desdites tâches.

*Article 3**Compétence de l'Administration*

1) L'Administration agit en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale à l'égard de toute demande internationale déposée auprès de l'office récepteur de tout État contractant, ou agissant pour tout État contractant, spécifié à l'annexe A du présent accord, pourvu que l'office récepteur l'ait désignée à cette fin, que la demande, ou une traduction de celle-ci remise aux fins de la recherche internationale, soit dans la langue ou dans l'une des langues spécifiées à l'annexe A du présent accord et, le cas échéant, que l'Administration ait été choisie par le déposant.

2) L'Administration agit en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international à l'égard de toute demande internationale déposée auprès de l'office récepteur de tout État contractant, ou agissant pour tout État contractant, spécifié à l'annexe A du présent accord, pourvu que l'office récepteur l'ait désignée à cette fin, que la demande, ou une traduction de celle-ci remise aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international, soit dans la langue ou dans l'une des langues spécifiées à l'annexe A du présent accord et, le cas échéant, que l'Administration ait été choisie par le déposant et que toute autre condition précisée dans l'annexe A du présent accord au sujet d'une telle demande soit remplie.

3) Lorsqu'une demande internationale est déposée auprès du Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur en vertu de la règle 19.1.a)iii), les alinéas 1) et 2) s'appliquent comme si la demande avait été déposée auprès d'un office récepteur compétent en vertu de la règle 19.1.a)i) ou ii), b) ou c) ou de la règle 19.2.i).

*Article 4**Objets pour lesquels la recherche et l'examen ne sont pas obligatoires*

En vertu respectivement de l'article 17.2)a)i) et de l'article 34.4)a)i), l'Administration n'est pas tenue d'effectuer la recherche internationale ou l'examen préliminaire international dans la mesure où elle considère que la demande internationale concerne un objet visé à la règle 39.1 ou à la règle 67.1, selon le cas, à l'exception des objets désignés à l'annexe B du présent accord.

*Article 5**Taxes et droits*

1) Un barème de toutes les taxes requises par l'Administration, ainsi que de tous les autres droits que l'Administration peut percevoir en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, figure à l'annexe C du présent accord.

2) Sous réserve des conditions et limites spécifiées à l'annexe C du présent accord, l'Administration

i) rembourse tout ou partie de la taxe de recherche acquittée, ou supprime ou réduit la taxe de recherche, lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale peut se baser entièrement ou partiellement sur les résultats d'une recherche effectuée antérieurement par l'Administration (règles 16.3 et 41.1);

ii) rembourse la taxe de recherche lorsque la demande internationale est retirée ou considérée comme retirée avant le début de la recherche internationale.

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(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

Article 6
Classification

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

Article 8
International-Type Search

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

Article 9
Entry into Force

This Agreement shall enter into force one month after the date on which the Authority notifies the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization that the Authority satisfies the requirements under Rules 36.1(i) and 63.1(i).

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2007. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than January 2007, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

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3) L'Administration rembourse, aux conditions et dans les limites spécifiées à l'annexe C du présent accord, tout ou partie de la taxe d'examen préliminaire acquittée lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international est considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée (règle 58.3), ou bien lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international ou la demande internationale est retirée par le déposant avant le début de l'examen préliminaire international.

Article 6
Classification

Aux fins des règles 43.3.a) et 70.5.b), l'Administration utilise uniquement la classification internationale des brevets.

Article 7
Langues utilisées par l'Administration pour la correspondance

L'Administration utilise, aux fins de la correspondance (y compris les formulaires), à l'exclusion de la correspondance échangée avec le Bureau international, la langue ou l'une des langues indiquées à l'annexe D, compte tenu de la langue ou des langues indiquées à l'annexe A et de la langue ou des langues dont l'usage est autorisé par l'Administration conformément à la règle 92.2.b).

Article 8
Recherche de type international

L'Administration effectue des recherches de type international dans les limites qu'elle fixe.

Article 9
Entrée en vigueur

Le présent accord entre en vigueur un mois après la date à laquelle l'Administration a informé le Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle qu'elle satisfait aux exigences visées aux règles 36.1.i) et 63.1.i).

Article 10
Durée et renouvellement

Le présent accord restera en vigueur jusqu'au 31 décembre 2007. En janvier 2007 au plus tard, les parties au présent accord entameront des négociations en vue de le renouveler.

Article 11
Modification

1) Sans préjudice des alinéas 2) et 3), les parties peuvent convenir de modifications à apporter au présent accord, sous réserve d'approbation par l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets; ces modifications prennent effet à la date convenue entre les parties.

2) Sans préjudice de l'alinéa 3), le Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle et l'Administration peuvent convenir de modifications à apporter aux annexes du présent accord; ces modifications prennent effet à la date convenue entre eux.

**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY
(THIRTY-SECOND (14TH ORDINARY) SESSION) (Cont'd)****AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL BOARD OF PATENTS AND REGISTRATION OF FINLAND AND THE
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (Cont'd)**

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

*Article 12
Termination*

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2007:

- (i) if the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at [Geneva], this _____, in two originals in the English language.

For the National Board of Patents and
Registration of Finland
by:

For the International Bureau
by:

(signature)
Martti Enäjärvi
Director General
National Board of Patents and Registration
of Finland

(signature)
Kamil Idris
Director General
World Intellectual Property Organization

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS –
ASSEMBLÉE (TRENTE-DEUXIÈME SESSION (14^e SESSION ORDINAIRE)) (suite)****ACCORD ENTRE L'OFFICE DES BREVETS ET DE L'ENREGISTREMENT DE LA FINLANDE ET LE BUREAU
INTERNATIONAL DE L'ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE (suite)**

3) L'Administration peut, par notification adressée au Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle,

- i) compléter les indications relatives aux États et aux langues figurant à l'annexe A du présent accord;
- ii) modifier le barème de taxes et de droits figurant à l'annexe C du présent accord;
- iii) modifier les indications relatives aux langues utilisées pour la correspondance figurant à l'annexe D du présent accord.

4) Toute modification notifiée conformément à l'alinéa 3) prend effet à la date indiquée dans la notification; toutefois, les augmentations des taxes et autres droits indiqués à l'annexe C ne prennent effet qu'un mois au moins après la date de réception de la notification par le Bureau international.

*Article 12**Extinction*

- 1) Le présent accord prend fin avant le 31 décembre 2007
 - i) si l'Administration notifie par écrit au Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle son intention de mettre fin au présent accord; ou
 - ii) si le Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle notifie par écrit à l'Administration son intention de mettre fin au présent accord.

2) L'extinction du présent accord conformément à l'alinéa 1) prend effet un an après réception de la notification par l'autre partie, sauf si un délai plus long est précisé dans la notification ou si les deux parties conviennent d'un délai plus court.

En foi de quoi, les soussignés ont apposé leur signature au bas du présent accord.

Fait à [Genève], le _____, en double exemplaire en langue anglaise.

Pour l'Office des brevets et
de l'enregistrement de la Finlande :

Pour le Bureau international :

(signature)
Martti Enäjärvi
Directeur général de l'Office des brevets
et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande

(signature)
Kamil Idris
Directeur général de l'Organisation
Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle

**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY
(THIRTY-SECOND (14TH ORDINARY) SESSION) (Cont'd)**

**AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE NATIONAL BOARD OF PATENTS AND REGISTRATION OF FINLAND AND THE
INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (Cont'd)**

*Annex A
States and Languages*

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States:
 - (a) Finland;
 - (b) any other Contracting State in accordance with the obligations of the Authority within the framework of the European Patent Organisation;
- (ii) the following languages:

Finnish, Swedish, English.

*Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination*

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined under the national patent grant procedure under the provisions of the Finnish Patent Law.

*Annex C
Fees and Charges*

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

<i>Kind of fee or charge</i>	<i>Amount (Euro)</i>
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[...]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[...]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[...]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[...]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.2), per page	[...]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

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**ACCORD ENTRE L'OFFICE DES BREVETS ET DE L'ENREGISTREMENT DE LA FINLANDE ET LE BUREAU
INTERNATIONAL DE L'ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE (suite)**

*Annexe A
États et langues*

Conformément à l'article 3 de l'accord, l'Administration spécifique

- i) les États suivants :
 - a) Finlande;
 - b) tout autre État contractant conformément aux obligations qu'elle assume dans le cadre de l'Organisation européenne des brevets;
- ii) les langues suivantes :
 - finnois, suédois, anglais.

*Annexe B
Objets non exclus de la recherche ou de l'examen*

Les objets visés à la règle 39.1 ou 67.1 qui, conformément à l'article 4 de l'accord, ne sont pas exclus de la recherche ou de l'examen sont les suivants :

tout objet qui, conformément à la pratique d'application des dispositions de la législation nationale finlandaise, est soumis à la recherche ou à l'examen dans la procédure de délivrance des brevets nationaux.

*Annexe C
Taxes et droits*

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

<i>Type de taxe ou de droit</i>	<i>Montant (Euro)</i>
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	[...]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	[...]
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	[...]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	[...]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b), 71.2.b) et 94.2), par page	[...]

Partie II. Conditions et limites des remboursements ou des réductions de taxes

1) Toute somme payée par erreur, sans raison ou en excédent par rapport au montant dû au titre des taxes indiquées dans la partie I est remboursée.

2) Lorsque la demande internationale est retirée ou considérée comme retirée en vertu de l'article 14.1), 3) ou 4) avant le début de la recherche internationale, le montant de la taxe de recherche qui a été acquitté est intégralement remboursé.

**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY
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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (Cont'd)**

(3) Where the Authority benefits from:

- (i) an earlier national search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, [...] % of the search fee paid shall be refunded.
- (ii) an earlier international or international-type search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, [...] % or [...] % of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Finnish, Swedish and English, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

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ASSEMBLÉE (TRENTE-DEUXIÈME SESSION (14^e SESSION ORDINAIRE)) (suite)**

**ACCORD ENTRE L'OFFICE DES BREVETS ET DE L'ENREGISTREMENT DE LA FINLANDE ET LE BUREAU
INTERNATIONAL DE L'ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE (suite)**

- 3) Lorsque l'Administration peut utiliser
- i) une recherche nationale antérieure que l'Administration a déjà effectuée sur une demande dont la priorité est revendiquée pour la demande internationale, la taxe de recherche payée est remboursée à [...] %.
 - ii) une recherche internationale ou de type international antérieure que l'Administration a déjà effectuée sur une demande dont la priorité est revendiquée pour la demande internationale, la taxe de recherche payée est remboursée à [...] % ou [...] % selon la mesure dans laquelle l'Administration peut utiliser cette recherche antérieure.

4) Dans les cas prévus à la règle 58.3, le montant de la taxe d'examen préliminaire qui a été acquitté est intégralement remboursé.

5) Lorsque la demande internationale ou la demande d'examen préliminaire international est retirée avant le début de l'examen préliminaire international, le montant de la taxe d'examen préliminaire qui a été acquitté est intégralement remboursé.

Annexe D

Langues utilisées pour la correspondance

Conformément à l'article 7 de l'accord, l'Administration spécifie les langues suivantes :

finnois, suédois ou anglais, en fonction de la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée ou traduite.

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**CN China**

The **China Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in one of its telephone numbers. The telephone numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (86-10) 62 01 32 76 (general)
(86-10) 62 08 55 77 (PCT matters)

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES RELATED THERETO: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS**IL Israel**

Further to its notification that it accepts the filing of international applications containing a sequence listing part filed on an electronic medium under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii) of the Administrative Instructions (see PCT Gazette No. 06/2001, page 2432), the **Israel Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has notified the International Bureau that, as of 10 October 2003, it is also prepared to accept the filing with it of tables related to sequence listings. The Office has also specified the number of copies of electronic carriers required by it. As a consequence, the text of the current item “number of copies required” has been modified to read “number of copies on paper” since it now refers only to the rest of the international application.

Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office: 3 (see below, however, for the number of copies of the sequence listings and/or tables related thereto filed in electronic form)

Does the receiving Office accept the filing in computer readable form of sequence listings and/or tables related thereto?¹ Yes

Types of electronic carrier accepted by the receiving Office? CD-ROM

Number of copies of electronic carrier required by the receiving Office: 3

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(IL), page 282]

¹ If the sequence listing part of the description of an international application and/or any table related to such sequence listing have been filed on an electronic medium only (Section 801(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions) or both on an electronic medium and on paper (Section 801(a)(ii) of the Administrative Instructions), an additional component of the basic fee, equal to 400 times the fee per sheet in excess of 30—regardless of the actual length of the sequence listings and/or tables, and regardless of the fact that sequence listings and/or tables may have been filed both on paper and in computer readable form—will be payable in respect of the sequence listings and/or tables (instead of the fee per sheet which would otherwise have been payable for those sheets) (see *PCT Gazette* No. 02/2001, page 818 *et seq.*, and No. 36/2002, page 17632 *et seq.*). Where the sequence listings and/or any tables related thereto are not furnished on an electronic medium under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions but only under Rule 13*ter* or Section 802(b-*quater*), respectively, the above does not apply.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

CN Chine

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine** a notifié un changement relatif à l'un de ses numéros de téléphone. Les numéros de téléphone à utiliser sont désormais les suivants :

Téléphone : (86-10) 62 01 32 76 (général)
(86-10) 62 08 55 77 (questions PCT)

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DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT DES LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU DES TABLEAUX Y RELATIFS : NOTIFICATION PAR LES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DES EXIGENCES TECHNIQUES APPLICABLES

IL Israël

Suite à sa notification selon laquelle il accepte le dépôt de demandes internationales contenant un listage des séquences déposé sur un support électronique selon l'instruction administrative 801.a)i) ou ii) (voir Gazette du PCT n° 06/2001, page 2433), l'**Office des brevets d'Israël**, en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international qu'à compter du 10 octobre 2003, il est également disposé à accepter le dépôt de tableaux relatifs aux listages des séquences. L'Office a également spécifié le nombre de copies de support électronique qu'il requiert. Par conséquent, le texte de la rubrique actuelle "nombre d'exemplaires requis" est maintenant libellé "nombre d'exemplaires requis sur papier" puisque ce libellé se réfère désormais uniquement au reste de la demande internationale.

Nombre d'exemplaires requis sur papier par l'office récepteur : 3 (voir ci-dessous, toutefois, pour le nombre de copies des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs déposés sous forme électronique)

L'office récepteur accepte-t-il le dépôt sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs¹ ? Oui

Types de support électronique accepté par l'office récepteur ? CD-ROM

Nombre de copies de support électronique requis par l'office récepteur ? 3

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(IL), page 289]

¹ Si la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences d'une demande internationale ou tout tableau relatif à un tel listage des séquences ont été déposés sur un support électronique seulement (instruction administrative 801.a)ii)) ou à la fois sur un support électronique et sur papier (instruction administrative 801.a)ii)), une composante supplémentaire de la taxe de base, égale à 400 fois la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e – quelle que soit la longueur proprement dite des listages des séquences ou des tableaux et sans tenir compte du fait que les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs aient pu être déposés à la fois sous forme écrite et sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur – devra être acquittée en ce qui concerne les listages des séquences ou les tableaux (au lieu de la taxe par feuille qui aurait dû sinon être payée pour les feuilles concernées) (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 02/2001, page 819 et suiv., et n° 36/2002, page 17633 et suiv.). Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs ne sont pas remis sur un support électronique en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801 mais seulement en vertu de la règle 13^{ter} ou de l'instruction 802.b-*quater*), respectivement, ce qui précède ne s'applique pas.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**PCT Fees—Establishing of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees**

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the thirty-second (14th ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 22 September to 1 October 2003, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), equivalent amounts of the new international filing fee, new equivalent amounts of the fee per sheet over 30, and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts of the PCT-EASY reduction and the new electronic filing reductions, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2004, in various currencies, as indicated in the table below (the amounts which are different from those currently applicable are shown in bold italics).

**PCT Fees—Cumulative table of equivalent amounts (in prescribed currencies)
for the international filing fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30, the various reductions
for PCT-EASY and electronic filing, and the handling fee
(applicable as from 1 January 2004)**

Fee Currency	International filing fee Rule 15.2(a)	Fee per sheet in excess of 30 Rule 15.2(a)	Reductions (Schedule of fees, item 4)			Handling fee Rule 57.2(a)
			PCT-EASY	Electronic filing not character coded	Electronic filing character coded	
Swiss franc (CHF)	<i>1,400</i>	15	<i>100</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>200</i>
Australian dollar (AUD)	<i>1,525</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>109</i>	n.a.	n.a.	<i>218</i>
Canadian dollar (CAD)	<i>1,394</i>	15	<i>100</i>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Cyprus pound (CYP)	<i>526</i>	6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Danish krone (DKK)	<i>6,700</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>480</i>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Euro (EUR)	<i>902</i>	10	<i>64</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>193</i>	<i>129</i>
Icelandic krona (ISK)	<i>80,000</i>	<i>900</i>	<i>5,700</i>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Japanese yen (JPY)	<i>116,000</i>	1,200	<i>8,300</i>	n.a.	n.a.	<i>16,600</i>
Korean won (KRW)	<i>1,191,000</i>	<i>13,000</i>	<i>85,000</i>	n.a.	n.a.	<i>170,000</i>
Malawian kwacha (MWK)	<i>111,100</i>	<i>1,200</i>	<i>7,900</i>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
New Zealand dollar (NZD)	<i>1,738</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>124</i>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Norwegian krone (NOK)	<i>7,370</i>	80	<i>530</i>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Pound sterling (GBP)	<i>628</i>	7	<i>45</i>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Singapore dollar (SGD)	<i>1,785</i>	19	<i>128</i>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
South African rand (ZAR)	<i>7,490</i>	80	<i>530</i>	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Swedish krona (SEK)	<i>8,140</i>	90	<i>580</i>	n.a.	n.a.	<i>1,160</i>
US dollar (USD)	<i>1,035</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>74</i>	n.a.	n.a.	<i>148</i>

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003(E), Annex C, pages 231 to 341, and Annex E, pages 353 to 362]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**Taxes du PCT – Établissement de nouveaux montants équivalents de taxes**

Suite aux consultations menées par le Directeur général lors de la trente-deuxième session (14^e session ordinaire) de l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 22 septembre au 1^{er} octobre 2003, conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, les montants équivalents de la nouvelle taxe internationale de dépôt, de la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e et de la taxe de traitement, ainsi que les montants équivalents de la réduction pour le dépôt PCT-EASY et les nouvelles réductions pour le dépôt électronique, ont été établis, avec effet au 1^{er} janvier 2004, dans diverses monnaies, comme indiqué dans le tableau ci-après (les montants qui sont différents de ceux actuellement applicables sont indiqués en caractères gras italiques).

**Taxes du PCT – Tableau récapitulatif des montants équivalents (dans les monnaies prescrites)
pour la taxe internationale de dépôt, la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e, les diverses réductions pour le
dépôt PCT-EASY et le dépôt sous forme électronique, et la taxe de traitement
(applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004)**

Taxe Monnaie	Taxe internationale de dépôt Règle 15.2.a)	Supplément par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e Règle 15.2.a)	Réductions (barème de taxes, point 4)			Taxe de traitement Règle 57.2.a)
			PCT-EASY	Dépôt électronique n'étant pas à codage de caractères	Dépôt électronique à codage de caractères	
Franc suisse (CHF)	<i>1.400</i>	15	<i>100</i>	<i>200</i>	<i>300</i>	<i>200</i>
Couronne danoise (DKK)	<i>6.700</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>480</i>	s.o.	s.o.	s.o.
Couronne islandaise (ISK)	<i>80.000</i>	<i>900</i>	<i>5.700</i>	s.o.	s.o.	s.o.
Couronne norvégienne (NOK)	<i>7.370</i>	80	<i>530</i>	s.o.	s.o.	s.o.
Couronne suédoise (SEK)	<i>8.140</i>	90	<i>580</i>	s.o.	s.o.	<i>1.160</i>
Dollar australien (AUD)	<i>1.525</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>109</i>	s.o.	s.o.	<i>218</i>
Dollar canadien (CAD)	<i>1.394</i>	15	<i>100</i>	s.o.	s.o.	s.o.
Dollar de Singapour (SGD)	<i>1.785</i>	19	<i>128</i>	s.o.	s.o.	s.o.
Dollar des États-Unis (USD)	<i>1.035</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>74</i>	s.o.	s.o.	<i>148</i>
Dollar néo-zélandais (NZD)	<i>1.738</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>124</i>	s.o.	s.o.	s.o.
Euro (EUR)	<i>902</i>	10	<i>64</i>	<i>129</i>	<i>193</i>	<i>129</i>
Kwacha malawien (MWK)	<i>111.100</i>	<i>1.200</i>	<i>7.900</i>	s.o.	s.o.	s.o.
Livre chypriote (CYP)	<i>526</i>	6	s.o.	s.o.	s.o.	s.o.
Livre sterling (GBP)	<i>628</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>45</i>	s.o.	s.o.	s.o.
Rand sud-africain (ZAR)	<i>7.490</i>	80	<i>530</i>	s.o.	s.o.	s.o.
Won coréen (KRW)	<i>1.191.000</i>	<i>13.000</i>	<i>85.000</i>	s.o.	s.o.	<i>170.000</i>
Yen japonais (JPY)	<i>116.000</i>	1.200	<i>8.300</i>	s.o.	s.o.	<i>16.600</i>

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in receiving offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities except for the Swedish Patent Office (see footnote 2). The new equivalent amounts, as appearing in the cumulative table below, are applicable as from 1 January 2004.

PCT Fees—Table of New Equivalent Amounts for Search Fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)
(applicable as from 1 January 2004)

International Searching Authority	AT Austrian Patent Office	AU Australian Patent Office	CN Chinese Patent Office	EP European Patent Office	ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	JP Japan Patent Office	KR Korean Intellectual Property Office	RU Russian Patent Office	SE Swedish Patent Office	US United States Patent and Trademark Office
Currency & Amount Fixed by Authority	EUR <i>159</i>	AUD <i>1,000</i>	CNY <i>1,500</i>	EUR 945	EUR 945	JPY 72,000	KRW 150,000	USD 300	SEK ² <i>8,530</i>	USD 700 450
Canadian dollar (CAD)				<i>1,460</i>						
Cyprus pound (CYP)				550						
Danish krone (DKK)				<i>7,020</i>					<i>7,020</i>	
Euro (EUR)		<i>592</i>	<i>158</i>			<i>560</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>262</i>	945	<i>610</i> <i>392</i>
Icelandic krona (ISK)				<i>84,000</i>					<i>84,000</i>	
Japanese yen (JPY)				<i>121,200</i>						
Korean won (KRW)	<i>199,000</i>	<i>769,000</i>				<i>738,000</i>				
Malawian kwacha (MWK)				<i>117,000</i>						
New Zealand dollar (NZD)		<i>1,140</i>		<i>1,821</i>						<i>1,180</i> <i>760</i>
Norwegian krone (NOK)				<i>7,720</i>					<i>7,720</i>	
Pound sterling (GBP)				<i>657</i>						
Singapore dollar (SGD)	<i>310</i>	<i>1,170</i>		<i>1,870</i>						
South African rand (ZAR)	<i>1,320</i>	<i>4,910</i>		<i>7,840</i>						<i>5,100</i> <i>3,000</i>
Swedish krona (SEK)				<i>8,530</i>						
Swiss franc (CHF)	<i>247</i>	<i>918</i>	<i>245</i>	<i>1,466</i>	<i>1,466</i>	<i>869</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>406</i>	<i>1,466</i>	947 609
US dollar (USD)	<i>182</i>	<i>679</i>	<i>181</i>	<i>1,084</i>	<i>1,084</i>	<i>642</i>	<i>130</i>		<i>1,084</i>	

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003(E), Annex D, pages 342 to 352]

² All amounts appearing in this column, fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here only for the purposes of completeness of the table.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)

Conformément à la règle 16.1.d) du PCT, il a été établi de nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche dans les monnaies des offices récepteurs pour toutes les administrations chargées de la recherche internationale, à l'exception de l'Office suédois des brevets (voir la note de bas de page 2). Les nouveaux montants équivalents, figurant dans le tableau récapitulatif ci-dessous, sont applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004.

**Taxes du PCT – Tableau des nouveaux montants équivalents pour les taxes de recherche
(dans les monnaies des offices récepteurs)
(applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004)**

Administration chargée de la recherche internationale	AT Office autrichien des brevets	AU Office australien des brevets	CN Office chinois des brevets	EP Office européen des brevets	ES Office espagnol des brevets et des marques	JP Office des brevets du Japon	KR Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle	RU Office russe des brevets	SE Office suédois des brevets	US Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis
Monnaie et montant fixés par l'administration	EUR <i>159</i>	AUD <i>1.000</i>	CNY <i>1.500</i>	EUR 945	EUR 945	JPY 72.000	KRW 150.000	USD 300	SEK ² <i>8.530</i>	USD 700 450
Couronne danoise (DKK)				<i>7.020</i>					<i>7.020</i>	
Couronne islandaise (ISK)				<i>84.000</i>					<i>84.000</i>	
Couronne norvégienne (NOK)				<i>7.720</i>					<i>7.720</i>	
Couronne suédoise (SEK)				<i>8.530</i>						
Dollar canadien (CAD)				<i>1.460</i>						
Dollar des États-Unis (USD)	<i>182</i>	<i>679</i>	<i>181</i>	<i>1.084</i>	<i>1.084</i>	<i>642</i>	<i>130</i>		<i>1.084</i>	
Dollar néo-zélandais (NZD)		<i>1.140</i>		<i>1.821</i>						<i>1.180 760</i>
Dollar de Singapour (SGD)	<i>310</i>	<i>1.170</i>		<i>1.870</i>						
Euro (EUR)		<i>592</i>	<i>158</i>			<i>560</i>	<i>114</i>	<i>262</i>	945	<i>610 392</i>
Franc suisse (CHF)	<i>247</i>	<i>918</i>	<i>245</i>	<i>1.466</i>	<i>1.466</i>	<i>869</i>	<i>176</i>	<i>406</i>	<i>1.466</i>	947 609
Kwacha malawien (MWK)				<i>117.000</i>						
Livre chypriote (CYP)				550						
Livre sterling (GBP)				<i>657</i>						
Rand sud-africain (ZAR)	<i>1.320</i>	<i>4.910</i>		<i>7.840</i>						<i>5.100 3.000</i>
Won coréen (KRW)	<i>199.000</i>	<i>769.000</i>				<i>738.000</i>				
Yen japonais (JPY)				<i>121.200</i>						

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003(F), annexe D, pages 354 à 366]

² Tous les montants figurant dans cette colonne, fixés par l'Office suédois des brevets, sont inclus dans ce tableau uniquement pour que le tableau soit complet.

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

NOTIFICATIONS ET INFORMATIONS DE CARACTÈRE GÉNÉRAL

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UK United Kingdom	25904	GB Royaume-Uni	25905
Designated (or Elected) Offices		Offices désignés (ou élus)	
UK United Kingdom	25906	GB Royaume-Uni	25907

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**BE Belgium**

The **Intellectual Property Office (Belgium)** has notified a change in its Internet address, as follows:

Internet: <http://mineco.fgov.be/opri-die.htm>

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(BE), page 27]

IN India

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers. The consolidated information for all branch offices is now as follows:

Telephone:	Kolkata:	(91-33) 2247 44 01, 2247 44 02, 2247 44 03, (91-33) 2240 66 85
	New Delhi:	(91-11) 2587 12 55, 2587 12 56, 2587 62 57, (91-11) 2587 12 58, 2587 72 45
	Chennai:	(91-44) 2431 43 24, 2431 43 25, 2431 43 26, (91-44) 2431 47 53
	Mumbai:	(91-22) 2492 40 58, 2492 50 92, 2496 13 70
Facsimile machine:	Kolkata:	(91-33) 2247 38 51, 2240 13 53
	New Delhi:	(91-11) 2587 62 09, 2587 25 32
	Chennai:	(91-44) 2431 47 50, 2431 47 51
	Mumbai:	(91-22) 2490 38 52, 2495 06 22

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(IN), page 99]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Jána Švermu 43, P.O. Box 7, 974 04 Banská Bystrica 4,
Slovakia

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(SK), page 182]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**BE Belgique**

L'**Office de la propriété industrielle (Belgique)** a notifié un changement dans son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Internet : <http://mineco.fgov.be/opri-die.htm>

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B1(BE), page 27]

IN Inde

L'**Office indien des brevets** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et dans les numéros de télécopieur. Les informations récapitulatives pour toutes les agences sont désormais les suivantes :

Téléphone : Kolkata : (91-33) 2247 44 01, 2247 44 02, 2247 44 03,
(91-33) 2240 66 85
New Delhi : (91-11) 2587 12 55, 2587 12 56, 2587 62 57,
(91-11) 2587 12 58, 2587 72 45
Chennai : (91-44) 2431 43 24, 2431 43 25, 2431 43 26,
(91-44) 2431 47 53
Mumbai : (91-22) 2492 40 58, 2492 50 92, 2496 13 70

Télécopieur : Kolkata: (91-33) 2247 38 51, 2240 13 53
New Delhi: (91-11) 2587 62 09, 2587 25 32
Chennai: (91-44) 2431 47 50, 2431 47 51
Mumbai: (91-22) 2490 38 52, 2495 06 22

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B1(IN), page 101]

SK Slovaquie

L'**Office de la propriété industrielle (Slovaquie)** a notifié un changement dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale : Jána Švermu 43, P.O. Box 7, 974 04 Banská Bystrica 4,
Slovaquie

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B1(SK), page 184]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**MX Mexico**

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in Mexican pesos (MXP), payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee: MXP 6,310¹
MXP 4,210²

For utility model:

Filing fee: MXP 1,830¹
MXP 1,220²

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (MX), page 469]

RECEIVING OFFICES**UK United Kingdom**

The **United Kingdom Patent Office** has given supplementary detail concerning the Patent Office division to which questions about nationality and residence of applicants from dependent territories should be referred. Only the text appearing as footnote 1 relating to the competent receiving Office is reproduced hereafter:

“By virtue of the British Nationality Act 1981, United Kingdom nationality is afforded to British Citizens, British Dependent Territories Citizens, British Overseas Citizens, British Subjects and British Protected Persons. Questions about the nationality and residence of applicants from dependent territories of the United Kingdom should be referred to the Patents Legal Division, United Kingdom Patent Office”

With relation to the information concerning those who can act as agents before the Office as receiving Office, the **United Kingdom Patent Office** has also given a new address from which the list of registered patent agents may be obtained, as follows:

Who can act as agent?

Any individual, partnership or body corporate who resides in or has a place of business in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or another Member State of the European Union (EU). A list of registered patent agents may be obtained from the following address: The Registrar, c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Agents, 95 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1DT³.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(GB), page 269]

¹ Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 22. This fee includes a 25% reduction based on the establishment of an international search report.

² Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 39(1). This fee includes a 50% reduction based on the establishment of an international preliminary examination report.

³ E-mail: mail@cipa.org.uk; Internet: www.cipa.org.uk; Telephone: (44-20) 74 05 94 50.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**MX Mexique**

L'**Institut mexicain de la propriété industrielle** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en pesos mexicains (MXP), payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt :	MXP 6.310 ¹
	MXP 4.210 ²

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt :	MXP 1.830 ¹
	MXP 1.220 ²

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), résumé (MX), page 501]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**GB Royaume-Uni**

L'**Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni** a donné une précision supplémentaire concernant la division de l'Office des brevets à laquelle il convient de s'adresser pour des questions concernant la nationalité et la résidence de déposants des territoires dépendants du Royaume-Uni. Seul le texte de la note de bas de page relative à l'office récepteur compétent est reproduit ci-après :

“En vertu de la loi sur la nationalité britannique de 1981, la nationalité du Royaume-Uni est accordée aux citoyens britanniques, aux citoyens des territoires dépendants britanniques, aux citoyens britanniques d'outremer, aux sujets britanniques et aux personnes jouissant d'une protection britannique. Pour les questions concernant la nationalité et la résidence de déposants des territoires dépendants du Royaume-Uni, il convient de s'adresser à : Patents Legal Division, United Kingdom Patent Office (Division juridique des brevets, Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni).”

En ce qui concerne les informations relatives aux personnes qui peuvent agir en qualité de mandataires auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, l'**Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni** a également donné une nouvelle adresse à laquelle il est possible de se procurer la liste des agents de brevets agréés, comme suit:

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?

Toute personne physique, association ou entreprise dont le domicile ou le siège de l'activité commerciale est situé au Royaume-Uni, dans l'île de Man ou dans un autre État membre de l'Union européenne (UE). Une liste des agents de brevets agréés est à demander à : The Registrar, c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Agents, 95 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1DT³.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(GB), page 275]

¹ Doit être acquittée lorsque la phase nationale est abordée en vertu de l'article 22 du PCT. Cette taxe comprend une réduction de 25 % qui est basée sur l'établissement d'un rapport de recherche internationale.

² Doit être acquittée lorsque la phase nationale est abordée en vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT. Cette taxe comprend une réduction de 50 % qui est basée sur l'établissement d'un rapport d'examen préliminaire international.

³ Courrier électronique : mail@cipa.org.uk; Internet : www.cipa.org.uk; Téléphone : (44-20) 74 05 94 50.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**UK United Kingdom**

With relation to the information concerning those who can act as agents before the Office as designated (or elected) Office, the **United Kingdom Patent Office** has given a new address from which the list of registered patent agents may be obtained, as follows:

Who can act as agent?

Any individual, partnership or body corporate who resides in or has a place of business in the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or another Member State of the European Union (EU). A list of registered patent agents may be obtained from the following address: The Registrar, c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Agents, 95 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1DT⁴.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (GB), page 428]

⁴ E-mail: mail@cipa.org.uk; Internet: www.cipa.org.uk; Telephone: (44-20) 74 05 94 50.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**GB Royaume-Uni**

En ce qui concerne les informations relatives aux personnes qui peuvent agir en qualité de mandataires auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), l'**Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni** a donné une nouvelle adresse à laquelle il est possible de se procurer la liste des agents de brevets agréés, comme suit:

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Toute personne physique, association ou entreprise dont le domicile ou le siège de l'activité commerciale est situé au Royaume-Uni, dans l'île de Man ou dans un autre État membre de l'Union européenne (UE). Une liste des agents de brevets agréés est à demander à : The Registrar, c/o The Chartered Institute of Patent Agents, 95 Chancery Lane, London WC2A 1DT ⁴ .
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), résumé (GB), page 453]

⁴ Courrier électronique : mail@cipa.org.uk; Internet : www.cipa.org.uk; Téléphone : (44-20) 74 05 94 50.

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

NOTIFICATIONS ET INFORMATIONS DE CARACTÈRE GÉNÉRAL

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Notification by Receiving Offices of Applicable Technical Requirements		Notification par les offices récepteurs des exigences techniques applicables	
SE Sweden	26508	SE Suède	26509
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RU Russian Federation	26510	RU Fédération de Russie	26511
SE Sweden	26510	SE Suède	26511
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SG Singapore	26518	SG Singapour	26519

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**BY Belarus**

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified a change in the amounts of a fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	Equivalent in BYR of USD 10 plus USD 0.5 per sheet
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(BY), page 246]

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **Kyrgyz Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in the amounts of certain fees in **US dollars (USD)**, and in the conditions of reduction of the fees payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

Filing and provisional examination fee: ¹	USD 110
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one: ¹	[No change]

Examination fee: ²	[No change]
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Claim examination fee for each independent claim in excess of one: ²	[No change]
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Renewal fee for the third year:	USD 120
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Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	Fees are reduced by 90% where the applicant is a natural person or a non-commercial organization, and by 70% where the applicant is a small enterprise.
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (KG), page 447]

RU Russian Federation

The **Russian Patent Office** has introduced new conditions relating to reduction of the examination fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of conditions of reduction is now as follows:

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	The examination fee shall be reduced by 50% where the international search report has been established by the Russian Patent Office, or by 20% where the international search report has been established by any of the other International Searching Authorities.
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The annual fees shall be reduced by 50% where a notice about an open license is filed with the Office. The reduction shall apply as from the year following the year of publication of information on the notice.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (RU), page 487]

¹ Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The requirement may still be complied with within two months from the expiration of that time limit, provided that a surcharge is paid.

² A written request for examination must be made and the examination fee simultaneously paid.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**BY Bélarus**

Le **Centre national pour la propriété intellectuelle (Bélarus)** a notifié un changement dans les montants d'une taxe, exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	Équivalent en BYR de USD 10 plus USD 0,5 par feuille
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(BY), page 250]

KG Kirghizistan

L'**Office kirghize de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié des changements dans les montants de certaines taxes, exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, et dans les conditions de réduction des taxes payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné ou élu, comme suit:

Taxe nationale:

Taxe de dépôt et d'examen provisoire ¹ :	USD 110
Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 2 ^e 1:	[Sans changement]

Taxe d'examen ² :	[Sans changement]
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Taxe d'examen de revendication pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 2 ^e 2:	[Sans changement]
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Taxe de renouvellement pour la troisième année :	USD 120
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Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :	Les taxes sont réduites de 90% lorsque le déposant est une personne physique ou une organisation à but non lucratif, et de 70% lorsque le déposant est une petite entreprise.
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), résumé (KG), page 476]

RU Fédération de Russie

L'**Office russe des brevets** a introduit de nouvelles conditions relatives à la réduction de la taxe d'examen, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné ou élu. La liste récapitulative des conditions de réduction est la suivante :

Exemptions, réductions ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :	La taxe d'examen est réduite de 50% lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale a été établi par l'Office russe des brevets, ou de 20% lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale a été établi par l'une quelconque des autres administrations chargées de la recherche internationale.
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Les taxes annuelles sont réduites de 50% lorsqu'un avis relatif à une licence ouverte est déposé auprès de l'office. La réduction s'applique à compter de l'année qui suit l'année de publication des renseignements portant sur cet avis.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), résumé (RU), page 521]

¹ Doit être payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT. L'exigence peut encore être satisfaite dans un délai de deux mois après l'expiration de ce délai, pour autant qu'une surtaxe soit payée.

² Une requête en examen doit être présentée par écrit et la taxe d'examen payée simultanément.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**US United States of America**

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a change in the amount of the transmittal fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The new amount, applicable as from 1 January 2004, is as follows:

Transmittal fee: USD 300

The Office has also given supplementary detail on where to obtain the applicable amounts of the fees payable to the receiving Office. This information concerns footnote 4 of Annex C(US) which now reads as follows:

“The amounts of these fees change periodically. The receiving Office or the *Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office-Patents* available at:
<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/og/index.html> should be consulted for the applicable amounts.”

The same supplementary detail on where to obtain the applicable amounts of the fees payable to the International Searching Authority has been given. This information concerns footnote 2 of Annex D(US) which now reads as follows:

“The amounts of these fees change periodically. The International Searching Authority or the *Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office-Patents* available at:
<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/og/index.html> should be consulted for the applicable amounts.”

The same supplementary detail on where to obtain the applicable amounts of the fees payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority has been given. This information concerns footnote 2 of Annex E(US) which now reads as follows:

“The amounts of these fees change periodically. The International Preliminary Examining Authority or the *Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office-Patents* available at:
<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/og/index.html> should be consulted for the applicable amounts.”

The same supplementary detail on where to obtain the applicable amounts of the fees payable to the designated (or elected) Office has been given. This information concerns footnote 4 of the Summary (US) which now reads as follows:

“The amounts of these fees change periodically. The United States Patent and Trademark Office or the *Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office-Patents* available at:
<http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/og/index.html> should be consulted for the applicable amounts.”

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(US), page 334, Annex D(US), page 352, Annex E(US), page 362, and Summary (US), page 508]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

L'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** a notifié un changement dans le montant de la taxe de transmission, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de transmission : USD 300

L'office a également fourni une précision supplémentaire pour obtenir les montants applicables des taxes payables à l'office récepteur. Cette information concerne la note de bas de page 4 de l'annexe C (US) qui a désormais la teneur suivante :

“Le montant de ces taxes change périodiquement. Pour connaître les montants en vigueur, se renseigner auprès de l'office récepteur ou consulter le bulletin officiel de l'USPTO (*Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office-Patents*) à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/og/index.html>”

La même précision supplémentaire pour obtenir les montants applicables des taxes payables à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, a été fournie. Cette information concerne la note de bas de page 2 de l'annexe D(US) qui a désormais la teneur suivante :

“Le montant de ces taxes change périodiquement. Pour connaître les montants en vigueur, se renseigner auprès de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou consulter le bulletin officiel de l'USPTO (*Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office-Patents*) à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/og/index.html>”

La même précision supplémentaire pour obtenir les montants applicables des taxes payables à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, a été fournie. Cette information concerne la note de bas de page 2 de l'annexe E(US) qui a désormais la teneur suivante :

“Le montant de ces taxes change périodiquement. Pour connaître les montants en vigueur, se renseigner auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ou consulter le bulletin officiel de l'USPTO (*Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office-Patents*) à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/og/index.html>”

La même précision supplémentaire pour obtenir les montants applicables des taxes payables à l'office désigné (ou élu), a été fournie. Cette information concerne la note de bas de page 4 du résumé (US) qui a désormais la teneur suivante :

“Le montant de ces taxes change périodiquement. Pour connaître les montants en vigueur, se renseigner auprès de l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis ou consulter le bulletin officiel de l'USPTO (*Official Gazette of the United States Patent and Trademark Office-Patents*) à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/com/sol/og/index.html>”

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(US), page 345, annexe D(US), page 365, annexe E(US), page 376, et résumé (US), page 547]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**BY Belarus**

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has deleted a reference to an article of the Belarus Patent Law in the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent; the entry now reads as follows:

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

After international publication, the furnishing of a translation into Russian or, if the international application was filed in Russian, of a copy of the application as filed, gives the applicant provisional protection in the sense that he, upon grant of the patent, is entitled to damages.

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a Eurasian patent:

[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(BY), page 35]

RU Russian Federation

The **Russian Patent Office** has notified changes in the provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent; the entry now reads as follows:

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a national patent:

From the time of the international publication (if in Russian) or, where that publication was in a language other than Russian, then from the time of the publication of the translation of that application into Russian by the Russian Patent Office, the applicant is entitled to provisional protection in conformity with the national legislation (see Articles 22 and 37(3) of the Patent Law).

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a Eurasian patent:

[No change]

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INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**BY Bélarus**

Le **Centre national pour la propriété intellectuelle (Bélarus)** a supprimé une référence à un article de la Loi sur les brevets du Bélarus dans les dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national; la rubrique se lit désormais comme suit :

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national :

Après la publication internationale, la remise d'une traduction en russe ou, si la demande a été déposée en russe, d'une copie de la demande internationale telle que déposée, confère au déposant une protection provisoire en ce sens que, dès la délivrance du brevet, il peut obtenir des dommages-intérêts.

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet eurasiens :

[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B1(BY), page 35]

RU Fédération de Russie

L'**Office russe des brevets** a notifié des changements dans les dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national; la rubrique se lit désormais comme suit :

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet national :

À compter de la publication internationale (si elle est effectuée en langue russe) ou, lorsque cette publication est effectuée dans une langue autre que le russe, à compter de la publication par l'Office russe des brevets de la traduction de cette demande en russe, le déposant bénéficie de la protection provisoire conformément à la législation nationale (voir les articles 22 et 37.3) de la loi sur les brevets)

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet eurasiens :

[Sans changement]

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES RELATED THERETO: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified, pursuant to Section 801(b), and in accordance with Annex C and Annex C-bis, of the Administrative Instructions, the types and number of electronic carriers for the presentation of sequence listings and/or tables related thereto, as indicated below. As a consequence, the text of the current item “number of copies required” has been modified to read “number of copies on paper” since it now refers only to the rest of the international application.

Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1	(see below, however, for the number of copies of the sequence listings and/or tables related thereto filed in electronic form)
Does the receiving Office accept the filing in computer readable form of sequence listings and/or tables related thereto? ³	Yes	
Types of electronic carrier accepted by the receiving Office:		Diskette formatted 1.44 MB, CD-ROM, CD-R
Number of copies of electronic carrier required by the receiving Office:	1	

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(SE), page 322]

³ If the sequence listing part of the description of an international application and/or any table related to such sequence listing have been filed on an electronic medium only (Section 801(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions) or both on an electronic medium and on paper (Section 801(a)(ii) of the Administrative Instructions), an additional component of the basic fee, equal to 400 times the fee per sheet in excess of 30—regardless of the actual length of the sequence listings and/or tables, and regardless of the fact that sequence listings and/or tables may have been filed both on paper and in computer readable form—will be payable in respect of the sequence listings and/or tables (instead of the fee per sheet which would otherwise have been payable for those sheets) (see *PCT Gazette* No. 02/2001, page 818 *et seq.*, and No. 36/2002, page 17632 *et seq.*). Where the sequence listings and/or any tables related thereto are not furnished on an electronic medium under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions but only under Rule 13ter or Section 802(b-quater), respectively, the above does not apply.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT DES LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU DES TABLEAUX Y RELATIFS : NOTIFICATION PAR LES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DES EXIGENCES TECHNIQUES APPLICABLES****SE Suède**

L'**Office suédois des brevets**, en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a spécifié, selon l'instruction administrative 801.b) et conformément à l'annexe C et à l'annexe C-bis des instructions administratives, les types et le nombre de supports électroniques pour la présentation des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs, comme indiqué ci-dessous. En conséquence, le texte de la rubrique actuelle "nombre d'exemplaires requis" est maintenant libellé "nombre d'exemplaires requis sur papier" puisque ce libellé se réfère désormais uniquement au reste de la demande internationale.

Nombre d'exemplaires requis sur papier par l'office récepteur :	1	(voir ci-dessous, toutefois, pour le nombre de copies des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs déposés sous forme électronique)
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L'office récepteur accepte-t-il le dépôt sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs ³ ?	Oui
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Types de support électronique acceptés par l'office récepteur :	Disquette formatée 1.44 MB, CD-ROM, CD-R
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Nombre de copies de support électronique requis par l'office récepteur :	1
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³ Si la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences d'une demande internationale ou tout tableau relatif à un tel listage des séquences ont été déposés sur un support électronique seulement (instruction administrative 801.a)ii)) ou à la fois sur un support électronique et sur papier (instruction administrative 801.a)ii)), une composante supplémentaire de la taxe de base, égale à 400 fois la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e – quelle que soit la longueur proprement dite des listages des séquences ou des tableaux et sans tenir compte du fait que les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs aient pu être déposés à la fois sous forme écrite et sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur – devra être acquittée en ce qui concerne les listages des séquences ou les tableaux (au lieu de la taxe par feuille qui aurait dû sinon être payée pour les feuilles concernées) (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 02/2001, page 819 et suiv., et n° 36/2002, page 17633 et suiv.). Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs ne sont pas remis sur un support électronique en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801 mais seulement en vertu de la règle 13^{ter} ou de l'instruction 802.b-*quater*), respectivement, ce qui précède ne s'applique pas.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES**RU Russian Federation**

The **Russian Patent Office** has notified a change in its requirements concerning the presentation of sequence listings under PCT Rule 13*ter*.1, as follows:

Requirements concerning nucleotide
and/or amino acid sequence listing
(PCT Rule 13*ter*.1): Computer readable form required

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(RU), page 350]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified changes in the types of electronic medium that it accepts for the furnishing in computer readable form of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing, as follows:

Does the Authority require that
a nucleotide and/or amino acid
sequence listing be furnished
in computer readable form
(PCT Rule 13*ter*.1)? Yes

Which types of electronic medium
does the Authority require? Diskette formatted 1.44 MB, CD-ROM, CD-R

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003, Annex D(SE), page 351]

ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE**RU Fédération de Russie**

L'**Office russe des brevets** a notifié un changement dans ses exigences concernant la présentation des listages des séquences en vertu de la règle 13*ter*.1 du PCT, comme suit :

Exigences concernant le listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés (règle 13*ter*.1 du PCT) :

La présentation sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur est obligatoire

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe D(RU), page 362]

SE Suède

L'**Office suédois des brevets** a notifié des changements dans les types de support électronique qu'il accepte pour la fourniture d'un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, comme suit :

L'administration exige-t-elle qu'un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés soit fourni sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (règle 13*ter*.1 du PCT) ?

Oui

Quels types de support électronique l'administration exige-t-elle ?

Disquette formatée 1.44 MB, CD-ROM, CD-R

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**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
The name of the depository institution and the accession number at the time of filing (must be in the description)	None	None
For the purposes of patent procedure before the National Center of Intellectual Property, a deposit may be made not later than the priority date of the international application with any international or Belarusian depository institution specialized for that purpose.		

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(BY), page 35, and Annex L, page 364]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
EXIGENCES DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS ET ÉLUS**

BY Bélarus

Le **Centre national pour la propriété intellectuelle (Bélarus)** a notifié ses exigences relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique, comme suit :

Délai (éventuel) inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, dans lequel le déposant doit fournir :		Indications (éventuelles) qui doivent figurer outre celles exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii) selon les notifications des offices intéressés
les indications exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii)	toute indication supplémentaire spécifiée dans la colonne adjacente de droite	
Le nom de l'institution de dépôt et le numéro d'accession lors du dépôt (doivent être dans la description)	Néant	Néant
Un dépôt aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès du Centre national de la propriété intellectuelle peut être effectué au plus tard à la date de priorité de la demande internationale auprès de toute institution de dépôt internationale ou bélarussienne spécialisée à cet effet.		

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B1(BY), page 35, et annexe L, page 379]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**BY Belarus**

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the contents of the translation and as to whether a copy of the international application is required, and has also notified changes in its special requirements for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:⁵

Under PCT Article 22: Request,⁴ description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings

Under PCT Article 39(1): Request,⁴ description, claims, any text matter of drawings, (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)

Is a copy of the international application required?

A copy is required only if the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) or 40(2).

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Instrument of assignment of the priority right where the applicants are not identical⁶

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Belarus⁷

Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies⁸

Verification of translation⁸

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (BY), page 397]

⁴ Not required if the form for entry into the national phase is used.

⁵ Must be furnished within two months from the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

⁶ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

⁷ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

⁸ Must be furnished within two months from the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**BY Bélarus**

Le **Centre national pour la propriété intellectuelle (Bélarus)** a notifié des changements dans ses exigences relatives aux éléments que doit comporter la traduction et à la question de savoir si une copie de la demande internationale est requise, et a également notifié des changements dans ses exigences particulières pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale⁵ :

En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Requête⁴, description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, à la fois telles que déposées initialement et telles que modifiées, ainsi que la déclaration en vertu de l'article 19 du PCT), texte éventuel des dessins

En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Requête⁴, description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer à la fois tel que déposé initialement et tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international)

Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise?

Une copie n'est exigée que si l'office n'a pas reçu du Bureau international de copie de la demande internationale conformément à l'article 20 du PCT. Ceci peut se produire lorsque le déposant demande expressément l'ouverture anticipée de la phase nationale selon l'article 23.2) ou 40.2) du PCT.

Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51*bis* du PCT) :

Acte de cession du droit de priorité lorsqu'il n'y a pas identité entre les déposants⁶

Nomination d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié au Bélarus⁷

Traduction de la demande internationale en trois exemplaires⁸

Vérification de la traduction⁸

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), résumé (BY), page 417]

⁴ N'est pas exigée si le formulaire d'ouverture de la phase nationale est utilisé.

⁵ Doit être remis dans un délai de deux mois à compter de l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

⁶ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

⁷ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

⁸ Doit être remise dans un délai de deux mois à compter de l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES (Cont'd)**DK Denmark**

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has informed the International Bureau that its special requirement concerning the furnishing of a deed of transfer where the applicant is not the inventor should be deleted. The remaining special requirement for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office, is now as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>): ⁹	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application ¹⁰
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (DK), page 414]

EE Estonia

The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified a change relating to the required contents of the translation in respect of a utility model application, for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office. Only modified footnote 1 relating thereto is reproduced hereafter:

“Where the basic fee has been paid, within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the translation may be filed within two months from the expiration of that time limit, provided that the additional fee for late furnishing of the translation has been paid within those two months.”

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (EE), page 421]

RU Russian Federation

The **Russian Patent Office** has notified changes relating to the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as originally filed or as amended, if the applicant wishes the amendments to form the basis for the proceedings, together with any statement under PCT Article 19) ¹² , any text matter of drawings, abstract
	Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, as originally filed or as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report, if the applicant wishes the amendments to form the basis for the proceedings) ¹²

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (RU), page 487]

⁹ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

¹⁰ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

¹¹ Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). If not already complied with within this time limit, the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

¹² In certain circumstances, the Office is entitled to require both the translation of the international application as originally filed and as amended; in such a case, the Office will invite the applicant to supply the missing translation.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS) (suite)**DK Danemark**

L'Office danois des brevets et des marques a informé le Bureau international que son exigence particulière relative à la remise d'un acte de cession lorsque le déposant n'est pas l'inventeur doit être supprimée. L'exigence particulière restante pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu) est la suivante :

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT)⁹ :

Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués
dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale¹⁰

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), résumé (DK), page 437]

EE Estonie

L'Office estonien des brevets a notifié un changement dans ses exigences relatives aux éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour une demande de modèle d'utilité, lors de l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Seule la note de bas de page 1 modifiée y relative est reproduite ci-après :

"Si la taxe de base a été payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, la traduction peut être déposée dans les deux mois qui suivent l'expiration de ce délai à condition que la taxe additionnelle pour remise tardive de la traduction soit payée dans ce délai de deux mois".

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), résumé (EE), page 445]

RU Fédération de Russie

L'Office russe des brevets a notifié des changements dans ses exigences relatives aux éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Éléments que doit comporter
la traduction pour l'ouverture
de la phase nationale¹¹ :

En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, telles que déposées initialement ou telles que modifiées, si le déposant souhaite que les modifications servent de base à la procédure, ainsi que la déclaration en vertu de l'article 19 du PCT¹²), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé

En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer à la fois tel que déposé initialement et tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international, si le déposant souhaite que les modifications servent de base à la procédure¹²)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), résumé (RU), page 521]

⁹ Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

¹⁰ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

¹¹ Doit être remise dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT. Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans ce délai, l'office l'invitera à remettre la traduction manquante dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

¹² Dans certaines circonstances, l'office peut exiger à la fois la traduction de la demande internationale telle que déposée initialement et telle que modifiée; dans ce cas, l'office invitera le déposant à remettre la traduction manquante.

**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF
MODIFIED PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS****SG Singapore**

Further to its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it withdraws the said notification with effect from 1 January 2004.

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): [No change]
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (SG), page 492]

**RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ
AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT MODIFIÉ****SG Singapour**

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de l'article 22.1) du PCT modifié (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 08/2002, page 3887), l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Singapour** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il retire ladite notification avec effet à compter du 1er janvier 2004.

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT :	30 mois à compter de la date de priorité
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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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During its thirtieth (13th ordinary) session, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) approved an amendment to the Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the functioning of the European Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT (see PCT Gazette No. 44/2001, page 19928). Under Article 3(4)(a)(ii) of the Agreement the President of the EPO then notified that the EPO would restrict its competence as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority (see PCT Gazette No. 52/2001, page 24248). On 3 November 2003 the International Bureau received a new notification under Article 3(4)(a)(ii) from the President of the EPO. In the new notification the EPO informs the International Bureau of the removal of some of the restrictions on its competence that it had previously imposed. The EPO will resume its competence as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed as from 1 January 2004 by nationals or residents of the United States of America under the conditions outlined below. In compliance with the last sentence of Article 3(4)(b), the text of the notification is reproduced hereafter (references made in the text below are to the “Notice from the President of the European Patent Office dated 26 November 2001” (OJ EPO 1/2002, 52)):

“The reference to the field of biotechnology is deleted from paragraphs 1(a) and (b) with effect for all international applications filed from 1 January 2004 and the reference to the field of telecommunication is deleted from paragraph 1(b) with effect for all demands filed as from 1 July 2004.

The effect of these changes is that the EPO will resume its competence as International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed as from **1 January 2004** by nationals or residents of the United States of America where such applications contain one or more claims relating to the field of biotechnology as defined by the International Patent Classification Unit indicated in paragraphs 3 and 4 of the notice.

The EPO will also resume its competence as International Preliminary Examining Authority in respect of international applications filed by nationals or residents of the United States of America containing one or more claims relating to the field of telecommunications as defined by the International Patent Classification Unit indicated in paragraph 5 of the notice where the corresponding demand is filed on or after **1 July 2004**.

The reference to the field of business methods in both paragraphs 1(a) and (b) remains intact and the EPO is not competent to act as International Searching Authority or International Preliminary Examining Authority in respect of such applications for the remainder of the term specified in paragraph 2 of the notice. In all other respects the notice remains in full force and effect.”

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
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EP Accord entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle – notification selon l'article 3.4)a)ii) de l'accord

Durant sa trentième session (13^e session ordinaire), l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT), a approuvé une modification apportée à l'accord conclu entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets et le Bureau international de l'OMPI concernant les fonctions de l'Office européen des brevets en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international au titre du PCT (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 44/2001, page 19929). En vertu de l'article 3.4)a)ii) de l'accord, le Président de l'OEB a alors notifié que l'OEB allait restreindre sa compétence en tant qu'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 52/2001, page 24249). Le 3 novembre 2003, le Bureau international a reçu une nouvelle notification en vertu de l'article 3.4)a)ii) du Président de l'OEB. Dans la nouvelle notification, l'OEB informe le Bureau international de la suppression de certaines des restrictions relatives à sa compétence qu'elle avait imposées précédemment. L'OEB sera à nouveau compétente en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004 par les nationaux ou les résidents des États-Unis d'Amérique dans les conditions précisées ci-dessous. Conformément à la dernière phrase de l'article 3.4)b), le texte de la notification (en traduction française établie par le Bureau international) est reproduit ci-après (les références indiquées dans le texte reproduit ci-après se rapportent au "Communiqué du Président de l'Office européen des brevets en date du 26 novembre 2001 (JO OEB, 1/2002, 52)) :

"La référence au domaine de la biotechnologie est supprimée des alinéas 1.a) et b) avec effet pour toutes les demandes internationales déposées à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004 et la référence au domaine de la télécommunication est supprimée de l'alinéa 1.b) avec effet pour toutes les demandes d'examen préliminaire international présentées à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2004.

La conséquence de ces changements est que l'OEB sera à nouveau compétente en tant qu'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées à compter du **1^{er} janvier 2004** par les nationaux ou les résidents des États-Unis d'Amérique lorsque de telles demandes contiennent une ou plusieurs revendications relatives au domaine de la biotechnologie telle qu'il est défini par la rubrique de la Classification internationale des brevets indiquée aux alinéas 3 et 4 de la notification.

L'OEB sera à nouveau compétente en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international en ce qui concerne les demandes internationales déposées par les nationaux ou les résidents des États-Unis d'Amérique contenant une ou plusieurs revendications relatives au domaine de la télécommunication tel qu'il est défini par la rubrique de la Classification internationale des brevets indiquée à l'alinéa 5 de la notification lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international correspondante est présentée le **1^{er} juillet 2004** ou ultérieurement.

La référence au domaine des méthodes commerciales figurant aux alinéas 1.a) et b) reste inchangée et l'OEB n'est pas compétente pour agir en tant qu'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international en ce qui concerne de telles demandes pour le reste de la période précisée à l'alinéa 2 de la notification. À tous les autres égards, la notification reste en vigueur et continue à avoir effet."

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**JP Japan**

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a change in the amount of the transmittal fee in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The new amount, applicable as from 1 January 2004, is as follows:

Transmittal fee: JPY 13,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(JP), page 289]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**CS Serbia and Montenegro**

The change of the two-letter code from **YU** to **CS** for **Serbia and Montenegro** which was announced in PCT Gazette No. 33/2003, page 18714, has been suspended while the International Organization for Standardization, which is responsible for the assignment of such two-letter codes, reconsiders this change. Until this matter is resolved, the PCT will revert to use the two-letter code **YU** for Serbia and Montenegro.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex A, page 8, Annex B1(YU), page 214, Annex C(YU), page 338, and Summary (YU), page 516, and of PCT Gazette No. 33/2003, page 18714]

KZ Kazakhstan

The **Kazakh Patent Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, and has introduced an additional telephone number. The addresses and telephone numbers are now specific and read as follows:

Location and mailing address:

General matters:

Kazakhstan Respublikasy Adilet ministriliginin Sanatkerlik menshik kuckygy zhonindegi komiteti,
48, Omarova St., Astana 473000, Kazakhstan

Application processing:

Ultyk sanatkerlik menshik instituty,
6, R&M Abdullins St., Almaty 480002, Kazakhstan

Telephone:

(7-3172) 39 07 65 (general matters)
(7-3172) 30 15 22 (application processing)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(KZ), page 115]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**JP Japan**

L'**Office des brevets du Japon** a notifié un changement dans le montant de la taxe de transmission, exprimé en **yen japonais (JPY)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, est le suivant :

Taxe de transmission : JPY 13.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(JP), page 296]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**CS Serbie-et-Monténégro**

Le changement de code à deux lettres de **YU** à **CS** pour la **Serbie-et-Monténégro**, qui a été annoncé dans la Gazette du PCT n° 33/2003, page 18715, a été suspendu pendant que l'Organisation Internationale de Normalisation, qui est responsable de l'attribution de tels codes à deux lettres, réexamine ce changement. Jusqu'à ce que cette question soit résolue, le PCT reviendra au code à deux lettres **YU** pour la Serbie-et-Monténégro.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe A, page 9, annexe B1(YU), page 216, annexe C(YU), page 350, et résumé (YU), page 555, et de la Gazette du PCT n° 33/2003, page 18715]

KZ Kazakhstan

L'**Office kazakh des brevets** a notifié des changements dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale et a introduit un numéro de téléphone supplémentaire. Les adresses et numéros de téléphone sont maintenant spécifiques et se lisent comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale :

Questions d'ordre général :

Kazakhstan Respublikasy Adilet ministriliginin Sanatkerlik
menschik kuckygy zhonindegi komiteti,
48, Omarova St., Astana 473000, Kazakhstan

Traitement des demandes :

Ultyk sanatkerlik menschik instituty,
6, R&M Abdullins St., Almaty 480002, Kazakhstan

Téléphone :

(7-3172) 39 07 65 (questions d'ordre général)

(7-3172) 30 15 22 (traitement des demandes)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B1(KZ), page 117]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**MK The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

The **Industrial Property Protection Office (The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (389-2) 311 63 79, 313 71 89

Facsimile machine: (389-2) 311 60 41

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(MK), page 141]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has informed the International Bureau of the discontinuance of its teleprinter, and has notified changes in the references concerning international-type search, as follows:

Teleprinter: —

Provisions of the law of the United States of America concerning international-type search: Sections 1.104(a)(3) and (a)(4) and 1.21(e) of the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 37 (37 CFR)

[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(US), page 207]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**US United States of America**

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified changes in references in respect of the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase. Only modified footnote 2 related thereto is reproduced hereafter:

“If the translation of the amendments is not furnished, the amendments are considered to be cancelled (37 CFR 1.495(d) and (e)).”

In respect of the national fees in case of filing by a “small entity”, the USPTO has deleted the last two sentences which were made redundant by the information given in footnote 4. Footnote 6 should now read as follows:

“The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a “small entity.” “Small entity” status can be established by a simple written assertion of entitlement to “small entity” status, or by payment of the exact amount of one of the “small entity” basic national fees set forth in 37 CFR 1.492 (a)(1) to (5) (see 37 CFR 1.27 and Volume II, Annex US.V).”

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (US), page 508]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (Suite)**MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine**

L'Office pour la protection de la propriété industrielle (Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine) a notifié des changements relatifs à ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Téléphone : (389-2) 311 63 79, 313 71 89

Télécopieur : (389-2) 311 60 41

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B1(MK), page 143]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

L'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO) a informé le Bureau international de l'arrêt de l'utilisation de son téléimprimeur et notifié des changements dans les références relatives à la recherche de type international, comme suit :

Téléimprimeur : –

Dispositions de la législation des États-Unis d'Amérique relatives à la recherche de type international : Articles 1.104.a)3) et a)4) et 1.21.e) du Code du règlement fédéral (Code of Federal Regulations), titre 37 (37 CFR).

[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B1(US), page 209]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

L'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO) a notifié des changements dans les références en ce qui concerne les éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale. Seule la note de bas de page 2 modifiée y relative est reproduite ci-après :

“Si la traduction des modifications n'est pas remise, les modifications seront considérées comme étant annulées (37 CFR 1.495.d) et e)”).

En ce qui concerne les taxes nationales dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par une “petite entité”, l'USPTO a supprimé les deux dernières phrases qui faisaient double emploi avec les informations données dans la note de bas de page 4. La note de bas de page 6 se lit désormais comme suit :

“Le montant indiqué entre parenthèses s'applique dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par une “petite entité”. La qualité de “petite entité” peut être établie par une simple déclaration écrite par laquelle le déposant revendique son droit à la qualité de “petite entité”, ou moyennant le paiement du montant exact de l'une des taxes nationales de base pour petites entités figurant au paragraphe 1.492 a)1) à 5) du titre 37 CFR (voir le paragraphe 1.27 du titre 37 CFR et l'annexe US.V du volume II)”).

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), résumé (US), page 547]

LANGUAGE(S) ACCEPTED FOR THE FILING OF REQUESTS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(c)

Under amended PCT Rule 12.1(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, the receiving Office of the following State has notified the International Bureau of the language which it is prepared to accept for the filing of requests, as follows:

NO Norway English

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(NO), page 309]

INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**Non-Working Days**

The non-working days at the International Bureau during the end-of-year holiday period, in addition to Saturdays and Sundays, will be 25 and 26 December 2003, and 1 and 2 January 2004. The International Bureau will be open for business on 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 and 31 December 2003.

Publication Schedule

The PCT Gazette and the PCT pamphlets (published PCT applications) will, during the forthcoming holiday period, be published on two consecutive Wednesdays (24 and 31 December 2003), instead of on the usual publication day, Thursday. Until 18 December 2003, and from 8 January 2004 onwards, the PCT Gazette and PCT pamphlets will be published, as usual, on Thursday.

Note that, exceptionally, the publication of 31 December 2003, even though it will take place in 2003, will carry the publication number 01/2004.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT
MODIFICATION OF ANNEX A—FORMS****Form PCT/RO/101 (Request)**

As a result of the amendments of the Regulations under the PCT and of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, which will enter into force on 1 January 2004, the Request Form and the Notes to the request form, the Fee Calculation Sheet (Annex to the request) and the Notes to the fee calculation sheet have been modified with effect from 1 January 2004.

The Request Form has been modified to take into account the following:

The content of the previous Box No. V “Designation of States,” covering both express designations and precautionary designations, has been deleted, since it is no longer applicable due to the new all-inclusive coverage of designations. The applicant will obtain an automatic and all-inclusive coverage of all designations available under the PCT on the international filing date, in respect of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, in respect of both regional and national patents. In addition to a statement explaining this, three check-boxes have been introduced for applicants wishing not to designate Germany, the Republic of Korea and/or the Russian Federation for any kind of national protection.

LANGUE(S) ACCEPTÉE(S) POUR LE DÉPÔT DES REQUÊTES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 12.1.c) DU PCT

En vertu de la règle 12.1.c) du PCT modifiée, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003, l'office récepteur de l'État suivant a notifié au Bureau international la langue qu'il est disposé à accepter aux fins du dépôt des requêtes, comme suit :

NO Norvège

Anglais

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(NO), page 319]

BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**Jours chômés**

Les jours chômés au Bureau international durant la période des fêtes de fin d'année, en plus des samedis et des dimanches, seront les 25 et 26 décembre 2003, et les 1^{er} et 2 janvier 2004. Le Bureau international sera ouvert les 22, 23, 24, 29, 30 et 31 décembre 2003.

Programme de publication

La Gazette du PCT et les brochures PCT (demandes PCT publiées) seront, durant la période des fêtes à venir, publiées deux mercredis consécutifs (24 et 31 décembre 2003), au lieu du jour habituel de publication, qui est le jeudi. Jusqu'au 18 décembre 2003 et à compter du 8 janvier 2004, la Gazette du PCT et les brochures PCT seront publiées comme d'habitude, le jeudi.

Il convient de noter que, exceptionnellement, la publication du 31 décembre 2003 portera le numéro de publication 01/2004, bien que la date de publication tombe en 2003.

**INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT
MODIFICATION DE L'ANNEXE A – FORMULAIRES****Formulaire PCT/RO/101 (Requête)**

Suite aux modifications du règlement d'exécution du PCT et du barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, le formulaire de requête et les notes relatives au formulaire de requête, la feuille de calcul des taxes (annexe de la requête) et les notes relatives à la feuille de calcul des taxes ont été modifiés avec effet au 1^{er} janvier 2004.

Le formulaire de requête a été modifié pour tenir compte de ce qui suit :

Le contenu du précédent cadre n° V " Désignation d'États", regroupant à la fois les désignations expresses et les désignations de précaution a été supprimé puisqu'il n'est plus applicable depuis l'entrée en vigueur du nouveau système global de désignation. Le déposant obtiendra une couverture générale automatique de toutes les désignations disponibles selon le PCT à la date du dépôt international, en ce qui concerne chaque type de protection disponible et, le cas échéant, en ce qui concerne à la fois les brevets régionaux et nationaux. En plus d'une déclaration à cet effet, trois cases ont été insérées à l'intention des déposants qui ne souhaitent pas désigner l'Allemagne, la République de Corée ou la Fédération de Russie pour un type de protection nationale quel qu'il soit.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT
MODIFICATION OF ANNEX A—FORMS (Cont'd)****Form PCT/RO/101 (Request) (Cont'd)**

In the Supplemental box, new items 2 and 3 have been introduced, respectively, to allow the applicant to make the necessary indications for the international application to be treated:

- (a) in certain designated States, as an application for a certain kind of protection (PCT Rule 49*bis*.1(a) or (b));
- (b) in the United States of America, as a continuation or continuation-in-part of an earlier application (PCT Rule 49*bis*.1(d)).

The Notes to the Request Form have been modified to reflect:

- (a) the possibility for the receiving Office to waive the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted to it (Notes to Box No. IV);
- (b) the new designation system, including the deletion of any reference to the confirmation of precautionary designations (Notes to Box No. V);
- (c) the new way of indicating dates in the international application, in accordance with Section 110 of the Administrative Instructions, as in force from 1 January 2004 (Notes to Box No. VI);
- (d) the easing of signature requirements upon filing the international application (Notes to Box No. X);
and
- (e) the requirement that, even if an indication is made in the request under PCT Rule 49*bis*.1(a), (b) or (d), the applicant has to make an indication in respect of items 2 and 3 under PCT Rule 49*bis*.1(a), (b) or (d) upon entry into the national phase before the designated Offices concerned.

The Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes thereto have been modified as follows:

References to the “basic fee” and the “designation fee” have been replaced by references to the new “international filing fee,” and amendments have been made to take into account the different amounts and categories of reductions of the international filing fee (that is, the reductions that are applicable where the request is filed using the PCT-EASY features of the PCT-SAFE software or where the international application is filed in electronic form, as well as the reduction available to applicants from least developed countries, whether natural persons or not, in addition to the case presently covered).

All the sheets of the Request Form, including the Notes to the Request form, the Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes to the Fee Calculation Sheet, are dated January 2004 and are reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction). Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices and the International Bureau, and will also be available from the WIPO Internet site at the following address: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>

Only the updated version of the Request Form should be used for international applications filed from 1 January 2004.

INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT
MODIFICATION DE L'ANNEXE A – FORMULAIRES (Suite)

Formulaire PCT/RO/101 (Requête) (Suite)

Dans le cadre supplémentaire, deux nouveaux points 2 et 3 ont été insérés, respectivement, pour permettre au déposant de fournir les indications nécessaires afin que la demande internationale soit traitée :

- a) dans certains États désignés, comme une demande pour un certain type de protection (règle 49*bis*.1.a) ou b) du PCT);
- b) aux États-Unis d'Amérique, comme une demande de "continuation" ou de "continuation-in-part" d'une demande antérieure (règle 49*bis*.1.d) du PCT).

Les notes du formulaire de requête ont été modifiées pour tenir compte de ce qui suit:

- a) la possibilité pour l'office récepteur de renoncer à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis (notes du cadre n° IV);
- b) le nouveau système de désignation, y compris la suppression de toute référence à la confirmation de désignations de précaution (notes du cadre n° V);
- c) la nouvelle manière d'indiquer les dates dans la demande internationale, conformément à l'instruction administrative 110, en vigueur à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004 (notes du cadre n° VI);
- d) l'allègement des exigences en matière de signature lors du dépôt de la demande internationale (notes du cadre n° X); et
- e) l'exigence selon laquelle, même si une indication est donnée dans la requête en vertu de la règle 49*bis*.1.a), b) ou d) du PCT, le déposant doit donner une indication en ce qui concerne les points 2 et 3 en vertu de la règle 49*bis*.1.a), b) ou d) du PCT lors de l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès des offices désignés concernés.

La feuille de calcul des taxes et les notes y relatives ont été modifiées comme suit :

Les références à la "taxe de base" et à la "taxe de désignation" ont été remplacées par des références à la nouvelle "taxe internationale de dépôt", et des modifications ont été apportées pour tenir compte des différents montants et catégories de réduction de la taxe internationale de dépôt (c'est-à-dire, les réductions qui sont applicables dans le cas où la requête est déposée à l'aide des fonctions de PCT-EASY du logiciel PCT-SAFE ou lorsque la demande internationale est déposée sous forme électronique, ainsi que la réduction disponible pour les déposants provenant des pays les moins avancés, qu'il soient ou non des personnes morales, en plus du cas existant).

Toutes les feuilles du formulaire de requête, y compris les notes relatives au formulaire de requête, la feuille de calcul des taxes et les notes relatives à la feuille de calcul des taxes, sont datées de janvier 2004 et sont reproduites sur les pages suivantes (sans pagination pour qu'il soit possible de les reproduire aisément). Des copies peuvent être obtenues gratuitement auprès des offices récepteurs et du Bureau international et seront également disponibles sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/index.html>

Seule la version mise à jour du formulaire de requête devrait être utilisée pour les demandes internationales déposées à partir du 1^{er} janvier 2004.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT
MODIFICATION OF ANNEX A—FORMS (Cont'd)****Form PCT/IPEA/401 (Demand)**

The Demand Form has been modified as follows:

The heading of the Demand Form and the text of Box No. V have been modified to reflect the new automatic indication of all elections possible under the PCT.

Box No. IV “Basis for international preliminary examination” has been modified to reflect the new applicable time limit for the start the international preliminary examination. A new item 4 has been introduced to provide an option for the applicant to indicate that he wishes the international preliminary examination to start earlier than at the expiration of the applicable time limit under new PCT Rule 54*bis*.1(a).

The Notes to the Demand Form have been modified to reflect:

(a) the new time limit for filing a demand under the new system (under “Important general information”);

(b) the new way of indicating dates in accordance with Section 110 of the Administrative Instructions, as in force from 1 January 2004 (Notes to Box No. I);

(c) the possibility for the receiving Office, the International Bureau or the International Preliminary Examining Authority to waive the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted to it (Notes to Box No. III);

(d) the time limit for start of the international preliminary examination (Notes to Box No. IV);

(e) the automatic indication of all elections possible under the PCT (Notes to Box No. V); and

(f) the easing of signature requirements upon filing the demand (Notes to Box No. VII).

The Notes to the Fee Calculation Sheet have been modified so as to take into account the amendment of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, which will enter into force on January 1, 2004 (that is, notes relating to the reduction of the handling fee for applicants from least developed countries are included in addition to the case presently covered.)

All the sheets of the Demand Form, including the Notes to the Demand Form, the Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes to the Fee Calculation Sheet, are dated January 2004 and are reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction). Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices, the International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau, and will also be available from the WIPO Internet site at the following address: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>

Only the updated version of the Demand Form should be used for demands filed from 1 January 2004.

INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT
MODIFICATION DE L'ANNEXE A – FORMULAIRES (suite)

Formulaire PCT/IPEA/401 (demande d'examen préliminaire international)

Le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international a été modifié comme suit :

L'en-tête du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et le texte du cadre n° V ont été modifiés pour tenir compte de la nouvelle indication automatique de toutes les élections possibles selon le PCT.

Le cadre n° IV "Base de l'examen préliminaire international" a été modifié pour tenir compte du nouveau délai applicable pour le commencement de l'examen préliminaire international. Un nouveau point 4 a été inséré pour que le déposant ait le choix d'indiquer qu'il souhaite que l'examen préliminaire international soit entrepris avant l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de la règle 54bis.1.a) du PCT.

Les notes du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international ont été modifiées pour tenir compte de ce qui suit :

- a) le nouveau délai de présentation d'une demande d'examen préliminaire international selon le nouveau système (sous "Renseignements importants d'ordre général");
- b) la nouvelle manière d'indiquer les dates conformément à l'instruction administrative 110, en vigueur à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004 (notes du cadre n° I);
- c) la possibilité pour l'office récepteur, le Bureau international ou l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international de renoncer à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis (note du cadre n° III);
- d) le délai pour entreprendre l'examen préliminaire international (notes du cadre n° IV);
- e) l'indication automatique de toutes les élections possibles selon le PCT (notes du cadre n° V); et
- f) l'allègement des exigences en matière de signature lors de la présentation de la demande d'examen préliminaire international (notes du cadre n° VII).

Les Notes de la feuille de calcul des taxes ont été modifiées pour tenir compte de la modification du barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT, qui entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004 (c'est-à-dire, des notes relatives à la réduction de la taxe de traitement pour les déposants provenant des pays les moins avancés ont été incluses en plus du cas existant).

Toutes les feuilles du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international, y compris les notes relatives au formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international, la feuille de calcul des taxes et les notes relatives à la feuille de calcul des taxes, sont datées de janvier 2004 et sont reproduites sur les pages suivantes (sans pagination pour qu'il soit possible de les reproduire aisément). Des copies peuvent être obtenues gratuitement auprès des offices récepteurs, des administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international et du Bureau international et seront également disponibles sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/index.html>

Seule la version mise à jour du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international devrait être utilisée pour les demandes d'examen préliminaire déposées à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004.

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

For receiving Office use only

International Application No.

International Filing Date

Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum)

Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION	
Box No. II APPLICANT <input type="checkbox"/> This person is also inventor	
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)	Telephone No.
	Facsimile No.
	Teleprinter No.
	Applicant's registration No. with the Office
State (that is, country) of nationality:	State (that is, country) of residence:
This person is applicant for the purposes of: <input type="checkbox"/> all designated States <input type="checkbox"/> all designated States except the United States of America <input type="checkbox"/> the United States of America only <input type="checkbox"/> the States indicated in the Supplemental Box	
Box No. III FURTHER APPLICANT(S) AND/OR (FURTHER) INVENTOR(S)	
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)	This person is: <input type="checkbox"/> applicant only <input type="checkbox"/> applicant and inventor <input type="checkbox"/> inventor only (If this check-box is marked, do not fill in below.)
	Applicant's registration No. with the Office
	State (that is, country) of nationality:
This person is applicant for the purposes of: <input type="checkbox"/> all designated States <input type="checkbox"/> all designated States except the United States of America <input type="checkbox"/> the United States of America only <input type="checkbox"/> the States indicated in the Supplemental Box	
<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on a continuation sheet.	
Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	
The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as: <input type="checkbox"/> agent <input type="checkbox"/> common representative	
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)	Telephone No.
	Facsimile No.
	Teleprinter No.
	Agent's registration No. with the Office
<input type="checkbox"/> Address for correspondence: Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special address to which correspondence should be sent.	

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REQUÊTE

Le soussigné requiert que la présente demande internationale soit traitée conformément au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets.

Réservé à l'office récepteur

Demande internationale n°

Date du dépôt international

Nom de l'office récepteur et "Demande internationale PCT"

Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire (*facultatif*)
(12 caractères au maximum)

Cadre n° I TITRE DE L'INVENTION	
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Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays. Le pays de l'adresse indiquée dans ce cadre est l'État où le déposant a son domicile si aucun domicile n'est indiqué ci-dessous.</i>)	n° de téléphone
	n° de télécopieur
	n° de téléimprimeur
	n° sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office
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<input type="checkbox"/> D'autres déposants ou inventeurs sont indiqués sur une feuille annexe.	
Cadre n° IV MANDATAIRE OU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN; OU ADRESSE POUR LA CORRESPONDANCE	
La personne dont l'identité est donnée ci-dessous est/a été désignée pour agir au nom du ou des déposants auprès des autorités internationales compétentes, comme: <input type="checkbox"/> mandataire <input type="checkbox"/> représentant commun	
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	n° sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office
<input type="checkbox"/> Adresse pour la correspondance : cocher cette case lorsque aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est/n'a été désigné et que l'espace ci-dessus est utilisé pour indiquer une adresse spéciale à laquelle la correspondance doit être envoyée.	

Continuation of Box No. III FURTHER APPLICANT(S) AND/OR (FURTHER) INVENTOR(S)

If none of the following sub-boxes is used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)*

This person is:

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applicant and inventor

inventor only *(If this check-box is marked, do not fill in below.)*

Applicant's registration No. with the Office

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This person is applicant for the purposes of:

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all designated States except the United States of America

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<input type="checkbox"/> D'autres déposants ou inventeurs sont indiqués sur une feuille annexe.			

Supplemental Box *If the Supplemental Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.*

1. *If, in any of the Boxes, except Boxes Nos. VIII(i) to (v) for which a special continuation box is provided, **the space is insufficient** to furnish all the information: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No...." (indicate the number of the Box) and furnish the information in the same manner as required according to the captions of the Box in which the space was insufficient, in particular:*
 - (i) *if more than two persons are to be indicated as applicants and/or inventors and no "continuation sheet" is available: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. III" and indicate for each additional person the same type of information as required in Box No. III. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below;*
 - (ii) *if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the indication "**the States indicated in the Supplemental Box**" is checked: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the applicant(s) involved and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is applicant;*
 - (iii) *if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, **the inventor or the inventor/applicant is not inventor for the purposes of all designated States or for the purposes of the United States of America**: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the inventor(s) and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is inventor;*
 - (iv) *if, in addition to the agent(s) indicated in Box No. IV, there are **further agents**: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. IV" and indicate for each further agent the same type of information as required in Box No. IV;*
 - (v) *if, in Box No. VI, there are **more than three earlier applications whose priority is claimed**: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VI" and indicate for each additional earlier application the same type of information as required in Box No. VI.*
2. *If the applicant intends to make an indication of the wish that the international application be treated, in certain designated States, as an application for a patent of addition, certificate of addition, inventor's certificate of addition or utility certificate of addition: in such a case, write the name or two-letter code of each designated State concerned and the indication "**patent of addition,**" "**certificate of addition,**" "**inventor's certificate of addition**" or "**utility certificate of addition,**" the number of the parent application or parent patent or other parent grant and the date of grant of the parent patent or other patent grant or the date of filing of the parent application (Rules 4.11(a)(iii) and 49bis.1(a) or (b)).*
3. *If the applicant intends to make an indication of the wish that the international application be treated, in the United States of America, as a continuation or continuation-in-part of an earlier application: in such a case, write "United States of America" or "US" and the indication "**continuation**" or "**continuation-in-part**" and the number and the filing date of the parent application (Rules 4.11(a)(iv) and 49bis.1(d)).*

Cadre supplémentaire Si le cadre supplémentaire n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

1. Si l'un des cadres du présent formulaire – à l'exception des cadres n^{os} VIII.i) à v) pour lesquels une feuille annexe spéciale est prévue – **ne suffit pas** à contenir tous les renseignements : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o..." (préciser le numéro du cadre) et fournir les renseignements conformément aux instructions données dans le cadre dans lequel la place était insuffisante; en particulier :
 - i) **si plus de deux personnes doivent être indiquées comme déposants ou inventeurs** et que l'on ne dispose d'aucune "feuille annexe" : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o III" et fournir pour chaque personne supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n^o III. Le pays de l'adresse indiquée dans ce cadre est l'État où le déposant a son domicile si aucun domicile n'est indiqué ci-dessous;
 - ii) si, dans le cadre n^o II ou dans l'un des sous-cadres du cadre n^o III, la case "**les États indiqués dans le cadre supplémentaire**" est cochée : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o II" ou "Suite du cadre n^o III" ou "Suite des cadres n^{os} II et III" (selon le cas), ainsi que le nom du ou des déposants en cause et, à côté de chaque nom, le ou les États pour lesquels la personne mentionnée a la qualité de déposant (ou, le cas échéant, la mention "brevet ARIPO", "brevet eurasien", "brevet européen" ou "brevet OAPI");
 - iii) si, dans le cadre n^o II ou dans l'un des sous-cadres du cadre n^o III, **l'inventeur ou l'inventeur/déposant n'a pas la qualité d'inventeur pour tous les États désignés ou pour les États-Unis d'Amérique** : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o II" ou "Suite du cadre n^o III" ou "Suite des cadres n^{os} II et III" (selon le cas), ainsi que le nom du ou des inventeurs et, à côté de chaque nom, le ou les États pour lesquels la personne mentionnée a la qualité d'inventeur (ou, le cas échéant, la mention "brevet ARIPO", "brevet eurasien", "brevet européen" ou "brevet OAPI");
 - iv) si, en plus du ou des mandataires indiqués dans le cadre n^o IV, il y a **d'autres mandataires** : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o IV" et fournir pour chaque mandataire supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n^o IV;
 - v) si, dans le cadre n^o VI, **la priorité de plus de trois demandes antérieures est revendiquée** : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o VI" et fournir pour chaque demande antérieure supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n^o VI.
2. Si le déposant à l'intention d'indiquer qu'il souhaite que la demande internationale soit traitée, dans certains États désignés, comme une demande de brevet d'addition, de certificat d'addition, de certificat d'auteur d'invention additionnel ou de certificat d'utilité additionnel : dans ce cas, indiquer le nom ou le code à deux lettres de chaque État désigné en cause, ainsi que "**brevet d'addition**", "**certificat d'addition**", "**certificat d'auteur d'invention additionnel**", le numéro de la demande principale ou du brevet principal ou de tout autre titre de protection principal et la date de délivrance du brevet principal ou de tout autre titre de protection principal ou la date de dépôt de la demande principale (règles 4.11.a)iii) et 49bis.1.a) ou b)).
3. Si le déposant a l'intention d'indiquer qu'il souhaite que la demande internationale soit traitée, aux États-Unis d'Amérique, comme une demande de "continuation" ou de "continuation-in-part" d'une demande antérieure : dans ce cas, indiquer "États-Unis d'Amérique" ou "US" et "**continuation**" ou "**continuation-in-part**" et le numéro et la date de dépôt de la demande principale (règles 4.11.a)iv) et 49bis.1.d)).

Box No. V DESIGNATIONS							
<p>The filing of this request constitutes under Rule 4.9(a), the designation of all Contracting States bound by the PCT on the international filing date, for the grant of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, for the grant of both regional and national patents.</p> <p>However,</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> DE Germany is not designated for any kind of national protection</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> KR Republic of Korea is not designated for any kind of national protection</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> RU Russian Federation is not designated for any kind of national protection</p> <p><i>(The check-boxes above may be used to exclude (irrevocably) the designations concerned in order to avoid the ceasing of the effect, under the national law, of an earlier national application from which priority is claimed. See the Notes to Box No. V as to the consequences of such national law provisions in these and certain other States.)</i></p>							
Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM							
The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:							
Filing date of earlier application <i>(day/month/year)</i>	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:					
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office			
item (1)							
item (2)							
item (3)							
<input type="checkbox"/> Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.							
<p>The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) <i>(only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office)</i> identified above as:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> all items <input type="checkbox"/> item (1) <input type="checkbox"/> item (2) <input type="checkbox"/> item (3) <input type="checkbox"/> other, see Supplemental Box</p> <p><i>* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)):</i></p> <p>.....</p>							
Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY							
<p>Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) <i>(if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):</i></p> <p>ISA /</p> <p>Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search <i>(if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):</i></p> <table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%; border: none;">Date <i>(day/month/year)</i></td> <td style="width: 30%; border: none;">Number</td> <td style="width: 40%; border: none;">Country <i>(or regional Office)</i></td> </tr> </table>					Date <i>(day/month/year)</i>	Number	Country <i>(or regional Office)</i>
Date <i>(day/month/year)</i>	Number	Country <i>(or regional Office)</i>					
Box No. VIII DECLARATIONS							
The following declarations are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) <i>(mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration):</i>				Number of declarations			
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (i)	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (ii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iv)	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (v)	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	:					

Cadre n° V DÉSIGNATIONS				
Le dépôt de la présente requête vaut , selon la règle 4.9.a), désignation de tous les États contractants liés par le PCT à la date du dépôt international, aux fins de la délivrance de tout titre de protection disponible et, le cas échéant, aux fins de la délivrance à la fois de brevets régionaux et nationaux.				
Cependant,				
<input type="checkbox"/> DE Allemagne n'est désignée pour aucun titre de protection nationale				
<input type="checkbox"/> KR République de Corée n'est désignée pour aucun titre de protection nationale				
<input type="checkbox"/> RU Fédération de Russie n'est désignée pour aucun titre de protection nationale				
(Les cases mentionnées ci-dessus peuvent être utilisées pour exclure (irrévocablement) les désignations concernées afin d'éviter qu'une demande nationale antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée ne cesse de produire ses effets en vertu de la législation nationale. Voir les notes relatives au cadre n° V en ce qui concerne les conséquences de telles dispositions de la législation nationale dans ces États et dans certains autres.)				
Cadre n° VI REVENDICATION DE PRIORITÉ				
La priorité de la ou des demandes antérieures suivantes est revendiquée :				
Date de dépôt de la demande antérieure (jour/mois/année)	Numéro de la demande antérieure	Lorsque la demande antérieure est une :		
		demande nationale : pays ou membre de l'OMC	demande régionale :* office régional	demande internationale : office récepteur
point 1)				
point 2)				
point 3)				
<input type="checkbox"/> D'autres revendications de priorité sont indiquées dans le cadre supplémentaire.				
L'office récepteur est prié de préparer et de transmettre au Bureau international une copie certifiée conforme de la ou des demandes antérieures (<i>seulement si la demande antérieure a été déposée auprès de l'office qui, aux fins de la présente demande internationale, est l'office récepteur</i>) indiquées ci-dessus sous :				
<input type="checkbox"/> tous les points	<input type="checkbox"/> le point 1)	<input type="checkbox"/> le point 2)	<input type="checkbox"/> le point 3)	<input type="checkbox"/> autre, voir le cadre supplémentaire
* Si la demande antérieure est une demande ARIPO, indiquer au moins un pays partie à la Convention de Paris pour la protection de la propriété industrielle ou un membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce pour lequel cette demande antérieure a été déposée (règle 4.10.b)ii) :				
Cadre n° VII ADMINISTRATION CHARGÉE DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE				
Choix de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (ISA) (si plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes pour procéder à la recherche internationale, indiquer l'administration choisie; le code à deux lettres peut être utilisé) :				
ISA /				
Demande d'utilisation des résultats d'une recherche antérieure; mention de cette recherche (si une recherche antérieure a été effectuée par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou demandée à cette dernière) :				
Date (jour/mois/année)	Numéro	Pays (ou office régional)		
Cadre n° VIII DÉCLARATIONS				
Les déclarations suivantes figurent dans les cadres n° VIII.i) à v) (cocher ci-dessous la ou les cases appropriées et indiquer dans la colonne de droite le nombre de chaque type de déclaration) :				Nombre de déclarations
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.i)	déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.ii)	déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.iii)	déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité d'une demande antérieure	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.iv)	déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique)	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.v)	déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté	:	

Box No. VIII (i) DECLARATION: IDENTITY OF THE INVENTOR

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 211; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (i). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (i)".

Cadre n° VIII.i) DÉCLARATION : IDENTITÉ DE L'INVENTEUR

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 211; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.i). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)i) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.i)".

Box No. VIII (ii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO APPLY FOR AND BE GRANTED A PATENT

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 212; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (ii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (ii)".

Cadre n° VIII.ii) DÉCLARATION : DROIT DE DEMANDER ET D'OBTENIR UN BREVET

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 212; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.ii). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n'est pas appropriée :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.ii)".

Box No. VIII (iii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO CLAIM PRIORITY

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 213; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iii)".

Cadre n° VIII.iii) DÉCLARATION : DROIT DE REVENDIQUER LA PRIORITÉ

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 213; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n^{os} VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.iii). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure indiquée ci-dessous si le déposant n'est pas celui qui a déposé la demande antérieure ou si son nom a changé depuis le dépôt de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51bis.1.a)iii) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.iii)".

Box No. VIII (iv) DECLARATION: INVENTORSHIP (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)

The declaration must conform to the following standardized wording provided for in Section 214; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iv). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

**Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))
for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:**

I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/..... (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26ter).

I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified international application, including the claims of said application. I have identified in the request of said application, in compliance with PCT Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading "Prior Applications," by application number, country or Member of the World Trade Organization, day, month and year of filing, any application for a patent or inventor's certificate filed in a country other than the United States of America, including any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed.

Prior Applications:

I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Name:

Residence:
(city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address:

Citizenship:

Inventor's Signature:
(if not contained in the request, or if declaration is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application. The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

Date:
(of signature which is not contained in the request, or of the declaration that is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application)

Name:

Residence:
(city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address:

Citizenship:

Inventor's Signature:
(if not contained in the request, or if declaration is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application. The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

Date:
(of signature which is not contained in the request, or of the declaration that is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application)

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iv)".

**Cadre n° VIII.iv) DÉCLARATION : QUALITÉ D'INVENTEUR
(seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique)**

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 214; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.iv). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

**Déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (règles 4.17.iv) et 51bis.1.a)iv))
aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique :**

Par la présente, je déclare que je crois être le premier inventeur original et unique (si un seul inventeur est mentionné ci-dessous) ou l'un des premiers co-inventeurs (si plusieurs inventeurs sont mentionnés ci-dessous) de l'objet revendiqué pour lequel un brevet est demandé.

La présente déclaration a trait à la demande internationale dont elle fait partie (si la déclaration est déposée avec la demande).

La présente déclaration a trait à la demande internationale n° PCT/ (si la déclaration est remise en vertu de la règle 26ter).

Par la présente, je déclare que mon domicile, mon adresse postale et ma nationalité sont tels qu'indiqués près de mon nom.

Par la présente, je déclare avoir passé en revue et compris le contenu de la demande internationale à laquelle il est fait référence ci-dessus, y compris les revendications de ladite demande. J'ai indiqué dans la requête de ladite demande, conformément à la règle 4.10 du PCT, toute revendication de priorité d'une demande étrangère et j'ai identifié ci-dessous, sous l'intitulé "Demandes antérieures", au moyen du numéro de demande, du pays ou du membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce, du jour, du mois et de l'année du dépôt, toute demande de brevet ou de certificat d'auteur d'invention déposée dans un pays autre que les États-Unis d'Amérique, y compris toute demande internationale selon le PCT désignant au moins un pays autre que les États-Unis d'Amérique, dont la date de dépôt est antérieure à celle de la demande étrangère dont la priorité est revendiquée.

Demandes antérieures :
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Par la présente, je reconnais l'obligation qui m'est faite de divulguer les renseignements dont j'ai connaissance et qui sont pertinents quant à la brevetabilité de l'invention, tels qu'ils sont définis dans le Titre 37, § 1.56, du Code fédéral des réglementations, y compris, en ce qui concerne les demandes de continuation-in-part les renseignements pertinents qui sont devenus accessibles entre la date de dépôt de la demande antérieure et la date du dépôt international de la demande de continuation-in-part.

Je déclare par la présente que toute déclaration ci-incluse est, à ma connaissance, véridique et que toute déclaration formulée à partir de renseignements ou de suppositions est tenue pour véridique; et de plus, que toutes ces déclarations ont été formulées en sachant que toute fausse déclaration volontaire ou son équivalent est passible d'une amende ou d'une incarcération, ou des deux, en vertu de la Section 1001 du Titre 18 du Code des États-Unis, et que de telles déclarations volontairement fausses risquent de compromettre la validité de la demande de brevet ou du brevet délivré à partir de celle-ci.

Nom :

Domicile :
(ville et État (des États-Unis d'Amérique), le cas échéant, ou pays)

Adresse postale :
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Nationalité :

Signature de l'inventeur :
(si elle ne figure pas dans la requête, ou si la déclaration a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale. La signature doit être celle de l'inventeur, il ne peut s'agir de celle du mandataire)

Date :
(de la signature qui ne figure pas dans la requête, ou de la déclaration qui a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale)

Nom :

Domicile :
(ville et État (des États-Unis d'Amérique), le cas échéant, ou pays)

Adresse postale :
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Nationalité :

Signature de l'inventeur :
(si elle ne figure pas dans la requête, ou si la déclaration a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale. La signature doit être celle de l'inventeur, il ne peut s'agir de celle du mandataire)

Date :
(de la signature qui ne figure pas dans la requête, ou de la déclaration qui a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale)

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.iv)".

Box No. VIII (v) DECLARATION: NON-PREJUDICIAL DISCLOSURES OR EXCEPTIONS TO LACK OF NOVELTY

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 215; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (v). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty (Rules 4.17(v) and 51bis.1(a)(v)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (v)".

Cadre n° VIII.v) DÉCLARATION : DIVULGATIONS NON OPPOSABLES OU EXCEPTIONS AU DÉFAUT DE NOUVEAUTÉ

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 215; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.v). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règles 4.17.v) et 51bis.1.a)v) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.v)".

Continuation of Box No. VIII (i) to (v) DECLARATION

*If the space is insufficient in any of Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) to furnish all the information, including in the case where **more than two inventors are to be named** in Box No. VIII (iv), in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VIII ..." (indicate the item number of the Box) and furnish the information in the same manner as required for the purposes of the Box in which the space was insufficient. If additional space is needed in respect of two or more declarations, a separate continuation box must be used for each such declaration. If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.*

Suite du Cadre n° VIII.i) à v) DÉCLARATION

*Si l'un des cadres n°s VIII.i) à v) **ne suffit pas** à contenir tous les renseignements, y compris dans le cas où **plus de deux inventeurs doivent être nommés** dans le cadre n° VIII.iv), dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n° VIII..." (compléter le numéro du cadre en précisant le point) et fournir les renseignements conformément aux instructions données dans le cadre dans lequel la place était insuffisante. Si on a besoin de place supplémentaire dans deux ou plusieurs cadres, il faut utiliser le cadre "Suite" du cadre correspondant pour continuer chacune des déclarations. Si le présent cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.*

Box No. IX CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING

This international application contains :	This international application is accompanied by the following item(s) (<i>mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in right column the number of each item</i>):	Number of items
<p>(a) in paper form, the following number of sheets:</p> <p>request (including declaration sheets) : _____</p> <p>description (excluding sequence listing and/or tables related thereto) : _____</p> <p>claims : _____</p> <p>abstract : _____</p> <p>drawings : _____</p> <p>Sub-total number of sheets : _____</p> <p>sequence listing : _____</p> <p>tables related thereto : _____</p> <p><i>(for both, actual number of sheets if filed in paper form, whether or not also filed in computer readable form; see (c) below)</i></p> <p>Total number of sheets : _____</p> <p>(b) <input type="checkbox"/> only in computer readable form (Section 801(a)(i))</p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listing</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> tables related thereto</p> <p>(c) <input type="checkbox"/> also in computer readable form (Section 801(a)(ii))</p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listing</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> tables related thereto</p> <p>Type and number of carriers (diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R or other) on which are contained the</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sequence listing:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> tables related thereto:</p> <p><i>(additional copies to be indicated under items 9(ii) and/or 10(ii), in right column)</i></p>	<p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet : _____</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney : _____</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney : _____</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any: : _____</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature : _____</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s): : _____</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> translation of international application into (<i>language</i>): : _____</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> separate indications concerning deposited microorganism or other biological material : _____</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listing in computer readable form (<i>indicate type and number of carriers</i>)</p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> copy submitted for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter only (and not as part of the international application) : _____</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>only where check-box (b)(i) or (c)(i) is marked in left column</i>) additional copies including, where applicable, the copy for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter : _____</p> <p>(iii) <input type="checkbox"/> together with relevant statement as to the identity of the copy or copies with the sequence listing mentioned in left column : _____</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> tables in computer readable form related to sequence listing (<i>indicate type and number of carriers</i>)</p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> copy submitted for the purposes of international search under Section 802(b-<i>quater</i>) only (and not as part of the international application) : _____</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>only where check-box (b)(ii) or (c)(ii) is marked in left column</i>) additional copies including, where applicable, the copy for the purposes of international search under Section 802(b-<i>quater</i>) : _____</p> <p>(iii) <input type="checkbox"/> together with relevant statement as to the identity of the copy or copies with the tables mentioned in left column : _____</p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> other (<i>specify</i>): : _____</p>	
<p>Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract:</p>	<p>Language of filing of the international application:</p>	

Box No. X SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request).

For receiving Office use only	
1. Date of actual receipt of the purported international application:	2. Drawings: <input type="checkbox"/> received: <input type="checkbox"/> not received:
3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application:	
4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2):	
5. International Searching Authority (if two or more are competent): ISA / _____	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid

For International Bureau use only

Date of receipt of the record copy by the International Bureau: _____

Cadre n° IX BORDEREAU; LANGUE DE DÉPÔT		
La présente demande internationale contient :	Le ou les éléments suivants sont joint(s) à la présente demande internationale (<i>cocher la ou les cases appropriées et indiquer dans la colonne de droite le nombre de chaque élément</i>) :	Nombre d'éléments
a) sous forme papier le nombre de feuilles suivant :		
requête (y compris la ou les feuilles pour déclaration) :	1. <input type="checkbox"/> feuille de calcul des taxes :	
description (à l'exception du listage des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs) :	2. <input type="checkbox"/> original du pouvoir distinct :	
revendications :	3. <input type="checkbox"/> original du pouvoir général :	
abrégé :	4. <input type="checkbox"/> copie du pouvoir général; le cas échéant, numéro de référence :	
dessins : _____	5. <input type="checkbox"/> explication de l'absence d'une signature :	
Sous-total de feuilles :	6. <input type="checkbox"/> document(s) de priorité indiqué(s) dans le cadre n° VI au(x) point(s) :	
listage des séquences :	7. <input type="checkbox"/> traduction de la demande internationale en (<i>langue</i>) :	
tableaux y relatifs :	8. <input type="checkbox"/> indications séparées concernant des micro-organismes ou autre matériel biologique déposés :	
(pour les deux éléments, nombre réel de feuilles s'ils sont déposés sous forme papier, qu'ils soient ou non également déposés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur; voir c) ci-après)	9. <input type="checkbox"/> listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (<i>indiquer type et nombre de supports</i>)	
Nombre total de feuilles :	i) <input type="checkbox"/> copie remise aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13 ^{ter} seulement (et non en tant que partie de la demande internationale) :	
	ii) <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>seulement lorsque la case b) i) ou c) i) de la colonne de gauche est cochée</i>) exemplaires supplémentaires, y compris, le cas échéant, copie remise aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13 ^{ter} :	
	iii) <input type="checkbox"/> avec la déclaration pertinente quant à l'identité entre la copie – ou les exemplaires supplémentaires – et le listage des séquences mentionné dans la colonne de gauche :	
b) <input type="checkbox"/> seulement sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (instruction 801.a)i))	10. <input type="checkbox"/> tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur relatifs au listage des séquences (<i>indiquer type et nombre de supports</i>)	
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c) <input type="checkbox"/> également sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (instruction 801.a)ii))	iii) <input type="checkbox"/> avec la déclaration pertinente quant à l'identité entre la copie – ou les exemplaires supplémentaires – et les tableaux mentionnés dans la colonne de gauche :	
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(<i>exemplaires supplémentaires à indiquer aux points 9.ii) ou 10.ii), dans la colonne de droite</i>)		
Figure des dessins qui doit accompagner l'abrégé :	Langue de dépôt de la demande internationale :	
Cadre n° X SIGNATURE DU DÉPOSANT, DU MANDATAIRE OU DU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN		
À côté de chaque signature, indiquer le nom du signataire et à quel titre l'intéressé signe (si cela n'apparaît pas clairement à la lecture de la requête).		

Réservé à l'office récepteur		
1. Date effective de réception des pièces supposées constituer la demande internationale :		2. Dessins : <input type="checkbox"/> reçus : <input type="checkbox"/> non reçus :
3. Date effective de réception, rectifiée en raison de la réception ultérieure, mais dans les délais, de documents ou de dessins complétant ce qui est supposé constituer la demande internationale :		
4. Date de réception, dans les délais, des corrections demandées selon l'article 11.2) du PCT :		
5. Administration chargée de la recherche internationale (si plusieurs sont compétentes) : ISA /	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmission de la copie de recherche différée jusqu'au paiement de la taxe de recherche	

Réservé au Bureau international	
Date de réception de l'exemplaire original par le Bureau international :	

NOTES TO THE REQUEST FORM (PCT/RO/101)

These Notes are intended to facilitate the filling in of the request form. For more detailed information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a WIPO publication, which is available, together with other PCT related documents, at WIPO's Website: www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. In case of any discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable.

In the request form and these Notes, "Article", "Rule" and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions, respectively.

Please use a typewriter; check-boxes may be marked by hand with black ink (Rule 11.9(a) and (b)).

The request form and these Notes may be downloaded from WIPO's Website at the address given above.

WHERE TO FILE THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

The international application (request, description, claims, abstract and drawings, if any) must be filed with a competent receiving Office (Article 11(1)(i))—that is, subject to any applicable prescriptions concerning national security, at the choice of the applicant, either:

(i) the receiving Office of, or acting for, a PCT Contracting State of which the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, at least one of them, is a resident or national (Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii) or (b)), or

(ii) the International Bureau of WIPO in Geneva, Switzerland, if the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, at least one of the applicants is a resident or national of any PCT Contracting State (Rule 19.1(a)(iii)).

APPLICANT'S OR AGENT'S FILE REFERENCE

A **file reference** may be indicated, if desired. It should not exceed 12 characters. Characters in excess of 12 may be disregarded by the receiving Office or any International Authority (Rule 11.6(f) and Section 109).

BOX No. I

Title of Invention (Rules 4.3 and 5.1(a)): The title must be short (preferably two to seven words when in English or translated into English) and precise. It must be identical with the title heading the description.

BOXES Nos. II AND III

General: At least one of the applicants named must be a resident or national of a PCT Contracting State for which the receiving Office acts (Articles 9 and 11(1)(i) and Rules 18 and 19). If the international application is filed with the International Bureau under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), at least one of the applicants must be a resident or national of any PCT Contracting State.

Indication Whether a Person is Applicant and/or Inventor (Rules 4.5(a) and 4.6(a) and (b)):

All of the inventors must be named also as applicants for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America (see "Different Applicants for Different Designated States", below).

Check-box "This person is also inventor" (Box No. II): Mark this check-box if the applicant named is also the inventor or one of the inventors; do not mark this check-box if the applicant is a legal entity.

Check-box "applicant and inventor" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is both applicant and inventor; do not mark this check-box if the person is a legal entity.

Check-box "applicant only" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is a legal entity or if the person named is not also inventor.

Check-box "inventor only" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is inventor but not also applicant. This would be the case in particular where the inventor is deceased or the particular inventor is not an inventor for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America. Do not mark this check-box if the person is a legal entity.

In Box No. III, one of the three check-boxes must always be marked for each person named.

A person must not be named more than once in Boxes Nos. II and III, even where that person is both applicant and inventor.

Different Applicants for Different Designated States (Rules 4.5(d), 18.3 and 19.2): It is possible to indicate different applicants for the purposes of different designated States. At least one of all the applicants named must be a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State for which the receiving Office acts, irrespective of the designated State(s) for the purposes of which that applicant is named. *All of the inventors must be named also as applicants for the United States of America (except as indicated above) and the check-boxes "This person is also inventor" (in Box No. II) and/or "applicant and inventor" (in Box No. III) must be marked.*

For the indication of the designated States for which a person is applicant, mark the applicable check-box (only one for each person). The check-box "the States indicated in the Supplemental Box" must be marked where none of the other three check-boxes fits the circumstances; in such a case, the name of the person must be repeated in the Supplemental Box with an indication of the States for which that person is applicant (see item 1(ii) in that Box).

Naming of Inventor (Rule 4.1(a)(v) and (c)(i)): The inventor's name and address must be indicated since the national law of the United States of America requires that the name of the inventor be furnished at the time of filing. It is strongly recommended to always name the inventor. For details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, Annexes B1 and B2.

Different Inventors for Different Designated States (Rule 4.6(c)): Different persons may be indicated as inventors for different designated States (for example, where, in this respect, the requirements of the national laws of the designated States are not the same); in such a case, the Supplemental Box must be used (see item 1(iii) in that Box). In the absence of any indication, it will be assumed that the inventor(s) named is (are) inventor(s) for all designated States.

Names and Addresses (Rule 4.4): The family name (preferably in capital letters) must be indicated before the given name(s). Titles and academic degrees must be omitted. Names of legal entities must be indicated by their full official designations.

NOTES RELATIVES AU FORMULAIRE DE REQUÊTE (PCT/RO/101)

Ces notes sont destinées à faciliter l'utilisation du formulaire de requête. On peut aussi trouver de plus amples renseignements dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, publié par l'OMPI, qui est disponible, de même que d'autres documents relatifs au PCT, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/index.html. Les notes sont fondées sur les exigences du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT), du règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT. En cas de divergence entre les présentes notes et ces exigences, ce sont ces dernières qui priment.

Dans le formulaire de requête et dans les présentes notes, les termes "article", "règle" et "instruction" renvoient aux dispositions du traité, de son règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT, respectivement.

Prière de remplir le formulaire à la machine à écrire; les cases appropriées peuvent être cochées à la main, à l'encre noire (règle 11.9.a) et b)).

Le formulaire de requête et les présentes notes peuvent être téléchargés depuis le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse donnée ci-dessus.

OÙ DÉPOSER LA DEMANDE INTERNATIONALE

Il faut que la demande internationale (requête, description, revendications, abrégé et, le cas échéant, dessins) soit déposée auprès d'un office récepteur compétent (article 11.1.i)), c'est-à-dire sous réserve des dispositions applicables en matière de défense nationale et au choix du déposant,

i) l'office récepteur d'un État contractant du PCT ou l'office agissant pour un tel État, dans lequel le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux au moins, est domicilié ou dont il a la nationalité (règle 19.1.a)i) ou ii) ou b)), ou

ii) le Bureau international de l'OMPI à Genève (Suisse) si le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux au moins, est domicilié dans l'un quelconque des États contractants du PCT ou a la nationalité d'un tel État (règle 19.1.a)iii)).

RÉFÉRENCE DU DOSSIER DU DÉPOSANT OU DU MANDATAIRE

Il est possible d'indiquer, à titre facultatif, une telle **référence de dossier**. Celle-ci ne devrait pas dépasser 12 caractères. L'office récepteur ou toute autorité internationale peut ne pas tenir compte des caractères en sus du douzième (règle 11.6.f) et instruction 109).

CADRE N° I

Titre de l'invention (règles 4.3 et 5.1.a)) : le titre doit être bref (de préférence de deux à sept mots lorsqu'il est établi ou traduit en anglais) et précis. Il doit être identique à celui qui figure en tête de la description.

CADRES N°S II ET III

Remarques générales : l'un au moins des déposants mentionnés doit être domicilié dans un État contractant du PCT pour lequel l'office récepteur agit, ou avoir la nationalité d'un tel État (articles 9 et 11.1)i) et règles 18 et 19). Si la demande internationale est déposée auprès du Bureau international en vertu de la règle 19.1.a)iii), l'un au moins des déposants doit être domicilié dans un État contractant du PCT ou avoir la nationalité d'un tel État.

Indication visant à établir si une personne est déposant ou inventeur, ou les deux à la fois (règles 4.5.a) et 4.6.a) et b)) :

Tous les inventeurs doivent être mentionnés également comme déposants pour la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique (voir, ci-après, "Déposants différents pour différents États désignés").

Case "Cette personne est aussi inventeur" (cadre n° II) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée est aussi l'inventeur ou l'un des inventeurs; ne pas la cocher si le déposant est une personne morale.

Case "déposant et inventeur" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée a les deux qualités, celle de déposant et celle d'inventeur; ne pas la cocher si cette personne est une personne morale.

Case "déposant seulement" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée est une personne morale ou si elle n'a pas aussi la qualité d'inventeur.

Case "inventeur seulement" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée a la qualité d'inventeur mais pas celle de déposant. Cela sera le cas notamment lorsque l'inventeur est décédé ou lorsque l'inventeur en question n'est pas inventeur en ce qui concerne les États-Unis d'Amérique, lorsque ceux-ci sont désignés. Ne pas la cocher si cette personne est une personne morale.

Dans le cadre n° III, il faut que l'une des trois cases soit cochée pour chaque personne mentionnée.

Une personne ne doit être mentionnée qu'une seule fois dans les cadres n°s II et III, même si elle est à la fois déposant et inventeur.

Déposants différents pour différents États désignés (règles 4.5.d), 18.3 et 19.2) : il est possible d'indiquer des déposants différents pour différents États désignés. L'un au moins des déposants indiqués – quels que soient l'État ou les États désignés pour lesquels il est indiqué – doit être ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT pour lequel l'office récepteur agit ou avoir son domicile dans un tel État. *Tous les inventeurs doivent être indiqués aussi comme déposants pour les États-Unis d'Amérique (sauf dans le cas visé ci-dessus) et les cases "Cette personne est aussi inventeur" (dans le cadre n° II) ou "déposant et inventeur" (dans le cadre n° III) doivent être cochées.*

Afin d'indiquer les États désignés pour lesquels une personne est déposant, il y a lieu de cocher la case appropriée (une seule case par personne). La case "les États indiqués dans le cadre supplémentaire" doit être cochée lorsque aucune des trois autres cases ne convient; en pareil cas, le nom de la personne doit être repris dans le cadre supplémentaire et assorti de l'indication des États pour lesquels cette personne est déposant (voir le point 1.ii) de ce cadre).

Mention de l'inventeur (règle 4.1.a)v) et c)i)) : le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être indiqués lorsque la législation nationale des États-Unis d'Amérique exige la communication du nom de celui-ci lors du dépôt. Il est vivement recommandé de toujours indiquer le nom de l'inventeur. Pour plus de précisions, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, annexes B1 et B2.

The address must be indicated in such a way that it allows prompt postal delivery; it must consist of all the relevant administrative units (up to and including the indication of the house number, if any), the postal code (if any), and the name of the country.

Only one address may be indicated per person. For the indication of a special "address for correspondence", see the notes to Box No. IV.

Telephone, Facsimile and/or Teleprinter Numbers should be indicated for the person named in Box No. II in order to allow rapid communication with the applicant. Any such number should include the applicable country and area codes.

Applicant's Registration Number with the Office (Rule 4.5(e)): Where the applicant is registered with the national or regional Office acting as receiving Office, the request may indicate the number or other indication under which the applicant is so registered.

Nationality (Rules 4.5(a) and (b) and 18.1): For each applicant, the nationality must be indicated by the name or two-letter code of the State (that is, country) of which the person is a national. A legal entity constituted according to the national law of a State is considered a national of that State. The indication of the nationality is not required where a person is inventor only.

Residence (Rules 4.5(a) and (c) and 18.1): For each applicant, the residence must be indicated by the name or two-letter code of the State (that is, country) of which the person is a resident. If the State of residence is not indicated, it will be assumed to be the same as the State indicated in the address. Possession of a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in a State is considered residence in that State. The indication of the residence is not required where a person is inventor only.

Names of States (Section 115): For the indication of names of States, the two-letter codes appearing in WIPO Standard ST.3 and in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex K, may be used.

BOX No. IV

Who Can Act as Agent (Article 49 and Rule 83.1*bis*): For each of the receiving Offices, information as to who can act as agent is given in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Agent or Common Representative (Rules 4.7, 4.8, 90.1 and 90.2 and Section 108): Mark the applicable check-box in order to indicate whether the person named is (or has been) appointed as "agent" or "common representative" (the "common representative" must be one of the applicants). For the manner in which name(s) and address(es) (including names of States) must be indicated, see the notes to Boxes Nos. II and III. Where several agents are listed, the agent to whom correspondence should be addressed is to be listed first. If there are two or more applicants but no common agent is appointed to represent all of them, one of the applicants who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State may be appointed by the other applicants as their common representative. If this is not done, the applicant first named in the request who is entitled to file an international application with the receiving Office concerned will be considered to be the common representative.

Manner of Appointment of Agent or Common Representative (Rules 90.4 and 90.5 and Section 106): The appointment of an agent or a common representative may be effected by designating the agent or common representative in Box No. IV and by the applicant signing the request or a separate power of attorney. Where there are two or more applicants, the appointment of a common agent or common representative must be effected by each applicant signing, at his choice, the request or a separate power of attorney. If the

separate power of attorney is not signed, or if the required separate power of attorney is missing, or if the indication of the name or address of the appointed person does not comply with Rule 4.4, the power of attorney will be considered non-existent unless the defect is corrected. However, the receiving Office may waive the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted to it (for details about each receiving Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C).

Where a general power of attorney has been filed and is referred to in the request, a copy thereof must be attached to the request. Any applicant who did not sign the general power of attorney must sign either the request or a separate power of attorney, unless the receiving Office has waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted to it (for details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C).

Agent's Registration Number with the Office (Rule 4.7(b)): Where the agent is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as receiving Office, the request may indicate the number or other indication under which the agent is so registered.

Address for Correspondence (Rule 4.4(d) and Section 108): Where an agent is appointed, any correspondence intended for the applicant will be sent to the address indicated for that agent (or for the first-mentioned agent, if more than one is appointed). Where one of two or more applicants is appointed as common representative, the address indicated for that applicant in Box No. IV will be used.

Where no agent or common representative is appointed, any correspondence will be sent to the address, indicated in Box No. II or III, of the applicant (if only one person is named as applicant) or of the applicant who is considered to be common representative (if there are two or more persons named as applicants). However, if the applicant wishes correspondence to be sent to a different address in such a case, that address must be indicated in Box No. IV instead of the designation of an agent or common representative. In this case, and only in this case, the last check-box of Box No. IV must be marked (that is, the last check-box must not be marked if either of the check-boxes "agent" or "common representative" has been marked).

BOX No. V

Designations (Regional and national patents) (Rule 4.9): Upon filing of the request, the applicant will obtain an automatic and all-inclusive coverage of all designations available under the PCT on the international filing date, in respect of every kind of protection available and, where applicable, in respect of both regional and national patents. If the applicant wishes the international application to be treated, in a certain designated or elected State, as an application not for a patent but for another kind of protection available under the national law of the designated or elected State concerned, the applicant will have to indicate his choice directly to the designated or elected Office when performing the acts, referred to in Articles 22 or 39(1), for entry into the national phase. For details about various kinds of protection available in designated or elected States, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, Annexes B1 and B2.

However, for the reasons explained below, it is possible to indicate, by marking the applicable check-box(es), that DE Germany, KR Republic of Korea and/or RU Russian Federation are not designated for any kind of national protection. Each of those States has notified the International Bureau that Rule 4.9(b) applies to it since its national law provides that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of that State and claims the priority of an earlier national application (for DE: for the same kind of protection) having effect in that State shall have the result that the earlier national application ceases, where applicable, after the expiration of certain time limits, to have effect with the same consequences as the withdrawal of the earlier national application. The designation of DE Germany for the purposes of a EP European patent and of

Inventeurs différents pour différents États désignés (règle 4.6.c) : des personnes différentes peuvent être indiquées en tant qu'inventeurs pour différents États désignés (par exemple, lorsque, en la matière, les exigences des législations nationales des États désignés diffèrent); en pareil cas, il y a lieu d'utiliser le cadre supplémentaire (voir le point 1.iii) de ce cadre). En l'absence d'indication, l'inventeur ou les inventeurs mentionnés sont présumés avoir la qualité d'inventeur pour tous les États désignés.

Noms et adresses (règle 4.4) : le nom de famille (de préférence en lettres majuscules) doit précéder le ou les prénoms. Les titres et les diplômes universitaires ne doivent pas être mentionnés. Les personnes morales doivent être nommées par leurs désignations officielles complètes.

L'adresse doit être indiquée de manière à permettre une distribution postale rapide; elle doit comprendre toutes les unités administratives pertinentes (jusques et y compris le numéro de la maison, s'il y en a un), le code postal, s'il y en a un, et le nom du pays.

Il ne peut être indiqué qu'une seule adresse par personne. En ce qui concerne l'indication d'une adresse spéciale pour la correspondance, voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV.

Pour permettre une communication rapide avec le déposant, il y a lieu d'indiquer les **numéros de téléphone, de télécopieur ou de téléimprimeur** de la personne mentionnée dans le cadre n° II. Tout numéro de ce type doit comporter les indicatifs de pays et de zone en vigueur.

Numéro sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 4.5.e) : lorsque le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, la requête peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Nationalité (règles 4.5.a) et b) et 18.1) : la nationalité de chaque déposant doit être indiquée au moyen du nom ou du code à deux lettres de l'État (c'est-à-dire, pays) dont l'intéressé est ressortissant. Une personne morale constituée conformément à la législation d'un État contractant est considérée comme ayant la nationalité de cet État. L'indication de la nationalité n'est pas exigée lorsqu'une personne est inventeur seulement.

Domicile (règles 4.5.a) et c) et 18.1) : le domicile de chaque déposant doit être indiqué au moyen du nom ou du code à deux lettres de l'État (c'est-à-dire, pays) où l'intéressé a son domicile. Si, cependant, le domicile n'est pas indiqué, l'État du domicile sera présumé être le même que celui qui est indiqué dans l'adresse. La possession d'un établissement industriel ou commercial effectif et sérieux dans un État est considérée comme constituant domicile dans cet État. L'indication du domicile n'est pas exigée lorsqu'une personne est inventeur seulement.

Nom des États (instruction 115) : pour indiquer le nom des États, on peut utiliser le code à deux lettres qui figure dans la norme ST.3 de l'OMPI et dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe K.

CADRE N° IV

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ? (article 49 et règle 83.1bis) : pour chacun des office récepteurs, on trouvera, dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C, des informations sur le point de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire.

Mandataire ou représentant commun (règles 4.7, 4.8, 90.1 et 90.2 et instruction 108) : cocher la case appropriée pour indiquer si la personne mentionnée est (ou a été) désignée comme "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" (le "représentant commun" doit être l'un des déposants). Pour

ce qui est de la façon d'indiquer les noms et adresses (y compris le nom des États), il convient de se reporter aux notes relatives aux cadres n°s II et III. Lorsque plusieurs mandataires sont indiqués, il faut mentionner en premier lieu celui à qui la correspondance doit être adressée. S'il y a plusieurs déposants mais aucun mandataire commun désigné pour les représenter tous, l'un des déposants qui est ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT ou qui a son domicile dans un tel État peut être désigné par les autres comme leur représentant commun. À défaut, le déposant nommé en premier lieu dans la requête qui est autorisé à déposer une demande internationale auprès de l'office récepteur en question sera considéré comme le représentant commun.

Mode de désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun (règles 90.4 et 90.5 et instruction 106) : la désignation du mandataire ou du représentant commun peut être effectuée au moyen d'une indication portée dans le cadre n° IV et de la signature par le déposant de ladite requête ou d'un pouvoir distinct. Lorsqu'il y a plusieurs déposants, la désignation d'un mandataire commun ou d'un représentant commun doit être effectuée par chaque déposant signant, au choix, la requête ou un pouvoir distinct. Si le pouvoir distinct n'est pas signé, ou s'il manque, ou encore si l'indication du nom et de l'adresse de la personne désignée ne répond pas aux exigences de la règle 4.4, le pouvoir est réputé non-existant jusqu'à ce que l'irrégularité soit corrigée. Cependant, l'office récepteur peut renoncer à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis (pour plus de détails en ce qui concerne chaque office récepteur, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C).

Si un pouvoir général a été déposé et qu'il y est fait référence dans la requête, une copie de celui-ci doit être jointe à la requête. Tout déposant n'ayant pas signé le pouvoir général doit signer soit la requête soit un pouvoir distinct sauf si l'office récepteur a renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis (pour plus de détails en ce qui concerne chaque office récepteur, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C).

Numéro sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 4.7.b) : lorsque le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, la requête peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Adresse pour la correspondance (règle 4.4.d) et instruction 108) : si un mandataire est désigné, toute correspondance destinée au déposant sera envoyée à l'adresse indiquée pour ce mandataire (ou pour le mandataire mentionné en premier, si plusieurs mandataires ont été désignés). Lorsque, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux est désigné comme représentant commun, l'adresse indiquée pour ce déposant dans le cadre n° IV sera utilisée.

Si aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est désigné, la correspondance sera envoyée à l'adresse – indiquée dans le cadre n° II ou III – du déposant (s'il n'y a qu'une seule personne indiquée comme déposant) ou du déposant considéré comme le représentant commun (s'il y a plusieurs personnes indiquées comme déposants). Cependant, si le déposant souhaite dans ce cas que la correspondance soit envoyée à une adresse différente, cette adresse doit être indiquée dans le cadre n° IV, en lieu et place de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun. C'est dans ce cas, et seulement dans ce cas, qu'il y a lieu de cocher la dernière case du cadre n° IV (c'est-à-dire que la dernière case ne doit pas être cochée si l'une des cases "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" a été cochée).

CADRE N° V

Désignation (brevets régionaux et nationaux) (règle 4.9) : En déposant la requête, le déposant obtiendra une couverture automatique et générale de toutes les désignations possibles à

RU Russian Federation for the purposes of a EA Eurasian patent are not affected by what is said above. For details see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, in the relevant Annex B1.

Even though no other State has notified the International Bureau that Rule 4.9(b) applies to it, note that the consequences described above with respect to the earlier national application whose priority is claimed may also apply to other States, for example, JP Japan. For details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, in the relevant Annex B1. Therefore, the applicant may wish to consider submitting, separately from the request, a separate notice of withdrawal of the designation concerned. **Important: Should a notice of withdrawal be filed, that notice will have to be signed by the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, by all of them (Rule 90bis.5(a)), or by an agent or a common representative whose appointment has been effected by each applicant signing, at his choice, the request, the demand or a separate power of attorney (Rule 90.4(a)).**

BOX No. VI

Priority Claim(s) (Rule 4.10): If the priority of an earlier application is claimed, the declaration containing the priority claim must be made in the request.

The request must indicate the *date* on which the earlier application from which priority is claimed was filed and the *number* it was assigned. Note that that date must fall within the period of 12 months preceding the international filing date.

Where the earlier application is a national application, the *country* party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or the *Member* of the World Trade Organization that is not a party to that Convention, in which that earlier application was filed must be indicated. Where the earlier application is a regional application, the *regional Office* concerned must be indicated. Where the earlier application is an international application, the *receiving Office* with which that earlier application was filed must be indicated.

Where the earlier application is a regional application (other than an ARIPO application), or an international application, the priority claim may also, if the applicant so wishes, indicate one or more countries party to the Paris Convention for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(i)); such an indication is not, however, mandatory. Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, at least one country party to the Paris Convention or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed must be indicated (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)).

As to the possibility of correcting or adding a priority claim, see Rule 26bis and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part.

Certified Copy of Earlier Application (Rule 17.1): A certified copy of each earlier application the priority of which is claimed (priority document) must be submitted by the applicant, irrespective of whether that earlier application is a national, regional or international application. The priority document must be submitted to the receiving Office or to the International Bureau before the expiration of 16 months from the (earliest) priority date or, where an early start of the national phase is requested, not later than at the time such request is made. Any priority document received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the 16-month time limit but before the date of international publication shall be considered to have been received on the last day of that time limit (Rule 17.1(a)).

Where the priority document is issued by the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the receiving Office (not later than 16 months after the priority date) to prepare and transmit the priority document to the International Bureau (Rule 4.1(c)(ii)). Such request may be made by marking the applicable check-boxes which identify the respective documents. *Attention:* where

such a request is made, the applicant must, where applicable, pay to the receiving Office the *fee for priority document*, otherwise, the request will be considered not to have been made (see Rule 17.1(b)).

Dates (Section 110): Dates must be indicated by the Arabic number of the day, the name of the month and the Arabic number of the year—in that order; after, below or above such indication, the date should be repeated in parentheses, using two-digit Arabic numerals each for the number of the day and for the number of the month followed by the number of the year in four digits, in that order and separated by periods, slants or hyphens, for example, “20 March 2004 (20.03.2004)”, “20 March 2004 (20/03/2004)” or “20 March 2004 (20-03-2004)”.

BOX No. VII

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (Rules 4.1(b)(iv) and 4.14bis): If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent for carrying out the international search in relation to the international application—depending on the language in which that application is filed and the receiving Office with which it is filed—the name of the competent Authority chosen by the applicant must be indicated in the space provided, either by its full name or two-letter code.

Request to Use Results of Earlier Search; Reference to that Search (Rules 4.11(a)(i) and (ii) and 4.1): The earlier search, if any, must be identified in such a manner that the ISA can retrieve the results easily. Where those results can be used, the ISA may refund the international search fee or a portion thereof.

BOX No. VIII

Declarations Containing Standardized Wording (Rules 4.1(c)(iii) and 4.17): At the option of the applicant, the request may, for the purposes of the national law applicable in one or more designated States, contain one or more of the following declarations:

- (i) declaration as to the identity of the inventor;
- (ii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent;
- (iii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application;
- (iv) declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America);
- (v) declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty;

which must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Sections 211 to 215, respectively, and which must be set forth in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v), as detailed below. Where any such declarations are included, the appropriate check-boxes in Box No. VIII should be marked and the number of each type of declaration should be indicated in the right-hand column. As to the possibility of correcting or adding a declaration, see Rule 26ter, Section 216 and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part.

If the circumstances of a particular case are such that the standardized wordings are not applicable, the applicant should not attempt to make use of the declarations provided for in Rule 4.17 but rather will have to comply with the national requirements concerned upon entry into the national phase.

The fact that a declaration is made under Rule 4.17 does not of itself establish the matters declared; the effect of those matters in the designated States concerned will be determined by the designated Offices in accordance with the applicable national law.

la date du dépôt international, en ce qui concerne chaque type de protection disponible et, le cas échéant, à la fois aux fins d'un brevet régional et aux fins d'un brevet national. Si le déposant souhaite que la demande internationale soit traitée, dans un État désigné ou élu donné, non pas comme une demande pour un brevet mais pour un autre type de protection disponible en vertu de la législation nationale de l'État désigné ou élu considéré, il devra indiquer son choix, directement auprès de l'office désigné ou élu, lors de l'accomplissement des actes visés à l'article 22 ou 39.1) aux fins de l'ouverture de la phase nationale. Pour plus de détails concernant les différents types de protection disponibles dans les États désignés ou élus, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, annexes B1 et B2.

Cependant, pour les raisons exposées ci-après, il est possible d'indiquer, en cochant la ou les cases correspondantes, que DE Allemagne, KR République de Corée ou RU Fédération de Russie ne sont désignées pour aucun type de protection nationale. Chacun de ces États a notifié au Bureau international que la règle 4.9.b) s'applique en ce qui le concerne puisque sa législation nationale prévoit que le dépôt d'une demande internationale qui contient la désignation de cet État et revendique la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure (pour DE Allemagne, pour le même type de protection) produisant ses effets dans cet État a pour résultat que la demande nationale antérieure cesse de produire ses effets, le cas échéant, après l'expiration de certains délais, avec les mêmes conséquences que le retrait de ladite demande nationale antérieure. Ce qui précède n'affecte ni la désignation de DE Allemagne aux fins d'un brevet EP européen, ni la désignation de RU Fédération de Russie aux fins d'un brevet EA eurasiatique. Pour plus de détails, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, l'annexe B1 pertinente.

Bien que aucun autre État contractant n'ait notifié au Bureau international que la règle 4.9.b) s'applique en ce qui le concerne, il convient de noter que les conséquences décrites ci-dessus en ce qui concerne une demande nationale antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée peuvent aussi s'appliquer à d'autres États, par exemple JP Japon. Pour plus de détails, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, l'annexe B1 pertinente. En conséquence, le déposant peut souhaiter soumettre, séparément de la requête, une déclaration distincte de retrait de la désignation concernée.

Important : Toute déclaration de retrait qui serait déposée, doit être signée par le déposant, ou s'il y a plusieurs déposants, par chacun d'eux (règle 90bis.5.a)), ou par le mandataire ou le représentant commun qui a été désigné par chaque déposant qui a signé, à son choix, la requête, la demande d'examen préliminaire international ou un pouvoir distinct (règle 90.4.a)).

CADRE N° VI

Revendication(s) de priorité (règle 4.10) : si la priorité d'une demande antérieure est revendiquée, la déclaration contenant la revendication de priorité doit figurer dans la requête.

La requête doit indiquer la *date* du dépôt de la demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée et son *numéro*. Cette date doit tomber dans la période de 12 mois précédant la date du dépôt international.

Lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande nationale, il faut indiquer le *pays* partie à la Convention de Paris pour la protection de la propriété industrielle, ou le *membre* de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce qui n'est pas partie à ladite convention, où elle a été déposée; lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande régionale, l'*office régional* concerné; et lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande internationale, l'*office récepteur* auprès duquel elle a été déposée.

Lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande régionale (autre qu'une demande ARIPO) ou une demande internationale, la revendication de priorité peut aussi, si le déposant le souhaite, indiquer un ou plusieurs pays parties à la Convention de Paris pour lesquels cette demande a été déposée (règle 4.10.b)ii); cette indication n'est cependant pas obligatoire. Lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande ARIPO, il faut indiquer au moins un pays partie à la Convention de Paris ou un membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce pour lequel cette demande a été déposée (règle 4.10.b)ii)).

En ce qui concerne les possibilités de correction ou d'adjonction d'une revendication de priorité, voir la règle 26bis et le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale.

Copie certifiée conforme de la demande antérieure (règle 17.1) : le déposant doit présenter une copie certifiée conforme de chaque demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée (document de priorité), que la demande antérieure soit une demande nationale, régionale ou internationale. Le document de priorité doit être présenté à l'office récepteur ou au Bureau international avant l'expiration d'un délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité (la plus ancienne) ou, lorsque l'ouverture anticipée de la phase nationale est demandée, au plus tard à la date à laquelle est faite cette demande. Tout document de priorité qui parvient au Bureau international après l'expiration du délai de 16 mois mais avant la date de publication internationale est réputé avoir été reçu le dernier jour de ce délai (règle 17.1.a)).

Lorsque le document de priorité est délivré par l'office récepteur, le déposant peut, au lieu de présenter ce document, demander à l'office récepteur (au plus tard dans le délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité) de l'établir et de le transmettre au Bureau international (règle 4.1.c)ii)). Pour effectuer une requête à cet effet, il faut cocher la case appropriée comportant les indications qui permettent d'identifier le document. *Important :* lorsqu'une telle requête est présentée, le déposant doit, le cas échéant, verser à l'office récepteur la *taxe afférente au document de priorité*; à défaut, cette requête sera considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée (voir la règle 17.1.b)).

Dates (instruction 110) : les dates doivent être indiquées au moyen du quantième, en chiffres arabes, suivi du nom du mois puis de l'année en chiffres arabes, dans cet ordre; à côté, au-dessous ou au-dessus de cette indication, il y a lieu de répéter la date, mais entre parenthèses, comme suit : quantième et mois en numéros à deux chiffres arabes, puis l'année en quatre chiffres, le quantième et le mois étant suivis d'un point, d'une barre oblique ou d'un tiret (par exemple : "20 mars 2004 (20.03.2004)", "20 mars 2004 (20/03/2004)" ou "20 mars 2004 (20-03-2004)").

CADRE N° VII

Choix de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (ISA) (règles 4.1.b)iv) et 4.14bis) : si plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes pour procéder à la recherche internationale concernant la demande internationale – en fonction de la langue dans laquelle cette demande est déposée et de l'office récepteur auprès duquel elle est déposée – le nom de l'administration compétente choisie par le déposant doit être indiqué dans l'espace prévu à cet effet, soit au moyen de son nom complet soit au moyen du code à deux lettres correspondant.

Demande d'utilisation des résultats d'une recherche antérieure; mention de cette recherche (règles 4.11.a)i) et ii) et 41.1) : la mention de la recherche antérieure éventuelle doit comporter des indications qui permettent à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale d'en retrouver aisément les résultats. Si ces résultats sont utilisables, l'administration en question pourra rembourser la taxe de recherche internationale ou une fraction de celle-ci.

Even if the wording of a declaration does not conform to the standardized wording provided for in the Administrative Instructions pursuant to Rule 4.17, any designated Office may accept that declaration for the purposes of the applicable national law, but is not required to do so.

Details as to National Law Requirements: For information on the declarations required by each designated Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, in the relevant National Chapter.

Effect in Designated Offices (Rule 51*bis*.2): Where the applicant submits any of the declarations provided for in Rule 4.17(i) to (iv) containing the required standardized wording (either with the international application, or to the International Bureau within the relevant time limit under Rule 26*ter*, or directly to the designated Office during the national phase), the designated Office may not, in the national phase, require further documents or evidence on the matter to which the declaration relates, unless that designated Office may reasonably doubt the veracity of the declaration concerned.

Incompatibility of Certain Items of Rule 51*bis*.2(a) with National Laws (Rule 51*bis*.2(c)): Certain designated Offices listed below have informed the International Bureau that the applicable national law is not compatible in respect of certain declarations provided in Rule 4.17(i), (ii) and (iii). Those designated Offices are therefore entitled to require further documents or evidence on the matters to which those declarations relate. For regularly updated information on such Offices, see the WIPO Website:
http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf.

BOXES Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (IN GENERAL)

Different Declaration Boxes: There are six different declaration boxes in the pre-printed request form—one box for each of the five different types of declarations provided for in Rule 4.17 (Box No. VIII (i) to Box No. VIII (v)) and a continuation sheet (Continuation of Box No. VIII (i) to (v)) to be used in case any single declaration does not fit in the corresponding box. The title of each type of declaration which is found in the standardized wording provided for in the Administrative Instructions is pre-printed on the appropriate sheet of the request.

Separate Sheet for Each Declaration: Each declaration must start on a separate sheet of the request form in the appropriate Declaration Box.

Titles, Items, Item Numbers, Dotted Lines, Words in Parentheses and Words in Brackets: The prescribed standardized wording of the declarations includes titles, various items, item numbers, dotted lines, words in parentheses and words in brackets. Except for Box No. VIII (iv) which contains the pre-printed standardized wording, only those items which are applicable should be included in a declaration where necessary to support the statements in that declaration (that is, omit those items which do not apply) and item numbers need not be included. Dotted lines indicate where information is required to be inserted. Words in parentheses are instructions to applicants as to the information which may be included in the declaration depending upon the factual circumstances. Words in brackets are optional and should appear in the declaration without the brackets if they apply; if they do not apply, they should be omitted together with the corresponding brackets.

Naming of Several Persons: More than one person may be named in a single declaration. In the alternative, with one exception, a separate declaration may be made for each person. With respect to the declaration of inventorship set forth in Box No. VIII (iv), which is applicable only for the purposes of the

designation of the United States of America, all inventors must be indicated in a single declaration (see Notes to Box No. VIII (iv), below). The wording of declarations to be set forth in Boxes Nos. VIII (i), (ii), (iii) and (v) may be adapted from the singular to the plural as necessary.

Designated States to Which the Declarations Apply:

Each declaration must indicate the designated States to which it applies. In this regard, the standardized wording of the declaration of inventorship (Box No. VIII (iv); see also Rule 4.17(iv) and Section 214) indicates in the title that it is for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America. The other declarations include prescribed wording to indicate whether the declaration is made for all designations or specific designations; one of these choices should always be included in the declaration. Where the declaration is for more than one person, the declaration may include separate statements indicating whether the declaration is made for all designations or specific designations with respect to each separate applicant. For example, this may be expected to occur where the request indicates different applicants for different States in accordance with Rule 4.5(d). However, in such a case, it is advisable to include a separate declaration for each person.

BOX No. VIII (i)

Declaration as to the Identity of the Inventor (Rule 4.17(i) and Section 211): The declaration must be worded as follows:

“Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51*bis*.1(a)(i)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

- (i) ... (*name*) of ... (*address*) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application
- (ii) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations [except the designation of the United States of America]
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ...”

Such a declaration is not necessary in respect of any inventor who is indicated as such (either as inventor only or applicant and inventor) in Box No. II or No. III in accordance with Rule 4.5 or 4.6. However, where the inventor is indicated as applicant in Box No. II or No. III in accordance with Rule 4.5, a declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent (Rule 4.17(ii)) may be appropriate for the purposes of all designated States except the United States of America. Where indications regarding the inventor in accordance with Rule 4.5 or 4.6 are not included in Box No. II or No. III, this declaration may be combined with the prescribed wording of the declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent (Rule 4.17(ii)). For details on such a combined declaration, see Notes to Box No. VIII (ii), below. For details as to the declaration of inventorship for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, see Notes to Box No. VIII (iv), below.

BOX No. VIII (ii)

Declaration as to the Applicant's Entitlement to Apply for and Be Granted a Patent (Rule 4.17(ii) and Section 212): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement:

“Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

CADRE N° VIII

Déclarations comportant un libellé standard (règles 4.1.c)iii) et 4.17) : au choix du déposant, la requête peut, aux fins de la législation nationale applicable dans un ou plusieurs États désignés, contenir une ou plusieurs des déclarations suivantes :

- i) une déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur;
- ii) une déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet;
- iii) une déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure;
- iv) une déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique);
- v) une déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté;

qui doivent être conformes au libellé standard fixé dans les instructions 211 à 215, respectivement, et qui doivent être présentées dans les cadres n°s VIII.i) à v), comme précisé ci-après. Lorsque de telles déclarations sont incluses, il convient de cocher les cases appropriées dans le cadre n° VIII et d'indiquer dans la colonne de droite le nombre de déclarations de chaque type. En ce qui concerne les possibilités de correction ou d'adjonction d'une déclaration, voir la règle 26ter, l'instruction 216 et le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale.

Si les circonstances d'un cas particulier sont telles que les libellés standard ne sont pas applicables, le déposant s'abstiendra de faire les déclarations prévues à la règle 4.17, mais il devra satisfaire aux exigences de la législation nationale concernée lors de l'ouverture de la phase nationale.

Le fait qu'une déclaration soit faite en vertu de la règle 4.17 ne suffit pas à prouver les points sur lesquels elle porte; il appartient aux offices désignés de statuer sur l'effet de ces points dans les États désignés en fonction de la législation nationale applicable.

Même si le texte d'une déclaration ne respecte pas le libellé standard fixé dans les instructions administratives en vertu de la règle 4.17, tout office désigné est libre d'accepter ou non cette déclaration aux fins de la législation nationale applicable.

Précisions quant aux exigences des législations nationales : pour des précisions concernant les déclarations qui sont exigées par chaque office désigné, voir les chapitres nationaux pertinents dans le volume II du *Guide du déposant du PCT*.

Effets dans les offices désignés (règle 51bis.2) : lorsqu'un déposant remet l'une des déclarations visées à la règle 4.17.i) à iv) comportant le libellé standard exigé (soit avec la demande internationale, soit au Bureau international dans le délai applicable en vertu de la règle 26ter, ou directement à l'office désigné durant la phase nationale), l'office désigné ne peut, pendant la phase nationale, exiger d'autres documents ou preuves relatifs à l'objet auquel se rapporte la déclaration, à moins qu'il puisse raisonnablement douter de la véracité de la déclaration en question.

Incompatibilité de certains points de la règle 51bis.2.a) avec les législations nationales (règle 51bis.2.c) : certains offices désignés ont informé le Bureau international que la législation nationale qui leur est applicable n'est pas compatible en ce qui concerne certaines déclarations visées à la règle 4.17.i), ii) et iii). Ces offices désignés pourront donc exiger des documents ou des preuves supplémentaires relatifs aux objets auxquels se rapportent ces déclarations. Pour des

renseignements régulièrement mis à jour en ce qui concerne ces offices, voir le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/reservations/res_incomp.pdf.

CADRES N°s VIII i) à v) (GÉNÉRALITÉS)

Différents cadres pour déclarations : le formulaire pré-imprimé contient six cadres différents pour les déclarations, un pour chacun des cinq types de déclarations prévues selon la règle 4.17 (du cadre n° VIII.i) au cadre n° VIII.v)) et une feuille annexe (Suite du cadre n° VIII.i) à v)) à utiliser dans le cas où une des déclarations ne tient pas dans le cadre approprié. Le titre de chaque déclaration qui figure dans le libellé standard prévu dans les instructions administratives est pré-imprimé sur la feuille correspondante de la requête.

Feuille distincte pour chaque déclaration : chaque déclaration doit commencer sur une feuille distincte de la requête et dans le cadre pour déclaration approprié.

Titres, éléments, numéros d'éléments, lignes pointillées, mots entre parenthèses et mots entre crochets : le libellé standard fixé pour les déclarations comporte un titre, différents éléments, des numéros d'éléments, des lignes pointillées, des mots entre parenthèses et des mots entre crochets. Sauf en ce qui concerne le cadre n° VIII.iv) dans lequel le libellé standard est pré-imprimé, seuls les éléments pertinents doivent figurer dans une déclaration lorsque cela est nécessaire à l'énoncé des faits invoqués dans cette déclaration (en d'autres termes, il y a lieu d'omettre les éléments non pertinents) et il n'est pas nécessaire d'inclure les numéros d'éléments. Les lignes pointillées signalent les endroits où il y a lieu d'indiquer les renseignements demandés. Les mots entre parenthèses indiquent au déposant quels renseignements peuvent être inclus dans la déclaration selon la situation de fait. Les mots entre crochets sont facultatifs; s'ils sont applicables, ils doivent figurer dans la déclaration sans les crochets; s'ils ne sont pas applicables, il convient de les omettre ainsi que les crochets.

Mention de plusieurs personnes : plusieurs personnes peuvent être mentionnées dans une même déclaration. Il est aussi possible, sauf dans un cas, de faire une déclaration distincte par personne. Pour la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur, figurant dans le cadre n° VIII.iv), qui est applicable seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique, tous les inventeurs doivent être indiqués dans une même déclaration (voir les notes du cadre n° VIII.iv), ci-après). Dans les déclarations devant figurer dans les cadres n°s VIII.i), ii), iii) et v), le libellé au singulier peut être mis au pluriel si cela s'avère nécessaire.

États désignés auxquels les déclarations s'appliquent : chaque déclaration doit comporter l'indication des États désignés auxquels elle s'applique. À cet égard, le libellé standard pour la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (cadre n° VIII.iv); voir également la règle 4.17.iv) et l'instruction 214) indique dans le titre que la déclaration est faite aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique. Les autres déclarations comportent des libellés prescrits pour indiquer si la déclaration est faite aux fins de toutes les désignations ou aux fins de désignations particulières. Une de ces options doit toujours figurer dans la déclaration. Lorsque la déclaration est faite en ce qui concerne plusieurs personnes, elle peut comporter des mentions distinctes indiquant si elle est faite aux fins de toutes les désignations ou aux fins de désignations particulières en ce qui concerne chacun des déposants. Le cas peut par exemple se présenter si la requête indique des déposants différents pour différents États, conformément à la règle 4.5.d). Dans une telle situation, toutefois, il est conseillé d'inclure une déclaration distincte par personne.

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) is entitled to apply for and be granted a patent by virtue of the following:

- (i) ... (*name*) of ... (*address*) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application
- (ii) ... (*name*) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (*inventor's name*)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (*name*) and ... (*name*), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (*name*) in favor of ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vi) a court order issued by ... (*name of court*), effecting a transfer from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) by way of ... (*specify kind of transfer*), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant's name changed from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) on ... (*date*)
- (ix) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations [except the designation of the United States of America]
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ..."

Either (a) or (b) of item (ix) should always be included in the declaration. The remainder of the items may be incorporated as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. ***This declaration is only applicable to those events which have occurred prior to the international filing date.*** The possible kinds of transfer of entitlement in item (vii) include merger, acquisition, inheritance, donation, etc. Where there has been a succession of transfers from the inventor, the order in which transfers are listed should follow the actual succession of transfers, and items may be included more than once, as necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. Where the inventor is not indicated in Box No. II or No. III, this declaration may be presented as a combined declaration explaining the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent and identifying the inventor. In such a case, the introductory phrase of the declaration must be as follows:

"Combined declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(ii)) and as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51*bis*.1(a)(i)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:"

The remainder of the combined declaration must be worded as indicated in the preceding paragraphs.

For details as to the declaration as to the identity of the inventor, see the Notes to Box No. VIII (i), above.

BOX No. VIII (iii)

Declaration as to the Applicant's Entitlement to Claim Priority of the Earlier Application (Rule 4.17(iii) and Section 213): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement:

"Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(iii)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) is entitled to claim priority of earlier application No. ... by virtue of the following:

- (i) the applicant is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection was sought by way of the earlier application
- (ii) ... (*name*) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (*inventor's name*)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (*name*) and ... (*name*), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (*name*) in favor of ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vi) a court order, issued by ... (*name of court*), effecting a transfer from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) by way of ... (*specify kind of transfer*), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant's name changed from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) on ... (*date*)
- (ix) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ..."

Either (a) or (b) of item (ix) should always be included in the declaration. The remainder of the items may be incorporated as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. ***This declaration is only applicable to those events which have occurred prior to the international filing date.*** In addition, this declaration is only applicable where the person or name of the applicant is different from that of the applicant who filed the earlier application from which priority is claimed. For example, this declaration may be applicable where only one applicant out of five is different from the applicants indicated in respect of an earlier application. The possible kinds of transfer of entitlement in item (vii) include merger, acquisition, inheritance, donation, etc. Where there has been a succession of transfers from the applicant in respect of the earlier application, the order in which transfers are listed should follow the actual succession of transfers, and items may be included more than once, as necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement.

BOX No. VIII (iv)

Declaration of Inventorship (Rule 4.17(iv) and Section 214): The standardized wording for the declaration is pre-printed in Box No. VIII (iv).

All inventors must be named in the declaration, even if they do not all sign the same (copy of) the declaration (Section 214(b)). Bibliographic data, such as address of residence and citizenship, must be included for each inventor. Where the declaration is included in the request, the inventor(s) need not sign and date the declaration if they have signed in Box No. X of the request. If there are more than two inventors, those other inventors must be indicated on the "continuation sheet for declaration." In such a case, write "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iv)," and indicate only the bibliographical data in respect of each inventor. The text of the declaration itself should not be repeated on that continuation sheet. The inventor(s) identified on the continuation sheet must sign and date such sheet, unless the declaration, including the continuation sheet, is included with the request and the inventor(s) has (have) signed in Box No. X of the request.

CADRE N° VIII.i)

Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règle 4.17.i) et instruction 211) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit :

“Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)i) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

- i) ... (nom), ... (adresse), est l'inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection est demandée dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale
- ii) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations [sauf la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique]
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

Une déclaration de cette nature n'est pas nécessaire en ce qui concerne tout inventeur qui est indiqué comme tel (que ce soit comme inventeur seulement ou en qualité à la fois de déposant et d'inventeur) dans le cadre n° II ou le cadre n° III en application de la règle 4.5 ou 4.6. Toutefois, lorsque l'inventeur est indiqué comme étant le déposant dans le cadre n° II ou n° III en application de la règle 4.5, une déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii) peut être appropriée aux fins de tous les États désignés sauf les États-Unis d'Amérique. Lorsque les indications concernant l'inventeur qui sont à fournir en application de la règle 4.5 ou 4.6 ne sont pas portées dans le cadre n° II ou n° III, cette déclaration peut être combinée avec le libellé standard pour la déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii)). Pour des précisions concernant cette déclaration combinée, voir les notes du cadre n° VIII.ii), ci-après. Pour des précisions quant à la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique, voir les notes du cadre n° VIII.iv), ci-après.

CADRE N° VIII.ii)

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii) et instruction 212) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à viii) nécessaires aux fins de motiver le droit du déposant :

“Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n'est pas appropriée :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (nom) a le droit de demander et d'obtenir un brevet en vertu :

- i) du fait que ... (nom), ... (adresse), est l'inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection est demandée dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale
- ii) du fait que... (nom) [possède] [possédait] ce droit en qualité d'employeur de l'inventeur, ... (nom de l'inventeur)
- iii) d'un contrat conclu entre ... (nom) et ... (nom), daté du ...
- iv) d'une cession de ... (nom) à ... (nom), datée du ...
- v) d'une autorisation consentie par ... (nom) à ... (nom), datée du ...

- vi) d'une décision de justice rendue par ... (nom du tribunal), ordonnant un transfert de ... (nom) à ... (nom), datée du ...
- vii) d'un transfert de droits de ... (nom) à ... (nom), sous la forme de ... (*préciser le type de transfert*), daté du ...
- viii) du changement de nom du déposant de ... (nom) en ... (nom), le ... (date)
- ix) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations [sauf la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique]
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

L'une ou l'autre des variantes a) et b) du point ix) doit toujours être incluse dans la déclaration. On ne retiendra parmi les autres éléments que ceux qui sont nécessaires pour motiver le droit du déposant. **Cette déclaration est exclusivement applicable à des faits qui se sont produits avant la date du dépôt international.** Les types possibles de transfert de droits visés au point vii) comprennent la fusion, l'acquisition, l'héritage, la donation, etc. Lorsqu'il y a eu succession de transferts des droits de l'inventeur, l'ordre dans lequel les transferts sont énumérés doit suivre l'ordre effectif de ces transferts successifs et certains points peuvent être cités plus d'une fois si cela s'avère nécessaire pour motiver le droit du déposant. Lorsque l'inventeur n'est pas indiqué dans le cadre n° II ou le cadre n° III, cette déclaration peut être présentée sous la forme d'une déclaration combinée motivant le droit du déposant de demander et d'obtenir un brevet et permettant d'identifier l'inventeur. Dans un tel cas, la phrase introductive de la déclaration est libellée comme suit :

“Déclaration combinée relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii)) et relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)i)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n'est pas appropriée :”

Le reste de la déclaration combinée est libellé comme indiqué aux paragraphes précédents.

Pour des précisions concernant la déclaration permettant d'identifier l'inventeur, voir les notes relatives au cadre n° VIII.i), ci-dessus.

CADRE N° VIII.iii)

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure (règle 4.17.iii) et instruction 213) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à viii) nécessaire aux fins de motiver le droit du déposant :

“Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande indiquée ci-dessous si le déposant n'est pas celui qui a déposé la demande antérieure ou si son nom a changé depuis le dépôt de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51bis.1.a)iii)) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (nom) a le droit de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure n° ... en vertu :

- i) du fait que le déposant est l'inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection a été demandée dans la demande antérieure

BOX No. VIII (v)

Declaration as to Non-prejudicial Disclosures or Exceptions to Lack of Novelty (Rule 4.17(v) and Section 215): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (iv) as is necessary:

“Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty (Rules 4.17(v) and 51*bis*.1(a)(v)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) declares that the subject matter claimed in [the] [this] international application was disclosed as follows:

- (i) kind of disclosure (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) international exhibition
 - (b) publication
 - (c) abuse
 - (d) other: ... (*specify*)
- (ii) date of disclosure: ...
- (iii) title of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...
- (iv) place of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...
- (v) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ...”

Either (a), (b), (c) or (d) of item (i) should always be included in the declaration. Item (ii) should also always be included in the declaration. Either (a) or (b) of item (v) should always be included in the declaration. Items (iii) and (iv) may be incorporated depending upon the circumstances.

BOX No. IX

Items Constituting the International Application: The number of sheets of the various parts of the international application must be given in the check list in Arabic numerals. Sheets containing any of Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) must be counted as part of the request.

Where the application contains disclosure of one or more *nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences*, the applicant has the following three options.

First, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listing and/or tables related thereto *in paper form only* (“option (a)”), in which case the number of sheets of the listing and/or tables, respectively, must be indicated under item (a) in the left column of Box No. IX (and therefore included in the total number of sheets), noting that a copy of the sequence listing and/or a copy of the tables, in computer readable form, may accompany the international application but only for the purposes of international search under Rule 13*ter* and/or Section 802(b-*quater*); in such a case, check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(i) and/or 10(i) and, where applicable, 9(iii) and/or 10(iii) must be marked in the right column of Box No. IX.

Second, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listing and/or tables related thereto *in computer readable form only*, under Section 801(a)(i) (“option (b)”), in which case check-boxes b(i) and/or b(ii) must be marked but the spaces for the number of sheets of the sequence listing and/or tables, respectively, under item (a) must be left blank; the type and number of carriers must also be indicated on the dotted lines at the bottom of the left column; in addition, check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and/or 10(ii) and, where applicable, 9(iii) and/or 10(iii) must be marked if additional copies of the sequence listing and/or tables in computer readable form are furnished.

Third, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listing and/or tables related thereto *both in computer readable form*

and *in paper form*, under Section 801(a)(ii) (“option (c)”), in which case the number of sheets (in paper form) of the sequence listing and/or tables, respectively, must be indicated under item (a) in the left column of Box No. IX (although those numbers of sheets will not be taken into account for calculation of the international filing fee) and check-boxes c(i) and/or c(ii), respectively, must be marked; the type and number of carriers must also be indicated on the dotted lines at the bottom of the left column; in addition, check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and/or 10(ii) and, where applicable, 9(iii) and/or 10(iii) must be marked if additional copies of the sequence listing and/or tables in computer readable form are furnished.

Under all three options described above, the sequence listing must be presented as a separate part of the description (“sequence listing part of description”) in accordance with the standard contained in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions. Also, tables related to sequence listing must be presented in accordance with the standard contained in Annex C-*bis* of the Administrative Instructions.

Items Accompanying the International Application:

Where the international application is accompanied by certain items, the applicable check-boxes must be marked, any applicable indication must be made on the dotted line after the applicable item, and the number of such items should be indicated at the end of the relevant line; detailed explanations are provided below only in respect of those items which so require.

Check-box No. 4: Mark this checkbox where a copy of a general power of attorney is filed with the international application; where the general power of attorney has been deposited with the receiving Office, and that Office has accorded to it a reference number, that number may be indicated.

Check-box No. 5: Mark this check-box where a statement explaining the lack of signature of an inventor/applicant for the purposes of the United States of America is furnished together with the international application (see also Notes to Box No. X).

Check-box No. 7: Mark this check-box where a translation of the international application for the purposes of international search (Rule 12.3) is filed together with the international application and indicate the language of that translation.

Check-box No. 8: Mark this check-box where a filled-in Form PCT/RO/134 or any separate sheet containing indications concerning deposited microorganisms and/or other biological material is filed with the international application. If Form PCT/RO/134 or any sheet containing the said indications is included as one of the sheets of the description (as required by certain designated States (see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex L)), do not mark this check-box (for further information, see Rule 13*bis* and Section 209).

Check-box No. 9: Where the international application contains a sequence listing and a copy thereof in computer readable form is required by the ISA under Rule 13*ter*, the applicant may furnish the listing in computer readable form (together with the required statement) to the receiving Office with the international application, in which case check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(i) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked. Where the applicant has chosen option (b) or option (c) mentioned above, and an additional copy or copies of the sequence listing in computer readable form are required under Section 804, the applicant may furnish such additional copies together with the international application, in which case check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked. In all cases mentioned above, the applicant should indicate at the end of each applicable entry the type and number of diskettes, CD-ROMs, CD-Rs, or other data carriers furnished.

Check-box No. 10: Where the international application contains tables related to a sequence listing and a copy thereof in computer readable form is required by the ISA under Section 802(b-*quater*), the applicant may furnish the tables in

- ii) du fait que ... (*nom*) [possède] [possédait] ce droit en qualité d'employeur de l'inventeur, ...(*nom de l'inventeur*)
- iii) d'un contrat conclu entre ... (*nom*) et ... (*nom*), daté du ...
- iv) d'une cession de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- v) d'une autorisation consentie par ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vi) d'une décision de justice rendue par ... (*nom du tribunal*), ordonnant un transfert de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vii) d'un transfert de droits de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), sous la forme de ... (*préciser le type de transfert*), daté du ...
- viii) du changement de nom du déposant de ... (*nom*) en ... (*nom*), le ... (*date*)
- ix) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

L'une ou l'autre des variantes a) et b) du point ix) doit toujours être incluse dans la déclaration. On ne retiendra parmi les autres éléments que ceux qui sont nécessaires pour motiver le droit du déposant. **Cette déclaration est exclusivement applicable à des faits qui se sont produits avant la date du dépôt international.** En outre, cette déclaration n'est applicable que si la personne du déposant est différente de celle du déposant qui a déposé la demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée, ou si le nom du déposant a changé. Si par exemple un seul déposant sur cinq est différent de ceux qui étaient indiqués pour une demande antérieure, cette déclaration pourra être applicable. Les types possibles de transferts de droits visés au point vii) comprennent la fusion, l'acquisition, l'héritage, la donation, etc. Lorsqu'il y a eu succession de transferts des droits du déposant sur la demande antérieure, l'ordre dans lequel les points sont énumérés doit suivre l'ordre effectif de ces transferts successifs et certains points peuvent être cités plus d'une fois si cela s'avère nécessaire pour motiver le droit du déposant.

CADRE N° VIII.iv)

Déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (règle 4.17.iv) et instruction 214) : le libellé standard pour la déclaration est pré-imprimé au cadre n° VIII.iv).

Tous les inventeurs doivent être mentionnés dans la déclaration même s'ils ne signent pas tous la même (copie de la) déclaration (instruction 214.b)). Les données bibliographiques, telles que l'adresse du domicile et la nationalité, doivent être fournies pour chaque inventeur. Dans le cas d'une déclaration incluse dans la requête, il n'est pas nécessaire que le ou les inventeurs signent ou datent la déclaration s'ils ont signé eux-mêmes dans le cadre n° X de la requête. S'il y a plusieurs inventeurs, les autres inventeurs doivent être indiqués sur la "feuille annexe de déclaration". Dans ce cas, on écrira "suite du cadre n° VIII.iv)" et on fournira uniquement les données bibliographiques concernant chaque inventeur. Le texte de la déclaration ne doit pas être répété sur cette feuille annexe. Le ou les inventeurs indiqués sur la feuille annexe doivent signer et dater cette feuille, à moins que la déclaration, y compris la feuille annexe, soit incluse dans la requête et que le ou les inventeurs aient signé dans le cadre n° X de la requête.

CADRE N° VIII.v)

Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règle 4.17.v) et instruction 215) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit,

sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à iv), qui s'avérerait nécessaire :

“Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règles 4.17.v) et 51bis.1.a)v)) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*) déclare que l'objet revendiqué dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale a été divulgué comme suit :

- i) nature de la divulgation (*préciser selon le cas*) :
 - a) exposition internationale
 - b) publication
 - c) utilisation abusive
 - d) autre : ... (*préciser*)
- ii) date de la divulgation : ...
- iii) intitulé de la divulgation (*s'il y a lieu*) : ...
- iv) lieu de la divulgation (*s'il y a lieu*) : ...
- v) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

L'un des éléments a), b), c) ou d) du point i) doit toujours être inclus dans la déclaration. Le point ii) doit aussi toujours être inclus dans la déclaration. L'un ou l'autre des éléments a) et b) du point v) doit toujours figurer dans la déclaration. Les points iii) et iv) peuvent être incorporés s'il y a lieu.

CADRE N° IX

Éléments constituant la demande internationale : Il faut indiquer en chiffres arabes, dans le bordereau, le nombre de feuilles des différentes parties de la demande internationale. Toute feuille sur laquelle figure l'un quelconque des cadres n°s VIII.i) à v) doit être comptée comme faisant partie de la requête.

Lorsque la demande internationale contient la divulgation d'une ou de plusieurs *séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés*, le déposant dispose des trois options suivantes.

Premièrement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer le listage des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs *sous forme papier seulement* (“option a”), auquel cas le nombre de feuilles du listage ou des tableaux, respectivement, doit être indiqué au point a) de la colonne de gauche du cadre n° IX (et par conséquent compris dans le nombre total de feuilles); on notera dans ce cas qu'une copie du listage des séquences ou une copie des tableaux, sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, peuvent être remises avec la demande internationale mais seulement aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13ter ou de l'instruction 802.b-quater); dans ce cas, les cases n°s 9, 9.i) ou 10.i) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) ou 10.iii), doivent être cochées dans la colonne de droite du cadre n° IX.

Deuxièmement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer le listage des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs *sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur seulement*, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i) (“option b”), auquel cas la case b)i) ou b)ii) doit être cochée mais l'endroit réservé au nombre de feuilles du listage des séquences ou des tableaux, respectivement, sous le point a) doit être laissé en blanc; le type et le nombre de supports doivent également être indiqués sur les lignes pointillées en bas de la colonne de gauche. De plus, les cases n°s 9, 9.ii) ou 10.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) ou 10.iii), doivent être cochées si on joint des exemplaires supplémentaires du listage des séquences ou des tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

computer readable form (together with the required statement) to the receiving Office with the international application, in which case check-boxes Nos. 10, 10(i) and, where applicable, 10(iii) must be marked. Where the applicant has chosen option (b) or option (c) mentioned above, and an additional copy or copies of the tables in computer readable form are required under Section 804, the applicant may furnish such additional copies together with the international application, in which case check-boxes Nos. 10, 10(ii) and, where applicable, 10(iii) must be marked. In all cases mentioned above, the applicant should indicate at the end of each applicable entry the type and number of diskettes, CD-ROMs, CD-Rs, or other data carriers furnished.

Language of Filing of the International Application (Rules 12.1(a) and 20.4(c) and (d)): With regard to the language in which the international application is filed, for the purposes of according an international filing date, it is, subject to the following sentence, sufficient that the description and the claims are in the language, or one of the languages, accepted by the receiving Office for the filing of international applications; that language should be indicated in that check-box (as regards the language of the abstract and any text matter in the drawings, see Rule 26.3ter(a) and (b); as regards the language of the request, see Rules 12.1(c) and 26.3ter(c) and (d)). Note that where the international application is filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, all elements of the international application (request, description, claims, abstract, text matter of drawings) must, for the purposes of according an international filing date, be in English except that the free text in any sequence listing part of the description, complying with the standard set out in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, may be in a language other than English.

BOX No. X

Signature (Rules 4.1(d), 4.15, 26.2bis(a), 51bis.1(a)(vi), 90 and 90bis.5): The signature must be that of the applicant; if there are several applicants, all must sign. However, if the signature of one or more of the applicants is missing, the receiving Office will not invite the applicant to furnish the missing signature(s) provided that at least one of the applicants signed the request.

Important: Should a notice of withdrawal be filed at any time during the international phase, that notice will have to be signed by the applicant or, if there are two or more applicant's by all of them (Rule 90bis.5(a)), or by an agent or a common representative whose appointment has been effected by each applicant signing, at his choice, the request, the demand or a separate power of attorney (Rule 90.4(a)).

Furthermore, for the purposes of the national phase processing, each designated Office will be entitled to require the applicant to furnish the confirmation of the international application by the signature of any applicant for the designated State concerned, who has not signed the request.

Where the signature on the request is not that of the applicant but that of the agent, or the common representative, a separate power of attorney appointing the agent or the common representative, respectively, or a copy of a general power of attorney already in the possession of the receiving Office, must be furnished. If the power is not filed with the request, the receiving Office will invite the applicant to furnish it, unless it has waived the requirement for a separate power of attorney (for details about each receiving Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C).

If an inventor/applicant for the designation of the United States of America refused to sign the request or could not be found or reached after diligent effort, a statement explaining the

lack of signature may be furnished. It should be noted that this applies only where there are two or more applicants and the international application has been signed by at least one other applicant. The statement must satisfy the receiving Office. If such a statement is furnished with the international application, check-box No. 5 in Box No. IX should be marked.

SUPPLEMENTAL BOX

The cases in which the Supplemental Box may be used and the manner of making indications in it are explained in the left column of that Box.

Items 2 and 3: Even if an indication is made in respect of items 2 and 3 under Rule 49bis.1(a), (b) or (d), the applicant will be required to make an indication to this effect upon entry into the national phase before the designated offices concerned.

If the applicant wishes to specify that the international application be treated in any designated State as an application for a utility model, see Notes to Box No. V.

GENERAL REMARKS

Language of Correspondence (Rule 92.2 and Section 104): Any letter from the applicant to the receiving Office must be in the language of filing of the international application provided that, where the international application is to be published in the language of a translation required under Rule 12.3, such letter should be in the language of that translation; however, the receiving Office may authorize the use of another language.

Any letter from the applicant to the International Bureau must be in the same language as the international application if that language is English or French; otherwise, it must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant.

Any letter from the applicant to the ISA must be in the same language as the international application, provided that, where a translation of the international application for the purposes of international search has been transmitted under Rule 23.1(b), such letter is in the language of that translation. However, the ISA may authorize the use of another language.

Arrangement of Elements and Numbering of Sheets of the International Application (Rule 11.7 and Section 207): The elements of the international application must be placed in the following order: the request, the description (excluding the sequence listing part, if any), the claim(s), the abstract, the drawings (if any), the sequence listing part of the description (if any).

All sheets of the description (excluding the sequence listing part), claims and abstract must be numbered in consecutive Arabic numerals, which must be placed at the top or bottom of the sheet, in the middle, but not in the margin which must remain blank. The number of each sheet of the drawings must consist of two Arabic numerals separated by an oblique stroke, the first being the sheet number and the second being the total number of sheets of drawings (for example, 1/3, 2/3, 3/3). For numbering of the sheets of the sequence listing part of the description, see Section 207.

Indication of the Applicant's or Agent's File Reference on the sheets of the description (excluding the sequence listing part, if any), claim(s), abstract, drawings and sequence listing part of the description (Rule 11.6(f)): The file reference indicated on the request may also be indicated in the left-hand corner of the top margin, within 1.5 cm from the top of any sheet of the international application.

Troisièmement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer le listage des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs *à la fois sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et sous forme papier*, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii) ("option c"), auquel cas le nombre de feuilles (sous forme papier) du listage ou des tableaux, respectivement, doit être indiqué sous le point a) dans la colonne de gauche du cadre n° IX (bien que ce nombre de feuilles ne soient pas utilisés aux fins du calcul de la taxe internationale de dépôt) et la case c)i) ou c)ii), respectivement, doit être cochée; le type et le nombre de supports doivent également être indiqués sur les lignes pointillées en bas de la colonne de gauche. De plus, les cases n°s 9, 9.ii) ou 10.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) ou 10.iii), doivent être cochées si on joint des exemplaires supplémentaires du listage des séquences ou des tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

Dans le cadre des trois options décrites ci-dessus, le listage des séquences doit être présenté dans une partie distincte de la description ("partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences") conformément à la norme figurant dans l'annexe C des instructions administratives. De même, les tableaux relatifs au listage des séquences doivent être présentés conformément à la norme figurant dans l'annexe C-*bis* des instructions administratives.

Éléments joints à la demande internationale : lorsque des éléments sont joints à la demande internationale, les cases appropriées doivent être cochées et toute indication pertinente doit être portée sur la ligne pointillée correspondante, le nombre de chacun de ces éléments devant être indiqué dans la colonne, en fin de ligne; on trouvera ci-après des explications détaillées concernant uniquement les éléments qui le nécessitent.

Case n° 4 : cocher cette case si la copie d'un pouvoir général est déposée avec la demande internationale; lorsque le pouvoir général a été déposé auprès de l'office récepteur, et que celui-ci lui a attribué un numéro de référence, ce dernier peut être indiqué.

Case n° 5 : cocher cette case si une explication de l'absence de signature d'un inventeur/déposant pour les États-Unis d'Amérique est fournie conjointement avec la demande internationale (voir aussi les notes du cadre n° X).

Case n° 7 : cocher cette case si une traduction de la demande internationale aux fins de la recherche internationale (règle 12.3) est fournie conjointement avec cette demande et indiquer la langue de la traduction.

Case n° 8 : cocher cette case si, avec la demande internationale, est déposé un formulaire PCT/RO/134 rempli ou une ou plusieurs feuilles séparées comportant des indications relatives à des micro-organismes ou autre matériel biologique déposés. Si le formulaire PCT/RO/134 ou toute autre feuille comportant les indications en question figurent en tant que feuilles de la description (comme le prescrivent certains États désignés (voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe L), ne pas cocher cette case (pour de plus amples renseignements, voir la règle 13*bis* et l'instruction 209).

Case n° 9 : lorsque la demande internationale contient un listage des séquences et qu'une copie de ces derniers, sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, est requise par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13*ter*, le déposant peut fournir, conjointement avec la demande internationale, le listage en question sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (ainsi que la déclaration requise) à l'office récepteur. Si tel est le cas, les cases n°s 9, 9.i) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) doivent être cochées. Lorsque le déposant a choisi l'option b) ou l'option c) mentionnée ci-dessus, et qu'un ou plusieurs exemplaires supplémentaires du listage des séquences sont requis en vertu de l'instruction 804, le déposant peut remettre de tels exemplaires supplémentaires, conjointement avec la demande internationale, auquel cas les cases n°s 9, 9.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) doivent être cochées.

Dans tous les cas mentionnés ci-dessus, le déposant doit indiquer à la fin de chaque rubrique applicable le type et le nombre de disquettes, CD-ROM, CD-R ou autres supports de données qu'il a remis.

Case n° 10 : lorsque la demande internationale contient des tableaux relatifs au listage des séquences et qu'une copie de ces derniers, sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, est requise par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale en vertu de l'instruction 802.b-*quater*), le déposant peut fournir, conjointement avec la demande internationale, les tableaux en question sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (ainsi que la déclaration requise) à l'office récepteur. Si tel est le cas, les cases n°s 10, 10.i) et, le cas échéant, 10.iii) doivent être cochées. Lorsque le déposant a choisi l'option b) ou l'option c) mentionnée ci-dessus, et qu'un ou plusieurs exemplaires supplémentaires des tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur sont requis en vertu de l'instruction 804, le déposant peut remettre de tels exemplaires supplémentaires, conjointement avec la demande internationale, auquel cas les cases n°s 10, 10.ii) et, le cas échéant, 10.iii) doivent être cochées. Dans tous les cas mentionnés ci-dessus, le déposant doit indiquer à la fin de chaque rubrique applicable le type et le nombre de disquettes, CD-ROM, CD-R ou autres supports de données qu'il a remis.

Langue de dépôt de la demande internationale (règles 12.1.a) et 20.4.c) et d)) : en ce qui concerne la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée, il suffit, aux fins de l'attribution d'une date de dépôt international, et sous réserve de la phrase suivante, que la description et les revendications soient rédigées dans la langue ou l'une des langues acceptées par l'office récepteur pour le dépôt de demandes internationales; cette langue doit être indiquée dans cette case (en ce qui concerne la langue de l'abrégé et de tout texte des dessins, voir la règle 26.3*ter*.a) et b); en ce qui concerne la langue de la requête, voir les règles 12.1.c) et 26.3*ter*.c) et d)). On notera que, lorsque la demande internationale est déposée auprès de l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis d'Amérique en sa qualité d'office récepteur, tous les éléments de la demande internationale (requête, description, revendications, abrégé, texte des dessins) doivent, aux fins de l'attribution d'une date de dépôt international, être rédigés en anglais, hormis tout texte libre contenu dans la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences conforme à la norme figurant dans l'annexe C des instructions administratives, qui peut être rédigé dans une langue autre que l'anglais.

CADRE N° X

Signature (règles 4.1.d), 4.15, 26.2*bis*.a), 51*bis*.1.a)vi), 90 et 90*bis*.5) : la signature doit être celle du déposant; s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit signer. Cependant, si la signature de l'un ou de plusieurs des déposants manque, l'office récepteur n'invitera pas le déposant à remettre la ou les signatures manquantes, à condition qu'au moins un des déposants ait signé la requête.

Important : Toute déclaration de retrait déposée à un moment quelconque pendant la phase internationale doit être signée par le déposant, ou s'il y a plusieurs déposants par chacun d'eux (règle 90*bis*.5.a)), ou par le mandataire ou le représentant commun qui a été désigné par chaque déposant qui a signé, à son choix, la requête, la demande d'examen préliminaire international ou un pouvoir distinct (règle 90.4.a)).

De plus, aux fins du traitement pendant la phase nationale, chaque office désigné aura le droit d'exiger du déposant la confirmation de la demande internationale au moyen de la signature de tout déposant pour l'État désigné en question, qui n'a pas signé la requête.

*[There is no page 8 of the Notes
to the Request Form in English]*

Lorsque la signature figurant sur la requête n'est pas celle du déposant mais celle du mandataire ou du représentant commun, il faut fournir un pouvoir distinct désignant le mandataire ou le représentant commun, respectivement, ou une copie d'un pouvoir général déjà en possession de l'office récepteur. Si le pouvoir n'est pas fourni avec la requête, l'office récepteur invitera le déposant à le fournir à moins qu'il renonce à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit être remis (pour plus de détails en ce qui concerne chaque office récepteur, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C).

Si les États-Unis d'Amérique sont désignés et qu'un déposant pour cet État qui a la qualité d'inventeur a refusé de signer la requête ou que des efforts diligents n'ont pas permis de le trouver ou d'entrer en rapport avec lui, il est possible de fournir une explication de l'absence de signature. Cela vaut uniquement lorsqu'il y a plusieurs déposants et que la demande internationale a été signée par au moins un autre déposant. L'explication doit être jugée satisfaisante par l'office récepteur. Si cette explication est remise conjointement avec la demande internationale, il y a lieu de cocher la case n° 5 du cadre n° IX.

CADRE SUPPLÉMENTAIRE

Les cas dans lesquels le cadre supplémentaire peut être utilisé et la manière de fournir les indications prévues dans ce cadre sont expliqués dans la colonne de gauche de celui-ci.

Points 2 et 3 : Même lorsqu'une indication est fournie en ce qui concerne les points 2 et 3 en vertu de la règle 49*bis*.1.a), b) ou d), il sera exigé du déposant qu'il fournisse toute indication à cet effet lors de l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès des offices désignés considérés.

Si le déposant souhaite préciser que la demande internationale soit traitée dans tout État désigné comme une demande aux fins de l'obtention d'un modèle d'utilité, voir les notes relatives au cadre n° V.

REMARQUES GÉNÉRALES

Langue de la correspondance (règle 92.2 et instruction 104) : toute lettre du déposant à l'office récepteur doit être rédigée dans la langue de dépôt de la demande internationale étant entendu que, lorsque la demande internationale doit être publiée dans la langue d'une traduction remise en vertu de la règle 12.3, cette lettre doit être rédigée

dans la langue de cette traduction; l'office récepteur peut cependant autoriser l'emploi d'une autre langue.

Toute lettre du déposant au Bureau international doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale si celle-ci est établie en français ou en anglais; sinon, elle doit être rédigée en français ou en anglais, au choix du déposant.

Toute lettre du déposant à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale étant entendu que, lorsqu'une traduction de la demande internationale aux fins de la recherche internationale a été transmise en vertu de la règle 23.1.b), cette lettre doit être rédigée dans la langue de cette traduction. Cependant, l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale peut autoriser l'emploi d'une autre langue.

Disposition des éléments et numérotation des feuilles de la demande internationale (règle 11.7 et instruction 207) : les éléments de la demande internationale doivent être présentés dans l'ordre suivant : requête, description (sauf la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant), revendication(s), abrégé, dessins (le cas échéant), partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant.

Toutes les feuilles de la description (sauf la partie réservée au listage des séquences), les revendications et l'abrégé doivent être numérotés consécutivement, en chiffres arabes qui doivent être inscrits, en milieu de ligne, en haut ou en bas de la feuille mais non dans la marge, qui doit rester vierge. Le numéro de chaque feuille des dessins doit consister en deux nombres en chiffres arabes séparés par une barre oblique, le premier indiquant le numéro de la feuille et le second le nombre total des feuilles de dessins (par exemple : 1/3, 2/3, 3/3). Pour la numérotation des feuilles de la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, se référer à l'instruction 207.

Indication de la référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire sur les feuilles de la description (sauf la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant), de la ou des revendications, de l'abrégé, des dessins et de la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences (règle 11.6.f) : la référence de dossier indiquée sur la requête peut l'être également sur chaque feuille de la demande internationale, dans le coin gauche de la marge du haut, sans toutefois apparaître au-delà de 1,5 cm à partir du haut.

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Annex to the Request

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International Application No. _____

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file reference

Applicant

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

1. TRANSMITTAL FEE T

2. SEARCH FEE S

International search to be carried out by _____
(If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the name of the Authority which is chosen to carry out the international search.)

3. INTERNATIONAL FILING FEE

Where items (b) and/or (c) of Box No. IX apply, enter **Sub-total number of sheets** } _____
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4. FEE FOR PRIORITY DOCUMENT (if applicable) P

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- postal money order
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- revenue stamps
- other (specify): _____

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- Authorization to charge the fee for priority document.

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 Date: _____
 Name: _____
 Signature: _____

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Annexe de la requête

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Demande internationale n°

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Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire

Déposant

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

1. TAXE DE TRANSMISSION T

2. TAXE DE RECHERCHE S

Recherche internationale à effectuer par _____
 (Si plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes pour effectuer la recherche internationale, inscrire le nom de celle qui est choisie pour l'effectuer.)

3. TAXE INTERNATIONALE DE DÉPÔT

Lorsque les points b) ou c) du cadre n° IX s'appliquent, reporter le **sous-total des feuilles** } _____
 Lorsque les points b) et c) du cadre n° IX ne s'appliquent pas, reporter le **nombre total de feuilles** }

i1 30 premières feuilles i1

i2 _____ x _____ = i2
 nombre de feuilles au-delà de 30 taxe par feuille

i3 composante supplémentaire (seulement si le listing des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs sont déposés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), ou à la fois sous cette forme et sur papier, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii) :

400 x _____ = i3
 taxe par feuille

Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres i1, i2 et i3 et inscrire le total dans le cadre I I

(Les déposants de certains États ont droit à une réduction de 75 % de la taxe internationale de dépôt. Lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à cette réduction, la somme devant figurer sous I représente 25 % de la taxe internationale de dépôt.)

4. TAXE AFFÉRENTE AU DOCUMENT DE PRIORITÉ (le cas échéant) . . . P

5. TOTAL DES TAXES DUES
 Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres T, S, I et P et inscrire le résultat dans le cadre TOTAL

MODE DE PAIEMENT

- autorisation de débiter un compte de dépôt (voir ci-dessous) mandat postal espèces coupons
 chèque traite bancaire timbres fiscaux autre (préciser) :

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

(Les offices récepteurs ne permettent pas tous l'utilisation de ce mode de paiement)

- Autorisation de débiter le total des taxes indiqué ci-dessus.
 (Cette case ne peut être cochée que si les conditions relatives aux comptes de dépôt établies par l'office récepteur le permettent) Autorisation de débiter tout montant manquant – ou de créditer tout excédent – dans le paiement du total des taxes indiqué ci-dessus.
 Autorisation de débiter le montant de la taxe afférente à l'établissement du document de priorité.

Office récepteur : RO/ _____

N° du compte de dépôt : _____

Date : _____

Nom : _____

Signature : _____

NOTES TO THE FEE CALCULATION SHEET (ANNEX TO FORM PCT/RO/101)

The purpose of the fee calculation sheet is to help the applicant to identify the prescribed fees and to calculate the amounts to be paid. It is strongly recommended that the applicant complete the sheet by entering the appropriate amounts in the boxes provided and submit the fee calculation sheet at the time of filing the international application. This will help the receiving Office to verify the calculations and to identify any error in them.

Information about the applicable fees payable can be obtained from the receiving Office. The amounts of the international filing and search fees may change due to currency fluctuations. Applicants are advised to check what are the latest applicable amounts. All fees, must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application.

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

Box T: Transmittal Fee for the benefit of the receiving Office (Rule 14.1): The amount of the transmittal fee, if any, is fixed by the receiving Office. It must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office. Information about this fee is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Box S: Search Fee for the benefit of the International Searching Authority (ISA) (Rule 16.1): The amount of the search fee is fixed by the ISA. It must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office. Information about this fee is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex D.

Where two or more ISAs are competent, the applicant must indicate his choice in the space provided for this purpose and pay the amount of the international search fee fixed by the ISA chosen. Information on the competent ISA and whether the applicant has a choice between two or more ISAs is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Box I: International Filing Fee for the benefit of the International Bureau (Rule 15): The amount of the international filing fee is as set out in Swiss francs in the Schedule of Fees and the applicable amount of this fee in other currencies is as published in the *PCT Gazette* (Rule 15.2). Information about this fee is also contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Reduction of the International Filing Fee Where PCT-EASY Software Is Used: A fee reduction of 100 Swiss francs (or the equivalent in the currency in which the international filing fee is paid to the receiving Office) is available in certain cases where the PCT-EASY software is used to prepare the request, provided that the necessary conditions are met. For further details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part, and Volume I/B, Annex C, as well as information published in the *PCT Gazette* and the *PCT Newsletter*. Since applicants using the PCT-EASY software will file the Request Form and Fee Calculation Sheet in the form of a printout prepared using that software, no provision is made for this fee reduction in the Fee Calculation Sheet annexed to Form PCT/RO/101.

Reduction of the International Filing Fee Where the International Application Is Filed in Electronic Form: The international filing fee is reduced by 200 Swiss francs (or the equivalent in the currency in which the international filing fee is paid to the receiving Office) if the international application is, in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions, filed in electronic form where the text of the description, claims and abstract is not in character coded format, or by 300 Swiss francs (or the equivalent in the currency in which the international filing fee is paid to the receiving Office) where the international application is filed in electronic form where the text of the description, claims and abstract is in character coded format. For further details, see the *PCT Applicant's*

Guide, Volume I/A, General Part, and Volume I/B, Annex C, as well as information published in the *PCT Gazette* and the *PCT Newsletter*. Since international applications filed in electronic form will contain the Request Form and Fee Calculation Sheet in such electronic form, no provision is made for this fee reduction in the Fee Calculation Sheet annexed to Form PCT/RO/101.

Reduction of the International Filing Fee for Applicants from Certain States: An applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997) or an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is classed as a least developed country by the United Nations, is entitled, to a reduction of 75% of certain PCT fees including the international filing fee. If there are several applicants, each must satisfy the above-mentioned criteria. The reduction of the international filing fee is automatically available to any applicant (or applicants) who is (or are) so entitled on the basis of the indications of name, nationality and residence given in Boxes Nos. II and III of the request.

The fee reduction is available even if one or more of the applicants are not from PCT Contracting States, provided that each of them is a national and resident of a State that meets the above-mentioned requirements and that at least one of the applicants is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State and thus is entitled to file an international application.

Information about PCT Contracting States whose nationals and residents are entitled to a reduction of 75% of certain PCT fees, including the international filing fee, is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C and on the WIPO Website (see <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>), and is also published and regularly updated in the *PCT Gazette* and the *PCT Newsletter*.

Calculation of the International Filing Fee in Case of Fee Reduction: Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) entitled to a reduction of the international filing fee, the total to be entered in box I is 25% of the international filing fee (see below).

Box I: International Filing Fee: The amount of the international filing fee depends on the number of sheets of the international application indicated under item (a) of Box No. IX of the request as explained below.

That number is the **Total number of sheets** where items (b) and (c) of Box No. IX of the request do not apply (that is, where the international application either does not contain a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto or where it contains such listing and/or tables but not filed in computer readable form under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii)); in such a case, item "i3" must not be filled in.

NOTES RELATIVES A LA FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES (ANNEXE DU FORMULAIRE PCT/RO/101)

La feuille de calcul des taxes a pour objet d'aider le déposant à recenser les taxes prescrites et à calculer les montants à payer. Il lui est vivement recommandé de remplir cette feuille en portant les montants appropriés dans les cadres prévus et de la joindre au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale, ce qui permettra à l'office récepteur de vérifier les calculs et d'y déceler d'éventuelles erreurs.

Des renseignements sur le montant en vigueur des taxes à payer peuvent être obtenus auprès de l'office récepteur. Les montants de la taxe internationale de dépôt et de la taxe de recherche peuvent varier en raison de fluctuations monétaires. Il est recommandé aux déposants de vérifier quels sont les tout derniers montants en vigueur. Toutes les taxes doivent être payées dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de réception de la demande internationale.

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

Cadre T : Taxe de transmission au profit de l'office récepteur (règle 14.1) : l'office récepteur fixe le montant de la taxe de transmission, s'il y en a une. Celui-ci doit être payé dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale. On peut trouver des renseignements sur cette taxe dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C.

Cadre S : Taxe de recherche au profit de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (règle 16.1) : le montant de la taxe de recherche est fixé par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale. Il doit être payé dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale. On peut trouver des renseignements sur cette taxe dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe D.

Lorsque plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes, le déposant doit indiquer son choix à l'emplacement prévu à cet effet et payer le montant de la taxe de recherche internationale fixé par l'administration qu'il a choisie. Le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C, donne des renseignements sur l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale qui est compétente et sur la question de savoir si le déposant a le choix entre plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale.

Cadre I : Taxe internationale de dépôt au profit du Bureau international (règle 15) : Le montant de la taxe internationale de dépôt est fixé en francs suisses dans le barème de taxes et les montants correspondants de cette taxe dans d'autres monnaies sont publiés dans la *Gazette du PCT* (règle 15.2). On peut trouver des renseignements sur cette taxe dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C.

Réduction de la taxe internationale de dépôt dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY : une réduction de 100 francs suisses (ou l'équivalent dans la monnaie dans laquelle la taxe internationale de dépôt est payée à l'office récepteur) peut être obtenue dans certains cas où le logiciel PCT-EASY est utilisé pour la préparation de la requête, à condition que les conditions nécessaires soient remplies. On peut trouver des précisions sur cette réduction dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale, et dans le volume I/B, annexe C, ainsi que dans les informations publiées dans la *Gazette du PCT* et le bulletin *PCT Newsletter*. Étant donné que les déposants qui utilisent le logiciel PCT-EASY déposeront le formulaire de requête et la feuille de calcul des taxes sous la forme d'un imprimé produit par ordinateur à l'aide de ce logiciel, la feuille de calcul des taxes annexée au formulaire PCT/RO/101 ne prévoit pas cette réduction de taxe.

Réduction de la taxe internationale de dépôt dans le cas où la demande internationale est déposée sous forme électronique : une réduction de 200 francs suisses (ou l'équivalent dans la monnaie dans laquelle la taxe internationale de dépôt est payée à l'office récepteur) peut être obtenue dans le cas où la demande internationale est, conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F des instructions administratives et dans la mesure prévue par celles-ci, déposée sous forme électronique lorsque le texte de la description, des revendications et de l'abrégé **n'est pas** en format à codage de caractères; ou une réduction de 300 francs suisses (ou l'équivalent dans la monnaie dans laquelle la taxe internationale de dépôt est payée à l'office récepteur) lorsque la demande internationale est déposée sous forme électronique dans le cas où le texte de la description, des revendications et de l'abrégé **est** en format à codage de caractères. On peut trouver des précisions sur cette réduction dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale, et volume I/B, annexe C, ainsi que dans les informations publiées dans la *Gazette du PCT* et dans le bulletin *PCT Newsletter*. Étant donné que les demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique contiendront le formulaire de requête et la feuille de calcul des taxes sous forme électronique, la feuille de calcul des taxes annexée au formulaire PCT/RO/101 ne prévoit pas cette réduction de taxe.

Réduction de la taxe internationale de dépôt pour les déposants de certains États : un déposant qui est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et est domiciliée dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3 000 dollars des États-Unis, ou un déposant, qu'il soit ou non une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et est domiciliée dans un État qui est classé par l'Organisation des Nations Unies parmi les pays les moins avancés a droit à une réduction de 75 % de certaines taxes du PCT, dont la taxe internationale de dépôt. S'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire à ces critères. La réduction de la taxe internationale de dépôt s'applique automatiquement à tout déposant qui y a droit (ou à tous les déposants qui y ont droit) au vu des indications de nom, de nationalité et de domicile données dans les cadres n^{os} II et III de la requête.

La réduction de la taxe s'applique même si l'un ou plusieurs des déposants ne viennent pas d'États contractants du PCT, à condition que chacun d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État, et domicilié dans un État, qui répond aux critères mentionnés ci-dessus et qu'au moins l'un d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT, et domicilié dans un tel État, et ait donc le droit de déposer une demande internationale.

Otherwise, where items (b) and/or (c) of Box No. IX of the request apply (that is, where the international application contains a sequence listing and/or tables related thereto which are filed in computer readable form only, under Section 801(a)(i), or both in that form and in paper form under Section 801(a)(ii)), the number of sheets to be used for the purpose of calculating the amount of the international filing fee is the **Sub-total number of sheets**. In such a case, item "i3" must be filled in on the basis that the sequence listing and/or tables related thereto in computer readable form are considered to be equal to 400 sheets (see Section 803).

The international filing fee must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office.

Box P: Fee for Priority Document (Rule 17.1(b)): Where the applicant has requested, by marking the applicable check-box in Box No. VI of the request, that the receiving Office prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application the priority of which is claimed, the amount of the fee prescribed by the receiving Office for such service may be entered (for information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C).

If that fee is not paid at the latest before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date, the receiving Office may consider the request under Rule 17.1(b) as not having been made.

Total Box: The total of the amounts entered in boxes T, S, I and P should be entered in this box. If the applicant so wishes, the currency in which the fees are paid may be indicated next to or in the total box.

MODE OF PAYMENT

In order to help the receiving Office identify the mode of payment of the prescribed fees, it is recommended that the applicable check-box(es) be marked.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The receiving Office will not charge (or credit) fees to deposit accounts unless the deposit account authorization is signed and indicates the deposit account number.

Des renseignements concernant les États contractants du PCT dont les ressortissants et les résidents ont droit à une réduction de 75% de certaines taxes du PCT, dont la taxe internationale de dépôt, figurent dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C, ainsi que sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/index.html>; ils sont également publiés et régulièrement mis à jour dans la *Gazette du PCT* et le bulletin *PCT Newsletter*.

Calcul de la taxe internationale de dépôt en cas de réduction : lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à une réduction de la taxe internationale de dépôt, la somme devant figurer sous I représente 25 % de la taxe internationale de dépôt (voir ci-après).

Cadre I : Taxe internationale de dépôt. Le montant de la taxe internationale de dépôt est fonction du nombre de feuilles de la demande internationale indiqué au point a) du cadre n° IX de la requête, comme expliqué ci-dessous.

Ce nombre est le **nombre total de feuilles** lorsque les points b) et c) du cadre n° IX de la requête ne s'appliquent pas (c'est-à-dire, si la demande internationale ne contient pas de listage des séquences ou de tableaux y relatifs ou qu'elle en contient mais que ces derniers ne sont pas déposés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i) ou ii)); dans ce cas, le point "i3" ne doit pas être rempli.

Sinon, lorsque les points b) ou c) du cadre n° IX de la requête s'appliquent (c'est-à-dire, si la demande internationale contient un listage des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs qui sont déposés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur seulement, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), ou à la fois sous cette forme et sous forme papier en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii)), le nombre de feuilles à utiliser pour le calcul du montant de la taxe internationale de dépôt est le **sous-total des feuilles**. Dans un tel cas, le point "i3" doit être rempli étant entendu que le listage des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur sont considérés comporter 400 pages (voir l'instruction 803).

La taxe internationale de dépôt doit être payée dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de réception de la demande internationale par l'office récepteur.

Cadre P : Taxe afférente au document de priorité (règle 17.1.b)) : si, en cochant la case appropriée dans le cadre n° VI de la requête, le déposant a demandé que l'office récepteur prépare et transmette au Bureau international une copie certifiée conforme de la demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée, il peut indiquer le montant de la taxe prescrite par l'office récepteur pour ce service (pour plus de renseignements, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C).

Si cette taxe n'est pas payée au plus tard avant l'expiration d'un délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, l'office récepteur peut considérer la requête selon la règle 17.1.b) comme n'ayant pas été présentée.

Cadre "Total" : le total des montants inscrits dans les cadres T, S, I et P doit être porté dans ce cadre. Le déposant peut, s'il le souhaite, indiquer à proximité ou à l'intérieur du cadre "Total" la monnaie dans laquelle il paie les taxes.

MODE DE PAIEMENT

Pour aider l'office récepteur à déterminer le mode de paiement des taxes prescrites qui a été utilisé, il est recommandé de cocher la ou les cases appropriées.

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

L'office récepteur ne débitera (ou ne créditera) un compte de dépôt du montant des taxes que si l'autorisation correspondante est signée et qu'elle indique le numéro du compte de dépôt.

The demand must be filed directly with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority or, if two or more Authorities are competent, with the one chosen by the applicant. The full name or two-letter code of that Authority may be indicated by the applicant on the line below:

IPEA/ _____

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CHAPTER II

DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:
The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only

Identification of IPEA		Date of receipt of DEMAND
Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION		Applicant's or agent's file reference
International application No.	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>)	(Earliest) Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>)
Title of invention		
Box No. II APPLICANT(S)		
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		Telephone No.
		Facsimile No.
		Teleprinter No.
		Applicant's registration No. with the Office
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants are indicated on a continuation sheet.		

La demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être présentée directement à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui est compétente ou, si plusieurs administrations sont compétentes, à l'une d'entre elles, au choix du déposant. Le déposant peut indiquer le nom complet ou le code à deux lettres de cette administration au-dessus de la ligne qui suit :

IPEA/ _____

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CHAPITRE II

DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL

selon l'article 31 du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets :
Le soussigné requiert que la demande internationale spécifiée ci-après fasse l'objet d'un examen préliminaire international conformément au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets.

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

Administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international	Date de réception de la demande d'examen préliminaire international
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Cadre n° I IDENTIFICATION DE LA DEMANDE INTERNATIONALE		Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire	
Demande internationale n°	Date du dépôt international (<i>jour/mois/année</i>)	Date de priorité (la plus ancienne) (<i>jour/mois/année</i>)	
Titre de l'invention			
Cadre n° II DÉPOSANT(S)			
Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.</i>)		n° de téléphone	
		n° de télécopieur	
		n° de téléimprimeur	
		n° sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office	
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :		Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.</i>)			
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :		Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.</i>)			
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :		Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
<input type="checkbox"/> D'autres déposants sont indiqués sur une feuille annexe.			

Sheet No. . . .

International application No.

Continuation of Box No. II APPLICANT(S)*If none of the following sub-boxes is used, this sheet should not be included in the demand.*Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*State *(that is, country)* of nationality:State *(that is, country)* of residence:Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*State *(that is, country)* of nationality:State *(that is, country)* of residence:Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*State *(that is, country)* of nationality:State *(that is, country)* of residence:Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*State *(that is, country)* of nationality:State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Further applicants are indicated on another continuation sheet.

Suite du cadre n° II DÉPOSANT(S)

Si aucun des sous-cadres suivants n'est utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

D'autres déposants sont indiqués sur une autre feuille annexe.

Box No. III AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The following person is agent common representative
 and has been appointed earlier and represents the applicant(s) also for international preliminary examination.
 is hereby appointed and any earlier appointment of (an) agent(s)/common representative is hereby revoked.
 is hereby appointed, specifically for the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority, in addition to the agent(s)/common representative appointed earlier.

Name and address: <i>(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)</i>	Telephone No.
	Facsimile No.
	Teleprinter No.
	Agent's registration No. with the Office

Address for correspondence: Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special address to which correspondence should be sent.

Box No. IV BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Statement concerning amendments:*

1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination **to start on the basis of:**

- the international application as originally filed
- the description as originally filed
 as amended under Article 34
- the claims as originally filed
 as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)
 as amended under Article 34
- the drawings as originally filed
 as amended under Article 34

- 2. The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.
- 3. The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination **to be postponed** until the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 69.1(d).
- 4. The applicant expressly wishes the international preliminary examination **to start earlier** than at the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54bis.1(a).

* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

- which is the language in which the international application was filed.
- which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.
- which is the language of publication of the international application.
- which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES

The filing of this demand constitutes the election of all Contracting States which are designated and are bound by Chapter II of the PCT.

Cadre n° III MANDATAIRE OU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN; OU ADRESSE POUR LA CORRESPONDANCE

La personne indiquée ci-dessous est mandataire représentant commun
 et a été désignée à une date antérieure; elle représente aussi le ou les déposants pour l'examen préliminaire international.
 est désignée par la présente; toute désignation antérieure de mandataires ou d'un représentant commun est de ce fait révoquée.
 est désignée par la présente, spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, en sus du ou des mandataires ou du représentant commun désignés antérieurement.

Nom et adresse : <i>(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)</i>	n° de téléphone
	n° de télécopieur
	n° de téléimprimeur
	n° sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office

Adresse pour la correspondance : cocher cette case lorsque aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est ou n'a été désigné et que l'espace ci-dessus est utilisé pour indiquer une adresse spéciale à laquelle la correspondance doit être envoyée.

Cadre n° IV BASE DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**Déclaration concernant les modifications :***

1. Le déposant souhaite que l'examen préliminaire international **commence sur la base suivante** :
- la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement
- la description telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement
 telle qu'elle a été modifiée en vertu de l'article 34
- les revendications telles qu'elles ont été déposées initialement
 telles qu'elles ont été modifiées en vertu de l'article 19 (avec, le cas échéant, la déclaration jointe aux modifications)
 telles qu'elles ont été modifiées en vertu de l'article 34
- les dessins tels qu'ils ont été déposés initialement
 tels qu'ils ont été modifiés en vertu de l'article 34
2. Le déposant souhaite que les modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 soient considérées comme écartées.
3. Le déposant souhaite que le commencement de l'examen préliminaire international **soit différé** jusqu'à l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de la règle 69.1.d).
4. Le déposant demande expressément que l'examen préliminaire international **soit entrepris avant** l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de la règle 54bis.1.a).

* Lorsque aucune case n'est cochée, l'examen préliminaire international commencera sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement ou, si l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international reçoit copie des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 ou des modifications apportées à la demande internationale en vertu de l'article 34 avant d'avoir commencé à rédiger une opinion écrite ou le rapport d'examen préliminaire international, sur la base de la demande internationale ainsi modifiée.

Langue : l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué en , qui est

- la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale a été déposée.
 la langue d'une traduction remise aux fins de la recherche internationale.
 la langue de publication de la demande internationale.
 la langue de la traduction (qui sera) remise aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international.

Cadre n° V ÉLECTION D'ÉTATS

Le dépôt de la présente demande d'examen préliminaire international vaut élection de tous les États contractants qui sont désignés et qui sont liés par le chapitre II du PCT.

Box No. VI CHECK LIST

The demand is accompanied by the following elements, in the language referred to in Box No. IV, for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

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| 1. translation of international application | : | sheets |
| 2. amendments under Article 34 | : | sheets |
| 3. copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19 | : | sheets |
| 4. copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19 | : | sheets |
| 5. letter | : | sheets |
| 6. other (<i>specify</i>) | : | sheets |

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The demand is also accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listing in computer readable form |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> tables in computer readable form related to a sequence listing |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any: | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> other (<i>specify</i>): |

Box No. VII SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the demand).

For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only

1. Date of actual receipt of DEMAND:

2. Adjusted date of receipt of demand due to CORRECTIONS under Rule 60.1(b):

3. The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and item 4 or 5, below, does not apply.

The applicant has been informed accordingly.

4. The date of receipt of the demand is WITHIN the time limit of 19 months from the priority date as extended by virtue of Rule 80.5.

5. Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82.

6. The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of the time limit under Rule 54bis.1(a) and item 7 or 8, below, does not apply.

7. The date of receipt of the demand is WITHIN the time limit under Rule 54bis.1(a) as extended by virtue of Rule 80.5.

8. Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of the time limit under Rule 54bis.1(a), the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82.

For International Bureau use only

Demand received from IPEA on:

Cadre n° VI BORDEREAU

Aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international, les éléments suivants, établis dans la langue indiquée au cadre n° IV, sont joints à la présente demande d'examen :

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| 1. traduction de la demande internationale | : | feuilles |
| 2. modifications selon l'article 34 | : | feuilles |
| 3. copie (ou, si elle est exigée, traduction) des modifications selon l'article 19 | : | feuilles |
| 4. copie (ou, si elle est exigée, traduction) de la déclaration selon l'article 19 | : | feuilles |
| 5. lettre | : | feuilles |
| 6. autres pièces (<i>préciser</i>) | : | feuilles |

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

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Le ou les éléments cochés ci-après sont aussi joints à la demande d'examen préliminaire international :

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> feuille de calcul des taxes | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> explication de l'absence d'une signature |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> original du pouvoir distinct | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> original du pouvoir général | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> tableaux relatifs au listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> copie du pouvoir général; le cas échéant, numéro de référence : | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> autres éléments (<i>préciser</i>) : |

Cadre n° VII SIGNATURE DU DÉPOSANT, DU MANDATAIRE OU DU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN

À côté de chaque signature, indiquer le nom du signataire et, si cela n'apparaît pas clairement à la lecture de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, à quel titre l'intéressé signe.

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

1. Date effective de réception de la DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL :

2. Date modifiée de réception de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, en cas de CORRECTIONS apportées en vertu de la règle 60.1.b) :

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| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> La demande d'examen préliminaire international a été reçue PLUS DE 19 mois après la date de priorité et le point 4 ou 5 n'est pas applicable.
<input type="checkbox"/> Le déposant a été informé en conséquence. | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> La demande d'examen préliminaire international a été reçue APRÈS l'expiration du délai en vertu de la règle 54bis.1.a) et le point 7 ou 8 n'est pas applicable. |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> La demande d'examen préliminaire international a été reçue DANS LE DÉLAI de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité, prorogé en vertu de la règle 80.5. | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> La demande d'examen préliminaire international a été reçue DANS LE DÉLAI en vertu de la règle 54bis.1.a), prorogé en vertu de la règle 80.5. |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Bien que la demande d'examen préliminaire international ait été reçue plus de 19 mois après la date de priorité, le retard à l'arrivée est EXCUSÉ en vertu de la règle 82. | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Bien que la demande d'examen préliminaire international ait été reçue après l'expiration du délai en vertu de la règle 54bis.1.a), le retard à l'arrivée est EXCUSÉ en vertu de la règle 82. |

Réservé au Bureau international

Demande d'examen préliminaire international reçue de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international le :

NOTES TO THE DEMAND FORM (PCT/IPEA/401)

These Notes are intended to facilitate the filling in of the demand form and to give some information concerning international preliminary examination under Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). For more detailed information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a WIPO publication, which is available, together with other PCT related documents, at WIPO's Website: www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html. The Notes are based on the requirements of the PCT, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. In case of any discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable.

In the demand form and these Notes, "Article", "Rule" and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the Administrative Instructions, respectively.

Please use a typewriter; check-boxes may be marked by hand with dark ink (Rules 11.9(a) and (b) and 11.14).

The demand form and these Notes may be downloaded from WIPO's Website at the address given above.

IMPORTANT GENERAL INFORMATION

Who May File a Demand? (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54): A demand (for international preliminary examination) may only be filed by an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II of the PCT; furthermore, the international application must have been filed with a receiving Office of, or acting for, a State bound by Chapter II. Where there are two or more applicants (for the same or different elected States) at least one of them must qualify.

Where Must the Demand Be Filed? (Article 31(6)(a)): The demand must be filed with a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA). The receiving Office with which the international application was filed will, upon request, give information about the competent IPEA (or see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C). If several IPEAs are competent, the applicant has the choice and the demand must be filed with (and the fees must be paid to) the IPEA chosen by the applicant. The IPEA chosen by the applicant may be identified, preferably by an indication of the name or two-letter code of the IPEA, at the top of the first sheet of the demand in the space provided for that purpose.

When Must the Demand Be Filed? (Article 39(1) and Rule 54*bis*.1): As long as certain designated Offices are still not bound by the 30-month time limit under Article 22 for entry into the national phase, the demand—because it contains the required election of designated States—must be filed within 19 months from the priority date if the applicant wishes to postpone entry into the national phase from 20 to 30 months from the priority date in respect of those designated Offices. For updated information about those Offices, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, National Chapters, Summaries, available on the WIPO Website at the address indicated above. It is recalled that the time limit of 30 months from the priority date applies to all other designated Offices regardless of whether or not a demand is filed.

If the applicant wishes to file a demand, but not because of the reason explained above, the applicable time limit for filing such demand is three months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or of the declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a), and the written opinion established by the International Searching Authority or 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later (see Rule 54*bis*.1(a)).

Any demand made after the expiration of the applicable time limit will be considered as if it had not been submitted and the IPEA shall so declare.

In Which Language Must the Demand Be Filed? (Rule 55.1): The demand must be filed in the language in which international preliminary examination will be carried out (see Notes to Box No. IV).

What is the Language of Correspondence? (Rules 66.9 and 92.2 and Section 104): Any letter from the applicant to the IPEA must be in the same language as the international application to which it relates. However, where the international preliminary examination will be carried out on the basis of a translation (see Notes to Box No. IV), any letter from the applicant to the IPEA must be in the language of the translation. The IPEA may authorize the use of other languages for letters which do not contain or relate to amendments of the international application. Any letter from the applicant to the International Bureau must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

BOX No. I

Applicant's or Agent's File Reference: A file reference may be indicated, if desired. It should not exceed 12 characters. Characters in excess of 12 may be disregarded (Section 109).

Identification of the International Application (Rule 53.6): The international application number must be indicated in Box No. I. Where the demand is filed at a time when the international application number has not yet been notified by the receiving Office, the name of that Office must be indicated instead of the international application number.

International Filing Date and (Earliest) Priority Date (Section 110): Dates must be indicated by the Arabic number of the day, the name of the month and the Arabic number of the year—in that order; after, below or above such indication, the date should be repeated in parentheses, using two-digit Arabic numerals each for the number of the day and for the number of the month followed by the number of the year, in that order, and separated by periods, slants or hyphens, for example, "20 March 2004 (20.03.2004)", "20 March 2004 (20/03/2004)" or "20 March 2004 (20-03-2004)". Where the international application claims the priority of several earlier applications, the filing date of the earliest application whose priority is claimed must be indicated as the priority date.

NOTES RELATIVES AU FORMULAIRE DE DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL (PCT/IPEA/401)

Ces notes sont destinées à faciliter l'utilisation du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et à donner certains renseignements concernant l'examen préliminaire international prévu au chapitre II du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT). On peut aussi trouver de plus amples renseignements dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, publié par l'OMPI, qui est disponible, de même que d'autres documents relatifs au PCT, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/index.html. Les notes sont fondées sur les exigences du traité, du règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT. En cas de divergence entre les présentes notes et ces exigences, ce sont ces dernières qui priment.

Dans le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et dans les présentes notes, les termes "article", "règle" et "instruction" renvoient aux dispositions du traité, de son règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT, respectivement.

Prrière de remplir le formulaire à la machine à écrire. Les cases appropriées peuvent être cochées à la main, à l'encre foncée (règles 11.9.a) et b) et 11.14).

Le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et les présentes notes peuvent être téléchargés depuis le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse donnée ci-dessus.

RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS D'ORDRE GÉNÉRAL

Qui peut présenter une demande d'examen préliminaire international ? (article 31.2)a) et règle 54) : une demande d'examen préliminaire international ne peut être présentée que par un déposant qui est ressortissant d'un État contractant lié par le chapitre II du PCT ou qui a son domicile dans un tel État; en outre, la demande internationale doit avoir été déposée auprès de l'office récepteur d'un État lié par le chapitre II, ou agissant pour un tel État. S'il y a plusieurs déposants (pour les mêmes États élus ou pour des États élus différents), au moins l'un d'entre eux doit remplir les conditions requises.

Où la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (article 31.6)a) : la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être présentée à une administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (IPEA) compétente. L'office récepteur auprès duquel la demande internationale a été déposée donnera, sur demande, des renseignements au sujet de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui est compétente (voir aussi le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C). Si plusieurs administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international sont compétentes, le déposant doit présenter la demande d'examen préliminaire international à l'administration de son choix (et lui payer les taxes). Cette administration peut être indiquée, de préférence au moyen de son nom ou de son code à deux lettres, en haut de la première feuille de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, dans l'espace prévu à cet effet.

Quand la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (article 39.1) et règle 54bis.1)) : tant que certains offices désignés ne sont toujours pas liés par le délai de 30 mois en vertu de l'article 22 relatif à l'ouverture de la phase nationale, la demande d'examen préliminaire international – parce qu'elle contient l'élection requise d'États désignés – doit être présentée dans un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité si le déposant souhaite reporter l'ouverture de la phase nationale de 20 à 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité auprès de ces offices désignés. Pour avoir plus de renseignements sur ces offices, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume II, chapitres nationaux, résumés, disponibles sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse indiquée plus haut. Il est rappelé que le délai de 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité s'applique à tous les autres offices désignés qu'une demande d'examen préliminaire international soit présentée ou non.

Si le déposant souhaite présenter une demande d'examen préliminaire international, mais pas pour la raison exposée ci-

dessus, le délai applicable pour la présentation d'une telle demande d'examen est de trois mois à compter de la date de la transmission du rapport de recherche internationale ou de la déclaration visée à l'article 17.2)a), et de l'opinion écrite établie par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, ou de 22 mois à compter de la date de priorité, le délai expirant en dernier étant applicable (voir la règle 54bis.1.a)).

Toute demande d'examen préliminaire international présentée après l'expiration du délai applicable sera considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée et l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international le déclarera.

En quelle langue la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (règle 55.1) : la demande d'examen doit être présentée dans la langue dans laquelle l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué (voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV).

Quelle est la langue à utiliser dans la correspondance ? (règles 66.9 et 92.2 et instruction 104) : toute lettre adressée par le déposant à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale qu'elle concerne. Cependant, lorsque l'examen préliminaire international doit être effectué sur la base d'une traduction (voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV), toute lettre adressée par le déposant à l'administration chargée de cet examen doit être rédigée dans la langue de la traduction. L'administration chargée de l'examen peut autoriser l'utilisation d'autres langues pour des lettres qui ne contiennent pas de modifications de la demande internationale ou qui ne se rapportent pas à des modifications. Toute lettre adressée par le déposant au Bureau international doit être rédigée en anglais ou en français, au choix du déposant. Toutefois, si la langue de la demande internationale est l'anglais, la lettre doit être rédigée en anglais; si la langue de la demande internationale est le français, la lettre doit être rédigée en français.

CADRE N° I

Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire : il est possible d'indiquer, à titre facultatif, une telle référence de dossier. Celle-ci ne devrait pas dépasser 12 caractères. L'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international peut ne pas tenir compte des caractères en sus du douzième (instruction 109).

Identification de la demande internationale (règle 53.6) : le numéro de la demande internationale doit être indiqué dans le cadre n° I. Si la demande d'examen préliminaire international

Title of the Invention: If a new title has been established by the International Searching Authority, that title must be indicated in Box No. I.

BOX No. II

Applicant(s) (Rule 53.4): All the applicants for the elected States must be indicated in the demand. It should be noted that the persons named as “inventor only” in the request need not be named in the demand.

Make in Box No. II of the demand the required indications as appearing in Boxes Nos. II and III of the request. The Notes to the request apply *mutatis mutandis*. If there are two or more applicants for the States elected in the demand, give the required indications for each of them; if there are more than three applicants, make the required indications on the “Continuation Sheet”.

If different applicants were indicated in the request for different designated States, there is no need to again indicate in the demand the States for which a person is applicant, because those indications have been made in the request.

Applicant’s registration number with the Office (Rule 53.4): Where the applicant is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority, the demand may indicate the number or other indication under which the applicant is so registered.

BOX No. III

Agent or Common Representative (Rules 53.5, 90.1 and 90.2): Mark the applicable check-boxes to indicate *first* whether the person named in this Box is agent or common representative, *then* whether that person *has been appointed earlier* (i.e., during the procedure under Chapter I), or *is appointed in the demand* and any earlier appointment of another person is revoked, or *is appointed specifically for the procedure before the IPEA* (without revocation of any earlier appointment), in addition to the person(s) appointed earlier.

Where an additional person is appointed specifically for the procedure before the IPEA, all notifications issued by the IPEA will be addressed only to that additional person.

A separate power of attorney must be filed with the IPEA, the International Bureau or the receiving Office, if the person appointed at the time the demand is filed (i.e., was not appointed earlier) signs the demand on behalf of the applicant (Rule 90.4). However, the receiving Office, the International Bureau or the IPEA may waive the requirement that a separate power of attorney be filed. For details, see the *PCT Applicant’s Guide*, Volume I/A, Annex B2(IB), and Volume I/B, Annexes C and E.

Agent’s registration number with the Office (Rule 53.5): Where the agent is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority, the demand may indicate the number or other indication under which the agent is so registered.

Address for Correspondence (Rule 4.4(d) and Section 108): Where an agent is appointed, any correspondence intended for the applicant will be sent to the address indicated for that agent (or for the first-mentioned agent, if more than one is appointed). Where one of two or more applicants is appointed as common representative, the address indicated for that applicant in Box No. III will be used.

Where no agent or common representative is appointed, any correspondence will be sent to the address, indicated in Box No. II, of the applicant (if only one person is named as applicant) or of the applicant who is considered to be common representative (if there are two or more persons named as applicants). However, if the applicant wishes correspondence to be sent to a different address in such a case, that address may be indicated in Box No. III instead of the designation of an agent or common representative. In this case, and only in this case, the last check-box of Box No. III must be marked (that is, the last check-box must not be marked if either of the check-boxes “agent” or “common representative” in Box No. III has been marked).

BOX No. IV

Statement Concerning Amendments (Rules 53.2(a)(v), 53.9, 62, 66.1 and 69.1): The international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as filed or, if amendments have been filed, as amended. Mark the appropriate check-box(es) to enable the IPEA to determine when and on what basis it can start international preliminary examination.

Mark the corresponding check-box(es) under No. 1 where the international preliminary examination should start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or where amendments are to be taken into account, as the case may be. Where amendments are to be taken into account, the applicant must submit *with the demand* a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 (Rule 53.9(a)(i)) and/or the amendments of the international application under Article 34 (Rule 53.9(c)), as the case may be. If a check-box is marked but the demand is not accompanied by the documents referred to, the start of international preliminary examination will be delayed until the IPEA receives them.

Mark check-box No. 2 if amendments of the claims under Article 19 have been filed with the International Bureau during the Chapter I procedure, but the applicant wishes those amendments to be considered reversed by an amendment under Article 34 (Rule 53.9(a)(ii)).

Mark check-box No. 3 where the time limit for filing amendments of the claims under Article 19 has not expired at the time the demand is filed and the applicant wants to keep the option for the filing of such amendments open; the IPEA is thus requested to postpone the start of international preliminary examination (Rules 53.9(b) and 69.1(d)). It should be noted that the examination will start in any event after the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54bis.1(a) even where the time limit for filing amendments has not yet expired or no amendments have been received by the IPEA.

Mark check-box No. 4 if the applicant wishes that the international preliminary examination start earlier than at the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54bis.1(a).

Where the ISA and IPEA are not the same Authority, examination will not commence until the IPEA is in possession of the international search report, or a notice of the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) and the written opinion established by the ISA.

The applicable time limit under Rule 54bis.1(a) is three months from the date of transmittal of the international search report or of the declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a), and the written opinion established by the International Searching Authority, or 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

est présentée alors même que le numéro de la demande internationale n'a pas encore été notifié par l'office récepteur, le nom de cet office doit être indiqué en lieu et place du numéro de la demande internationale.

Date du dépôt international et date de priorité (la plus ancienne) (instruction 110) : les dates doivent être indiquées au moyen du quantième, en chiffres arabes, suivi du nom du mois puis de l'année en chiffres arabes, dans cet ordre; à côté, au-dessous ou au-dessus de cette indication, il y a lieu de répéter la date, mais entre parenthèses, comme suit : quantième et mois en numéros à deux chiffres arabes, puis l'année en quatre chiffres, le quantième et le mois étant suivis d'un point, d'une barre oblique ou d'un tiret (par exemple : "20 mars 2004 (20.03.2004)", "20 mars 2004 (20/03/2004)" ou "20 mars 2004 (20-03-2004)"). Lorsque la demande internationale revendique la priorité de plusieurs demandes antérieures, la date de dépôt de la plus ancienne demande dont la priorité est revendiquée doit être indiquée en tant que date de priorité.

Titre de l'invention : si l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale a établi un nouveau titre, celui-ci doit être indiqué dans le cadre n° I.

CADRE N° II

Déposant(s) (règle 53.4) : tous les déposants qui ont cette qualité pour les États élus doivent être mentionnés dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Il est à noter que les personnes mentionnées dans la requête comme "inventeur seulement" n'ont pas à être mentionnées dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

Reprendre dans le cadre n° II de la demande d'examen préliminaire international les indications requises figurant dans les cadres n°s II et III de la requête. Les notes relatives à la requête s'appliquent *mutatis mutandis*. S'il y a pluralité de déposants pour les États élus dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international, fournir les indications requises sur chacun d'eux; si ces déposants sont plus de trois, porter les indications en question sur une "feuille annexe".

Si, dans la requête, des déposants différents ont été indiqués pour différents États désignés, il n'y a pas lieu d'indiquer à nouveau dans la demande d'examen les États pour lesquels une personne est mentionnée comme déposant, car ces indications ont été fournies dans la requête.

Numéro sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 53.4) : lorsque le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, la demande d'examen préliminaire international peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

CADRE N° III

Mandataire ou représentant commun (règles 53.5, 90.1 et 90.2) : cocher les cases appropriées afin d'indiquer, *premièrement*, si la personne indiquée dans le cadre n° III est mandataire ou représentant commun, *deuxièmement*, si cette personne a été désignée à une date antérieure (c'est-à-dire au cours de la procédure prévue au chapitre I), *est désignée dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international* (toute désignation antérieure d'une autre personne étant révoquée) ou *est désignée spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international* (sans qu'il y ait révocation d'une désignation antérieure) en sus de la ou des personnes désignées antérieurement.

Lorsqu'une personne supplémentaire est désignée spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, toute la correspondance

émanant de cette administration sera adressée seulement à cette personne supplémentaire.

Un pouvoir distinct doit être déposé auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, du Bureau international ou de l'office récepteur si la personne qui est désignée au moment de la présentation de la demande d'examen préliminaire international (et qui n'a donc pas été désignée antérieurement) signe cette demande d'examen au nom du déposant (règle 90.4). Toutefois, l'office récepteur, le Bureau international ou l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international peut renoncer à exiger qu'un pouvoir distinct soit remis. Pour plus de renseignements, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, annexe B2(1B), et volume I/B, annexes C et E.

Numéro sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 53.5) : lorsque le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, la demande d'examen préliminaire international peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Adresse pour la correspondance (règle 4.4.d) et instruction 108) : si un mandataire est désigné, toute correspondance destinée au déposant sera envoyée à l'adresse indiquée pour ce mandataire (ou pour le mandataire mentionné en premier, si plusieurs mandataires ont été désignés). Lorsque, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux est désigné comme représentant commun, l'adresse indiquée pour ce déposant dans le cadre n° III sera utilisée.

Si aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est désigné, la correspondance sera envoyée à l'adresse – indiquée dans le cadre n° II – du déposant (s'il n'y a qu'une seule personne indiquée comme déposant) ou du déposant considéré comme le représentant commun (s'il y a plusieurs personnes indiquées comme déposants). Cependant, si le ou les déposants souhaitent dans ce cas que la correspondance soit envoyée à une adresse différente, il est possible d'indiquer cette adresse dans le cadre n° III, en lieu et place de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun. C'est dans ce cas et seulement dans ce cas qu'il y a lieu de cocher la dernière case du cadre n° III (c'est-à-dire que la dernière case ne doit pas être cochée si l'une des cases "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" a été cochée).

CADRE N° IV

Déclaration concernant les modifications (règles 53.2.a)v, 53.9, 62, 66.1 et 69.1) : l'examen préliminaire international commencera sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée ou, si des modifications ont été déposées, telle qu'elle a été modifiée. Cocher la ou les cases appropriées pour permettre à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international de déterminer si elle peut commencer l'examen préliminaire international et sur quelle base.

Cocher la ou les cases appropriées de la rubrique n° 1 pour indiquer si l'examen préliminaire international doit commencer sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée ou s'il doit être tenu compte de modifications, selon le cas. S'il y a des modifications à prendre en compte, le déposant doit présenter *avec la demande d'examen préliminaire internationale* une copie des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 (règle 53.9.a)i) ou des modifications apportées à la demande internationale en vertu de l'article 34 (règle 53.9.c)), ou une copie des deux types de modifications, selon le cas. Si une case est cochée et que les documents correspondants ne sont pas joints à la demande d'examen préliminaire international, le commencement de cet examen sera différé jusqu'à ce que l'administration qui en est chargée les reçoive.

If no check-box is marked, refer to the footnote at the bottom of the Box.

Language for the Purposes of International Preliminary Examination (Rule 55.2): Where neither the language in which the international application is filed nor the language in which the international application is published is accepted by the IPEA that is to carry out the international preliminary examination, the applicant must furnish with the demand a translation of the international application into a language which is both a language accepted by that Authority and a language of publication.

Where such translation has already been furnished to the International Searching Authority for the purposes of carrying out international search and the IPEA is part of the same Office or intergovernmental organization as the International Searching Authority, the applicant need not furnish another translation. In such a case the international preliminary examination is carried out on the basis of the translation furnished for the purposes of international search.

The language for the purposes of international preliminary examination should be indicated in Box No. IV, on the dotted line, and the corresponding check-box should be marked.

Language of Amendments (Rules 55.3 and 66.9): Amendments and letters relating thereto must be in the same language as that in which the international preliminary examination is carried out, as explained in the preceding paragraphs.

Time Limit for Furnishing Translation of the International Application (Rule 55.2): Any required translation of the international application should be furnished (by the applicant) together with the demand. If it is not so furnished, the IPEA will invite the applicant to furnish it within a time limit which shall not be less than one month from the date of the invitation. That time limit may be extended by the IPEA.

BOX No. V

Election of States (Rule 53.7): The making of a demand shall constitute the election of all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT.

BOX No. VI

Check List: It is recommended that this Box be filled in carefully in order for the IPEA to determine as soon as possible whether it is in possession of the documents on the basis of which the applicant wishes international preliminary examination to start.

Where the international application contains disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences, and a copy of the sequence listing in computer readable form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions is required by the IPEA, the applicant may furnish the listing in computer readable form to the IPEA with the demand. If this is the case, check-box No. 6 must be marked.

Similarly, where such an application contains tables related to the sequence listing, and a copy of the tables in computer readable form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions is required by the IPEA, the applicant may furnish the tables in computer readable form to the IPEA with the demand. If this is the case, check-box No. 7 must be marked.

BOX No. VII

Signature (Rules 53.8, 60.1(a-ter), 90.3(a) and 90.4(a) and (d)): The demand must be signed by the applicant or by his agent; if there are several applicants, the demand must be signed by all of them, or by the common agent or the common representative of all of them. However, if the signature(s) of one or more applicants is missing, the IPEA will not invite the applicants to furnish the missing signature(s) provided that at least one of the applicants has signed the demand.

Important: Should a notice of withdrawal be filed at any time during the international phase, that notice will have to be signed by the applicant or, if there are two or more applicant's by all of them (Rule 90bis.5(a)), or by an agent or a common representative whose appointment has been effected by each applicant signing, at his choice, the request, the demand or a separate power of attorney (Rule 90.4(a)).

Cocher la case n° 2 si des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 ont été déposées auprès du Bureau international lors de la procédure prévue au chapitre I, mais que le déposant souhaite que les modifications soient considérées comme écartées par une modification selon l'article 34.

Cocher la case n° 3 si le délai fixé pour le dépôt de modifications des revendications en vertu de l'article 19 n'a pas expiré au moment où la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée et que le déposant veut conserver la possibilité de déposer de telles modifications; il est ainsi demandé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international de différer le commencement de cet examen (règles 53.9.b) et 69.1.d)). Il convient de noter que l'examen commencera, en tout état de cause, après l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de la règle 54bis.1.a), même si le délai pour déposer des modifications n'a pas encore expiré ou que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international n'a reçu aucune modification.

Cocher la case n° 4 si le déposant souhaite que l'examen préliminaire international soit entrepris avant l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de la règle 54bis.1.a).

Lorsque l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international est différente de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, l'examen préliminaire international ne commencera pas avant que l'administration qui en est chargée ne reçoive le rapport de recherche internationale ou la déclaration en vertu de l'article 17.2.a), et l'opinion écrite établie par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale.

Le délai applicable en vertu de la règle 54bis.1.a) est de trois mois à compter de la date de la transmission du rapport de recherche internationale, ou de la déclaration visée à l'article 17.2)a), et de l'opinion écrite établie par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, ou de 22 mois à compter de la date de priorité, le délai expirant en dernier étant applicable.

Si aucune case n'est cochée, la procédure décrite dans la note figurant au bas du cadre sera suivie.

Langue aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international (règle 55.2) : lorsque ni la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée ni la langue dans laquelle elle est publiée n'est acceptée par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui est chargée d'effectuer cet examen, le déposant doit remettre avec la demande d'examen préliminaire international une traduction de la demande internationale dans une langue qui est à la fois une langue acceptée par cette administration et une langue de publication.

Lorsqu'une traduction répondant à ces critères a déjà été remise à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale pour les besoins de cette recherche et que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international fait partie du même office ou de la même organisation intergouvernementale que l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, il n'est pas nécessaire pour le déposant de remettre une autre traduction. Dans ce cas, l'examen préliminaire international est effectué sur la base de la traduction remise aux fins de la recherche internationale.

La langue dans laquelle sera effectué l'examen préliminaire international doit être indiquée dans le cadre n° IV sur la ligne pointillée, et la case appropriée la concernant doit être cochée.

Langue des modifications (règles 55.3 et 66.9) : les modifications et les lettres qui s'y rapportent doivent être rédigées dans la langue dans laquelle l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué, comme il est expliqué aux paragraphes précédents.

Délai imparti pour remettre une traduction de la demande internationale (règle 55.2) : toute traduction de la demande internationale qui est exigée doit être remise (par le déposant) en même temps que la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Si la traduction n'est pas remise en même temps, l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international invitera le déposant à remettre cette traduction dans un délai qui sera d'au moins un mois à compter de la date de l'invitation. Ce délai peut être prorogé par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

CADRE N° V

Élection d'États (règle 53.7) : la présentation d'une demande d'examen préliminaire international vaut élection de tous les États contractants désignés qui sont liés par le chapitre II du PCT.

CADRE N° VI

Bordereau : il est recommandé de remplir soigneusement ce cadre pour que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international puisse déterminer le plus rapidement possible si elle est en possession de la ou des modifications ou de la ou des lettres sur la base desquelles le déposant souhaite que l'examen préliminaire international commence.

Lorsque la demande internationale contient la divulgation d'une ou plusieurs séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés, et qu'une copie du listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, conforme à la norme figurant dans les instructions administratives, est requise par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, le déposant peut fournir à cette administration, conjointement avec la demande d'examen préliminaire international, le listage en question sous une forme déchiffrable par ordinateur. S'il le fait, la case n° 6 doit être cochée.

De la même manière, lorsque la demande internationale contient des tableaux relatifs au listage des séquences et qu'une copie des tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, conforme à la norme figurant dans les instructions administratives, est requise par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, le déposant peut fournir à cette administration, conjointement avec la demande d'examen préliminaire international, les tableaux en question sous une forme déchiffrable par ordinateur. S'il le fait, la case n° 7 doit être cochée.

CADRE N° VII

Signature (règles 53.8, 60.1.a-ter), 90.3.a) et 90.4.a) et d)) : la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être signée par le déposant ou par son mandataire; s'il y a plusieurs déposants, la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être signée par chacun d'eux ou par leur mandataire commun ou leur représentant commun. Toutefois, si la signature de l'un ou de plusieurs des déposants fait défaut, l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire n'invitera pas les déposants à lui fournir la ou les signatures manquantes, sous réserve qu'au moins l'un d'entre eux ait signée la demande d'examen.

Important : Toute déclaration de retrait présentée à n'importe quel moment pendant la phase internationale doit être signée par le déposant, ou s'il y a plusieurs déposants, par chacun d'eux (règle 90bis.5.a) ou par le mandataire ou le représentant commun qui a été désigné par chaque déposant qui a signé, à son choix, la requête, la demande d'examen préliminaire international ou un pouvoir distinct (règle 90.4.a)).

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FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Demand

International application No.	For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only	
Applicant's or agent's file reference	Date stamp of the IPEA	
Applicant		
CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES		
1. Preliminary examination fee		P
2. Handling fee (<i>Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the handling fee. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the amount to be entered at H is 25% of the handling fee.</i>)		H
3. Total of prescribed fees Add the amounts entered at P and H and enter total in the TOTAL box		
TOTAL		
MODE OF PAYMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> authorization to charge deposit account with the IPEA (see below)	<input type="checkbox"/> cash	
<input type="checkbox"/> cheque	<input type="checkbox"/> revenue stamps	
<input type="checkbox"/> postal money order	<input type="checkbox"/> coupons	
<input type="checkbox"/> bank draft	<input type="checkbox"/> other (<i>specify</i>):	
AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT <i>(This mode of payment may not be available at all IPEAs)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Authorization to charge the total fees indicated above.	IPEA/ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> (<i>This check-box may be marked only if the conditions for deposit accounts of the IPEA so permit</i>) Authorization to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the total fees indicated above.	Deposit Account No.: _____	
	Date: _____	
	Name: _____	
	Signature: _____	

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FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES

Annexe de la demande d'examen préliminaire international

Demande internationale n°	Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international										
Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire	Timbre à date de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international										
Déposant											
<p>CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES</p> <p>1. Taxe d'examen préliminaire P</p> <p>2. Taxe de traitement <i>(Les déposants de certains États ont droit à une réduction de 75% de la taxe de traitement. Lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à cette réduction, le montant devant figurer sous H est égal à 25% de la taxe de traitement.)</i> H</p> <p>3. Total des taxes prescrites Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres P et H et inscrire le résultat dans le cadre TOTAL</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 150px; margin-left: 100px; text-align: center; padding: 5px;">TOTAL</div>											
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	Signature : _____										

NOTES TO THE FEE CALCULATION SHEET (ANNEX TO FORM PCT/IPEA/401)

The purpose of the fee calculation sheet is to help the applicant to identify the prescribed fees and to calculate the amounts to be paid. It is strongly recommended that the applicant complete, by entering the appropriate amounts in the boxes provided, and submit the fee calculation sheet at the time of filing of the demand. This will help the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) to verify the calculations and to identify any error in them.

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

Two fees must be paid for international preliminary examination:

- (i) the preliminary examination fee for the benefit of the IPEA (Rule 58.1);
- (ii) the handling fee for the benefit of the International Bureau (Rule 57).

Both fees must be paid to the IPEA within one month from the date on which the demand is submitted. The amount payable is the amount applicable on the date of submittal (Rules 57.3 and 58.1(b)). The fees must be paid in a currency acceptable to the IPEA.

Information about the amount of those fees or about equivalent amounts in other currencies can be obtained from the IPEA or the receiving Office. This information is also published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex E, and from time to time in Section IV of the *PCT Gazette*.

Box P: The amount of the preliminary examination fee must be entered in Box P.

Box H: The amount of the handling fee must be entered in Box H.

Reduction of the Handling Fee for Applicants from Certain States: An applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997) or an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is classed as a least developed country by the United Nations, is entitled, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees, to a reduction of 75% of certain PCT fees including the handling fee. If there are several applicants, each must satisfy the above-mentioned criteria. The reduction of the handling fee will be automatically available to any applicant (or applicants) who is (or are) so entitled on the basis of the indications of name, nationality and residence given in Box No. II of the demand.

The fee reduction will be available even if one or more of the applicants are not from PCT Contracting States, provided that each of them is a national and resident of a State that meets the above-mentioned requirements and that at least one of the applicants is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State and thus is entitled to file an international application.

Information about PCT Contracting States whose nationals and residents are entitled to a reduction of 75% of certain PCT fees, including the handling fee, is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C and on the WIPO Website (see <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>), and is also published and regularly updated in the *PCT Gazette* and the *PCT Newsletter*.

Calculation of the Handling Fee in Case of Fee Reduction: Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) entitled to a reduction of the handling fee, the total to be entered at Box H is 25% of the handling fee.

Total Box: The total of the amounts inserted in Boxes P and H is the amount which must be paid to the IPEA.

MODE OF PAYMENT

In order to help the IPEA identify the mode of payment of the prescribed fees, it is recommended to mark the applicable check-box(es).

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The applicant should check whether the IPEA allows the use of deposit accounts for payment of PCT fees. In addition, it is recommended that the applicant check what are the specific conditions applicable to the use of deposit accounts with the IPEA since not all IPEAs provide the same services.

Finally, if the IPEA is not the same national Office or intergovernmental organization as that with which the international application was filed, the deposit account with the receiving Office cannot be charged for the purpose of paying the preliminary examination and handling fees due to the IPEA.

The IPEA will not charge fees to deposit accounts unless the deposit account authorization is signed and indicates the deposit account number.

NOTES RELATIVES À LA FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES (ANNEXE DU FORMULAIRE PCT/IPEA/401)

La feuille de calcul des taxes a pour objet d'aider le déposant à recenser les taxes prescrites et à calculer les montants à payer. Il lui est vivement recommandé de remplir cette feuille en portant les montants appropriés dans les cadres prévus et de la joindre à la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Cela aidera l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (IPEA) à vérifier les calculs et à y déceler d'éventuelles erreurs.

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

L'examen préliminaire international donne lieu au paiement de deux taxes :

- i) la taxe d'examen préliminaire, au profit de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (règle 58.1);
- ii) la taxe de traitement, au profit du Bureau international (règle 57).

Ces deux taxes doivent être payées à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée. Le montant dû est le montant applicable à la date de présentation de cette demande d'examen (règles 57.3 et 58.1.b)). Les taxes doivent être payées dans une monnaie que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international accepte.

Des renseignements au sujet du montant de ces taxes ou de leur contre-valeur en d'autres monnaies peuvent être obtenus auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ou de l'office récepteur. Ces renseignements figurent également dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe E, et sont aussi publiés périodiquement dans la section IV de la *Gazette du PCT*.

Cadre P : le montant de la taxe d'examen préliminaire doit être inscrit dans le cadre P.

Cadre H : le montant de la taxe de traitement doit être inscrit dans le cadre H.

Réduction de la taxe de traitement pour les déposants de certains États : un déposant qui est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et est domiciliée dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3 000 dollars des États-Unis, ou un déposant, qu'il soit ou non une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et est domiciliée dans un État qui est classé par l'Organisation des Nations Unies parmi les pays les moins avancés a droit, conformément au barème de taxes, à une réduction de 75% de certaines taxes du PCT, dont la taxe de traitement. S'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire à ces critères. La réduction de la taxe de traitement s'appliquera automatiquement à tout déposant qui y a droit (ou à tous les déposants qui y ont droit) au vu des indications de nom, de nationalité et de domicile données dans le cadre n° II de la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

La réduction de la taxe s'appliquera même si l'un ou plusieurs des déposants ne viennent pas d'États contractants du

PCT, à condition que chacun d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État, et domicilié dans un État, qui répond aux critères mentionnés ci-dessus et qu'au moins l'un d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT, et domicilié dans un tel État, et ait donc le droit de déposer une demande internationale.

Des renseignements concernant les États contractants du PCT dont les ressortissants et les résidents ont droit à une réduction de 75% de certaines taxes du PCT, dont la taxe de traitement, figurent dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C, ainsi que sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/index.html>; ils sont également publiés et régulièrement mis à jour dans la *Gazette du PCT* et le bulletin *PCT Newsletter*.

Calcul de la taxe de traitement en cas de réduction : lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à une réduction de la taxe de traitement, le montant devant figurer dans le cadre H est égal à 25% de la taxe de traitement.

Cadre "Total" : le total des montants inscrits dans les cadres P et H représente la somme à verser à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

MODE DE PAIEMENT

Pour aider l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international à déterminer le mode de paiement des taxes prescrites qui a été utilisé, il est recommandé de cocher la ou les cases appropriées.

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

Le déposant devrait s'assurer que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international permet l'utilisation de comptes de dépôt pour le paiement des taxes du PCT. En outre, il est recommandé qu'il prenne connaissance des modalités particulières d'utilisation des comptes de dépôt auprès de cette administration étant donné que toutes les administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international n'offrent pas les mêmes services.

Enfin, si l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international n'est pas l'office national auprès duquel, ou l'organisation intergouvernementale auprès de laquelle, la demande internationale a été déposée, le déposant ne peut pas utiliser le compte de dépôt auprès de l'office récepteur pour payer les taxes d'examen préliminaire et de traitement dues à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

L'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ne débitera un compte de dépôt du montant des taxes que si l'autorisation correspondante est signée et qu'elle indique le numéro du compte de dépôt.

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

AU Agreement between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2004. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Australian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,200
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,200
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
— where the international search report was issued by the Authority	[No change]
— in other cases	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94), per document	[No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) and (2) [No change]

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, 25% or 50% of the search fee shall be refunded, depending on the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) and (5) [No change]”

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, page 29509, No. 04/2001, page 1618, and No. 33/2002, page 16128.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

AU Accord entre le Gouvernement de l'Australie et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office australien des brevets a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Dollars australiens)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	1.200
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	1.200
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b)) :	
– lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale a été établi par l'Administration	[Sans changement]
– dans les autres cas	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3. b) et 71.2. b)), par document	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règle 94), par document	[Sans changement]

Partie II. Conditions et limites des remboursements ou des réductions de taxes

- 1) et 2) [Sans changement]
- 3) Lorsque l'Administration peut utiliser une recherche antérieure, la taxe de recherche est remboursée à 25% ou 50%, selon la mesure dans laquelle l'Administration peut utiliser cette recherche antérieure
- 4) et 5) [Sans changement]”

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, page 29569, n° 04/2001, page 1619, et n° 33/2002, page 16129.

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES (Cont'd)**

EP Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex C

The **European Patent Organisation** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2004. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,550 ³
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,550 ³
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.1), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change].”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

CA Canada

The **Canadian Patent Office** has notified a change in its location, as follows:

Location: 50 Victoria Street, Gatineau, Quebec, Canada

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(CA), page 39]

CU Cuba

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has deleted the reference to provisions of the law concerning provisional protection after international publication.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(CU), page 53]

² Published in *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2001, page 19948, No. 45/2001, page 20502, and No. 01/2002, page 476.

³ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations (see also corresponding footnote to the Annex C(IB) and PCT Gazette No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234), and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of October 11, 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, 446).

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL (suite)**

EP Accord entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle² – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Organisation européenne des brevets a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à la partie I de l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euro)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	1.550 ³
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	1.550 ³
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe de réserve (règles 40.2.e) et 68.3.e))	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b), 71.2.b) et 94.1), par page	[Sans changement]

Partie II. [Sans changement].”

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

CA Canada

L'Office canadien des brevets a notifié un changement dans l'adresse de son siège, comme suit :

Siège : 50, rue Victoria, Gatineau, Québec, Canada

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B1(CA), page 39]

CU Cuba

L'Office cubain de la propriété industrielle a supprimé toute référence aux dispositions de la loi relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale.

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² Publié dans la *Gazette du PCT* n° 44/2001, page 19949, n° 45/2001, page 20503, et n° 01/2002, page 477.

³ Cette taxe est réduite de 75% lorsque le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux, est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et qui est domiciliée dans un État, qui n'est pas partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen et qui remplit les conditions applicables à la réduction correspondante de certaines taxes du PCT telles qu'elles figurent dans le barème des taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT (voir également la note correspondante de bas de page de l'annexe C(IB) et la Gazette du PCT n° 50/1995, pages 19267 et 19268), et conformément à la décision du Conseil d'administration de l'OEB du 11 octobre 2000 (JO OEB 2000, 446).

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**IB International Bureau**

The **International Bureau of WIPO** has given details relating to the use of its telephone and facsimile numbers and to its e-mail address. The consolidated list now reads as follows:

Telephone:	(41-22) 338 91 11 (41-22) 338 83 38 (PCT Information Service)
Facsimile machine:	(41-22) 740 14 35 (for all PCT matters relating to specific international applications except those relating to the receiving Office) (41-22) 910 06 10 (for receiving Office purposes only) (41-22) 338 83 39 (PCT Information Service)
E-mail:	wipo.mail@wipo.int pct.infoline@wipo.int (PCT Information Service)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B2(IB), page 227]

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Arenal 550, Col. Tepepan Xochimilco, C.P.16020, Mexico, D.F., Mexico
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(MX), page 149]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee and additional search fee in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, payable to it as an International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2004, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	AUD 1,200
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	AUD 1,200

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(AU), page 343]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**IB Bureau international**

Le **Bureau international de l'OMPI** a donné des précisions relatives à l'utilisation de ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur et de son adresse électronique. La liste récapitulative se lit désormais comme suit :

Téléphone :	(41-22) 338 91 11 (41-22) 338 83 38 (service d'information directe du PCT)
Télécopieur :	(41-22) 740 14 35 (pour toutes questions relatives aux demandes internationales spécifiques concernant le PCT sauf celles concernant l'office récepteur) (41-22) 910 06 10 (seulement pour les questions concernant l'office récepteur) (41-22) 338 83 39 (service d'information directe du PCT)
Courrier électronique :	wipo.mail@wipo.int pct.infoline@wipo.int (service d'information directe du PCT)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B2(IB), page 229]

MX Mexique

L'**Institut mexicain de la propriété industrielle** a notifié un changement dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale :	Arenal 550, Col. Tepepan Xochimilco, C.P.16020, Mexico, D.F., Mexique
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B1(MX), page 151]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

L'**Office australien des brevets** a notifié de nouveaux montants de la taxe de recherche et de la taxe de recherche additionnelle, exprimés en **dollars australiens (AUD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale. Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	AUD 1.200
Taxe de recherche additionnelle (règle 40.2 du PCT) :	AUD 1.200

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe D(AU), page 355]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**BZ Belize**

The **Belize Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in the amount of a fee in **Belize dollars (BZD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

For utility model:

Filing fee: BZD 150

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (BZ), page 399]

CA Canada

The **Canadian Patent Office** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee: CAD 300

National fee:

Basic national fee:⁴ CAD 400 (200)⁵

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(CA), page 248, and Summary (CA), page 400]

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified the International Bureau that the annual fee for the third year must be paid to it as designated (or elected) Office on the last day of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date. If the applicant does not initiate early entry into the national phase, he does not have to pay the third annual fee before the expiration of the 30-month time limit under PCT Article 22(1) or 39(1)(a). This change concerns footnote 3 of the Summary.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (DE), page 412]

⁴ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

⁵ The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by a "small entity." In order to claim "small entity" status, a statement must be made by the applicant or his agent on his behalf (see Schedule I and Form 3, section 7, of the Canadian Patent Rules, and *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, Annexes CA.II and CA.III).

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**BZ Belize**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Belize** a notifié un changement dans le montant d'une taxe, exprimé en **dollars du Belize (BZD)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt : BZD 150

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), résumé (BZ), page 419]

CA Canada

L'**Office canadien des brevets** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **dollars canadiens (CAD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe de transmission : CAD 300

Taxe nationale :

Taxe nationale de base⁴ : CAD 400 (200)⁵

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(CA), page 252, et résumé (CA), page 420]

DE Allemagne

L'**Office allemand des brevets et des marques** a notifié au Bureau international que la taxe annuelle pour la troisième année doit être payée à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné ou élu le dernier jour du mois dans lequel tombe le deuxième anniversaire (24 mois) de la date du dépôt international. Si le déposant ne demande pas l'ouverture anticipée de la phase nationale, il n'a pas à acquitter la taxe annuelle pour la troisième année avant l'expiration d'un délai de 30 mois en vertu de l'article 22.1) ou 39.1.a) du PCT. Ce changement concerne la note de bas de page 3 du résumé.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), résumé (DE), page 435]

⁴ Doit être remise ou payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

⁵ Le montant indiqué entre parenthèses s'applique dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par une "petite entité". Pour revendiquer le statut de "petite entité", le déposant ou son mandataire doit faire une déclaration (voir le barème I et le formulaire 3, article 7 des règles canadiennes sur les brevets ainsi que les annexes CA.II et CA.III du volume II du *Guide du déposant du PCT*).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office** has notified new amounts of the search fee and additional search fee in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as an International Searching Authority. These amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2004, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): ⁶	EUR 1,550
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	EUR 1,550

Furthermore, the **European Patent Office (EPO)** has notified the International Bureau that there is no longer a surcharge for late filing of the request for examination to be paid to it as designated (or elected) Office.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(EP), page 345, and Summary (EP), page 423]

IB International Bureau

For the purposes of the **International Bureau** as receiving Office, the equivalent amounts in **US dollars (USD)** of the new electronic filing reductions have been established, with effect from 1 January 2004. At the same time, the other fees payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, apart from the international filing fee, have been readjusted in **euros (EUR)** and in **US dollars (USD)**. The recapitulative table of the fees payable, as from 1 January 2004, to the International Bureau as receiving Office, and of the new conditions of reduction, is as follows:

Fees payable to the receiving Office: ⁷	Currency: Swiss Franc (CHF), euro (EUR) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee: ⁸	CHF 100 or EUR 64 or USD 74

⁶ The new amount of the international search fee shall apply to international applications filed on or after 1 January 2004. If an international search fee is paid in due time within six months of 1 January 2004, but only in the amount due before this date, it shall be deemed to have been validly paid if the deficit is made good within two months of an invitation to that effect from the European Patent Office.

⁷ Fees may be paid in the following ways:
— by debit of a current account established with WIPO (Swiss francs only);
— by bank transfer to WIPO bank account CH35 0425 1048 7080 8100 0 (Swiss francs), CH17 0425 1048 7080 8200 3 (euro) or CH98 0425 1048 7080 8200 0 (US dollars), SWIFT code: CRESCH ZZ12A at the Swiss Credit Bank, 1211 Geneva 70, Switzerland;
— by transfer to WIPO postal account No. 12-5000-8, Geneva, Switzerland (Swiss francs only);
— by check made payable to the World Intellectual Property Organization (Swiss francs, euro or US dollars);
— in cash (only if payment is made in person) (Swiss francs only).

⁸ Applicants who qualify for the 75% reduction of the international fee (see footnote 9) do not have to pay the transmittal fee.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (EPO)**

L'**Office européen des brevets** a notifié de nouveaux montants de la taxe de recherche et de la taxe de recherche additionnelle, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale. Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) ⁶ :	EUR 1.550
Taxe de recherche additionnelle (règle 40.2 du PCT) :	EUR 1.550

En outre, l'**Office européen des brevets** a informé le Bureau international qu'il n'y a plus de surtaxe pour présentation tardive de la requête en examen à payer à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu).

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe D(EP), page 357, et résumé (EP), page 447]

IB Bureau international

Aux fins du **Bureau international** agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, les montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, des nouvelles réductions pour le dépôt électronique, ont été établis, avec effet au 1^{er} janvier 2004. Dans le même temps, les autres taxes payables au Bureau international agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, à l'exception de la taxe internationale de dépôt, ont été réajustées en **euros (EUR)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**. Le tableau récapitulatif des taxes payables, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, au Bureau international agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur et des nouvelles conditions de réduction est le suivant :

Taxes payables à l'office récepteur ⁷ :	Monnaie : Franc suisse (CHF), euro (EUR) et dollar des États-Unis (USD)
Taxe de transmission ⁸ :	CH 100 ou EUR 64 ou USD 74

⁶ Le nouveau montant de la taxe de recherche internationale est applicable aux demandes internationales déposées à partir du 1^{er} janvier 2004. Si, dans un délai de six mois à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, une taxe de recherche internationale est acquittée en temps utile, mais seulement à concurrence du montant applicable avant cette date, la taxe est réputée valablement acquittée si le montant restant dû est versé dans les deux mois qui suivent une invitation à cet effet de l'Office européen des brevets.

⁷ Les taxes peuvent être payées de la façon suivante:
 – par débit d'un compte courant auprès de l'OMPI (francs suisses seulement);
 – par virement bancaire sur le compte bancaire de l'OMPI CH35 0425 1048 7080 8100 0 (francs suisses), CH17 0425 1048 7080 8200 3 (euros) ou CH98 0425 1048 7080 8200 0 (dollars des États-Unis), code SWIFT : CRESCH ZZ12A auprès du Crédit Suisse, 1211 Genève 70, Suisse;
 – par virement sur le compte postal de l'OMPI n° 12-5000-8, Genève, Suisse (francs suisses seulement);
 – par chèque payable à l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle (francs suisses, euros ou dollars des États-Unis);
 – en espèces (uniquement si le paiement est effectué en personne) (francs suisses seulement).

⁸ Les déposants qui bénéficient de la réduction de 75% de la taxe internationale (voir la note 9) sont entièrement exonérés de la taxe de transmission.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**IB International Bureau (Cont'd)**

Fees payable to the receiving Office (Cont'd):	Currency: Swiss Franc (CHF), euro (EUR) and US dollar (USD)
International filing fee: ⁹	CHF 1,400 or EUR 902 or USD 1,035
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ^{9, 10}	CHF 15 or EUR 10 or USD 11
Additional component: ^{9, 10}	Where applicable
Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY: ¹¹	CHF 100 or EUR 64 or USD 74
Electronic filing (not in character coded format):	CHF 200 or EUR 129 or USD 148
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	CHF 300 or EUR 193 or USD 222
Search fee:	For the amounts, see Annex D corresponding to International Searching Authority chosen by applicant

⁹ This fee is reduced by 75% if the international application is filed by:

- (a) an applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below USD 3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997);
- (i) States which are PCT Contracting States: Albania, Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belize, Benin, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Botswana, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatia, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Estonia, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lesotho, Liberia, Lithuania, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Namibia, Nicaragua, Niger, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Poland, Republic of Moldova, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Lucia, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Senegal, Serbia and Montenegro, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Swaziland, Syrian Arab Republic, Tajikistan, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Togo, Tunisia, Turkey, Turkmenistan, Uganda, Ukraine, United Republic of Tanzania, Uzbekistan, Viet Nam, Zambia and Zimbabwe;
- (ii) States which are not PCT Contracting States: Afghanistan, Angola, Argentina, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Bolivia, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Chile, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Guatemala, Guyana, Haiti, Honduras, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Jamaica, Jordan, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lebanon, Malaysia, Maldives, Marshall Islands, Mauritius, Micronesia, Myanmar, Nepal, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Rwanda, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Thailand, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela and Yemen; or
- (b) an applicant, whether a natural person or not, who is a national of and resides in a State that is classed as a least developed country by the United Nations;
- (i) States which are PCT Contracting States: Benin, Burkina Faso, Central African Republic, Chad, Equatorial Guinea, Gambia, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Lesotho, Liberia, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Togo, Uganda, United Republic of Tanzania and Zambia;
- (ii) States which are not PCT Contracting States: Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burundi, Cambodia, Cape Verde, Comoros, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Djibouti, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Haiti, Kiribati, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tome and Principe, Solomon Islands, Somalia, Tuvalu, Vanuatu and Yemen;

provided that, if there are several applicants, each must satisfy the criteria set out in either sub-item (a) or (b).

For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2003, page 24736, Schedule of Fees, item 4. It is to be noted that, if both the electronic filing reduction and the 75% reduction of the international filing fee are applicable, the 75% reduction is calculated after the electronic filing reduction.

¹⁰ If the sequence listing part of the description of an international application and/or any table related to such sequence listing have been filed on an electronic medium only (Section 801(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions) or both on an electronic medium and on paper (Section 801(a)(ii) of the Administrative Instructions), an additional component of the international filing fee, equal to 400 times the fee per sheet in excess of 30—regardless of the actual length of the sequence listings and/or tables, and regardless of the fact that sequence listings and/or tables may have been filed both on paper and in computer readable form—will be payable in respect of the sequence listings and/or tables (instead of the fee per sheet which would otherwise have been payable for those sheets) (see *PCT Gazette* No. 02/2001, page 818 *et seq.*, and No. 36/2002, page 17632 *et seq.*). Where the sequence listings and/or any tables related thereto are not furnished on an electronic medium under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions but only under PCT Rule 13ter or Section 802(b-quater), respectively, the above does not apply.

¹¹ Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332, and No. 44/2003, page 24736, Schedule of Fees, item 3(a)), the total amount of the international filing fee is reduced.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**IB Bureau international (suite)**

Taxes payables à l'office récepteur (suite) :	Monnaie : Franc suisse (CHF), euro (EUR) et dollar des États-Unis (USD)
Taxe internationale de dépôt ⁹ :	CHF 1.400 ou EUR 902 ou USD 1.035
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e ^{9, 10} :	CHF 15 ou EUR 10 ou USD 11
Composante supplémentaire ^{9, 10} :	Le cas échéant
Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :	
PCT-EASY ¹¹ :	CHF 100 ou EUR 64 ou USD 74
Dépôt électronique (n'étant pas en format codé caractère par caractère) :	CHF 200 ou EUR 129 ou USD 148
Dépôt électronique (en format codé caractère par caractère) :	CHF 300 ou EUR 193 ou USD 222
Taxe de recherche :	Pour les montants, voir l'annexe D correspondant à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale choisie par le déposant

⁹ Cette taxe est réduite de 75% si la demande internationale est déposée par :

a) un déposant qui est une personne physique et qui est ressortissant d'un État, et est domicilié dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations-Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3.000 dollars des États-Unis;

i) États qui sont des États contractants du PCT : Afrique du Sud, Albanie, Algérie, Arménie, Azerbaïdjan, Bélarus, Belize, Bénin, Bosnie-Herzégovine, Botswana, Brésil, Bulgarie, Burkina Faso, Cameroun, Chine, Colombie, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Croatie, Cuba, Dominique, Égypte, Équateur, Estonie, Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, Fédération de Russie, Gabon, Gambie, Géorgie, Ghana, Grenade, Guinée, Guinée équatoriale, Guinée-Bissau, Hongrie, Inde, Indonésie, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kirghizistan, Lesotho, Lettonie, Libéria, Lituanie, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Maroc, Mauritanie, Mexique, Mongolie, Mozambique, Namibie, Nicaragua, Niger, Ouganda, Ouzbékistan, Papouasie-Nouvelle-Guinée, Philippines, Pologne, République arabe syrienne, République centrafricaine, République de Moldova, République populaire démocratique de Corée, République tchèque, République-Unie de Tanzanie, Roumanie, Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines, Sainte-Lucie, Sénégal, Serbie-et-Monténégro, Sierra Leone, Slovaquie, Soudan, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Tadjikistan, Tchad, Togo, Tunisie, Turkménistan, Turquie, Ukraine, Viet Nam, Zambie et Zimbabwe;

ii) États qui ne sont pas des États contractants du PCT : Afghanistan, Angola, Argentine, Bangladesh, Bhoutan, Bolivie, Burundi, Cambodge, Cap-Vert, Chili, Comores, Djibouti, El Salvador, Érythrée, Éthiopie, Fidji, Guatemala, Guyana, Haïti, Honduras, Îles Salomon, Iran (République islamique d'), Iraq, Jamaïque, Jordanie, Kiribati, Liban, Malaisie, Maldives, Îles Marshall, Maurice, Micronésie, Myanmar, Népal, Nigéria, Pakistan, Panama, Paraguay, Pérou, République démocratique du Congo, République démocratique populaire lao, République dominicaine, Rwanda, Saint-Kitts-et-Névis, Samoa, Sao Tomé-et-Principe, Somalie, Thaïlande, Tonga, Tuvalu, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela et Yémen; ou

b) un déposant, personne physique ou non, qui est ressortissant d'un État, et est domicilié dans un État, qui est classé dans la catégorie des pays les moins avancés par l'Organisation des Nations-Unies;

i) États qui sont des États contractants du PCT : Bénin, Burkina Faso, Gambie, Guinée, Guinée équatoriale, Guinée-Bissau, Lesotho, Libéria, Madagascar, Malawi, Mali, Mauritanie, Mozambique, Niger, Ouganda, République centrafricaine, République-Unie de Tanzanie, Sénégal, Sierra Leone, Soudan, Tchad, Togo et Zambie;

ii) États qui ne sont pas des États contractants du PCT : Afghanistan, Angola, Bangladesh, Bhoutan, Burundi, Cambodge, Cap-Vert, Comores, Djibouti, Érythrée, Éthiopie, Haïti, Îles Salomon, Kiribati, Maldives, Myanmar, Népal, République démocratique du Congo, République démocratique populaire lao, Rwanda, Samoa, Sao Tomé-et-Principe, Somalie, Tuvalu, Vanuatu et Yémen;

étant entendu que, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire aux critères énoncés au point a) ou b).

Pour plus de précisions, voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 44/2003, page 24737, barème de taxes, point 4. Il convient de noter que, si la réduction PCT-EASY et la réduction de 75% de la taxe internationale de dépôt s'appliquent toutes deux, la réduction de 75% est calculée après la réduction pour le dépôt électronique.

¹⁰ Si la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences d'une demande internationale ou tout tableau relatif à un tel listage des séquences ont été déposés sur un support électronique seulement (instruction administrative 801.a)i) ou à la fois sur un support électronique et sur papier (instruction administrative 801.a)ii), une composante supplémentaire de la taxe internationale de dépôt, égale à 400 fois la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e – quelle que soit la longueur proprement dite des listages des séquences ou des tableaux et sans tenir compte du fait que les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs aient pu être déposés à la fois sous forme écrite et sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur – devra être acquittée en ce qui concerne les listages des séquences ou les tableaux (au lieu de la taxe par feuille qui aurait dû sinon être payée pour les feuilles concernées) (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 02/2001, page 819 et suiv., et n° 36/2002, page 17633 et suiv.). Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs ne sont pas remis sur un support électronique en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801 mais seulement en vertu de la règle 13^{ter} du PCT ou de l'instruction 802.b-quater), respectivement, ce qui précède ne s'applique pas.

¹¹ Lorsque la requête est déposée en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec une disquette PCT-EASY et que l'office récepteur accepte ce mode de dépôt (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 51/1998, pages 17331 et 17333, et n° 44/2003, page 24737, barème de taxes, point 3.a)), le montant total de la taxe internationale de dépôt est réduit.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**IB International Bureau (Cont'd)**

Fees payable to the receiving Office (Cont'd):	Currency: Swiss Franc (CHF), euro (EUR) and US dollar (USD)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rules 17.1(b) and 20.9):	CHF 50 or EUR 32 or USD 37 Supplement for airmail: CHF 10 or EUR 6 or USD 7

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(IB), page 277, and No. 45/2003, page 25288]

RECEIVING OFFICES**DE Germany**

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified changes in its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or attorney-at-law, ¹² resident in Germany or any national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorised to pursue certain professional activities (see Law on the qualifying Examination for Gaining Admission to the Profession of Patent Attorney and Law on the Professional Activities of European Lawyers in Germany), provided that a patent attorney or attorney-at-law, ¹² resident in Germany, has been authorised to receive service of official communications.
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(DE), page 257]

GB United Kingdom—Corrigendum

An error occurred in the two-letter code for the United Kingdom in respect of the item published in No. 46/2003, dated 13 November 2003, pages 25901 and 25904. The correct two-letter code is GB (and not UK).

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**AU Australia**

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified a change in its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required for entry into the national phase before the designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Is a copy of the international application required?	A copy is required only if the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2) at a time when the applicant has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (AU), page 389]

¹² The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the Patentanwaltskammer (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the Rechtsanwaltskammer (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Joachimstrasse 1, 53113 Bonn, Germany.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**IB Bureau international (suite)**

Taxes payables à l'office récepteur (<i>suite</i>) :	Monnaie : Franc suisse (CHF), euro (EUR) et dollar des États-Unis (USD)
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règles 17.1.b) et 20.9 du PCT) :	CHF 50 ou EUR 32 ou USD 37 Supplément pour expédition par voie aérienne : CHF 10 ou EUR 6 ou USD 7

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(IB), page 283, et n° 45/2003, page 25289]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**DE Allemagne**

L'**Office allemand des brevets et des marques** a notifié des changements dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Tout conseil en brevets ou avocat ¹² , domicilié en Allemagne ou tout national d'un État membre de l'Union européenne ou d'un État partie à l'accord sur l'Espace économique européen autorisé à exercer certaines activités professionnelles (voir la loi sur l'examen de qualification pour l'admission à la profession d'avocat et la loi sur les activités professionnelles des juristes européens en Allemagne), à condition qu'un conseil en brevets ou avocat ¹² , domicilié en Allemagne, ait été autorisé à se voir signifier toute communication officielle.
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(DE), page 262]

GB Royaume-Uni

Il n'y a pas lieu de corriger la version française de la rubrique publiée dans le n° 46/2003, daté du 13 novembre 2003, pages 25901 et 25905, l'erreur s'étant glissée uniquement dans la version anglaise.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**AU Australie**

L'**Office australien des brevets** a notifié des changements dans ses exigences relatives à la question de savoir si une copie de la demande internationale est requise pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise ?	Une copie est requise uniquement dans le cas où le déposant demande expressément, en vertu de l'article 23.2) du PCT, une ouverture anticipée de la phase nationale alors qu'il n'a pas reçu le formulaire PCT/IB/308 et que l'office n'a pas reçu de la part du Bureau international une copie de la demande internationale en vertu de l'article 20 du PCT
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), résumé (AU), page 408]

¹² La liste des conseils en brevets peut être obtenue auprès du Patentanwaltskammer (Conseil de l'ordre des conseils en brevets), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Allemagne, et la liste des avocats peut être obtenue auprès du Rechtsanwaltskammer (Conseil de l'ordre des avocats), Joachimstrasse 1, 53113 Bonn, Allemagne.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES (Cont'd)**DE Germany**

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified changes in its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or attorney-at-law, ¹³ resident in Germany or any national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorised to pursue certain professional activities (see Law on the qualifying Examination for Gaining Admission to the Profession of Patent Attorney and Law on the Professional Activities of European Lawyers in Germany), provided that a patent attorney or attorney-at-law, ¹³ resident in Germany, has been authorised to receive service of official communications.
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (DE), page 412]

GB United Kingdom—Corrigendum

An error occurred in the two-letter code for the United Kingdom in respect of the item published in No. 46/2003, dated 13 November 2003, pages 25901 and 25906. The correct two-letter code is GB (and not UK).

LANGUAGE(S) ACCEPTED FOR THE FILING OF REQUESTS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(c)

Under amended PCT Rule 12.1(c), which entered into force on 1 January 2003, the receiving Office of the following State has notified the International Bureau of the language which it is prepared to accept for the filing of requests, as follows:

IE Ireland	English
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(IE), page 281]

¹³ The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the Patentanwaltskammer (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the Rechtsanwaltskammer (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Joachimstrasse 1, 53113 Bonn, Germany.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS) (suite)**DE Allemagne**

L'Office allemand des brevets et des marques a notifié des changements dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Tout conseil en brevets ou avocat ¹³ , domicilié en Allemagne ou tout national d'un État membre de l'Union européenne ou d'un État partie à l'accord sur l'Espace économique européen autorisé à exercer certaines activités professionnelles (voir la loi sur l'examen de qualification pour l'admission à la profession d'avocat et la loi sur les activités professionnelles des juristes européens en Allemagne), à condition qu'un conseil en brevets ou avocat ¹³ , domicilié en Allemagne, ait été autorisé à se voir signifier toute communication officielle.
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), résumé (DE), page 435]

GB Royaume-Uni

Il n'y a pas lieu de corriger la version française de la rubrique publiée dans le n° 46/2003, daté du 13 novembre 2003, pages 25901 et 25907, l'erreur s'étant glissée uniquement dans la version anglaise.

LANGUE(S) ACCEPTÉE(S) POUR LE DÉPÔT DES REQUÊTES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 12.1.c) DU PCT

En vertu de la règle 12.1.c) du PCT modifiée, qui est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003, l'office récepteur de l'État suivant a notifié au Bureau international la langue qu'il est disposé à accepter aux fins du dépôt des requêtes, comme suit :

IE Irlande	Anglais
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(IE), page 288]

¹³ La liste des conseils en brevets peut être obtenue auprès du Patentanwaltsskammer (Conseil de l'ordre des conseils en brevets), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Allemagne, et la liste des avocats peut être obtenue auprès du Rechtsanwaltskammer (Conseil de l'ordre des avocats), Joachimstrasse 1, 53113 Bonn, Allemagne.

SECTION IV

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

JP Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2004. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Japanese yen)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	97,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	78,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	36,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	21,000
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.1), per document	[No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) [No change]

(2) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search to a considerable extent, the amount of 41,000 Japanese yen shall be refunded, upon request.

(3) and (4) [No change]”

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 50/2002, page 25602, and No. 52/2002, page 26714.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

JP Accord entre l'Office des brevets du Japon et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office des brevets du Japon a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Yen japonais)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	97.000
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	78.000
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	36.000
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	21.000
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b), 71.2.b) et 94.1), par document	[Sans changement]

Partie II. Conditions et limites des remboursements ou des réductions de taxes

- 1) [Sans changement]
- 2) Lorsque l'Administration peut utiliser pour une partie substantielle une recherche antérieure, un montant de 41.000 yen est remboursé sur requête.
- 3) et 4) [Sans changement]”

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 50/2002, page 25603, et n° 52/2002, page 26715.

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

**US Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and
the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex C**

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2004. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (US dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a)):	
— when a corresponding prior United States national application has been filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a), the basic filing fee under 37 CFR 1.16(a) has been paid and the prior US national application is identified by the application number if known, or if the application number is not known, by the filing date, title and name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket number), in the international application or accompanying the papers at the time of filing the international application	300
— in all other cases	1,000
Additional search fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,000
Preparation of an international-type search report on a United States national application	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
— where the international search fee has been paid on the international application to the Authority	600
— where the international search was carried out by another Authority	[No change]
Additional examination fee (Rule 68.3(a))	600
Cost of copies (Rule 94.1):	
— US patent, per copy	[No change]
— non-US patent document, per copy	[No change]

Part II. [No change]”

² Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, page 29557, No. 52/1998, page 17568, No. 35/1999, page 10054, and No. 46/2001, page 21032.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

US Accord entre l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis d'Amérique et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle² – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis d'Amérique a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à la première partie de l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Dollars des États-Unis)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a)) :	
– lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon la section 111.a) du titre 35 U.S.C., que la taxe de dépôt de base a été acquittée selon la section 1.16.a) du titre 37 CFR et que la demande nationale antérieure déposée aux États-Unis est identifiée par le numéro de la demande s'il est connu ou, si le numéro de la demande n'est pas connu, par la date de dépôt, le titre et le nom du déposant (et, de préférence, par le numéro de dossier de la demande) figurant dans la demande internationale ou accompagnant les documents au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale	300
– dans tous les autres cas	1.000
Taxe additionnelle de recherche (règle 40.2.a))	1.000
Établissement d'un rapport de recherche de type international pour ce qui concerne une demande nationale aux États-Unis	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b)) :	
– lorsque la taxe de recherche internationale a été acquittée pour ce qui concerne la demande internationale à l'Administration	600
– lorsque la recherche internationale a été effectuée par une autre Administration	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle d'examen (règle 68.3.a)) :	600
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règle 94.1) :	
– brevet des États-Unis, par copie	[Sans changement]
– document autre qu'un brevet des États-Unis, par copie	[Sans changement]

Partie II. [Sans changement]”

² Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, page 29618, n° 52/1998, page 17569, n° 35/1999, page 10055, et n° 46/2001, page 21033.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**DE Germany**

Pursuant to its notification under PCT Rule 4.9(b), the **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has specified to the International Bureau special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed, and the effects of such provisions, as follows:

Are there special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed and what are the effects of these provisions?

Article III Section 4(3) of the Law on International Patent Treaties (IntPatÜG) provides that the filing of an international application designating Germany and claiming the priority of an earlier national patent application or utility model application filed with the German Patent and Trade Mark Office shall have the result that the earlier national application is deemed withdrawn upon entry into the national phase of the international application. However, this will only take effect if the national application whose priority is claimed relates to the same kind of protection as the international application (patent/patent or utility model/utility model). Where both applications relate to the same kind of protection, pursuant to Article III Section 4(2) IntPatÜG, the international application enters into the national phase without further action by the applicant, provided the German Patent and Trade Mark Office is both receiving Office and designated Office, and the international application has been filed in the German language. In this case, the filing fee is deemed paid by payment of the transmittal fee (Article III Section 4(2), last sentence IntPatÜG). Consequently, if the applicant wants to avoid the withdrawal of the earlier national application, pursuant to PCT Rule 4.9(b), the applicant may exclude Germany from the automatic designation or may consider withdrawing the designation of Germany subsequent to the filing of the international application but before entry into the national phase.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(DE), page 58]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**DE Allemagne**

Suite à sa notification selon la règle 4.9.b) du PCT, l'**Office allemand des brevets et des marques** a spécifié au Bureau international des dispositions particulières relatives à des demandes nationales antérieures dont la priorité est revendiquée, ainsi que les conséquences de ces dispositions, comme suit :

Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières relatives à des demandes nationales antérieures dont la priorité est revendiquée et quelles sont les conséquences de ces dispositions ?

Le paragraphe 4(3) de l'article III de la loi sur les traités internationaux en matière de brevets (IntPatÜG) stipule que le dépôt d'une demande internationale désignant l'Allemagne et revendiquant la priorité d'une demande de brevet nationale antérieure ou d'une demande de modèle d'utilité déposée auprès de l'Office allemand des brevets et des marques aura pour effet que la demande nationale antérieure sera réputée retirée lors de l'ouverture de la phase nationale de la demande internationale. Toutefois, ce retrait ne prendra effet que si la demande nationale dont la priorité est revendiquée se rapporte au même type de protection que la demande internationale (brevet/brevet ou modèle d'utilité/modèle d'utilité). Lorsque les deux demandes se rapportent au même type de protection, conformément au paragraphe 4(2) de l'article III IntPatÜG, le déposant pourra aborder la phase nationale sans avoir d'autres mesures à prendre, à condition que l'Office allemand des brevets et des marques soit à la fois office récepteur et office désigné, et que la demande internationale ait été déposée en allemand. Dans ce cas, la taxe de dépôt est réputée avoir été acquittée par le paiement de la taxe de transmission (paragraphe 4(2) de l'article III, dernière phrase IntPatÜG). En conséquence, si le déposant souhaite éviter le retrait de la demande nationale antérieure, conformément à la règle 4.9.b) du PCT, il peut exclure l'Allemagne de la désignation automatique ou peut envisager de retirer la désignation de l'Allemagne après le dépôt de la demande internationale mais avant l'ouverture de la phase nationale.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B1(DE), page 58]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**JP Japan**

The **Japan Patent Office** has specified to the International Bureau special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed, and the effects of such provisions, as follows:

Are there special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed and what are the effects of these provisions?

Articles 41 and 42 of the Japan Patent Law and Articles 8 and 9 of the Japan Utility Model Law provide that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of Japan and claims the priority of an earlier national application having effect in Japan shall have the result that the earlier national application will be considered withdrawn after the expiration of 15 months from the priority date. If the applicant of an international application which claims the priority of an earlier national application wants to avoid this effect, the designation Japan will have to be withdrawn before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date, in order to avoid automatic withdrawal of the earlier-filed national application.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(JP), page 105]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**JP Japon**

L'**Office des brevets du Japon** a spécifié au Bureau international des dispositions particulières relatives à des demandes nationales antérieures dont la priorité est revendiquée, ainsi que les conséquences de ces dispositions, comme suit :

Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières, relatives à des demandes nationales antérieures dont la priorité est revendiquée et quelles sont les conséquences de ces dispositions ?

Les articles 41 et 42 de la loi du Japon sur les brevets et les articles 8 et 9 de la loi du Japon sur les modèles d'utilité stipulent que le dépôt d'une demande internationale qui contient la désignation du Japon et revendique la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure produisant ses effets au Japon aura pour effet que la demande nationale antérieure sera considérée retirée après l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité. Si le déposant d'une demande internationale qui revendique la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure souhaite empêcher ce retrait, la désignation du Japon devra être retirée avant l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité, afin d'éviter le retrait automatique de la demande nationale déposée antérieurement.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B1(JP), page 107]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**KR Republic of Korea**

Pursuant to its notification under PCT Rule 4.9(b), the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has specified to the International Bureau special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed, and the effects of such provisions, as follows:

Are there special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed and what are the effects of these provisions?

Article 56 of the Korean Patent Law provides that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of the Republic of Korea and claims the priority of an earlier national application for the grant of a utility model having effect in the Republic of Korea shall have the result that the earlier national application will be considered withdrawn. Where the earlier national application is for the grant of a patent, it will be considered withdrawn 15 months after the filing date of the earlier national patent application, unless (i) the earlier application has been abandoned, invalidated, withdrawn or rejected when the patent application is filed; (ii) if an examiner's decision of patentability or a trial decision rejecting the application has become final; (iii) if priority claims based on the earlier application concerned have been withdrawn, or (iv) if the earlier application has been registered under Article 35(2) of the Utility Model Act. If the applicant of an international application which claims the priority of an earlier national application wants to avoid this effect, pursuant to PCT Rule 4.9(b), the applicant may exclude the Republic of Korea from the automatic designation or, with respect to the earlier national patent application, may consider to withdraw the designation of the Republic of Korea subsequently to the filing of the international application but before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(KR), page 113]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**KR République de Corée**

Suite à sa notification selon la règle 4.9.b) du PCT, l'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle** a spécifié au Bureau international des dispositions particulières relatives à des demandes nationales antérieures dont la priorité est revendiquée, ainsi que les conséquences de ces dispositions, comme suit :

Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières, relatives à des demandes nationales antérieures dont la priorité est revendiquée et quelles sont les conséquences de ces dispositions ?

L'article 56 de la loi coréenne sur les brevets stipule que le dépôt d'une demande internationale qui contient la désignation de la République de Corée et revendique la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure pour la délivrance d'un modèle d'utilité produisant ses effets dans la République de Corée aura pour effet que la demande nationale antérieure sera considérée retirée. Lorsque la demande nationale antérieure porte sur la délivrance d'un brevet, elle sera considérée retirée 15 mois après la date du dépôt de la demande nationale de brevet antérieure, à moins que, i) la demande antérieure ait été abandonnée, invalidée, retirée ou rejetée au moment du dépôt de la demande de brevet; ii) si une décision de l'examineur portant sur la brevetabilité ou si une décision de justice rejetant la demande est devenue finale; iii) si des revendications de priorité fondées sur la demande antérieure en question ont été retirées, ou iv) si la demande antérieure a été enregistrée en vertu de l'article 35(2) de la loi sur les modèles d'utilité. Si le déposant d'une demande internationale qui revendique la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure souhaite empêcher ce retrait, conformément à la règle 4.9.b) du PCT, il peut exclure la République de Corée de la désignation automatique ou, en ce qui concerne la demande nationale de brevet antérieure, il peut envisager de retirer la désignation de la République de Corée après le dépôt de la demande internationale mais avant l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B1(KR), page 115]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**RU Russian Federation**

Pursuant to its notification under PCT Rule 4.9(b), the **Russian Patent Office** has specified to the International Bureau special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed, and the effects of such provisions, as follows:

Are there special provisions concerning earlier national applications from which priority is claimed and what are the effects of these provisions?

Article 19.4 of the Russian Patent Law provides that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of the Russian Federation and claims the priority of an earlier national application shall have the result that the earlier national application will be considered withdrawn. If the applicant of an international application which claims the priority of an earlier national application wants to avoid this effect, pursuant to PCT Rule 4.9(b), the applicant may exclude the Russian Federation from the automatic designation or may consider withdrawing the designation of the Russian Federation subsequent to the filing of the international application but before entry into the national phase.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(RU), page 171]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified new conditions of refund of the search fee, payable to it as an International Searching Authority. These new conditions, applicable as from 1 January 2004, are as follows:

Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:

[No change]

[No change]

Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search: refund of 25% or 50%, depending upon the extent of the benefit

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(AU), page 343, and No. 49/2003, page 27784]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**RU Fédération de Russie**

Suite à sa notification selon la règle 4.9.b) du PCT, l'**Office russe des brevets** a précisé au Bureau international des dispositions particulières relatives à des demandes nationales antérieures dont la priorité est revendiquée, ainsi que les conséquences de ces dispositions, comme suit :

Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières, relatives à des demandes nationales antérieures dont la priorité est revendiquée et quelles sont les conséquences de ces dispositions ?

L'article 19.4 de la loi russe sur les brevets stipule que le dépôt d'une demande internationale qui contient la désignation de la Fédération de Russie et revendique la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure aura pour effet que la demande nationale antérieure sera considérée retirée. Si le déposant d'une demande internationale qui revendique la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure souhaite empêcher ce retrait, conformément à la règle 4.9.b) du PCT, il peut exclure la Fédération de Russie de la désignation automatique ou peut envisager de retirer la désignation de la Fédération de Russie après le dépôt de la demande internationale mais avant l'ouverture de la phase nationale.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B1(RU), page 173]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

L'**Office australien des brevets** a notifié de nouvelles conditions de remboursement de la taxe de recherche, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale. Ces nouvelles conditions, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, sont les suivantes :

Conditions de remboursement et montant du remboursement de la taxe de recherche:

[Sans changement]

[Sans changement]

Lorsque l'Administration peut utiliser une recherche antérieure : remboursement à 25% ou 50%, selon l'usage qui peut être fait de la recherche antérieure

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe D(AU), page 355, et n° 49/2003, page 27785]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**JP Japan**

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Japanese yen (JPY)**, payable to it as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2004, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	JPY 97,000
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	JPY 78,000
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	JPY 36,000
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	JPY 21,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(JP), page 348, and Annex E(JP), page 358]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2004, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	USD 1,000 (300)
	The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee has been paid, and the prior US national application is identified by the application number if known, or if the application number is not known, by the filing date, title and name of applicant (and preferably by the application docket number), in the international application or accompanying the papers at the time of filing the international application
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	USD 1,000
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	USD 600 (750)
	The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search was not carried out by the USPTO
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	USD 600

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(US), page 352, and Annex E(US), page 362]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**JP Japon**

L'**Office des brevets du Japon** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **yen japonais (JPY)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international. Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	JPY 97.000
Taxe de recherche additionnelle (règle 40.2 du PCT) :	JPY 78.000
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58 du PCT) :	JPY 36.000
Taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle (règle 68.3 du PCT) :	JPY 21.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe D(JP), page 360, et annexe E(JP), page 372]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

L'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis d'Amérique** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international. Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	USD 1.000 (300)
	Le montant indiqué entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon le paragraphe 111.a) du titre 35 USC et que la taxe de dépôt de base a été payée, et que la demande nationale antérieure déposée aux États-Unis est identifiée par le numéro de la demande s'il est connu ou, si le numéro de la demande n'est pas connu, par la date de dépôt, le titre et le nom du déposant (et, de préférence, par le numéro de dossier de la demande) figurant dans la demande internationale ou accompagnant les documents au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale
Taxe de recherche additionnelle (règle 40.2 du PCT) :	USD 1.000
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58 du PCT) :	USD 600 (750)
	Le montant indiqué entre parenthèses est applicable lorsque la recherche internationale n'a pas été effectuée par l'USPTO
Taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle (règle 68.3 du PCT) :	USD 600

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe D(US), page 365, et annexe E(US), page 376]

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT**NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

Following the adoption by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union), at its thirty-first (18th extraordinary) and at its thirty-second (14th ordinary) sessions, both held in Geneva, from 23 September to 1 October 2002 and from 22 September to 1 October 2003, respectively, of amendments to the Regulations under the PCT, which will enter into force on 1 January 2004 (see PCT Gazette No. 49/2002 of 5 December 2002, page 25004 *et seq.*, and No. 44/2003 of 30 October 2003, page 24738 *et seq.*), a number of modifications have been made to Sections 102, 102*bis*, 105, 108, 209, 304, 320, 321, 325, 334, 402, 413, 414, 415, 417, 418, 421, 422, 423, 430, 431, 432, 503, 509, 513, 514, 516, 518, 601, 602, 606, 707, 803 and to Annexes C, D, E, and to Appendix I of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions Under the PCT. In addition to the modification of the existing Sections listed above, new Sections 336, 422*bis*, 433, 434, 517 and 617 have been introduced in, and Sections 114, 202, 210, 315, 426, 427, 428, 429 and 606*bis* have been deleted from, the Administrative Instructions Under the PCT.

Modifications of the Administrative Instructions

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b), and as far as Appendix I of Annex F is concerned, as a result of the change procedure provided for in section 2.5.5 of Annex F (expedited consideration of proposals for change), modifications of Sections 102, 102*bis*, 105, 108, 114, 202, 209, 210, 304, 315, 320, 321, 325, 334, 336, 402, 413, 414, 415, 417, 418, 421, 422, 422*bis*, 423, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 503, 509, 513, 514, 516, 517, 518, 601, 602, 606, 606*bis*, 617, 707, 803, and Annexes C, D, E, and Appendix I of Annex F as set out on pages 28984, 28986, 28988, 28990, 28992, 28994, 28996, 28998, 29000, 29002, 29004 and 29006, are promulgated, with effect from 1 January 2004.

The text of the modifications of Appendix I of Annex F is not, due to its highly technical content, reproduced here but has been published, as document PCT/AI/1 Rev.1 Add.10, on WIPO's Website at: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/texts/index.htm>; paper copies are available from the International Bureau upon request.

The present text of the Administrative Instructions is set out in the following issues of the PCT Gazette:

- Special Issue No. S-03/2001, dated 30 August 2001, with subsequent modifications indicated below,
- new Part 7 and new Annex F, as set out in Special Issue No. S-04/2001 dated 27 December 2001,
- modified Section 404, as set out in No. 47/2001 dated 22 November 2001, page 21586,
- modified Sections 801 to 806 and new Annex C-*bis*, as set out in No. 36/2002 dated 6 September 2002, page 17634,
- modified Sections 102*bis* and 707, as set out in No. 42/2002 dated 17 October 2002, page 21002,
- modified Annex F, as set out in No. 50/2002 dated 12 December 2002, page 25614,
- modified Sections 102, 103, 104, 305*bis*, 308, 311, 332, 405 and 506 and Annex D as set out in No. 52/2002 dated 27 December 2002, page 26706,
- modified Annex F and Appendix I of Annex F, as set out in No. 25/2003 dated 19 June 2003, page 14334.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT**NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**

Suite à l'adoption par l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT), lors de sa trente et unième session (18^e session extraordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 23 septembre au 1^{er} octobre 2002, et lors de sa trente-deuxième session (14^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 22 septembre au 1^{er} octobre 2003, de modifications du règlement d'exécution du PCT, qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004 (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 49/2002 du 5 décembre 2002, page 25005 et suiv., et n° 44/2003 du 30 octobre 2003, page 24739 et suiv.), un certain nombre de modifications ont été apportées aux instructions 102, 102*bis*, 105, 108, 209, 304, 320, 321, 325, 334, 402, 413, 414, 415, 417, 418, 421, 422, 423, 430, 431, 432, 503, 509, 513, 514, 516, 518, 601, 602, 606, 707, 803 et aux annexes C, D, E, ainsi qu'à l'appendice I de l'annexe F des Instructions administratives du PCT. En plus des modifications des instructions existantes mentionnées ci-dessus, les nouvelles instructions administratives 336, 422*bis*, 433, 434, 517 et 617 ont été ajoutées et les instructions administratives 114, 202, 210, 315, 426, 427, 428, 429 et 606*bis* ont été supprimées.

Modifications des instructions administratives

Après consultation des offices et des administrations intéressés conformément à la règle 89.2.b), et en ce qui concerne l'appendice I de l'annexe F, suite à la procédure de modification prévue à la section 2.5.5 de l'annexe F (examen accéléré des propositions de modification), les modifications des instructions 102, 102*bis*, 105, 108, 114, 202, 209, 210, 304, 315, 320, 321, 325, 334, 336, 402, 413, 414, 415, 417, 418, 421, 422, 422*bis*, 423, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 503, 509, 513, 514, 516, 517, 518, 601, 602, 606, 606*bis*, 617, 707, 803, des annexes C, D, E et de l'appendice I de l'annexe F, telles qu'elles figurent aux pages 28985, 28987, 28989, 28991, 28993, 28995, 28997, 28999, 29001, 29003, 29005 et 29007, sont promulguées avec effet au 1^{er} janvier 2004.

Le texte des modifications de l'appendice I de l'annexe F n'est pas reproduit ici en raison de son contenu extrêmement technique mais il a été publié, en tant que document PCT/AI/1 Rev.1 Add.10, sur le site Web de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/texts/index.htm>; des copies papier seront fournies par le Bureau international sur demande.

Le texte actuel des instructions administratives figure dans les numéros suivants de la Gazette du PCT :

- numéro spécial S-03/2001, du 30 août 2001, les modifications ultérieures étant indiquées ci-dessous,
- nouvelle septième partie et nouvelle annexe F dans le numéro spécial S-04/2001, du 27 décembre 2001,
- instruction 404 modifiée dans le n° 47/2001, du 22 novembre 2001, page 21587,
- instructions 801 à 806 modifiées et nouvelle annexe C-*bis* dans le n° 36/2002, du 6 septembre 2002, pages 17635,
- instructions 102*bis* and 707 modifiées dans le n° 42/2002 du 17 octobre 2002, page 21003.
- annexe F modifiée dans le n° 50/2002, du 12 décembre 2002, page 25615,
- instructions 102, 103, 104, 305*bis*, 308, 311, 332, 405 et 506 modifiées et annexe D dans le n° 52/2002, du 27 décembre 2002, page 26707,
- annexe F et appendice I de l'annexe F modifiés dans le n° 25/2003, du 19 juin 2003, page 14335.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS****Section 102
Use of the Forms**

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) to (i) and Section 103, the International Authorities shall use, or require the use of, the mandatory Forms specified below:

(i) [No change]

(ii) Forms for use by the receiving Offices:

PCT/RO/103	PCT/RO/111	PCT/RO/126	PCT/RO/152
PCT/RO/104	PCT/RO/112	PCT/RO/133	PCT/RO/153
PCT/RO/105	PCT/RO/113	PCT/RO/136	PCT/RO/154
PCT/RO/106	PCT/RO/115	PCT/RO/143	PCT/RO/155
PCT/RO/107	PCT/RO/117	PCT/RO/147	PCT/RO/156
PCT/RO/109	PCT/RO/118	PCT/RO/150	PCT/RO/157
PCT/RO/110	PCT/RO/123	PCT/RO/151	

(iii) Forms for use by the International Searching Authorities:

PCT/ISA/201	PCT/ISA/209	PCT/ISA/219	PCT/ISA/234
PCT/ISA/202	PCT/ISA/210	PCT/ISA/220	PCT/ISA/235
PCT/ISA/203	PCT/ISA/212	PCT/ISA/225	PCT/ISA/236
PCT/ISA/205	PCT/ISA/217	PCT/ISA/228	PCT/ISA/237
PCT/ISA/206	PCT/ISA/218	PCT/ISA/233	

(iv) Forms for use by the International Bureau:

PCT/IB/301	PCT/IB/319	PCT/IB/345	PCT/IB/369
PCT/IB/304	PCT/IB/320	PCT/IB/346	PCT/IB/370
PCT/IB/305	PCT/IB/321	PCT/IB/349	PCT/IB/371
PCT/IB/306	PCT/IB/323	PCT/IB/350	PCT/IB/373
PCT/IB/307	PCT/IB/325	PCT/IB/351	PCT/IB/374
PCT/IB/308	PCT/IB/326	PCT/IB/353	PCT/IB/399
PCT/IB/310	PCT/IB/331	PCT/IB/354	
PCT/IB/311	PCT/IB/332	PCT/IB/356	
PCT/IB/313	PCT/IB/335	PCT/IB/357	
PCT/IB/314	PCT/IB/336	PCT/IB/358	
PCT/IB/315	PCT/IB/337	PCT/IB/360	
PCT/IB/316	PCT/IB/338	PCT/IB/366	
PCT/IB/317	PCT/IB/339	PCT/IB/367	
PCT/IB/318	PCT/IB/344	PCT/IB/368	

(v) Forms for use by the International Preliminary Examining Authorities:

PCT/IPEA/402	PCT/IPEA/412	PCT/IPEA/431	PCT/IPEA/443
PCT/IPEA/404	PCT/IPEA/414	PCT/IPEA/436	PCT/IPEA/444.
PCT/IPEA/405	PCT/IPEA/415	PCT/IPEA/437	
PCT/IPEA/407	PCT/IPEA/416	PCT/IPEA/440	
PCT/IPEA/408	PCT/IPEA/420	PCT/IPEA/441	
PCT/IPEA/409	PCT/IPEA/425	PCT/IPEA/442	

(b) to (i) [No change]

**Section 102bis
Filing of Request in PCT-EASY Format Together with
PCT-EASY Diskette Containing Request Data and Abstract**

(a) and (b) [No change]

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES****Instruction 102
Utilisation des formulaires**

a) Sous réserve des alinéas b) à i) et de l'instruction 103, les administrations internationales doivent utiliser les formulaires obligatoires indiqués ci-après, ou en exiger l'utilisation :

i) [Sans changement]

ii) Formulaires à l'usage des offices récepteurs :

PCT/RO/103	PCT/RO/111	PCT/RO/126	PCT/RO/152
PCT/RO/104	PCT/RO/112	PCT/RO/133	PCT/RO/153
PCT/RO/105	PCT/RO/113	PCT/RO/136	PCT/RO/154
PCT/RO/106	PCT/RO/115	PCT/RO/143	PCT/RO/155
PCT/RO/107	PCT/RO/117	PCT/RO/147	PCT/RO/156
PCT/RO/109	PCT/RO/118	PCT/RO/150	PCT/RO/157
PCT/RO/110	PCT/RO/123	PCT/RO/151	

iii) Formulaires à l'usage des administrations chargées de la recherche internationale :

PCT/ISA/201	PCT/ISA/209	PCT/ISA/219	PCT/ISA/234
PCT/ISA/202	PCT/ISA/210	PCT/ISA/220	PCT/ISA/235
PCT/ISA/203	PCT/ISA/212	PCT/ISA/225	PCT/ISA/236
PCT/ISA/205	PCT/ISA/217	PCT/ISA/228	PCT/ISA/237
PCT/ISA/206	PCT/ISA/218	PCT/ISA/233	

iv) Formulaires à l'usage du Bureau international :

PCT/IB/301	PCT/IB/319	PCT/IB/345	PCT/IB/369
PCT/IB/304	PCT/IB/320	PCT/IB/346	PCT/IB/370
PCT/IB/305	PCT/IB/321	PCT/IB/349	PCT/IB/371
PCT/IB/306	PCT/IB/323	PCT/IB/350	PCT/IB/373
PCT/IB/307	PCT/IB/325	PCT/IB/351	PCT/IB/374
PCT/IB/308	PCT/IB/326	PCT/IB/353	PCT/IB/399
PCT/IB/310	PCT/IB/331	PCT/IB/354	
PCT/IB/311	PCT/IB/332	PCT/IB/356	
PCT/IB/313	PCT/IB/335	PCT/IB/357	
PCT/IB/314	PCT/IB/336	PCT/IB/358	
PCT/IB/315	PCT/IB/337	PCT/IB/360	
PCT/IB/316	PCT/IB/338	PCT/IB/366	
PCT/IB/317	PCT/IB/339	PCT/IB/367	
PCT/IB/318	PCT/IB/344	PCT/IB/368	

v) Formulaires à l'usage des administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international :

PCT/IPEA/402	PCT/IPEA/412	PCT/IPEA/431	PCT/IPEA/443
PCT/IPEA/404	PCT/IPEA/414	PCT/IPEA/436	PCT/IPEA/444.
PCT/IPEA/405	PCT/IPEA/415	PCT/IPEA/437	
PCT/IPEA/407	PCT/IPEA/416	PCT/IPEA/440	
PCT/IPEA/408	PCT/IPEA/420	PCT/IPEA/441	
PCT/IPEA/409	PCT/IPEA/425	PCT/IPEA/442	

b) à i) [Sans changement]

Instruction 102bis

**Dépôt de la requête en mode de présentation PCT-EASY
avec une disquette PCT-EASY contenant les données relatives à la requête et l'abrége**

a) et b) [Sans changement]

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**

(c) Item 3(a) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations shall apply to reduce the fees payable in respect of an international application containing the request in PCT-EASY format filed, together with a PCT-EASY diskette, with a receiving Office which, under paragraph (a), accepts the filing of such international applications.

Section 105**Identification of International Application with Two or More Applicants**

Where any international application indicates two or more applicants, it shall be sufficient, for the purpose of identifying that application, to indicate, in any Form or correspondence relating to such application, the name of the applicant first named in the request. The provisions of the first sentence of this Section do not apply to the demand.

Section 108**Correspondence Intended for the Applicant**

(a) to (d) [No change]

(e) Where, in accordance with paragraph (c), correspondence intended for the applicants from the International Authorities is to be addressed to the common representative but the indication required under Rule 4.5(a)(ii) has not been provided for the common representative, correspondence shall be addressed:

(i) to the first applicant named in the request who is entitled according to Rule 19.1 to file an international application with the receiving Office and in respect of whom the indication required under Rule 4.5(a)(ii) has been provided; or, if there is no such applicant,

(ii) to the applicant first named in the request who is entitled according to Article 9 to file an international application and in respect of whom the indication required under Rule 4.5(a)(ii) has been provided; or, if there is no such applicant,

(iii) to the applicant first named in the request in respect of whom the indication required under Rule 4.5(a)(ii) has been provided.

Section 114

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Section 202

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Section 209**Indications as to Deposited Biological Material on a Separate Sheet**

(a) [No change]

(b) For the purposes of the Israel Patent Office, the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Mexican Institute of Industrial Property, and the Turkish Patent Institute as designated Offices, paragraph (a) applies only to the extent that the said Form or sheet is included as one of the sheets of the description of the international application at the time of filing.

Section 210

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Section 304**Invitation to Pay Fees Before Date on Which They Are Due**

If the receiving Office finds, before the date on which they are due, that the transmittal fee, the international filing fee (including any supplement per sheet over 30) or the search fee are lacking in whole or in part, it may invite the applicant to pay the missing amounts within one month from the date of receipt of the international application.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**

c) Le point 3.a) du barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution s'applique aux fins de réduire les taxes payables pour une demande internationale contenant la requête en mode de présentation PCT-EASY, déposée avec une disquette PCT-EASY auprès d'un office récepteur qui, en vertu de l'alinéa a), accepte le dépôt de telles demandes internationales.

Instruction 105**Identification de la demande internationale lorsqu'il y a plusieurs déposants**

Lorsque plusieurs personnes sont indiquées comme déposants dans une demande internationale, il suffit, pour permettre d'identifier cette demande, d'indiquer, sur tout formulaire ou dans toute correspondance se rapportant à cette demande, le nom du déposant qui est mentionné en premier dans la requête. Les dispositions de la première phrase de la présente instruction ne s'appliquent pas à la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

Instruction 108**Correspondance destinée au déposant**

a) à d) [Sans changement]

e) Lorsque, conformément à l'alinéa c), la correspondance destinée aux déposants qui émane des administrations internationales doit être adressée au représentant commun mais que les indications exigées en vertu de la règle 4.5.a)ii) n'ont pas été fournies en ce qui le concerne, cette correspondance doit être adressée :

i) au déposant mentionné en premier dans la requête qui est habilité, selon la règle 19.1, à déposer une demande internationale auprès de l'office récepteur et à l'égard duquel les indications exigées en vertu de la règle 4.5.a)ii) ont été fournies; ou, en l'absence d'un tel déposant,

ii) au déposant mentionné en premier dans la requête qui est habilité, en vertu de l'article 9, à déposer une demande internationale et à l'égard duquel les indications exigées en vertu de la règle 4.5.a)ii) ont été fournies; ou en l'absence d'un tel déposant,

iii) au déposant mentionné en premier dans la requête et à l'égard duquel les indications exigées en vertu de la règle 4.5.a)ii) ont été fournies.

Instruction 114

[Supprimée]

Instruction 202

[Supprimée]

Instruction 209**Indications figurant sur une feuille séparée et concernant du matériel biologique déposé**

a) [Sans changement]

b) Pour les besoins de l'Office des brevets d'Israël, de l'Office des brevets du Japon, de l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle, de l'Institut mexicain de la propriété industrielle et de l'Institut turc des brevets en leur qualité d'offices désignés, l'alinéa a) ci-dessus ne s'applique que dans la mesure où le formulaire ou la feuille constitue, lors du dépôt, l'une des feuilles de la description de la demande internationale.

Instruction 210

[Supprimée]

Instruction 304**Invitation à payer certaines taxes avant la date à laquelle elles sont dues**

Si l'office récepteur constate, avant la date à laquelle elles sont dues, que la taxe de transmission, la taxe internationale de dépôt (y compris tout supplément par feuille à compter de la trente-et-unième) ou la taxe de recherche n'ont pas été payées ou l'ont été en partie seulement, il peut inviter le déposant à payer les montants requis dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de réception de la demande internationale.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)****Section 315***[Deleted]***Section 320****Invitation to Pay Fees Under Rule 16bis.1(a)**

When issuing an invitation under Rule 16bis.1(a), the receiving Office shall, if it received moneys from the applicant before the due date, inform the applicant of the fees to which those moneys have been applied.

Section 321**Application of Moneys Received by the Receiving Office in Certain Cases**

(a) The receiving Office shall, to the extent that it has received instructions from the applicant as to the fees to which it shall apply moneys received by it from the applicant, apply those moneys accordingly.

(b) Where the receiving Office receives moneys from the applicant which, together with any other moneys so received, are not sufficient to cover in full the transmittal fee (if any), the international filing fee and the search fee (if any), the receiving Office shall, to the extent that it has not received instructions from the applicant as to the fees to which it shall apply the moneys which are available for the purpose, apply those moneys in payment, successively, of the fees set out below to the extent that they are due and unpaid and in the order in which they appear below:

- (i) the transmittal fee;
- (ii) the international filing fee;
- (iii) the search fee.

Section 325**Corrections of Defects Under Rule 26.4, Rectifications
of Obvious Errors Under Rule 91.1, and Corrections Under Rule 9.2**

(a) Where the receiving Office receives a correction of defects under Rule 26.4 or authorizes a rectification of an obvious error under Rule 91.1, it shall:

(i) to (v) [No change]

(vi) where transmittals under Article 12(1) have not yet been made, transmit any letter and any replacement sheet to the International Bureau together with the record copy and, except where the international application is considered withdrawn and Rule 29.1(iii) applies, a copy of the said letter or replacement sheet to the International Searching Authority together with the search copy. The record copy and the search copy shall contain any replaced sheet.

(b) and (c) [No change]

Section 334**Notification to Applicant of Submission of Demand
After the Expiration of 19 Months from the Priority Date**

Where the demand is submitted after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date to a receiving Office and the time limit under Article 22(1), as in force from April 1, 2002, does not apply in respect of all designated Offices, the receiving Office shall:

(i) promptly notify the applicant accordingly, directing attention to the fact that the time limit under Article 39(1)(a) does not apply, and that Article 22(1), as in force until March 31, 2002, continues to apply in respect of any such designated Office, and

(ii) proceed under Rule 59.3.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 315***[Supprimée]***Instruction 320****Invitation à acquitter des taxes, faite en vertu de la règle 16bis.1.a)**

Lorsqu'il émet une invitation visée à la règle 16bis.1.a), l'office récepteur doit, s'il a reçu un montant du déposant avant la date à laquelle les taxes sont dues, informer le déposant des taxes auxquelles ce montant a été affecté.

Instruction 321**Affectation des sommes perçues par l'office récepteur dans certains cas**

a) L'office récepteur doit, le cas échéant, se conformer aux instructions du déposant quant aux taxes auxquelles doivent être affectées les sommes versées par ce dernier.

b) Lorsque l'office récepteur reçoit du déposant une somme qui, ajoutée à toute autre somme reçue, reste insuffisante pour couvrir intégralement le montant de la taxe de transmission (si celle-ci est due), de la taxe internationale de dépôt et de la taxe de recherche (si celle-ci est due), l'office récepteur doit, dans la mesure où il n'a pas reçu d'instructions du déposant quant aux taxes auxquelles doivent être affectées les sommes disponibles à cet effet, affecter successivement lesdites sommes au paiement des taxes précisées ci-après, dans la mesure où celles-ci restent exigibles et dans l'ordre suivant :

- i) taxe de transmission;
- ii) taxe internationale de dépôt;
- iii) taxe de recherche.

Instruction 325**Correction d'irrégularités selon la règle 26.4, rectification d'erreurs évidentes selon la règle 91.1 et corrections visées à la règle 9.2**

a) Lorsqu'il reçoit une correction d'irrégularités selon la règle 26.4 ou autorise la rectification d'une erreur évidente selon la règle 91.1, l'office récepteur

i) à v) [Sans changement]

vi) si les transmissions visées à l'article 12.1) n'ont pas encore été effectuées, transmet toute lettre et toute feuille de remplacement au Bureau international avec l'exemplaire original et, sauf si la demande internationale est considérée comme retirée et que la règle 29.1.iii) s'applique, une copie de cette lettre ou feuille de remplacement à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale avec la copie de recherche. L'exemplaire original et la copie de recherche doivent comprendre toute feuille remplacée.

b) et c) [Sans changement]

Instruction 334**Notification adressée au déposant en cas de présentation d'une demande d'examen préliminaire international après l'expiration d'un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité**

Lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée à un office récepteur après l'expiration d'un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité et que le délai prévu à l'article 22.1), en vigueur au 1^{er} avril 2002, ne s'applique pas à l'égard de tous les offices désignés, l'office récepteur

i) le notifie à bref délai au déposant et attire son attention sur le fait que le délai de l'article 39.1)a) ne s'applique pas et que l'article 22.1), en vigueur jusqu'au 31 mars 2002, continue de s'appliquer en ce qui concerne tout office désigné considéré, et

ii) procède selon la règle 59.3.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)****Section 336****Waivers Under Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c)**

(a) Where, in accordance with Rule 90.4(d), a receiving Office waives the requirement under Rule 90.4(b) that a separate power of attorney be submitted to it, the receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau accordingly.

(b) Where, in accordance with Rule 90.5(c), a receiving Office waives the requirement under Rule 90.5(a)(ii) that a copy of a general power of attorney be attached to the request or any separate notice, the receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau accordingly.

(c) A receiving Office may require a separate power of attorney, or a copy of a general power of attorney, in particular instances even if the receiving Office has waived the requirement in general.

(d) A receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under paragraph (a) or (b) shall notify the International Bureau of any change to the information notified under those paragraphs.

Section 402**Correction or Addition of a Priority Claim Under Rule 26bis**

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) [*Deleted*]

Section 413**Corrections of Defects Under Rule 26.4, Rectifications of Obvious Errors Under Rule 91.1, and Corrections Under Rule 9.2**

(a) Where the International Bureau receives from the receiving Office a letter containing a correction of any defects under Rule 26.4, or a replacement sheet and the letter accompanying it, the International Bureau shall transfer the correction to the record copy, together with the indication of the date on which the receiving Office received the letter, or shall insert the replacement sheet in the record copy. Any letter and any replaced sheet shall be kept in the file of the international application.

(b) [No change]

Section 414**Notification to the International Preliminary Examining Authority Where the International Application is Considered Withdrawn**

If a demand has been submitted and the international application is considered withdrawn under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), the International Bureau shall promptly notify the International Preliminary Examining Authority, unless the international preliminary examination report has already issued.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 336****Renonciations en vertu des règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c)**

a) Lorsque, en vertu de la règle 90.4.d), un office récepteur renonce à l'exigence, en vertu de la règle 90.4.b), qu'un pouvoir distinct lui soit remis, il doit le notifier au Bureau international.

b) Lorsque, en vertu de la règle 90.5.c), un office récepteur renonce à l'exigence, en vertu de la règle 90.5.a)ii), qu'une copie d'un pouvoir général soit jointe à la requête ou à toute déclaration séparée, il doit le notifier au Bureau international.

c) Un office récepteur peut néanmoins, dans des cas particuliers, exiger la remise d'un pouvoir distinct ou d'une copie d'un pouvoir général, même si cet office récepteur a renoncé d'une manière générale à une telle exigence.

d) Un office récepteur qui a adressé une notification au Bureau international conformément à l'alinéa a) ou b), doit notifier au Bureau international toute modification concernant l'information notifiée en application des alinéas ci-dessus.

Instruction 402**Correction ou adjonction d'une revendication de priorité en vertu de la règle 26bis**

a) à c) [Sans changement]

d) [Supprimé]

Instruction 413**Correction d'irrégularités selon la règle 26.4, rectification d'erreurs évidentes selon la règle 91.1 et corrections visées à la règle 9.2**

a) Lorsque le Bureau international reçoit de l'office récepteur une lettre contenant une correction d'irrégularités, selon la règle 26.4, ou une feuille de remplacement et la lettre d'accompagnement, il reporte la correction sur l'exemplaire original, avec l'indication de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur a reçu la lettre, ou insère la feuille de remplacement dans l'exemplaire original. Toute lettre et toute feuille remplacée sont conservées dans le dossier de la demande internationale.

b) [Sans changement]

Instruction 414**Notification à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international lorsque la demande internationale est considérée comme retirée**

Si une demande d'examen préliminaire international a été présentée et que la demande internationale est considérée comme retirée en vertu de l'article 14.1), 3) ou 4), le Bureau international en avise à bref délai l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, à moins que le rapport d'examen préliminaire international n'ait déjà été établi.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)****Section 415****Notification of Withdrawal Under Rule 90bis.1, 90bis.2, 90bis.3 or 90bis.4**

(a) The fact of withdrawal by the applicant of the international application under Rule 90bis.1, of designations under Rule 90bis.2, or of a priority claim under Rule 90bis.3, together with the date on which the notice effecting withdrawal reached the International Bureau, the International Preliminary Examining Authority or the receiving Office, shall be recorded by the International Bureau and promptly notified by it to the receiving Office, the applicant, the designated Offices affected by the withdrawal and, where the withdrawal concerns the international application or a priority claim and where the international search report, or the declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a), and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority have not yet issued, the International Searching Authority. However, where the withdrawal concerns the international application and where the notice effecting withdrawal was filed with the receiving Office before the sending of the record copy to the International Bureau, that Bureau shall send the notifications referred to in the preceding sentence and in Rule 24.2(a) to the receiving Office and the applicant only.

(b) and (c) [No change]

Section 417**Processing of Amendments Under Article 19**

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) If, at the time when the demand is received by the International Bureau, the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority have been established and no amendments under Article 19 have been made, the International Bureau shall inform the International Preliminary Examining Authority accordingly, unless the Authority has informed the International Bureau that it wishes not to be so notified.

Section 418**Notifications to Elected Offices Where the Demand Is Considered Not to Have Been Submitted or Made**

Where, after any elected Office has been notified of its election under Article 31(7), the demand is considered not to have been submitted or made, the International Bureau shall notify the said Office accordingly.

Section 421**Invitation to Furnish a Copy of the Priority Document**

Where a request for a copy of the application whose priority is claimed in the international application is made under Rule 43bis.1(b) by the International Searching Authority or, under Rule 66.7(a), by either the International Searching Authority, or the International Preliminary Examining Authority before the International Bureau has received the priority document under Rule 17.1, the International Bureau shall, unless the applicable time limit referred to in Rule 17.1(a) has already expired, inform the applicant of such request and remind him of the requirements of Rule 17.1.

Section 422**Notifications Concerning Changes Recorded Under Rule 92bis.1**

(a) The International Bureau shall give notifications concerning changes recorded by it under Rule 92bis.1(a), except changes which are the subject of notifications under Section 425:

(i) [No change]

(ii) as long as the international search report, or the declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a), and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority have not been established, to the International Searching Authority;

(iii) to the designated Offices unless the change can be duly reflected in the pamphlet used for the purposes of the communication of the international application under Article 20;

(iv) to (vi) [No change]

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 415****Notification d'un retrait selon les règles 90bis.1, 90bis.2, 90bis.3 ou 90bis.4**

a) Lorsque le déposant procède au retrait de la demande internationale selon la règle 90bis.1, au retrait de désignations selon la règle 90bis.2 ou au retrait d'une revendication de priorité selon la règle 90bis.3, ce fait ainsi que la date à laquelle la déclaration de retrait est parvenue au Bureau international, à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ou à l'office récepteur sont enregistrés par le Bureau international, qui les notifie à bref délai à l'office récepteur, au déposant, aux offices désignés visés par le retrait et, lorsque le retrait concerne la demande internationale ou une revendication de priorité et lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale ou la déclaration mentionnée à l'article 17.2)a) et l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale n'ont pas encore été établis, à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale. Toutefois, si le retrait concerne la demande internationale et que la déclaration de retrait a été déposée auprès de l'office récepteur avant que l'exemplaire original ait été transmis au Bureau international, ce dernier envoie les notifications visées à la phrase précédente et à la règle 24.2.a) seulement à l'office récepteur et au déposant.

b) et c) [Sans changement]

Instruction 417**Traitement des modifications selon l'article 19**

a) à c) [Sans changement]

d) Si, au moment où le Bureau international reçoit la demande d'examen préliminaire international, le rapport de recherche internationale et l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ont été établis et aucune modification n'a été apportée en vertu de l'article 19, le Bureau international en informe l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, sauf si celle-ci a notifié au Bureau international qu'elle ne souhaitait pas en être informée.

Instruction 418**Notification aux offices élus lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international est considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée**

Lorsque, après qu'un office élu a reçu notification de son élection conformément à l'article 31.7), la demande d'examen préliminaire international est considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée, le Bureau international en avise ledit office.

Instruction 421**Invitation à remettre une copie du document de priorité**

Lorsque l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale demande, conformément à la règle 43bis.1.b), ou lorsque l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international demande, conformément à la règle 66.7.a), une copie de la demande dont la priorité est revendiquée dans la demande internationale avant que le Bureau international ait reçu le document de priorité selon la règle 17.1, le Bureau international informe le déposant de cette requête et lui rappelle les prescriptions de la règle 17.1, pour autant que le délai applicable visé à la règle 17.1.a) ne soit pas déjà expiré.

Instruction 422**Notifications concernant les changements enregistrés en vertu de la règle 92bis.1**

a) Le Bureau international notifie les changements qu'il a enregistrés en vertu de la règle 92bis.1.a), à l'exception des changements qui font l'objet de l'instruction 425,

i) [Sans changement]

ii) tant que le rapport de recherche internationale ou la déclaration visée à l'article 17.2.a) et l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale n'ont pas été établis, à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale;

iii) aux offices désignés, sauf s'il peut être dûment rendu compte du changement dans la brochure utilisée aux fins de la communication de la demande internationale selon l'article 20;

iv) à vi) [Sans changement]

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**

- (b) [No change]

Section 422bis
Objections Concerning Changes in the Person of the Applicant
Recorded Under Rule 92bis.1(a)

- (a) Where a change recorded by the International Bureau under Rule 92bis.1(a):
- (i) consists of a change in the person of the applicant, and
 - (ii) the request under Rule 92bis.1(a) was not signed by or on behalf of both the earlier and the new applicant, and
 - (iii) the earlier applicant objects to the change in writing,

the change under Rule 92bis.1(a) shall be considered as if it had not been recorded.

(b) Where paragraph (a) applies, the International Bureau shall notify all those who received a notification under Section 422(a) accordingly.

Section 423
Cancellation of Designations and Elections

- (a) [No change]
- (b) The International Bureau shall cancel *ex officio*:
- (i) the election of any State which is not a designated State;
 - (ii) the election of any State not bound by Chapter II of the Treaty, if the International Preliminary Examining Authority has failed to do so.
- (c) [No change]

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Section 430
Notification of Designations Under Rule 32

Where the effects of any international application are extended to a successor State under Rule 32.1(a), the International Bureau shall promptly, but not before the international publication of the international application, effect the communication under Article 20 to the designated Office concerned, and notify that Office under Rule 47.1(a-bis).

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**

b) [Sans changement]

Instruction 422bis**Objections quant aux changements relatifs à la personne du déposant enregistrés par le Bureau international en vertu de la règle 92bis.1.a)**

- a) Lorsqu'un changement enregistré par le Bureau international en vertu de la règle 92bis.1.a),
- i) consiste en un changement relatif à la personne du déposant, et
 - ii) que la requête en vertu de la règle 92bis.1.a) n'était pas signée à la fois par le nouveau déposant et le déposant antérieur ou en leur nom, et
 - iii) que le déposant antérieur objecte par écrit au changement considéré,
- le changement en vertu de la règle 92bis.1.a) est considéré comme n'ayant jamais été enregistré.

b) Lorsque l'alinéa a) s'applique, le Bureau international doit le notifier aux destinataires de la notification selon l'instruction 422.a).

Instruction 423**Annulation de désignations et d'élections**

- a) [Sans changement]
- b) Le Bureau international annule d'office
- i) l'élection de tout État qui n'est pas un État désigné;
 - ii) l'élection de tout État qui n'est pas lié par le chapitre II du traité, si l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ne l'a pas annulée;
- c) [Sans changement]

Instruction 426

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Instruction 427

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Instruction 428

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Instruction 429

[Supprimée]

Instruction 430**Notification de désignations selon la règle 32**

Lorsque les effets d'une demande internationale sont étendus à l'État successeur conformément à la règle 32.1.a), le Bureau international adresse à bref délai, mais pas avant la publication internationale de la demande internationale, à l'office désigné concerné la communication prévue à l'article 20 et la notification selon la règle 47.1.a-bis).

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)****Section 431****Publication of Notice of Submission of Demand**

(a) For international applications in respect of which a demand is filed before January 1, 2004, the publication in the Gazette of information on the demand and the elected States concerned, as referred to in Rule 61.4, as in force until December 31, 2003, shall consist of a notice indicating that a demand has been submitted prior to the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and, as applicable, indicating that all eligible States have been elected or, where not all eligible States have been elected, indicating those eligible States which have not been elected.

(b) For international applications in respect of which a demand is filed on or after January 1, 2004, the publication in the Gazette of information on the demand and the elected States concerned, as referred to in Rule 61.4, as in force from January 1, 2004, shall consist of a notice indicating that a demand has been submitted prior to the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54*bis*.1(a) and that all Contracting States which were designated and were bound by Chapter II of the Treaty have been elected. Where the demand is made subsequent to the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and the time limit under Article 22(1), as in force from April 1, 2002, does not apply in respect of all designated Offices, the notice shall also indicate that fact.

Section 432**Notification to Applicant of Submission of Demand
After the Expiration of 19 Months from the Priority Date**

Where the demand is submitted after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and subsequently transmitted to the International Bureau under Rule 59.3(a), or is submitted after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date to the International Bureau, and the time limit under Article 22(1), as in force from April 1, 2002, does not apply in respect of all designated Offices, the International Bureau shall, together with the notification sent to the applicant under Rule 59.3(c)(i) or the invitation sent to the applicant under Rule 59.3(c)(ii), as the case may be:

(i) promptly notify the applicant accordingly, directing attention to the fact that the time limit under Article 39(1)(a) does not apply, and that Article 22(1), as in force until March 31, 2002, continues to apply in respect of any such designated Office,

(ii) proceed under Rule 59.3.

Section 433**Waivers Under Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c)**

(a) Where, in accordance with Rule 90.4(d), the International Bureau waives the requirement under Rule 90.4(b) that a separate power of attorney be submitted to it, the International Bureau shall publish a notice of this fact in the Gazette.

(b) The International Bureau may require a separate power of attorney in particular instances even if the International Bureau has waived the requirement in general.

Section 434**Publication of Information Concerning Waivers
Under Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c)**

(a) Any waivers of the requirement under Rule 90.4(b) that a separate power of attorney be submitted, or any changes to the information, notified to the International Bureau under Sections 336(a), 517(a), or 617(a) shall be promptly published in the Gazette. The effective date of any change shall be two months after the date of publication of the change in the Gazette, or such later date as may be determined by the International Bureau.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 431****Publication d'un avis de présentation d'une demande d'examen préliminaire international**

a) En ce qui concerne les demandes internationales pour lesquelles une demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée avant le 1^{er} janvier 2004, la publication dans la gazette d'indications relatives à la demande d'examen préliminaire international et aux États élus concernés, selon la règle 61.4 telle qu'elle est en vigueur jusqu'au 31 décembre 2003, consiste en un avis selon lequel une demande d'examen préliminaire international a été présentée avant l'expiration d'un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité et, le cas échéant, qui précise que tous les États éligibles ont été élus ou, lorsque tous les États éligibles n'ont pas été élus, qui précise ceux des États éligibles qui n'ont pas été élus.

b) En ce qui concerne les demandes internationales pour lesquelles une demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, la publication dans la gazette d'indications relatives à la demande d'examen préliminaire international et aux États élus concernés, selon la règle 61.4 telle qu'elle est en vigueur à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, consiste en un avis selon lequel une demande d'examen préliminaire international a été présentée avant l'expiration du délai selon la règle 54bis.1.a) et qui précise que tous les États contractants qui ont été désignés et qui sont liés par le chapitre II du traité ont été élus. Lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée après l'expiration d'un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité et que le délai prévu à l'article 22.1), en vigueur au 1^{er} avril 2002, ne s'applique pas à l'égard de tous les offices désignés, l'avis doit également mentionner ce fait.

Instruction 432**Notification adressée au déposant en cas de présentation d'une demande d'examen préliminaire international après l'expiration d'un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité**

Lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international est, soit présentée après l'expiration d'un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité et qu'elle est ensuite transmise au Bureau international en vertu de la règle 59.3.a), soit présentée au Bureau international après l'expiration de ce délai, alors que le délai prévu à l'article 22.1), en vigueur au 1^{er} avril 2002, ne s'applique pas à l'égard de tous les offices désignés, le Bureau international, en même temps qu'il lui communique l'information visée à la règle 59.3.c)i) ou l'invitation visée à la règle 59.3.c)ii), selon le cas :

i) le notifie à bref délai au déposant et attire son attention sur le fait que le délai de l'article 39.1)a) ne s'applique pas et que l'article 22.1), en vigueur jusqu'au 31 mars 2002, continue de s'appliquer en ce qui concerne tout office désigné considéré, et

ii) procède selon la règle 59.3.

Instruction 433**Renonciations en vertu des règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c)**

a) Lorsque, en vertu de la règle 90.4.d), le Bureau international renonce à l'exigence, en vertu de la règle 90.4.b), qu'un pouvoir distinct lui soit remis, le Bureau international doit publier un avis concernant ce fait dans la gazette.

b) Le Bureau international peut néanmoins, dans des cas particuliers, exiger la remise d'un pouvoir distinct, même s'il a renoncé d'une manière générale à une telle exigence.

Instruction 434**Publication d'informations concernant les renonciations en vertu des règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c)**

a) Toutes les renonciations à l'exigence, en vertu de la règle 90.4.b), qu'un pouvoir distinct soit remis ou toutes modifications concernant cette information notifiées au Bureau international conformément aux instructions 336.a), 517.a) ou 617.a), sont publiées à bref délai dans la gazette. La date effective d'un tel changement est de deux mois après la date de sa publication dans la gazette, ou après telle date ultérieure fixée par le Bureau international.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**

(b) Any waivers of the requirement under Rule 90.5(a)(ii) that a copy of a general power of attorney be attached to the request, the demand or any separate notice, or any changes to the information, notified to the International Bureau under Sections 336(b), 517(b), or 617(b) shall be promptly published in the Gazette. The effective date of any change shall be two months after the date of publication of the change in the Gazette, or such later date as may be determined by the International Bureau.

Section 503**Method of Identifying Documents Cited in the International Search Report and the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority**

Identification of any document cited in the international search report shall be as provided in WIPO Standard ST.14 (Recommendation for the Inclusion of References Cited in Patent Documents).¹ Any document cited in the international search report may be referred to in a shortened form in the written opinion of the International Searching Authority, provided that the reference to the document is unambiguous.

Section 509**International Search and Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority on the Basis of a Translation of the International Application**

Where the International Searching Authority has carried out the international search and established the written opinion on the basis of a translation of the international application transmitted to that Authority under Rule 23.1(b), the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority shall so indicate.

Section 513**Sequence Listings**

(a) [No change]

(b) Where the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority are based on a sequence listing that was not contained in the international application as filed but was furnished subsequently to the International Searching Authority, the international search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority shall so indicate.

(c) Where a meaningful international search cannot be carried out and a meaningful written opinion, as to whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious) and to be industrially applicable, cannot be established because a sequence listing is not available to the International Searching Authority in the required form, that Authority shall so state in the international search report or declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a), and in the written opinion.

(d) and (e) [No change]

Section 514**Authorized Officer**

The officer of the International Searching Authority responsible for the international search report, as referred to in Rule 43.8, and for the written opinion of the International Searching Authority, as referred to in Rule 43*bis*.1(b), means the person who actually performed the search work and prepared the search report and the written opinion of the International Searching Authority, or another person who was responsible for supervising the search and the establishment of the written opinion.

¹ *Editor's Note:* Published in the *WIPO Handbook on Industrial Property Information and Documentation*.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**

b) Toutes les renonciations à l'exigence, en vertu de la règle 90.5.a)ii), qu'une copie d'un pouvoir général soit jointe à la requête, à la demande d'examen préliminaire international ou à toute déclaration séparée, ou toutes modifications concernant cette information, notifiées au Bureau international conformément aux instructions 336.b), 517.b) ou 617.b), sont publiées à bref délai dans la gazette. La date effective d'un tel changement est de deux mois après la date de sa publication dans la gazette, ou après telle date ultérieure fixée par le Bureau international.

Instruction 503**Indications permettant d'identifier les documents cités
dans le rapport de recherche internationale et l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale**

Tout document cité dans le rapport de recherche internationale doit l'être conformément à la norme ST.14 de l'OMPI (Recommandation sur l'indication des références citées dans les documents de brevet)¹. Tout document cité dans le rapport de recherche internationale peut l'être sous une forme abrégée dans l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, à condition qu'elle ne prête pas à équivoque.

Instruction 509**Recherche internationale et opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale effectuées sur la base d'une traduction de la demande internationale**

Lorsque l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale a effectué la recherche internationale et établi l'opinion écrite sur la base d'une traduction de la demande internationale qui lui a été transmise en vertu de la règle 23.1.b), le rapport de recherche internationale et l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale doivent mentionner ce fait.

Instruction 513**Listages des séquences**

a) [Sans changement]

b) Lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale et l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale sont fondés sur un listage des séquences qui ne figurait pas dans la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée mais a été fourni ultérieurement à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, le rapport de recherche internationale et l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale doivent mentionner ce fait.

c) Lorsqu'une recherche internationale significative ne peut pas être effectuée et qu'une opinion écrite significative, quant à la question de savoir si l'invention dont la protection est demandée semble être nouvelle, impliquer une activité inventive (être non-évidente) et être susceptible d'application industrielle, ne peut être établie parce que l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ne dispose pas du listage des séquences sous la forme requise, cette administration l'indique dans le rapport de recherche internationale ou la déclaration visée à l'article 17.2.a) et dans l'opinion écrite.

d) et e) [Sans changement]

Instruction 514**Fonctionnaire autorisé**

Par "fonctionnaire de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale qui est responsable, conformément à la règle 43.8, du rapport de recherche internationale, et, conformément à la règle 43bis.1.b), de l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale", il faut entendre la personne qui a effectivement accompli le travail de recherche et établi le rapport de recherche et l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou une autre personne sous la supervision de laquelle la recherche a eu lieu et l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale a été établie.

¹ Note de l'éditeur : Publiée dans le *Manuel sur l'information et la documentation en matière de propriété industrielle de l'OMPI*.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)****Section 516****Notification to Applicant of Submission of Demand
After the Expiration of 19 Months from the Priority Date**

Where the demand is submitted after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date to an International Searching Authority and the time limit under Article 22(1), as in force from April 1, 2002, does not apply in respect of all designated Offices, that Authority shall:

- (i) promptly notify the applicant accordingly, directing attention to the fact that the time limit under Article 39(1)(a) does not apply, and that Article 22(1), as in force until March 31, 2002, continues to apply in respect of any such designated Office,
- (ii) proceed under Rule 59.3.

Section 517**Waivers Under Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c)**

(a) Where, in accordance with Rule 90.4(d), an International Searching Authority waives the requirement under Rule 90.4(b) that a separate power of attorney be submitted to it, the International Searching Authority shall notify the International Bureau accordingly.

(b) Where, in accordance with Rule 90.5(c), an International Searching Authority waives the requirement under Rule 90.5(a)(ii) that a copy of a general power of attorney be attached to any separate notice, it shall notify the International Bureau accordingly.

(c) An International Searching Authority may require a separate power of attorney, or a copy of a general power of attorney, in particular instances even if the International Searching Authority has waived the requirement in general.

(d) An International Searching Authority which has notified the International Bureau under paragraph (a) or (b) shall notify the International Bureau of any change to the information notified under those paragraphs.

Section 518**Guidelines for Explanations Contained
in the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority**

For the purposes of establishing the written opinion of the International Searching Authority, Section 604 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

Section 601**Notification to Applicant of Submission of Demand
After the Expiration of 19 Months from the Priority Date**

(a) Where the demand is submitted after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and the time limit under Article 22(1), as in force from April 1, 2002, does not apply in respect of all designated Offices, the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall promptly notify the applicant accordingly, directing attention to the fact that the time limit under Article 39(1)(a) does not apply, and that Article 22(1), as in force until March 31, 2002, continues to apply in respect of any such designated Office.

(b) Where the demand is submitted after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date to an International Preliminary Examining Authority which is not competent for the international preliminary examination of the international application, and the time limit under Article 22(1), as in force from April 1, 2002, does not apply in respect of all designated Offices, that Authority shall:

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 516****Notification adressée au déposant en cas de
présentation d'une demande d'examen préliminaire international
après l'expiration d'un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité**

Lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée après l'expiration d'un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité auprès d'une administration chargée de la recherche internationale, et que le délai prévu à l'article 22.1), en vigueur au 1^{er} avril 2002, ne s'applique pas à l'égard de tous les offices désignés, cette administration

- i) le notifie à bref délai au déposant et attire son attention sur le fait que le délai de l'article 39.1)a) ne s'applique pas et que l'article 22.1), en vigueur jusqu'au 31 mars 2002, continue de s'appliquer en ce qui concerne tout office désigné considéré, et
- ii) procède selon la règle 59.3.

Instruction 517**Renoncements en vertu des règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c)**

a) Lorsque, en vertu de la règle 90.4.d), une administration chargée de la recherche internationale renonce à l'exigence, en vertu de la règle 90.4.b), qu'un pouvoir distinct lui soit remis, elle doit le notifier au Bureau international.

b) Lorsque, en vertu de la règle 90.5.c), une administration chargée de la recherche internationale renonce à l'exigence, en vertu de la règle 90.5.a)ii), qu'une copie d'un pouvoir général soit jointe à toute déclaration séparée, elle doit le notifier au Bureau international.

c) Une administration chargée de la recherche internationale peut néanmoins, dans des cas particuliers, exiger la remise d'un pouvoir distinct ou d'une copie d'un pouvoir général, même si elle a renoncé d'une manière générale à une telle exigence.

d) Une administration chargée de la recherche internationale qui a adressé une notification au Bureau international conformément aux alinéa a) et b), doit notifier au Bureau international toute modification concernant l'information notifiée en application des alinéas ci-dessus.

Instruction 518**Principes directeurs pour les explications contenues dans l'opinion écrite
de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale**

Aux fins de l'établissement de l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, l'instruction 604 s'applique *mutatis mutandis*.

Instruction 601**Notification adressée au déposant en cas de
présentation d'une demande d'examen préliminaire international
après l'expiration d'un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité**

a) Lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée après l'expiration d'un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité, et que le délai prévu à l'article 22.1), en vigueur au 1^{er} avril 2002, ne s'applique pas à l'égard de tous les offices désignés, l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international le notifie à bref délai au déposant et attire son attention sur le fait que le délai de l'article 39.1)a) ne s'applique pas et que l'article 22.1), en vigueur jusqu'au 31 mars 2002, continue de s'appliquer en ce qui concerne tout office désigné considéré.

b) Lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée après l'expiration d'un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité auprès d'une administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui n'est pas compétente pour l'examen préliminaire international de la demande internationale, et que le délai prévu à l'article 22.1), en vigueur au 1^{er} avril 2002, ne s'applique pas à l'égard de tous les offices désignés, cette administration

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**

(i) promptly notify the applicant accordingly, directing attention to the fact that the time limit under Article 39(1)(a) does not apply, and that Article 22(1), as in force until March 31, 2002, continues to apply in respect of any such designated Office,

(ii) proceed under Rule 59.3.

Section 602**Processing of Amendments by the International Preliminary Examining Authority**

(a) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall:

(i) and (ii) [No change]

(iii) subject to item (iv), keep in its files any replaced sheet, the letter accompanying any replacement sheet, and any superseded replacement sheet or any letter referred to in the last sentence of Rule 66.8(b) as well as a copy of any replacement sheet which is annexed to the international preliminary examination report;

(iv) where any superseded replacement sheet referred to in item (iii) is to be annexed to the international preliminary examination report under Rule 70.16(b), indelibly mark, in addition to the markings referred to in items (i) and (ii), in the middle of the bottom margin of each superseded replacement sheet, without obscuring the marking made under item (ii), the words “SUPERSEDED REPLACEMENT SHEET (RULE 70.16(b))”;

(v) annex to the copy of the international preliminary examination report which is transmitted to the International Bureau any replacement sheet as provided for under Rule 70.16;

(vi) annex to the copy of the international preliminary examination report which is transmitted to the applicant a copy of each replacement sheet as provided for under Rule 70.16.

(b) to (d) [No change]

Section 606**Cancellation of Elections**

(a) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall cancel *ex officio*:

(i) the election of any State which is not a designated State;

(ii) the election of any State not bound by Chapter II of the Treaty.

(b) The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall enclose that election within square brackets, shall draw a line between the square brackets while still leaving the election legible and shall enter, in the margin, the words “CANCELLED EX OFFICIO BY IPEA” or their equivalent in the language of the demand, and shall notify the applicant accordingly.

Section 606bis

[Deleted]

Section 617**Waivers Under Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c)**

(a) Where, in accordance with Rule 90.4(d), an International Preliminary Examining Authority waives the requirement under Rule 90.4(b) that a separate power of attorney be submitted to it, the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall notify the International Bureau accordingly.

(b) Where, in accordance with Rule 90.5(c), an International Preliminary Examining Authority waives the requirement under Rule 90.5(a)(ii) that a copy of a general power of attorney be attached to the demand or any separate notice, it shall notify the International Bureau accordingly.

(c) An International Preliminary Examining Authority may require a separate power of attorney, or a copy of a general power of attorney, in particular instances even if the International Preliminary Examining Authority has waived the requirement in general.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**

i) le notifie à bref délai au déposant et attire son attention sur le fait que le délai de l'article 39.1)a) ne s'applique pas et que l'article 22.1), en vigueur jusqu'au 31 mars 2002, continue de s'appliquer en ce qui concerne tout office désigné considéré, et

ii) procède selon la règle 59.3.

Instruction 602**Traitement des modifications par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international**

a) L'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international,

i) et ii) [Sans changement]

iii) sous réserve de l'alinéa iv), garde dans ses dossiers toute feuille remplacée, la lettre d'accompagnement de toute feuille de remplacement et toute feuille de remplacement écartée ou toute lettre visée à la dernière phrase de la règle 66.8.b) ainsi qu'une copie de toute feuille de remplacement qui est annexée au rapport d'examen préliminaire international;

iv) lorsque toute feuille de remplacement écartée visée à l'alinéa iii) doit être annexée au rapport d'examen préliminaire international en vertu de la règle 70.16.b), elle doit également se voir apposer de manière indélébile, outre les mentions visées aux alinéas i) et ii), au milieu de la marge de bas de chaque feuille de remplacement écartée, la mention "FEUILLE DE REMPLACEMENT ÉCARTÉE (RÈGLE 70.16.b))", sans que cela ne cache les mentions apposées en vertu de l'alinéa ii);

v) annexe à la copie du rapport d'examen préliminaire international qui est transmise au Bureau international toute feuille de remplacement comme le prévoit la règle 70.16 ;

vi) annexe à la copie du rapport d'examen préliminaire international qui est transmise au déposant une copie de chaque feuille de remplacement comme le prévoit la règle 70.16.

b) à d) [Sans changement]

Instruction 606**Annulation d'élections**

a) L'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international annule d'office :

i) l'élection de tout État qui n'est pas un État désigné ;

ii) l'élection de tout État qui n'est lié par le chapitre II du traité,

b) L'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international place cette élection entre crochets, tire un trait entre les crochets tout en laissant l'élection lisible, inscrit dans la marge la mention "ANNULÉ D'OFFICE PAR IPEA" ou son équivalent dans la langue de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, et en avise le déposant.

Instruction 606bis

[Supprimée]

Instruction 617**Renoncations en vertu des règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c)**

a) Lorsque, en vertu de la règle 90.4.d), une administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international renonce à l'exigence, en vertu de la règle 90.4.b), qu'un pouvoir distinct lui soit remis, elle doit le notifier au Bureau international.

b) Lorsque, en vertu de la règle 90.5.c), une administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international renonce à l'exigence, en vertu de la règle 90.5.a)ii), qu'une copie d'un pouvoir général soit jointe à la demande d'examen préliminaire international ou à toute déclaration séparée, elle doit le notifier au Bureau international.

c) Une administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international peut néanmoins, dans des cas particuliers, exiger la remise d'un pouvoir distinct ou d'une copie d'un pouvoir général, même si elle a renoncé d'une manière générale à une telle exigence.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**

(d) An International Preliminary Examining Authority which has notified the International Bureau under paragraph (a) or (b) shall notify the International Bureau of any change to the information notified under those paragraphs.

Section 707**International filing fee; Fee Reduction**

(a) Subject to paragraph (a-bis), where an international application is filed in electronic form, the international filing fee shall be calculated on the basis of the number of sheets that the application would contain if presented as a print-out on paper complying with the physical requirements prescribed in Rule 11.

(a-bis) Where the international application is filed in electronic form and contains a sequence listing as referred to in Rule 5.2(a), the international filing fee shall comprise the following two components:

(i) a basic component calculated on the basis of the number of sheets that the international application would contain if presented as a print-out on paper complying with the physical requirements prescribed in Rule 11, excluding the sheets containing the sequence listing and/or any tables related to that sequence listing; and

(ii) an additional component, in respect of the sheets containing the sequence listing and/or any tables related to that sequence listing, calculated on the basis of the number of sheets of the sequence listing and/or any tables if presented as a print-out on paper complying with the physical requirements prescribed in Rule 11, provided that any sheet of the sequence listing and/or any tables in excess of 400 sheets shall not require the payment of a fee per sheet as referred to in item 1 of the Schedule of Fees.

(b) Item 3(b) and (c) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations shall apply to reduce the fees payable in respect of an international application filed in electronic form with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710(a) that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form.

Section 803**Calculation of International Filing Fee for
International Applications Containing Sequence Listings and/or Tables**

Where sequence listings and/or tables are filed in electronic form under Section 801(a), the international filing fee payable in respect of that application shall include the following two components:

(i) a basic component calculated as provided in the Schedule of Fees in respect of all pages filed on paper (that is, all pages of the request, description (excluding sequence listings and/or tables if also filed on paper), claims, abstract and drawings), and

(ii) an additional component, in respect of sequence listings and/or tables, equal to 400 times the fee per sheet as referred to in item 1 of the Schedule of Fees, regardless of the actual length of the sequence listings and/or tables filed in computer readable form and regardless of the fact that sequence listings and/or tables may have been filed both in written form and in computer readable form.

ANNEX C**STANDARD FOR THE PRESENTATION OF
NUCLEOTIDE AND AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS
IN INTERNATIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS UNDER THE PCT****Definitions**

2. For the purposes of this Standard:

(i) to (vii) [No change]

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**

d) Une administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui a adressé une notification au Bureau international conformément aux alinéa a) et b), doit notifier au Bureau international toute modification concernant l'information notifiée en application des alinéas ci-dessus.

Instruction 707**Taxe internationale de dépôt; réduction de taxes**

a) Sous réserve de l'alinéa *a-bis*) ci-dessous, lorsqu'une demande internationale est déposée sous forme électronique, la taxe internationale de dépôt est calculée sur la base du nombre de feuilles que cette demande contiendrait si elle était déposée sous forme papier conformément aux conditions matérielles prescrites par la règle 11.

a-bis) Lorsque la demande internationale est déposée sous forme électronique et contient un listage des séquences conformément à la règle 5.2.a), la taxe internationale de dépôt inclut les deux composantes suivantes :

i) une composante de base calculée sur la base du nombre de feuilles que contiendrait la demande internationale si elle était déposée sous forme papier conformément aux conditions matérielles prescrites par la règle 11, à l'exclusion des feuilles relatives au listage des séquences ou aux tableaux y relatifs ; et

ii) une composante supplémentaire correspondant au listage des séquences ou aux tableaux y relatifs, calculée sur la base du nombre de feuilles relatives au listage des séquences ou aux tableaux y relatifs si ces derniers étaient déposés sous forme papier conformément aux conditions matérielles prescrites par la règle 11, étant précisé que toute feuille du listage des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs au-delà de la 401^{ème} ne doit pas donner lieu au paiement d'une taxe par feuille supplémentaire comme il est mentionné au point 1 du barème de taxes.

b) Le point 3.b) et c) du barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT s'applique aux fins de réduire les taxes applicables à une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique auprès d'un office récepteur qui a notifié au Bureau international en vertu de l'instruction 710.a) qu'il est prêt à recevoir les demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique.

Instruction 803**Calcul de la taxe internationale de dépôt pour les demandes internationales contenant des listages des séquences ou des tableaux**

Lorsque des listages des séquences ou des tableaux sont déposés sous forme électronique en vertu de l'instruction 801.a), la taxe internationale de dépôt à acquitter en ce qui concerne la demande internationale considérée inclut les deux composantes suivantes :

i) une composante de base calculée comme prévu dans le barème de taxes en ce qui concerne toutes les pages déposées sur papier (c'est-à-dire toutes les pages de la requête, de la description (autres que les listages des séquences ou les tableaux si ceux-ci sont également déposés sur papier), des revendications, de l'abrégé et des dessins), et

ii) une composante supplémentaire correspondant au listage des séquences ou aux tableaux, égale à 400 fois la taxe par feuille visée au point 1 du barème de taxes, quelle que soit la longueur proprement dite des listages des séquences ou des tableaux déposés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et sans tenir compte du fait que les listages des séquences ou les tableaux aient pu être déposés à la fois sous forme écrite et sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

ANNEXE C**NORME RELATIVE À LA PRÉSENTATION DES LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES DE NUCLÉOTIDES ET D'ACIDES AMINÉS DANS LES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES DE BREVET DÉPOSÉES SELON LE PCT****Définitions**

2. Aux fins de la présente norme,

- (i) à (vii) [Sans changement]

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**TEXT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**

(viii) “competent Authority” is the International Searching Authority that is to carry out the international search and to establish the written opinion of the International Searching Authority on the international application, or the International Preliminary Examining Authority that is to carry out the international preliminary examination on the international application, or the designated/elected Office before which the processing of the international application has started.

ANNEX D
INFORMATION FROM PAMPHLET FRONT PAGE TO BE INCLUDED
IN THE GAZETTE UNDER RULE 86.1(a)(i)

1. to 12. [No change]
5. as to the designated States:
 - 5.1 their names
 - 5.2 the indication of any wish for a regional patent
 - 5.3 the indication that every kind of protection available is sought, unless otherwise indicated
6. to 8. [No change]

ANNEX E
INFORMATION TO BE PUBLISHED IN THE GAZETTE UNDER RULE 86.1(a)(v)

1. to 12. [No change]
 13. The dates defining the period referred to in Rule 32.1(b) during which the international application, whose effects may be extended to a successor State under Rule 32.1, must have been filed.
 14. *[Deleted]*
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MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**

(viii) l'expression "administration compétente" désigne l'administration chargée d'effectuer la recherche internationale et d'établir l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale pour la demande internationale en question, ou l'administration chargée d'effectuer l'examen préliminaire international pour la demande internationale en question, ou encore l'office désigné ou élu au sein duquel le traitement de la demande internationale a commencé.

ANNEXE D
INFORMATIONS MENTIONNÉES SUR LA PAGE DE COUVERTURE DE LA BROCHURE ET À
FAIRE FIGURER DANS LA GAZETTE
SELON LA RÈGLE 86.1.a)i)

1. à 12. [Sans changement]
5. informations concernant les États désignés :
 - 5.1 leur nom
 - 5.2 l'indication du souhait d'obtenir un brevet régional
 - 5.3 l'indication selon laquelle tout titre de protection disponible est recherché, sauf indication contraire
6. à 8. [Sans changement]

ANNEXE E
INFORMATIONS À PUBLIER DANS LA GAZETTE SELON LA RÈGLE 86.1.a)v)

1. à 12. [Sans changement]
 13. Les dates délimitant la période définie à la règle 32.1.b) et pendant laquelle doit avoir été déposée la demande internationale dont les effets peuvent être étendus à un État successeur conformément à la règle 32.1, doivent avoir été indiquées.
 14. [Supprimé]
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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

SE Agreement between the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex C

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2004. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Swedish kronor)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	13,870
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	13,870
Translation of the international application (Rule 48.3), per word ³	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), ⁴ 71.2(b) and 94.1), per page	[No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) to (3) [No change]

(4) Where on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Danish Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Norwegian Patent Office or the Icelandic Patent Office, and where the Authority benefits from that search report, the amount of SEK 1,400 shall be refunded in respect of the search fee paid according to Part I. Where on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, and where the Authority benefits from that search report, the amount of SEK 2,800 shall be refunded in respect of the search fee paid according to Part I.

(5) [No change]”

² Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, page 29550, No. 06/1999, page 1518, No. 27/1999, page 7672, No. 28/1999, page 7974, No. 27/2000, page 9880, No. 09/2001, page 3752, No. 11/2001, page 4632, No. 48/2001, page 22138, No. 50/2001, page 23264, No. 51/5001, page 23764, No. 20/2002, page 9970, and No. 50/2002, page 25624.

³ This fee may be due after 31 December 2002 but only in respect of international applications whose international filing date is not later than 31 December 2002 (see new Rule 12.4 and amended Rule 48.3 as in force from 1 January 2003).

⁴ Applicants receive free of charge, together with the international search report, a copy of each of the documents cited therein; the amount indicated is payable only where applicants request additional copies of such documents.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

SE Accord entre l'Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle² – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office suédois des brevets a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant d'une modification apportée à l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Couronnes suédoises)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	13.870
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	13.870
Traduction de la demande internationale (règle 48.3), par mot ³	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b) ⁴ , 71.2.b) et 94.1), par page	[Sans changement]

Partie II. Conditions et limites des remboursements ou des réductions de taxes

1) à 3) [Sans changement]

4) Lorsque, pour une demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée, un rapport de recherche a été établi par l'Office danois des brevets, par l'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande, par l'Office norvégien des brevets ou par l'Office islandais des brevets, et lorsque cette administration peut utiliser ce rapport de recherche, un montant de SEK 1.400 est remboursé pour la taxe de recherche payée selon la partie I. Lorsque, pour une demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée, un rapport de recherche a été établi par l'Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement, et lorsque cette administration peut utiliser ce rapport de recherche, un montant de SEK 2.800 est remboursé pour la taxe de recherche payée selon la partie I.

5) [Sans changement]”

² Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, page 29611, n° 06/1999, page 1519, n° 27/1999, page 7673, n° 28/1999, page 7975, n° 27/2000, page 9881, n° 09/2001, page 3753, n° 11/2001, page 4633, n° 48/2001, page 22139, n° 50/2001, page 23265, n° 51/2001, page 23765, n° 20/2002, page 9971, et n° 50/2002, page 25625.

³ Cette taxe peut être due après le 31 décembre 2002 mais seulement en ce qui concerne les demandes internationales dont la date de dépôt international n'est pas postérieure au 31 décembre 2002 (voir la nouvelle règle 12.4 et la règle modifiée 48.3 en vigueur à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2003).

⁴ Les déposants reçoivent gratuitement avec le rapport de recherche internationale une copie de chacun des documents cités; le montant indiqué est à payer uniquement dans le cas où les déposants demandent des copies supplémentaires de ces documents.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**KZ Kazakhstan—Corrigendum**

One of the telephone numbers of the **Kazakh Patent Office** published in PCT Gazette No. 48/2003, page 27116, was erroneous. The correct telephone numbers are as follows:

Telephone: (7-3172) 39 07 65 (general matters)
(7-3272) 30 15 22 (application processing)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(KZ), page 115, and No. 48/2003, page 27116]

UA Ukraine

The **Ukraine Patent Office** has notified changes in the name of its Office, in its location and mailing address, in its telephone and facsimile numbers and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office: Derzhavny Department Intelektualnoi Vlasnosti,
Ministerstvo Osvity i Nauky Ukrainy
State Department of Intellectual Property (SDIP), Ministry
of Education and Science of Ukraine

Location and mailing address: SDIP, 8, Lvivska ploscha, 04655, Kyiv-53, DSP-655,
Ukraine (general matters)
Ukrainsky Instytut Ppomyslovoi Vlasnosti
Ukrainian Industrial Property Institute (Ukrpatent),
15, Simyi Khokhlovykh Street, 04119, Kyiv, Ukraine)
(filing and processing of applications)

Telephone: (380-44) 212 50 82 (SDIP)
(380-44) 458 06 11, 458 06 16 (Ukrpatent)

Facsimile machine: (380-44) 212 34 49 (SDIP)
(380-44) 458 06 11, 205 47 17 (Ukrpatent)

E-mail: post@sdip.gov.ua (SDIP)
office@ukrpatent.org (Ukrpatent)

Internet: www.sdip.gov.ua (SDIP)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B1(UA), page 203]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**KZ Kazakhstan – rectificatif**

L'un des numéros de téléphone de l'**Office kazakh des brevets** publiés dans la Gazette du PCT n° 48/2003, page 27117, était erroné. Les numéros de téléphone corrects sont les suivants :

Téléphone : (7-3172) 39 07 65 (questions d'ordre général)
(7-3272) 30 15 22 (traitement des demandes)

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UA Ukraine

L'**Office ukrainien des brevets** a notifié des changements dans le nom de son office, dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur et dans ses adresses électronique et Internet, comme suit :

Nom de l'office : Derzhavny Departament Intelektualnoi Vlasnosti,
Ministerstvo Osvity i Nauky Ukrainy
Département d'état de la propriété intellectuelle (SDIP),
Ministère de l'éducation et des sciences de l'Ukraine

Siège et adresse postale : SDIP, 8, Lvivska ploscha, 04655, Kyiv-53, DSP-655,
Ukraine (questions d'ordre général)
Ukrainsky Instytut Ppomyslovoi Vlasnosti
Institut ukrainien de la propriété industrielle (Ukrpatent), 15,
Simyi Khokhlovykh Street, 04119, Kyiv, Ukraine (dépôt et
traitement des demandes)

Téléphone : (380-44) 212 50 82 (SDIP)
(380-44) 458 06 11, 458 06 16 (Ukrpatent)

Télécopieur : (380-44) 212 34 49 (SDIP)
(380-44) 458 06 11, 205 47 17 (Ukrpatent)

Courrier électronique : post@sdip.gov.ua (SDIP)
office@ukrpatent.org (Ukrpatent)

Internet : www.sdip.gov.ua (SDIP)

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**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****FI Finland**

Following the coming into effect on 7 January 2002 of new Part 7 and new Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of electronic filing and processing of international applications under the PCT, as provided for by Rule 89*bis*.1, any receiving Office having the necessary technical systems in place is able to decide to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), no national Office or intergovernmental organization is obliged to receive or process international applications filed in electronic form or by electronic means unless it has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to do so in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Administrative Instructions. Any such notification shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette, including information on the receiving Offices' requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form (see Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions).

The National Board of Patents Registration of Finland (PRH), in its capacity as a receiving Office, announces that, with effect from 1 January 2004, it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form. In accordance with Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions, the National Board of Patents Registrations of Finland (PRH) notifies the following requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form with it as receiving Office:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)
- PDF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.2)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- on-line filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, section 2(d))
- filing by means of CD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1 and Appendix III, section 2(e))

As to electronic document packaging:

- WAD (Wrapped Application Document; see Annex F, section 4.1.1) only for filing on a physical medium
- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- *epoline* ® software
- PCT-SAFE software

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****FI Finlande**

Suite à l'entrée en vigueur, le 7 janvier 2002, de la nouvelle septième partie et de la nouvelle annexe F des instructions administratives contenant respectivement le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires pour la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement électroniques des demandes internationales selon le PCT, tel que prévu à la règle 89*bis*.1, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques nécessaires est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F.

Conformément à la règle 89*bis*.1.d) du PCT, aucun office national ni aucune organisation internationale n'est tenu de recevoir ou de traiter les demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique ou par des moyens électroniques à moins qu'il ait notifié au Bureau international qu'il est disposé à le faire conformément aux dispositions applicables des instructions administratives. Toute notification de ce type est publiée à bref délai par le Bureau international dans la gazette, y compris les informations relatives aux exigences et à la pratique suivie par les offices récepteurs en matière de dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique (voir l'instruction administrative 710).

L'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande (PRH) annonce qu'il est prêt, en sa qualité d'office récepteur, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, à recevoir et à traiter des demandes internationales sous forme électronique. Conformément à l'instruction administrative 710.a), l'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande notifie ci-après ses exigences et pratiques en matière de dépôt de demandes internationales sous forme électronique lorsqu'il agit en sa qualité d'office récepteur :

“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- XML (en général; voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- Norme OMPI ST.25 (pour les listages des séquences; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F et l'annexe C)
- TIFF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)
- PDF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.2 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :

- dépôt en ligne (voir la section 5 de l'annexe F et la section 2.d) de l'appendice III)
- dépôt effectué au moyen de CD-R (voir la section 5.2.1 de l'annexe F et la section 2.e) de l'appendice III)

En ce qui concerne l'emballage électronique des documents :

- WAD (paquet contenant les documents constitutifs de la demande compactés; voir la section 4.1.1 de l'annexe F) seulement pour déposer sur un support matériel
- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- logiciel *epoline*®
- logiciel PCT-SAFE

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****FI Finland (Cont'd)****As to types of electronic signatures (Section 710(a)(i)):**

- the international application must be signed by means of a basic electronic signature (text string or facsimile) or by means of enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3)
- the international application is embedded in a compact package which is signed by means of a PKCS#7-type enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4). Such an enhanced electronic signature is implemented by means of a smart card and recognised by PRH

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The acknowledgement of receipt of any purported international application filed with PRH as receiving Office contains, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

PRH will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. It is only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if outdated certificates have been used, that a notification of receipt will not be generated. Other errors, such as applications being infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic, are notified to the applicant in the acknowledgment of receipt. Where it transpires that an acknowledgment of receipt transmitted to the applicant by electronic means was not successfully transmitted, PRH will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by the same or another means (see Section 709(b)).

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

No on-line payment is available. The following means of deferred payment are accepted: payment by check, by cash or by bank transfer.

As to details concerning help-desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of patents, PRH has put in place a help-desk for applicants.

The task of this help-desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of patents, and in particular to serve as a technical Hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software and/or server are encountered.

This help-desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 8 am until 4 pm.

The PRH patent help-desk may be contacted

- by phone, at (358-9) 69395858
- by e-mail at the following address: patentit@prh.fi

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****FI Finlande (suite)****En ce qui concerne les types de signatures électroniques (instruction 710.a)i) :**

- la demande internationale doit être signée au moyen d'une signature électronique de base (alpha numérique ou en fac-similé) ou d'une signature électronique renforcée (voir la section 3.3 de l'annexe F)
- la demande internationale est empaquetée sous la forme d'un paquet compacté qui est signé au moyen d'une signature électronique renforcée, de type PKCS#7 (voir la section 3.3.4 de l'annexe F). Cette signature électronique renforcée est mise en œuvre par le biais d'une carte à puce et elle est reconnue par l'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande

En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures ayant trait à la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)ii) :

L'accusé de réception de toute demande internationale présumée, qui est déposée auprès de l'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande lorsqu'il agit en sa qualité d'office récepteur, contient, outre les informations exigées au titre de l'instruction 704.a)i) à iv), le nom des fichiers électroniques reçus (voir l'instruction 704.a)v)).

L'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique. Ce n'est que lorsque la demande n'est pas envoyée conformément au protocole sur l'interopérabilité en matière de dépôt électronique (voir la section 5.1 de l'annexe F) ou lorsque des certificats caduques ont été utilisés, que l'accusé de réception n'est pas généré. D'autres erreurs, telles que des demandes contaminées par des virus et d'autres formes d'éléments malveillants, sont notifiées au déposant dans l'accusé de réception. Lorsqu'il s'avère que l'accusé de réception envoyé au déposant par des moyens de transmission électroniques n'est pas reçu, l'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande envoie à nouveau, à bref délai, l'accusé de réception par le même moyen ou par un autre moyen (voir l'instruction 709.b)).

En ce qui concerne le paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a)ii) :

Aucun paiement en ligne n'est disponible. Les modes de paiement acceptés en différé sont les suivants : le paiement par chèque, en espèces ou par virement bancaire.

En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d'assistance (instruction 710.a)iii) :

Dans le cadre de son service de dépôt électronique de brevets, l'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande a mis en place un service d'assistance aux déposants.

Ce service d'assistance a pour mission de répondre aux questions soulevées par les utilisateurs du service de dépôt électronique de brevets, et particulièrement de jouer le rôle de Hotline technique, afin notamment de venir en aide aux déposants lorsque des bogues et d'autres anomalies techniques surviennent au niveau de l'application et/ou du serveur.

Ce service d'assistance est ouvert du lundi au vendredi, de 8h00 à 16h00.

Le service d'assistance en matière de brevets de l'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande peut être contacté :

- par téléphone, au (358-9) 69395858
- par courriel, à l'adresse suivante : patentit@prh.fi

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****FI Finland (Cont'd)****As to kinds of documents transmitted in electronic form to the Office (Section 710(a)(iii)):**

— international applications

As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):

PRH will not accept the filing of back-up copies on paper. Furthermore, PRH will not prepare a back-up copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

As to procedures for notifying applicants of the procedures to follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

In the event of failure of the electronic systems when an international application is filed with it, PRH will use all means available to inform the applicant of alternative filing procedures.

PRH will provide on its web site (see <http://patent.prh.fi>) information concerning the availability of electronic filing systems.

As to certification authorities accepted by the Office, and the electronic address of a listing of the certificate policies under which the certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

— Väestörekisterikeskus (VRK) (*Population Register Center* in English) www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi. Certificates with Electronic Identity card (FINEID smartcards) are issued by the Finnish local Police departments.

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No on-line file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****FI Finlande (suite)****En ce qui concerne les types de documents transmis en ligne à l'office (instruction 710.a)iii) :**

- demandes internationales

En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :

L'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande n'acceptera pas le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde sous forme papier. Par ailleurs, l'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande ne préparera pas de copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sous forme papier à la demande du déposant.

En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :

Dans le cas où les systèmes informatiques ne seraient plus en état de marche au moment où une demande internationale est déposée auprès de lui, l'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande mettra en œuvre tous les moyens dont il dispose pour informer le déposant des procédures de remplacement à suivre.

L'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande fournira sur son site Internet (voir <http://patent.prh.fi>) les informations relatives aux disponibilités des systèmes de dépôt en ligne.

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office, et l'adresse électronique de la liste des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés (instruction 710.a)vi) :

- Västöresterikeskus (VRK) (*Centre d'enregistrement de la population* en français) www.vaestoresterikeskus.fi. Des certificats avec carte d'identité électronique (cartes à puce FINEID) sont délivrés par les bureaux de la police locale finlandaise.

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou conservées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible.”

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****KR Republic of Korea**

Following the coming into effect on 7 January 2002 of new Part 7 and new Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of electronic filing and processing of international applications under the PCT, as provided for by Rule 89*bis*.1, any receiving Office having the necessary technical systems in place is able to decide to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89*bis*.1(d), no national Office or intergovernmental organization is obliged to receive or process international applications filed in electronic form or by electronic means unless it has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to do so in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Administrative Instructions. Any such notification shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette, including information on the receiving Offices' requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form (see Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions).

The Korean Intellectual Property Office (KIPO), in its capacity as a receiving Office, announces that, with effect from 1 January 2004, it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form. In accordance with Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions, KIPO notifies the following requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form with it as receiving Office:

“As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (in general; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- WIPO Standard ST.25 (for sequence listings; see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2, and Annex C)
- TIFF (for files that are referenced by XML files within the international application; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):

- filing by means of CD-R (see Annex F, section 5.2.1 and Appendix III, section 2(e))

As to electronic document packaging:

- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- PCT-SAFE

As to types of electronic signatures (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.1)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****KR République de Corée**

Suite à l'entrée en vigueur, le 7 janvier 2002, de la nouvelle septième partie et de la nouvelle annexe F des instructions administratives contenant respectivement le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires pour la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement électroniques des demandes internationales selon le PCT, tel que prévu à la règle 89*bis*.1, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques nécessaires est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F.

Conformément à la règle 89*bis*.1.d) du PCT, aucun office national ni aucune organisation internationale n'est tenu de recevoir ou de traiter les demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique ou par des moyens électroniques à moins qu'il ait notifié au Bureau international qu'il est disposé à le faire conformément aux dispositions applicables des instructions administratives. Toute notification de ce type est publiée à bref délai par le Bureau international dans la gazette, y compris les informations relatives aux exigences et à la pratique suivie par les offices récepteurs en matière de dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique (voir l'instruction administrative 710).

L'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle (KIPO) annonce qu'il est prêt, en sa qualité d'office récepteur, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, à recevoir et à traiter des demandes internationales sous forme électronique. Conformément à l'instruction administrative 710.a), l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle notifie ci-après ses exigences et pratiques en matière de dépôt de demandes internationales sous forme électronique lorsqu'il agit en sa qualité d'office récepteur :

“En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- XML (en général; voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- Norme OMPI ST.25 (pour les listages des séquences; voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F et l'annexe C)
- TIFF (pour des fichiers auxquels les fichiers en XML de la demande internationale renvoient; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :

- dépôt effectué au moyen de CD-R (voir la section 5.2.1 de l'annexe F et la section 2.e) de l'appendice III)

En ce qui concerne l'empaquetage électronique des documents :

- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les logiciels de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- PCT-SAFE

En ce qui concerne les types de signatures électroniques (instruction 710.a)i) :

- signature en fac-similé (voir la section 3.3.1 de l'annexe F)
- signature numérique renforcée (voir la section 3.3.4 de l'annexe F)

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****KR Republic of Korea (Cont'd)****As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):**

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed in electronic form with KIPO will contain the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv).

KIPO will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form filed by means of CD-R. It is only in cases where the package which is submitted does not contain any files that no notification of receipt is generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)), or missing files, are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

As to methods of online payment (Section 710(a)(ii)):

No on-line payment is available.

As to details concerning help desks (Section 710(a)(ii)):

Within the framework of its service for the electronic filing of international applications, KIPO has put in place a help-desk for applicants: the KIPO CALL CENTER.

The task of this help-desk is to answer questions from users of the service for the electronic filing of international applications, and in particular to serve as a technical Hotline in order to help applicants whenever bugs and other technical problems relating to the software are encountered.

This help-desk is open from Monday to Friday, from 9 am until 6 pm and on Saturday, from 9 am until 5 pm.

The KIPO CALL CENTER team may be contacted

— by phone, at +82-1544-8080

— by e-mail at the following address: kipouhd@kipo.go.kr

As to kinds of documents transmitted in electronic form to the Office (Section 710(a)(iii)):

— international applications

As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):

KIPO will not accept the filing of back-up copies on paper. Furthermore, KIPO will not prepare a back-up copy of the international application on paper at the request of the applicant.

As to procedures for notifying applicants of the procedures to follow as alternatives when the electronic systems of the Office are not available (Section 710(a)(v)):

The filing of international applications by means of CD-R will follow the same procedures as the filing of international applications on paper. The notification of receipt will be issued in person or by mail.

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****KR République de Corée (suite)****En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures ayant trait à la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)ii) :**

L'accusé de réception de toute demande internationale présumée qui est déposée auprès de l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle contient les informations exigées au titre de l'instruction 704.a)i) à iv).

L'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande internationale sous forme électronique déposée au moyen d'un CD-R. Ce n'est que lorsque le paquet soumis à l'office ne contient aucun fichier que l'accusé de réception n'est pas généré. D'autres erreurs, telles que l'utilisation de certificats caduques (voir la section 4.4.7 de l'appendice II de l'annexe F), des demandes contaminées par des virus ou d'autres formes d'éléments malveillants (voir l'instruction 708.b)), ou des fichiers manquants, sont notifiées au déposant dans l'accusé de réception.

En ce qui concerne le paiement en ligne (instruction 710.a)ii) :

Aucun paiement en ligne n'est disponible.

En ce qui concerne les renseignements relatifs aux services d'assistance (instruction 710.a)ii) :

Dans le cadre du service de dépôt électronique de brevets, l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle a mis en place un service d'assistance aux déposants, le KIPO CALL CENTER.

Ce service d'assistance a pour mission de répondre à l'ensemble des questions soulevées par les utilisateurs du service de dépôt électronique de brevets, et particulièrement de jouer le rôle de Hotline technique afin de venir en aide aux déposants lorsque des bogues et autres anomalies surviennent au niveau de l'application.

Ce service d'assistance est ouvert du lundi au vendredi, de 9h00 à 18h00, et le samedi de 9h00 à 17h00.

Le KIPO CALL CENTER peut être contacté :

- par téléphone, au +82-1544-8080
- par courriel, à l'adresse suivante : kipouhd@kipo.go.kr

En ce qui concerne les types de documents transmis en ligne à l'office (instruction 710.a)iii) :

- demandes internationales

En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :

L'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle n'acceptera aucun dépôt de copie de sauvegarde sous forme papier. Par ailleurs, l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle ne préparera aucune copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sous forme papier à la demande du déposant.

En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :

Le dépôt de demandes internationales au moyen de CD-R suivra les mêmes procédures que le dépôt de demandes internationales sous forme papier. L'accusé de réception sera délivré en personne ou par courrier.

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****KR Republic of Korea (Cont'd)**

As to certification authorities accepted by the Office, and the electronic address of a listing of the certificate policies under which the certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

— KIPO Certification Authority (<http://www.kipo.go.kr>)

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

No on-line file inspection by applicants is provided for at present.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**CO Colombia**

The **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Colombian pesos (COP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:⁵

For patent:

Filing fee: COP 400,000

For utility model:

Filing fee: COP 235,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Summary (CO), page 406]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), equivalent amounts of the search fee for an international search carried out by the European Patent Office in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, **Swiss francs (CHF)**, **Cyprus pounds (CYP)**, **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **pounds sterling (GBP)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Japanese yen (JPY)**, **Malawian kwacha (MWK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, **US dollars (USD)** and **South African rand (ZAR)**, applicable as from 1 January 2004, have been established, as specified below:

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	EUR	1,550	GBP	1,078	NZD	2,884
	CAD	2,362	ISK	138,000	SEK	13,870
	CHF	2,432	JPY	196,500	SGD	3,130
	CYP	905	MWK	194,000	USD	1,818
	DKK	11,520	NOK	12,700	ZAR	12,280

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(EP), page 345]

⁵ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1). The Office or the agent should be consulted for the latest applicable fee amount.

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**

KR République de Corée (suite)

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office, et l'adresse électronique de la liste des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés (instruction 710.a)vi) :

- Autorité de certification de l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle (<http://www.kipo.go.kr>)

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou conservées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

Aucun service en ligne d'accès aux dossiers par les déposants n'est actuellement disponible."

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

CO Colombie

La **Surintendance de l'industrie et du commerce (Colombie)** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **pesos colombiens (COP)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale⁵ :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt : COP 400.000

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt : COP 235.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), résumé (CO), page 427]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

Conformément à la règle 16.1.b) du PCT, les montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets, exprimés en **dollars canadiens (CAD), francs suisses (CHF), livres chypriotes (CYP), couronnes danoises (DKK), livres sterling (GBP), couronnes islandaises (ISK), yen japonais (JPY), kwacha malawiens (MWK), couronnes norvégiennes (NOK), dollars néo-zélandais (NZD), couronnes suédoises (SEK), dollars de Singapour (SGD), dollars des États-Unis (USD)** et en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, ont été établis, comme indiqué ci-dessous :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) :	EUR	1.550	GBP	1.078	NZD	2.884
	CAD	2.362	ISK	138.000	SEK	13.870
	CHF	2.432	JPY	196.500	SGD	3.130
	CYP	905	MWK	194.000	USD	1.818
	DKK	11.520	NOK	12.700	ZAR	12.280

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe D(EP), page 357]

⁵ Doit être remise ou payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT. Pour connaître le montant de la taxe en vigueur, se renseigner auprès de l'office ou du mandataire.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**IB International Bureau**

The **International Bureau** has notified a change in the amount of a fee payable to it in particular circumstances, applicable as from 1 January 2004, as follows:

Copy of a document in the file (other than the record copy, the published application or the priority document) (PCT Rule 94.1):	CHF 5
	plus CHF 2 per page

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B2(IB), page 227]

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, applicable as from 1 January 2004, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	ISK 6,500
National fee:	
Basic fee: ⁶	ISK 34,500
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10: ⁷	ISK 1,700
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation: ⁸	ISK 12,500
Annual fees for the first three years: ⁹	ISK 9,900

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(IS), page 286, and Summary (IS), page 442]

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified new conditions of refund of the search fee, applicable as from 1 January 2004, are as follows:

Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	[No change]
	Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search to a considerable extent: refund of JPY 41,000, upon request

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(JP), page 348, and No. 50/2003, page 28394]

⁶ Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

⁷ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

⁸ Where the basic national fee has been paid within the applicable time limit under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the prescribed translation may be filed within a further period of two months, provided that it is accompanied by this fee.

⁹ These fees are payable within two months after performing the acts for entering the national phase.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**IB Bureau international**

Le **Bureau international** a notifié un changement dans le montant d'une taxe payable à son profit dans certains cas particuliers, applicable à compter 1^{er} janvier 2004, comme suit :

Copie d'un document contenu dans le dossier (autre que l'exemplaire original, la demande publiée ou le document de priorité (règle 94.1 du PCT) :

CHF	5
plus CHF	2 par page

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B2(IB), page 232]

IS Islande

L'**Office islandais des brevets** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu), applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, comme suit :

Taxe de transmission :	ISK	6.500
Taxe nationale:		
Taxe de base ⁶ :	ISK	34.500
Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication à compter de la 11 ^e ⁷ :	ISK	1.700
Taxe additionnelle pour remise tardive de la traduction ⁸ :	ISK	12.500
Taxes annuelles pour les trois premières années ⁹ :	ISK	9.900

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(IS), page 293, et résumé (IS), page 471]

JP Japon

L'**Office des brevets du Japon** a notifié de nouvelles conditions de remboursement de la taxe de recherche, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, comme suit :

Conditions de remboursement et montant du remboursement de la taxe de recherche:	[Sans changement]
	Lorsque l'Administration peut utiliser pour une partie substantielle une recherche antérieure : remboursement de JPY 41.000, sur demande

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe D(JP), page 360, et n° 50/2003, page 28395]

⁶ Doit être payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

⁷ Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

⁸ Si la taxe de base a été payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, la traduction requise peut être déposée dans les deux mois qui suivent l'expiration de ce délai, à condition d'être accompagnée du paiement de la taxe additionnelle.

⁹ Ces taxes sont dues dans les deux mois qui suivent l'accomplissement des actes requis pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**KR Republic of Korea**

Further to the notification by the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 January 2004, equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** of the new electronic filing reductions have been established, with effect from the same date, as follows:

Reductions (under Schedule of Fees, item 3):	
PCT-EASY:	KRW 85,000
Electronic filing (not in character coded format):	KRW 170,000
Electronic filing (in character coded format):	KRW 255,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(KR), page 293]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee and additional search fee in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, and equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **Euros (EUR)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, **Swiss francs (CHF)** and in **US dollars (USD)**, applicable as from 1 January 2004 and payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Swedish Patent Office):	SEK 13,870	EUR 1,550	NOK 12,700
	CHF 2,432	ISK 138,000	USD 1,818
	DKK 11,520		
Additional search fee (international search by the Swedish Patent Office):	SEK 13,870		

Furthermore, the **Swedish Patent Office** has notified new conditions of refund of the search fee, applicable as from 1 January 2004, as follows:

Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	[No change]
	[No change]
	[No change]

Where on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Danish Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Norwegian Patent Office or the Icelandic Patent Office, and where the Authority benefits from that search report: refund of SEK 1,400

Where on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Swedish Patent and Registration Office, and where the Authority benefits from that search report: refund of SEK 2,800

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(SE), page 351]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**KR République de Corée**

Suite à la notification de l'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle** selon laquelle l'office est disposé à recevoir les demandes internationales sous forme électronique avec effet au 1^{er} janvier 2004, les montants équivalents, exprimés en **won coréens (KRW)**, des nouvelles réductions pour le dépôt électronique, ont été établis, avec effet à la même date, comme suit :

Réductions (selon le barème de taxes, point 3) :

PCT-EASY : KRW 85.000

Dépôt électronique
(n'étant pas en format codé
caractère par caractère) : KRW 170.000

Dépôt électronique
(en format codé caractère
par caractère) : KRW 255.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(KR), page 301]

SE Suède

L'**Office suédois des brevets** a notifié au Bureau international de nouveaux montants de la taxe de recherche et de la taxe de recherche additionnelle, exprimés en **couronnes suédoises (SEK)**, et des montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **couronnes danoises (DKK)**, **euro (EUR)**, **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, **couronnes norvégiennes (NOK)**, **francs suisses (CHF)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office, comme suit :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office suédois des brevets) :	SEK 13.870	EUR 1.550	NOK 12.700
	CHF 2.432	ISK 138.000	USD 1.818
	DKK 11.520		

Taxe de recherche additionnelle
(recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office suédois des brevets) : SEK 13.870

En outre, l'**Office suédois des brevets** a notifié de nouvelles conditions de remboursement de la taxe de recherche, applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, comme suit :

Conditions de remboursement et montant du remboursement de la taxe de recherche:	[Sans changement]
	[Sans changement]
	[Sans changement]

Lorsque, pour une demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée, un rapport de recherche a été établi par l'Office danois des brevets, par l'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande, par l'Office norvégien des brevets ou par l'Office islandais des brevets, et lorsque cette administration peut utiliser ce rapport de recherche : remboursement de SEK 1.400

Lorsque, pour une demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée, un rapport de recherche a été établi par l'Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement, et lorsque cette administration peut utiliser ce rapport de recherche : remboursement de SEK 2.800

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe D(SE), page 363]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c)**AU Australia**

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which will enter into force on 1 January 2004, the **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacities as receiving office, International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annexes C, D and E, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Office waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	None
Has the Office waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	None

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(AU), page 238]

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the Authority waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:	None
Has the Authority waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?	Yes
Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:	None

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex D(AU), page 343, and Annex E(AU), page 354]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT**AU Australie**

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, l'**Office australien des brevets**, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans les annexes C, D et E, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?	Oui
Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :	Néant
L'office a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis ?	Oui
Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :	Néant

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(AU), page 241]

Renonciation au pouvoir :

L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?	Oui
Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :	Néant
L'administration a-t-elle renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis ?	Oui
Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :	Néant

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe D(AU), page 355, et annexe E(AU), page 368]

WAIVERS UNDER PCT RULES 90.4(d) AND 90.5(c) (Cont'd)**IB International Bureau (as receiving Office)**

Under new PCT Rules 90.4(d) and 90.5(c), which will enter into force on 1 January 2004, the **International Bureau acting as receiving Office** has informed the International Bureau that it waives the requirement under PCT Rules 90.4(b) and 90.5(a)(ii) to submit either a separate power of attorney and/or a copy of a general power of attorney. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex C, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the International Bureau waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a separate power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

Has the International Bureau waived the requirement that a copy of a general power of attorney be submitted?

Yes

Particular instances in which a copy of a general power of attorney is required:

Upon appointment of, or for any paper submitted by, an agent or a common representative who was not indicated in the request form at the time of filing

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex C(IB), page 277]

IB International Bureau

Under new PCT Rule 90.4(d), which will enter into force on 1 January 2004, the **International Bureau** does not waive the requirement under PCT Rule 90.4(b) that a separate power of attorney be submitted to it. A new heading will be incorporated into Annex B2, as follows :

Waiver of power of attorney:

Has the International Bureau waived the requirement that a separate power of attorney be submitted?

No

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2003 (E), Annex B2(IB), page 227]

RENONCIATIONS SELON LES RÈGLES 90.4.d) ET 90.5.c) DU PCT (suite)**IB Bureau international (en qualité d'office récepteur)**

Selon les nouvelles règles 90.4.d) et 90.5.c) du PCT, qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, le **Bureau international agissant en qualité d'office récepteur** a informé le Bureau international qu'il renonce à l'exigence en vertu des règles 90.4.b) et 90.5a)ii) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct ou une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe C, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

Le Bureau international a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels un pouvoir distinct est requis :

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt

Le Bureau international a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle une copie d'un pouvoir général doit lui être remis ?

Oui

Cas particuliers dans lesquels une copie d'un pouvoir général est requise :

Lors de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt ou pour la remise de tout document par un mandataire ou un représentant commun qui n'était pas indiqué dans le formulaire de requête au moment du dépôt

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe C(IB), page 283]

IB Bureau international

Selon la nouvelle règle 90.4.d) du PCT, qui entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, le **Bureau international** ne renonce pas à l'exigence en vertu de la règle 90.4.b) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis. Une nouvelle rubrique sera introduite dans l'annexe B2, comme suit :

Renonciation au pouvoir :

Le Bureau international a-t-il renoncé à l'exigence selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit lui être remis ?

Non

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2003 (F), annexe B2(IB), page 229]

**FURNISHING BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF COPIES OF THE INTERNATIONAL
PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT: NOTIFICATION BY ELECTED OFFICES UNDER PCT
RULE 94.1(c)**

Under new PCT Rule 94.1(c), which will enter into force on 1 January 2004, the Offices of the following States and Organization in their capacities as elected Offices have requested the International Bureau to furnish copies of the international preliminary examination report on their behalf:

BY Belarus
EE Estonia
EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)
GB United Kingdom
GE Georgia
LT Lithuania
MW Malawi

DÉLIVRANCE PAR LE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DE COPIES DU RAPPORT D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES ÉLUS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 94.1.c) DU PCT

En vertu de la nouvelle règle 94.1.c) du PCT, qui entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, les offices des États suivants et de l'Organisation suivante agissant en leur capacité d'offices élus, ont demandé au Bureau international de délivrer des copies du rapport d'examen préliminaire international en leur nom:

- BY Bélarus
- EA Organisation eurasiennne des brevets (OEAB)
- EE Estonie
- GB Royaume-Uni
- GE Géorgie
- LT Lituanie
- MW Malawi

SECTION IV

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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CN Agreement between the China Intellectual Property Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **China Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 13 January 2002. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Yuan renminbi)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,500
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,500
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,500
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,500
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.1), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change].”

EP Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex C

The **European Patent Organisation** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Part I of Annex C thereof. The **Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization** and the **President of the European Patent Office**, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, have agreed to an amendment of Part II of Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 3 January 2002. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change] ³
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change] ³
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,530 ³
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,530 ³
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,020
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.1), per page	[No change]

¹ Published in *PCT Gazette* No. 56/1997, page 29515.

² Published in *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2001, page 19948, and No. 45/2001, page 20502.

³ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations (see also corresponding footnote to the Annex C(IB) and *PCT Gazette* No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234), and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of October 11, 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, 446).

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
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CN Accord entre l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications entreront en vigueur le 13 janvier 2002. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Yuan renminbi)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	1.500
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	1.500
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	1.500
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	1.500
Taxe de réserve (règles 40.2.e) et 68.3.e))	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b), 71.2.b) et 94.1), par page	[Sans changement]

Partie II. [Sans changement].”

EP Accord entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle² – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Organisation européenne des brevets a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à la partie I de l'annexe C de cet accord. Le **Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** et le **Président de l'Office européen des brevets**, en vertu de l'article 11.2) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, sont convenus d'une modification de la partie II de l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications entreront en vigueur le 3 janvier 2002. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euro)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	[Sans changement] ³
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	[Sans changement] ³
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	1.530 ³
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	1.530 ³
Taxe de réserve (règles 40.2.e) et 68.3.e))	1.020
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b), 71.2.b) et 94.1), par page	[Sans changement]

¹ Publié dans la *Gazette du PCT* n° 56/1997, page 29575.

² Publié dans la *Gazette du PCT* n° 44/2001, page 19949, et n° 45/2001, page 20503.

³ Cette taxe est réduite de 75% lorsque le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux, est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et qui est domiciliée dans un État, qui n'est pas partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen et qui remplit les conditions applicables à la réduction correspondante de certaines taxes du PCT telles qu'elles figurent dans le barème des taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT (voir également la note correspondante de bas de page de l'annexe C(IB) et la *Gazette du PCT* n° 50/1995, pages 19267 et 19268), et conformément à la décision du Conseil d'administration de l'OEB du 11 octobre 2000 (JO OEB 2000, 446).

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES (Cont'd)**

EP Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C (Cont'd)

**Annex C
Fees and Charges (Cont'd)**

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) [No change]

(2) [No change]

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search (including a privately commissioned “standard” search) already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, 100% or 50% of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from the earlier search.

(4) [No change]

(5) [No change]”.

ES Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization² – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, that, as from 1 January 2002, the Spanish peseta is no longer a currency of payment of fees, the euro becoming the sole acceptable currency. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	945 ³
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	945 ³
Cost of copies (Rule 44.3(b))	
– national documents, per document	3.74
– foreign documents, per document	5.26

Part II. [No change]”.

¹ Published in *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2001, page 19948, and No. 45/2001, page 20502.

² Published in *PCT Gazette* No. 56/1997, page 29531, No. 05/1998, page 2995, No. 07/1998, page 4224, No. 24/1999, page 6660, No. 49/2001, page 22744, and No. 52/2001, page 24252.

³ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations (see also corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB) and *PCT Gazette* No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234), and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, 446).

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
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EP Accord entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C (suite)

**Annexe C
Taxes et droits (suite)**

Partie II. Conditions et limites des remboursements ou des réductions de taxes

1) [Sans changement]

2) [Sans changement]

3) Lorsque l'Administration peut utiliser une recherche antérieure (y compris une recherche "standard" demandée à titre privé) que l'Administration a déjà effectuée pour une demande dont la priorité est revendiquée pour la demande internationale, la taxe de recherche est remboursée à 100% ou 50%, selon la mesure dans laquelle l'Administration tire parti de cette recherche antérieure.

4) [Sans changement]

5) [Sans changement]".

ES Accord entre l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle² – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant de ce que, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, la peseta espagnole n'est plus une monnaie de paiement des taxes, l'euro devenant la seule monnaie acceptable. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**"Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euros)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	945 ³
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	945 ³
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règle 44.3.b))	
– documents nationaux, par document	3,74
– documents étrangers, par document	5,26

Partie II. [Sans changement]".

¹ Publié dans la *Gazette du PCT* n° 44/2001, page 19949, et n° 45/2001, page 20503.

² Publié dans la *Gazette du PCT* n° 56/1997, page 29591, n° 05/1998, page 3005, n° 07/1998, page 4234, n° 24/1999, page 6661, n° 49/2001, page 22745, et n° 52/2001, page 24253.

³ Cette taxe est réduite de 75 % lorsque le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux, est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et qui est domiciliée dans un État, qui n'est pas partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen et qui remplit les conditions applicables à la réduction correspondante de certaines taxes du PCT telles qu'elles figurent dans le barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT (voir également la note correspondante de bas de page de l'annexe C(IB) et la *Gazette du PCT* n° 50/1995, pages 19267 et 19268), et conformément à la décision du Conseil d'administration de l'OEB du 11 octobre 2000 (JO OEB 2000, 446).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**BA Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Information on fees to be paid in **euro (EUR)** only, as from 1 January 2002, to the **Institute for Standards, Metrology and Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office will be published in PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-01/2002 (E), dated 10 January 2002.

CN China

The **China Intellectual Property Office** has notified new amounts for the search fee, the additional search fee, the preliminary examination fee and the additional preliminary examination fee in **yuan renminbi (CNY)**, payable to it as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable as from 13 January 2002, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CNY 1,500
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	CNY 1,500
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	CNY 1,500
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	CNY 1,500

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex D(CN), page 307, and Annex E(CN), page 318]

CN China
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, new equivalent amounts in **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)** of the search fee payable in respect of an international search carried out by the China Intellectual Property Office, have been established. The consolidated list of all amounts, applicable as from 13 January 2002, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	CNY 1,500	CHF 290	USD 180
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex D(CN), page 307]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**BA Bosnie-Herzégovine**

Des renseignements sur les taxes à acquitter en **euros (EUR)** seulement, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, à l'**Institut des normes, de la métrologie et de la propriété intellectuelle de la Bosnie-Herzégovine** en tant qu'office récepteur et office désigné (ou élu), seront publiés dans le numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), daté du 10 janvier 2002.

CN Chine

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine** a notifié de nouveaux montants pour la taxe de recherche, la taxe de recherche additionnelle, la taxe d'examen préliminaire et la taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle, exprimés en **yuan renminbi (CNY)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international. Ces montants, applicables à compter du 13 janvier 2002, sont les suivants:

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	CNY 1.500
Taxe de recherche additionnelle (règle 40.2 du PCT) :	CNY 1.500
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58 du PCT) :	CNY 1.500
Taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle (règle 68.3 du PCT) :	CNY 1.500

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe D(CN), page 333, et annexe E(CN), page 344]

CN Chine**IB Bureau international**

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, de nouveaux montants équivalents en **francs suisses (CHF)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)** de la taxe de recherche, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine, ont été établis. La liste récapitulative de tous les montants, applicables à compter du 13 janvier 2002, est la suivante :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	CNY 1.500	CHF 290	USD 180
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe D(CN), page 333]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office** has notified new amounts for the preliminary examination fee, the additional preliminary examination fee and the protest fee in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, and has notified a change in one of the conditions for refund of the search fee in certain cases. These changes, applicable as from 3 January 2002, are as follows:

Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	EUR 1,530
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	EUR 1,530
Protest fee (PCT Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e)):	EUR 1,020
Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search (including a privately commissioned "standard" search) already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application: refund of 100% or 50%, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from the earlier search.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex D(EP), page 308, and Annex E(EP), page 319]

LU Luxembourg

Information on fees to be paid in **euro (EUR)** only, as from 1 January 2002, to the **Intellectual Property Office of Luxembourg** as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office will be published in PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-01/2002 (E), dated 10 January 2002.

RECEIVING OFFICES**PH Philippines**

Information on the requirements of the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** as receiving Office will be included in Annex C(PH), which will be published in PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-01/2002 (E), dated 10 January 2002.

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES****PH Philippines**

Information on the requirements of the **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** as designated (or elected) Office for the deposits of microorganisms and other biological material will be included in Annex L, which will be published in PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-01/2002 (E), dated 10 January 2002.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (EPO)**

L'**Office européen des brevets** a notifié de nouveaux montants pour la taxe d'examen préliminaire, la taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle et la taxe de réserve, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international, et a notifié un changement dans l'une des conditions de remboursement de la taxe de recherche dans certains cas. Ces changements, applicables à compter du 3 janvier 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58 du PCT) :	EUR 1.530
Taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle (règle 68.3 du PCT) :	EUR 1.530
Taxe de réserve (règles 40.2.e) et 68.3.e) du PCT) :	EUR 1.020
Conditions de remboursement et montant du remboursement de la taxe de recherche :	Lorsque l'Administration peut utiliser une recherche antérieure (y compris une recherche "standard" demandée à titre privé) que l'Administration a déjà effectuée pour une demande dont la priorité est revendiquée pour la demande internationale : remboursement à 100 % ou 50 %, selon l'usage qui peut être fait de la recherche antérieure.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe D(EP), page 334, et annexe E(EP), page 345]

LU Luxembourg

Des renseignements sur les taxes à acquitter en **euros (EUR)** seulement, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, à l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Luxembourg** en tant qu'office récepteur et office désigné (ou élu), seront publiés dans le numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), daté du 10 janvier 2002.

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**PH Philippines**

Des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle des Philippines** en tant qu'office récepteur seront inclus dans l'annexe C(PH), qui sera publiée dans le numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), daté du 10 janvier 2002.

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
EXIGENCES DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS ET ÉLUS****PH Philippines**

Des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle des Philippines** en tant qu'office désigné (ou élu) pour les dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique, seront inclus dans l'annexe L, qui sera publiée dans le numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), daté du 10 janvier 2002.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTING PART FILED ON AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT SUCH FILINGS AND SPECIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA

The **International Bureau** as receiving Office has notified changes in its requirements concerning the type of electronic media it is prepared to accept for the filing of international applications containing a sequence listing part under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii) of the Administrative Instructions, as follows:

IB International Bureau CD-R, DVD-R

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(IB), page 251]

**DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT UNE PARTIE RÉSERVÉE AU LISTAGE DES
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Le **Bureau international** en tant qu'office récepteur a notifié des changements dans ses exigences relatives aux types de supports électroniques qu'il est disposé à accepter pour le dépôt des demandes internationales contenant une partie réservée au listage des séquences en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801.a)i) ou ii), comme suit :

IB Bureau international

CD-R, DVD-R

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(IB), page 261]

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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**Non-Working Days**

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5,* it is to be noted that the days on which the International Bureau **is not open for business** are, for the period from 1 February 2002 to 31 January 2003, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and	5 September 2002
22 February 2002	25 December 2002
29 March 2002	26 December 2002
1 April 2002	1 January 2003
9 May 2002	2 January 2003
20 May 2002	

It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other international organizations.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the Australian Patent Office. The new amount, applicable as from 15 March 2002, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Australian Patent Office):	ZAR 4,290
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex D(AU), page 316]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the European Patent Office. The new amount, applicable as from 1 March 2002, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	NZD 2,023
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex D(EP), page 318]

* Rule 80.5 **Expiration on a Non-Working Day**

“If the expiration of any period during which any document or fee must reach a national Office or intergovernmental organization falls on a day on which such Office or organization is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business, or on which ordinary mail is not delivered in the locality in which such Office or organization is situated, the period shall expire on the next subsequent day on which neither of the said two circumstances exists.”

BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**Jours chômés**

Aux fins du calcul des délais selon la règle 80.5* du PCT, il convient de noter que le Bureau international **ne sera pas ouvert** les jours suivants, pendant la période du 1^{er} février 2002 au 31 janvier 2003 :

tous les samedis et dimanches et	le 5 septembre 2002
le 22 février 2002	le 25 décembre 2002
le 29 mars 2002	le 26 décembre 2002
le 1 ^{er} avril 2002	le 1 ^{er} janvier 2003
le 9 mai 2002	le 2 janvier 2003
le 20 mai 2002	

Il est important de noter que les jours susmentionnés concernent le **Bureau international exclusivement et non pas** les offices nationaux ni d'autres organisations intergouvernementales.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office australien des brevets. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 mars 2002, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office australien des brevets) : ZAR 4.290

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe D(AU), page 342]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} mars 2002, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) : NZD 2.023

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe D(EP), page 344]

* Règle 80.5 **Expiration un jour chômé**

“Si un délai quelconque pendant lequel un document ou une taxe doit parvenir à un office national ou à une organisation intergouvernementale expire un jour où cet office ou cette organisation n'est pas ouvert au public pour traiter d'affaires officielles, ou bien un jour où le courrier ordinaire n'est pas délivré dans la localité où cet office ou cette organisation est situé, le délai prend fin le premier jour suivant auquel aucune de ces deux circonstances n'existe plus.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**IB International Bureau**

The **International Bureau** has notified a new fee payable to it in particular circumstances, applicable as from 24 January 2002, as follows:

Copy, on CD-ROM, of sequence listings contained in pamphlets or priority documents, produced upon request of a third party:	CHF	35 plus shipping costs
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B2(IB), page 212]

IE Ireland

The **Irish Patents Office** has notified a change in the amount of a fee in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	76
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(IE), page 262]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **New Israel shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	ILS	445
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ILS	37 plus ILS 2.50 per page
National fee:		
Filing fee:	ILS	853

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(IL), page 263, and Summary (IL), page 408]

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ISK	3,000
National fee:		
Basic fee:	ISK	33,500
Claim fee for each claim in in excess of ten:	ISK	1,600
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation:	ISK	12,300
Annual fees for the first three years:	ISK	9,300

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(IS), page 267, and Summary (IS), page 410]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**IB Bureau international**

Le **Bureau international** a notifié une nouvelle taxe payable à son profit dans certains cas particuliers, applicable à compter du 24 janvier 2002, comme suit :

Copie, sur CD-ROM, des listages des séquences contenus dans des brochures ou des documents de priorité, produite à la demande d'un tiers :	CHF	35 plus frais d'expédition
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe B2(IB), page 214]

IE Irlande

L'**Office irlandais des brevets** a notifié un changement dans le montant d'une taxe, exprimé en **euros (EUR)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe de transmission :	EUR	76
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(IE), page 274]

IL Israël

L'**Office des brevets d'Israël** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **nouveaux shekels israéliens (ILS)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe de transmission :	ILS	445
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT):	ILS	37 plus ILS 2,50 par page
Taxe nationale :		
Taxe de dépôt :	ILS	853

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(IL), page 275, et résumé (IL), page 442]

IS Islande

L'**Office islandais des brevets** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	ISK	3.000
Taxe nationale :		
Taxe de base :	ISK	33.500
Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication à compter de la 11 ^e :	ISK	1.600
Taxe additionnelle pour remise tardive de la traduction :	ISK	12.300
Taxes annuelles pour les trois premières années :	ISK	9.300

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(IS), page 279, et résumé (IS), page 446]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**IN India**

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified changes in the location and mailing addresses of its branch offices in New Delhi and Chennai, in the telephone numbers of its branch offices in Calcutta, New Delhi and Chennai, in the facsimile numbers of its branch offices in New Delhi, Chennai and Mumbai, and in the e-mail address of its branch office in New Delhi. The consolidated information for all branch offices is as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Nizam Palace (5th-7th floor), 234/4 Acharya Jagadish Bose Road, Calcutta 700 020, India W-5, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi 110008, India 6th Floor, Guna Complex, Annex-II, 443, Anna Salai, Teynampet, Chennai 600 018, India Todi Estates, 3rd floor, Sun Mill Compound, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai 400 013, India
Telephone:	Calcutta: (91-33) 247 44 01, 247 44 02, (91-33) 247 44 03, 240 66 85 New Delhi: (91-11) 587 12 55, 587 12 56, (91-11) 587 12 57, 587 12 58, (91-11) 587 72 45 Chennai: (91-44) 431 43 24, 431 43 25, (91-44) 431 43 26, 431 47 53 Mumbai: (91-22) 492 40 58, 492 50 92, (91-22) 496 13 70
Facsimile machine:	Calcutta: (91-33) 247 38 51, 240 13 53 New Delhi: (91-11) 587 62 09, 587 25 32 Chennai: (91-44) 431 47 50, 431 47 51 Mumbai: (91-22) 490 38 52, 495 06 22
E-mail:	Calcutta: patentin@vsnl.com New Delhi: delhipatent@vsnl.com Chennai: patentchennai@vsnl.com chpatent@tn.nic.in Mumbai: patmum@vsnl.net
Internet:	www.patentoffice.nic.in

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(IN), page 93]

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as well as in its e-mail address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Skulagata 63, IS-150 Reykjavík, Iceland
Telephone:	(354) 580 94 00
Facsimile machine:	(354) 580 94 01
E-mail:	postur@patent.is

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(IS), page 95]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

IN Inde

L'**Office indien des brevets** a notifié des changements dans l'adresse du siège et l'adresse postale de ses agences de New Delhi et de Chennai, dans les numéros de téléphone de ses agences de Calcutta, de New Delhi et de Chennai, dans les numéros de télécopieur de ses agences de New Delhi, de Chennai et de Mumbai, et dans l'adresse électronique de son agence de New Delhi. Les informations récapitulatives pour toutes les agences sont les suivantes :

Siège et adresse postale :	Nizam Palace (5th-7th floor), 234/4 Acharya Jagadish Bose Road, Calcutta 700 020, Inde W-5, West Patel Nagar, New Delhi 110008, Inde 6th Floor, Guna Complex, Annex-II, 443, Anna Salai, Teynampet, Chennai 600 018, Inde Todi Estates, 3rd floor, Sun Mill Compound, Lower Parel (West), Mumbai 400 013, Inde
Téléphone :	Calcutta: (91-33) 247 44 01, 247 44 02, (91-33) 247 44 03, 240 66 85 New Delhi: (91-11) 587 12 55, 587 12 56, (91-11) 587 12 57, 587 12 58, (91-11) 587 72 45 Chennai: (91-44) 431 43 24, 431 43 25, (91-44) 431 43 26, 431 47 53 Mumbai: (91-22) 492 40 58, 492 50 92, (91-22) 496 13 70
Télécopieur :	Calcutta: (91-33) 247 38 51, 240 13 53 New Delhi: (91-11) 587 62 09, 587 25 32 Chennai: (91-44) 431 47 50, 431 47 51 Mumbai: (91-22) 490 38 52, 495 06 22
Courrier électronique :	Calcutta: patentin@vsnl.com New Delhi: delhipatent@vsnl.com Chennai: patentchennai@vsnl.com chpatent@tn.nic.in Mumbai: patmum@vsnl.net
Internet :	www.patentoffice.nic.in

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IS Islande

L'**Office islandais des brevets** a notifié des changements dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, ainsi que dans son adresse électronique, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale :	Skulagata 63, IS-150 Reykjavík, Islande
Téléphone :	(354) 580 94 00
Télécopieur :	(354) 580 94 01
Courrier électronique :	postur@patent.is

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

AT Agreement between the Federal Minister for Economic Affairs of the Republic of Austria and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. These amendments entered into force on 1 January 2002. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	159
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	159
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	159
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	159
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.1), per page	0.58

Part II. [No change].”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified new amounts for the search fee, the additional search fee, the preliminary examination fee, the additional preliminary examination fee and the fees for copies in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2002, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	EUR 159
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	EUR 159
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	EUR 0.58
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	EUR 159
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	EUR 159
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	EUR 0.58
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94):	EUR 0.58

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex D(AT), page 315, and Annex E(AT), page 326]

¹ Published in *PCT Gazette* No. 56/1997, page 29503.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

AT Accord entre le Ministre fédéral des affaires économiques de la République d'Autriche et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office autrichien des brevets a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2002. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euros)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	159
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	159
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	159
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	159
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b), 71.2.b) et 94.1), par page	0,58

Partie II. [Sans changement].”

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

AT Autriche

L'Office autrichien des brevets a notifié de nouveaux montants pour la taxe de recherche, la taxe de recherche additionnelle, la taxe d'examen préliminaire, la taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle et les taxes pour la délivrance de copies, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international. Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	EUR 159
Taxe de recherche additionnelle (règle 40.2 du PCT) :	EUR 159
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport de recherche internationale (règle 44.3 du PCT) :	EUR 0,58
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58 du PCT) :	EUR 159
Taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle (règle 68.3 du PCT) :	EUR 159
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport d'examen préliminaire international (règle 71.2 du PCT) :	EUR 0,58
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents contenus dans le dossier de la demande internationale (règle 94 du PCT) :	EUR 0,58

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe D(AT), page 341, et annexe E(AT), page 352]

¹ Publié dans la *Gazette du PCT* n° 56/1997, page 29563.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the European Patent Office. The new amount, applicable as from 1 April 2002, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	ZAR 10,280
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex D(EP), page 318]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale
effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) : ZAR 10.280

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AM Armenia**

The **Armenian Patent Office** has established amounts of fees for provisional patents in **Armenian drams (AMD)**, and has notified changes with regard to the reduction of the national fees, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of national fees and conditions for reduction thereof is as follows:

National fee:

For patent:	Patent	Provisional patent
Filing fee:	AMD 20,000	AMD 20,000
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	AMD 5,000	AMD 5,000
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	AMD 10,000	AMD 10,000
Substantive examination fee:	AMD 180,000	—
Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	AMD 140,000	—
Annual fees for the 2nd and the 3rd year, per year:	AMD 20,000	AMD 20,000
For utility model:		
Filing fee:	AMD 20,000	—
Annual fees for the 2nd and the 3rd year, per year:	AMD 20,000	—
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	National fees relating to obtaining and maintaining of provisional patents and utility models are reduced by 75% if the applicant is a physical person or a legal entity with less than 25 employees, and by 50% for legal entities with 25 to 100 employees. The substantive examination fee for patents is reduced by 30% when an international search report or an international preliminary examination report has been established	

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (AM), page 356]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**MN Mongolia**

The **Mongolian Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (976-11) 32 74 56

Facsimile: (976-11) 32 76 38

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(MN), page 138]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AM Arménie**

L'Office arménien des brevets a établi des montants de taxes pour les brevets provisoires, exprimés en **drams arméniens (AMD)**, et a notifié des changements en ce qui concerne la réduction des taxes nationales, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). La liste récapitulative des taxes nationales et des conditions de réduction de ces taxes est la suivante :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :	Brevet	Brevet provisoire
Taxe de dépôt :	AMD 20.000	AMD 20.000
Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 2 ^e :	AMD 5.000	AMD 5.000
Taxe de revendication de priorité, par priorité :	AMD 10.000	AMD 10.000
Taxe d'examen quant au fond :	AMD 180.000	–
Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 2 ^e :	AMD 140.000	–
Taxes annuelles pour la 2 ^e et la 3 ^e année, par année :	AMD 20.000	AMD 20.000
Pour un modèle d'utilité :		
Taxe de dépôt :	AMD 20.000	–
Taxes annuelles pour la 2 ^e et la 3 ^e année, par année :	AMD 20.000	–

Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :

Les taxes nationales relatives à l'obtention et au maintien en vigueur des brevets et des modèles d'utilité sont réduites de 75 % si le déposant est une personne physique ou une personne morale ayant moins de 25 employés, et de 50% pour les personnes morales ayant de 25 à 100 employés. La taxe d'examen quant au fond pour les brevets est réduite de 30% lorsqu'un rapport de recherche internationale ou un rapport d'examen préliminaire international a été établi

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (AM), page 386]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**MN Mongolie**

L'Office mongol de la propriété intellectuelle a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Téléphone : (976-11) 32 74 56

Télécopieur : (976-11) 32 76 38

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe B1(MN), page 140]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)**

The **Eurasian Patent Office** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable as from 1 March 2002, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase: Under PCT Article 22: 31 months from the priority date

Under PCT Article 39(1): [No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (EA), page 388]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that the requirement to file the translation and the amendments of the international application in triplicate for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office has been dispensed with. It is now only necessary to file a single copy of each.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002, Summary (EP), page 394]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**EA Organisation eurasienne des brevets (OEAB)**

L'**Office eurasien des brevets** a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable à compter du 1^{er} mars 2002, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
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En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (EA), page 420]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

L'**Office européen des brevets** a notifié au Bureau international que l'obligation de déposer en trois exemplaires la traduction et les modifications de la demande internationale a été supprimée pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Il est maintenant seulement nécessaire de déposer une seule copie de chaque.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (EP), page 426]

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Fees Payable Under the PCT		Taxes payables en vertu du PCT	
US United States of America	3888	US États-Unis d'Amérique	3889
ZA South Africa	3888	ZA Afrique du Sud	3889

**NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF MODIFIED
PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS**

During its thirtieth (13th ordinary) session, held in Geneva from 24 September to 3 October 2001, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) unanimously adopted a modification of the time limit under Article 22(1) for performing the acts necessary to enter the national phase, extending the current (20-month) time limit to 30 months from the priority date. This modification, which will enter into force on 1 April 2002, was published in PCT Gazette No. 44/2001, page 19932, on 1 November 2001.

It is recalled that the Assembly decided as follows: “If, on 3 October 2001, any such modification is not compatible with the national law applied by a designated Office, it shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as it continues not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office notifies the International Bureau accordingly by 31 January 2002. The notification shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as designated Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility :

AU Australia
BG Bulgaria
BR Brazil
CH Switzerland
CN China
DK Denmark
EE Estonia
FI Finland
GB United Kingdom
HR Croatia
HU Hungary
IL Israel
JP Japan
KR Republic of Korea
LU Luxembourg
NO Norway
SE Sweden
SG Singapore
SK Slovakia
TZ United Republic of Tanzania
UG Uganda
YU Yugoslavia
ZA South Africa
ZM Zambia

NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES

Durant sa trentième session (13^e session ordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 24 septembre au 3 octobre 2001, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté à l'unanimité une modification relative au délai fixé à l'article 22.1) pour l'accomplissement des actes nécessaires à l'ouverture de la phase nationale, en portant le délai actuel (20 mois) à 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité. Cette modification, qui entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2002, a été publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 44/2001, page 19933, le 1^{er} novembre 2001.

Il est rappelé que l'Assemblée a décidé ce qui suit : "Si, le 3 octobre 2001, une telle modification n'est pas compatible avec la législation nationale appliquée par un office désigné, elle ne sera pas applicable à l'égard de cet office tant qu'elle ne sera pas compatible avec ladite législation, à condition que cet office notifie ce fait au Bureau international au plus tard le 31 janvier 2002. La notification sera publiée à bref délai dans la gazette par le Bureau international".

Les offices (en leur qualité d'offices désignés) des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

AU Australie
BG Bulgarie
BR Brésil
CH Suisse
CN Chine
DK Danemark
EE Estonie
FI Finlande
GB Royaume-Uni
HR Croatie
HU Hongrie
IL Israël
JP Japon
KR République de Corée
LU Luxembourg
NO Norvège
SE Suède
SG Singapour
SK Slovaquie
TZ République-Unie de Tanzanie
UG Ouganda
YU Yougoslavie
ZA Afrique du Sud
ZM Zambie

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**CZ Czech Republic**

The **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable since 18 January 2002, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase: Under PCT Article 22: 31 months from the priority date

Under PCT Article 39(1): [No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (CZ), page 380]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**US United States of America**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 April 2002, are as follows:

Search fee (international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office): ZAR 8,700 (5,600)
The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee has been paid

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex D(US), page 325]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the basic fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and the designation fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction of the international fee where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 April 2002, are specified below:

Basic fee: ZAR 4,870
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ZAR 112
Designation fee: ZAR 1,050
PCT-EASY fee reduction: ZAR 1,500

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(ZA), page 313]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**CZ République tchèque**

L'**Office de la propriété industrielle de la République tchèque** a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable depuis le 18 janvier 2002, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
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En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (CZ), page 412]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :	ZAR 8.700 (5.600)
	Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon le paragraphe 111.a) du titre 35 USC et que la taxe de dépôt de base a été payée

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe D(US), page 351]

ZA Afrique du Sud

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, ont été établis pour la taxe de base, la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e et la taxe de désignation, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de base :	ZAR 4.870
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	ZAR 112
Taxe de désignation :	ZAR 1.050
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY :	ZAR 1.500

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office**, in its capacity as International Preliminary Examining Authority, has notified the International Bureau of the specific conditions for refund and the amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee in certain cases. The consolidated list of all cases of refund is as follows:

Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the preliminary examination fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded
	In the cases provided for under PCT Rule 58.3: refund of 100%
	If the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination: refund of 75%
	If a “rationalized” international preliminary examination report is established: refund of two thirds*

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex E(EP), page 329]

The **European Patent Office** in its capacity as elected Office has notified a change with regard to the reduction of the examination fee in certain cases, as follows:

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	The examination fee is reduced by 50% where an international preliminary examination report has been established by the EPO except if it is a “rationalized” international preliminary examination report (see OJ EPO 11/2001, 539)
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (EP), page 393]

* Applicable to international applications for which the European Patent Office draws up a rationalized international preliminary examination report as from 3 January 2002. See OJ EPO 11/2001, 539.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'**Office européen des brevets**, en sa qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, a notifié au Bureau international des conditions spécifiques pour le remboursement et le montant des remboursements de la taxe d'examen préliminaire international dans certains cas. La liste complète de tous les cas de remboursement est indiquée ci-dessous :

Conditions de remboursement et montant du remboursement de la taxe d'examen préliminaire :	Tout montant payé par erreur, sans raison ou en excédent sera remboursé
	Dans les cas prévus à la règle 58.3 du PCT : remboursement à 100 %
	Si la demande internationale ou la demande d'examen préliminaire international est retirée avant le début de l'examen préliminaire international : remboursement à 75 %
	Si un rapport d'examen préliminaire international "rationalisé" est établi : remboursement des deux tiers*

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe E(EP), page 355]

L'**Office européen des brevets** en sa qualité d'office élu a notifié un changement en ce qui concerne la réduction de la taxe d'examen dans certains cas, comme suit :

Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :	La taxe d'examen est réduite de 50 % lorsque le rapport d'examen préliminaire international a été établi par l'OEB sauf s'il s'agit d'un rapport d'examen préliminaire international "rationalisé" (voir JO OEB 11/2001, page 539)
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (EP), page 425]

* Applicable à toute demande internationale pour laquelle l'Office européen des brevets a rédigé un rapport d'examen préliminaire international rationalisé à compter du 3 janvier 2002. Voir le JO de l'OEB 11/2001, page 539.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**DE Germany**

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified a modification in its requirements concerning the furnishing of the original of a document transmitted by facsimile machine, as follows:

Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within 14 days from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is an international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of an international application
	No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(DE), page 54]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Japanese yen (JPY)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 May 2002, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	JPY 110,000
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex D(EP), page 318]

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has informed the International Bureau that the **Swiss franc (CHF)** will no longer be the currency of payment of certain fees, and has introduced new amounts of fees in **Turkish lira (TRL)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts are as follows:

National fee:

For patent:	
Filing fee:	TRL 185,000,000
Fee for grant of letters patent:	TRL 115,000,000
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	TRL 185,000,000
First annual fee:	TRL 115,000,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (TR), page 462]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**DE Allemagne**

L'**Office allemand des brevets et des marques** a notifié une modification dans ses exigences relatives à la remise de l'original d'un document transmis par télécopieur, comme suit :

L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT) ?

Oui, par télécopieur

L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas ?

Oui, dans un délai de 14 jours à compter de la date de la transmission, si le document transmis est la demande internationale ou une feuille de remplacement contenant des corrections ou des modifications apportées à la demande internationale

Non, seulement sur invitation pour tout autre document

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe B1(DE), page 54]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **yen japonais (JPY)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} mai 2002, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) : JPY 110.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe D(EP), page 344]

TR Turquie

L'**Institut turc des brevets** a informé le Bureau international que le **franc suisse (CHF)** ne sera plus la monnaie de paiement de certaines taxes, et a introduit de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **lire turque (TRL)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Ces montants sont les suivants :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt : TRL 185.000.000

Taxe de délivrance d'un fascicule de brevet : TRL 115.000.000

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt : TRL 185.000.000

Première taxe annuelle : TRL 115.000.000

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The **Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization** and the **Director General of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office**, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, have agreed to an amendment of Part II of Annex C thereof. This amendment entered into force on 3 January 2002. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. [No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) [No change]

(2) [No change]

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, 100% or 50% of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**ES Spain**

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new condition for refund of the search fee, applicable as from 3 January 2002. The consolidated list of all cases of refund is as follows:

Conditions for refund and amount of
refund of the search fee:

Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess,
will be refunded

Where the international application is withdrawn or is
considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4),
before the start of the international search: refund of 100%

Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search already
made by the Authority on an application whose priority is
claimed for the international application: refund of 100% or
50%, depending upon the extent to which the Authority
benefits from that earlier search

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex D(ES), page 346]

¹ Published in *PCT Gazette* No. 56/1997, page 29531, No. 05/1998, page 2995, No. 07/1998, page 4224, No. 24/1999, page 6660, No. 49/2001, page 22744, No. 52/2001, page 24252, and No. 01/2002, page 478.

ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE**ES Accord entre l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C****Modification de l'annexe C**

Le **Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** et le **Directeur général de l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques**, en vertu de l'article 11.2) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, sont convenus d'une modification de la partie II de l'annexe C de cet accord. Cette modification est entrée en vigueur le 3 janvier 2002. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. [Sans changement]

Partie II. Conditions et limites des remboursements ou des réductions de taxes

1) [Sans changement]

2) [Sans changement]

3) Lorsque l'Administration peut utiliser une recherche antérieure que l'Administration a déjà effectuée pour une demande dont la priorité est revendiquée pour la demande internationale, la taxe de recherche payée est remboursée à 100% ou 50%, selon la mesure dans laquelle l'Administration tire parti de cette recherche antérieure.”

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**ES Espagne**

L'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a notifié au Bureau international une nouvelle condition de remboursement de la taxe de recherche, applicable à compter du 3 janvier 2002. La liste récapitulative de tous les cas de remboursement figure ci-dessous :

Conditions de remboursement et montant du remboursement de la taxe de recherche :	Toute somme payée par erreur, sans raison ou en excédent est remboursée
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Lorsque la demande internationale est retirée ou considérée comme retirée en vertu de l'article 14.1), 3) ou 4) du PCT avant le début de la recherche internationale :
remboursement à 100 %

Lorsque l'Administration peut utiliser une recherche antérieure que l'Administration a déjà effectuée pour une demande dont la priorité est revendiquée pour la demande internationale : remboursement à 100% ou 50%, selon la mesure dans laquelle l'Administration tire parti de cette recherche antérieure

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**PL Poland**

The **Polish Patent Office** has notified an additional type of protection available via the PCT. The recapitulative list of available types of protection is as follows:

Types of protection available via the PCT: Patents, patents of addition, utility models

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(PL), page 156]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**CZ Czech Republic**

The **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic** has notified the International Bureau that the same time limit is applicable for entry into the national phase before the Office as a designated Office under PCT Article 22(3) and as elected Office under PCT Article 39(1)(b), as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase: Under PCT Article 22: 31 months from the priority date

Under PCT Article 39(1): 31 months from the priority date

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (CZ), page 380, and PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3888]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**PL Pologne**

L'**Office polonais des brevets** a notifié un type de protection additionnel disponible par la voie PCT. La liste récapitulative des types de protection disponibles est la suivante :

Types de protection disponibles
par la voie PCT :

Brevets, brevets d'addition, modèles d'utilité

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe B1(PL), page 158]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**CZ République tchèque**

L'**Office de la propriété industrielle de la République tchèque** a informé le Bureau international que le même délai est applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, et en sa qualité d'office élu en vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT, comme suit :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture
de la phase nationale :

En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : 31 mois à compter de la
date de priorité

En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : 31 mois à compter de la
date de priorité

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (CZ), page 412, et de la Gazette du PCT n° 08/2002, page 3889]

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**THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)
IN 2001***

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva, announces the main events which occurred in 2001 in relation to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and the results of operations under the PCT for that year.

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1. The PCT system offers inventors and industry an advantageous route for obtaining patent protection internationally. By filing one “international” patent application under the PCT, protection for an invention can be sought simultaneously in each of a large number of countries. Both applicants and patent Offices of PCT member States benefit from the uniform formality requirements, the international search and preliminary examination reports, and the centralized international publication provided by the PCT system.

Developments in 2001

2. During 2001, the International Bureau of WIPO received a total of 103,947 applications filed worldwide,¹ which not only represented a 14.3% increase over the number of applications filed in 2000, but also made it the first time ever that the milestone of 100,000 international applications had been reached in one year. If applicants had filed separate applications nationally or regionally, this would have involved the filing of millions of applications worldwide to achieve the same level of protection as is afforded by those 103,947 applications.

3. During 2001, seven new Contracting States became bound by the PCT (on the dates shown in parentheses):

Colombia (February 28, 2001);

Ecuador (May 7, 2001);

Equatorial Guinea (July 17, 2001);

Philippines (August 17, 2001);

Oman (October 26, 2001);

Zambia (November 15, 2001);

Tunisia (December 10, 2001).

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Was published in the Information Note “The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) in 2001” dated 19 February 2002.

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Figures in this information note for international applications filed in 2001 are based on the number of record copies of international applications received, under PCT Article 12, by the International Bureau in 2001 from PCT receiving Offices (including the Receiving Office Section of the International Bureau).

**LE TRAITÉ DE COOPÉRATION EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS (PCT)
EN 2001***

L'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle (OMPI), à Genève, communique les principaux faits survenus en 2001 en rapport avec le Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT) ainsi que les résultats des opérations effectuées au titre de ce traité pendant l'année considérée.

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1. Le PCT constitue pour les inventeurs et les industriels une voie intéressante d'obtention de la protection par brevet à l'échelon international. En effet, en déposant une seule demande "internationale" de brevet dans le cadre du PCT, il est possible d'obtenir simultanément la protection d'une invention dans un grand nombre de pays. Le système est avantageux tant pour les déposants que pour les offices de brevets des États contractants, puisqu'il prévoit des formalités uniformes, un rapport de recherche internationale et un rapport d'examen préliminaire international ainsi qu'une publication internationale centralisée.

Faits nouveaux survenus en 2001

2. En 2001, le Bureau international de l'OMPI a reçu en tout 103 947 demandes provenant du monde entier¹, ce qui non seulement représente une augmentation de 14,3% par rapport au nombre de demandes reçues en 2000, mais aussi constitue pour la première fois le dépassement du cap des 100 000 demandes internationales en l'espace d'une année. S'il s'était agi de demandes nationales ou régionales, il aurait fallu que des millions de demandes soient déposées dans le monde entier pour atteindre le même niveau de protection que celui qui est offert par ces 103 947 demandes.

3. Au cours de l'année 2001, sept nouveaux États sont devenus liés par le PCT (aux dates indiquées entre parenthèses) :

Colombie (28 février 2001);

Équateur (7 mai 2001);

Guinée équatoriale (17 juillet 2001);

Philippines (17 août 2001);

Oman (26 octobre 2001);

Zambie (15 novembre 2001);

Tunisie (10 décembre 2001).

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A été publié dans la Note d'information "le Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT) en 2001" du 19 février 2002.

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Les chiffres relatifs aux demandes internationales déposées en 2001 ont été calculés à partir du nombre d'exemplaires originaux de demandes internationales transmis, en vertu de l'article 12 du PCT, au Bureau international en 2001 par les offices récepteurs du PCT (y compris par la Section "Office récepteur du PCT" du Bureau international).

4. By December 31, 2001, the following 115 Contracting States were bound by the PCT:

Albania	Democratic People's	Liberia	South Africa
Algeria	Republic of Korea	Liechtenstein	Spain
Antigua and Barbuda	Denmark	Lithuania	Sri Lanka
Armenia	Dominica	Luxembourg	Sudan
Australia	Ecuador	Madagascar	Swaziland
Austria	Equatorial Guinea	Malawi	Sweden
Azerbaijan	Estonia	Mali	Switzerland
Barbados	Finland	Mauritania	Tajikistan
Belarus	France	Mexico	The former Yugoslav
Belgium	Gabon	Monaco	Republic of
Belize	Gambia	Mongolia	Macedonia
Benin	Georgia	Morocco	Togo
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Germany	Mozambique	Trinidad and Tobago
Brazil	Ghana	Netherlands	Tunisia
Bulgaria	Greece	New Zealand	Turkey
Burkina Faso	Grenada	Niger	Turkmenistan
Cameroon	Guinea	Norway	Uganda
Canada	Guinea-Bissau	Oman	Ukraine
Central African Republic	Hungary	Philippines	United Arab Emirates
Chad	Iceland	Poland	United Kingdom
China	India	Portugal	United Republic of
Colombia	Indonesia	Republic of Korea	Tanzania
Congo	Ireland	Republic of Moldova	United States of
Costa Rica	Israel	Romania	America
Côte d'Ivoire	Italy	Russian Federation	Uzbekistan
Croatia	Japan	Saint Lucia	Viet Nam
Cuba	Kazakhstan	Senegal	Yugoslavia
Cyprus	Kenya	Sierra Leone	Zimbabwe
Czech Republic	Kyrgyzstan	Singapore	Zambia
	Latvia	Slovakia	
	Lesotho	Slovenia	

5. On July 17, 2001, Equatorial Guinea became bound by the PCT. Since Equatorial Guinea is a member State of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), the designation (or election) of that State has the effect of a designation (or election) of that State for the purposes of a regional patent issued by OAPI; it is not possible to designate Equatorial Guinea for a national patent. On November 15, 2001, Zambia became bound by the PCT. Since Zambia is also party to the Harare Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the framework of the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO), PCT applicants may designate Zambia for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent.

Summary of the procedure under the PCT

6. The system of patent cooperation established by the PCT means that, by filing only one international application with one Office, an applicant can obtain the effect of regular national filings in any of the designated PCT Contracting States without initially having to furnish a translation of the application or pay national fees. The national patent granting procedure and the related high expenses are postponed, in the majority of cases, by up to 18 months (or even longer in the case of some Offices), as compared with the traditional patent system.

4. À la date du 31 décembre 2001, les 115 États ci-après avaient adhéré au PCT :

Afrique du Sud	Équateur	Lettonie	République
Albanie	Espagne	Libéria	tchèque
Algérie	Estonie	Liechtenstein	République-Unie
Allemagne	États-Unis	Lituanie	de Tanzanie
Antigua-et- Barbuda	d'Amérique	Luxembourg	Roumanie
Arménie	Ex-République	Madagascar	Royaume-Uni
Australie	yougoslave de	Malawi	Sainte-Lucie
Autriche	Macédoine	Mali	Sénégal
Azerbaïdjan	Fédération de	Maroc	Sierra Leone
Barbade	Russie	Mauritanie	Singapour
Bélarus	Finlande	Mexique	Slovaquie
Belgique	France	Monaco	Slovénie
Belize	Gabon	Mongolie	Soudan
Bénin	Gambie	Mozambique	Sri Lanka
Bosnie- Herzégovine	Géorgie	Niger	Suède
Brésil	Ghana	Norvège	Suisse
Bulgarie	Grèce	Nouvelle-Zélande	Swaziland
Burkina Faso	Grenade	Oman	Tadjikistan
Cameroun	Guinée	Ouganda	Tchad
Canada	Guinée-Bissau	Ouzbékistan	Togo
Chine	Guinée équatoriale	Pays-Bas	Trinité-et-Tobago
Chypre	Hongrie	Philippines	Tunisie
Colombie	Inde	Pologne	Turkménistan
Congo	Indonésie	Portugal	Turquie
Costa Rica	Irlande	République	Ukraine
Côte d'Ivoire	Islande	centrafricaine	Viet Nam
Croatie	Israël	République de	Yougoslavie
Cuba	Italie	Corée	Zambie
Danemark	Japon	République de	Zimbabwe
Dominique	Kazakhstan	Moldova	
Émirats arabes unis	Kenya	République populaire	
	Kirghizistan	démocratique	
	Lesotho	de Corée	

5. Le 17 juillet 2001, la Guinée équatoriale est devenue liée par le PCT. Étant donné que cet État est membre de l'Organisation africaine de la propriété intellectuelle (OAPI), le fait de la désigner (ou de l'élire) produit les effets d'une désignation (ou d'une élection) de cet État aux fins d'un brevet régional délivré par l'OAPI; il n'est pas possible de désigner la Guinée équatoriale aux fins d'un brevet national. Le 15 novembre 2001, la Zambie est devenue liée par le PCT. Étant donné que cet État est aussi lié par le Protocole de Harare sur les brevets et les dessins et modèles industriels dans le cadre de l'Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO), les déposants utilisant le système du PCT peuvent désigner la Zambie pour un brevet ARIPO de même que pour un brevet national.

Résumé de la procédure selon le PCT

6. Grâce au système de coopération en matière de brevets instauré par le PCT, le déposant a la possibilité, en déposant une seule demande internationale auprès d'un seul office, d'obtenir l'effet de dépôts nationaux réguliers dans plusieurs ou la totalité des États contractants du traité qu'il a désignés sans devoir initialement remettre de traduction de la demande ni payer de taxes nationales. La procédure nationale de délivrance et le paiement des frais élevés qui s'y rapportent sont, dans la plupart des cas, différés d'une durée pouvant aller jusqu'à 18 mois (voire plus dans le cas de certains offices), si l'on compare avec le système traditionnel de brevets.

7. In addition to designations of PCT Contracting States for the purpose of obtaining national patents, an international application may include designations for regional patents: ARIPO (African Regional Industrial Property Organization) patents have effect in those States party to the Harare Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the framework of ARIPO which are also Contracting States of the PCT; Eurasian patents have effect in States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention; European patents have effect in States party to the European Patent Convention; and OAPI (African Intellectual Property Organization) patents have effect in States party to the revised Bangui Agreement Relating to the Creation of an African Intellectual Property Organization.

8. Each international application is subjected to an international search carried out by one of the major patent Offices, acting as an International Searching Authority under the PCT, which establishes a report setting out the relevant prior art. That report is received by the applicant about 16 months after the priority date. Eighteen months after the priority date, the international application is published by the International Bureau, together with the international search report and any amendments of claims which may be made by the applicant, and is then transmitted to the applicant and the designated Offices.

9. If the applicant so requests (by filing a “demand” for international preliminary examination), and most do so (see paragraph 30), the international application is then subjected to international preliminary examination under PCT Chapter II by one of the Offices that act as International Preliminary Examining Authority. Provided such demand is submitted before the expiration of 19 months, the entry into the national phase of the procedure is also postponed from 20 months after the priority date² until 30 months after that date (later time limits apply in some cases) and the applicant is given an additional opportunity to amend the application. The examination results in a report that includes an opinion as to whether the claimed invention fulfills the criteria of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability. The international preliminary examination report is usually received by the applicant about 28 months after the priority date, and is also sent to the designated Offices which were elected under Chapter II.

10. With the international search report and the international preliminary examination report, the applicant is in a much better position to decide whether to proceed with the national patent granting procedure before the various designated patent Offices. If the applicant considers, in the light of those reports, that it is worthwhile to continue seeking patent protection in several countries, he may then decide to pay the national fees and professional fees for patent agents abroad, and to incur the cost of preparing translations. This need not be done until 20 months or more after the priority date² (that is, eight months later than under the traditional system), or, if the applicant has filed a demand for international preliminary examination in time, until 30 months or more after the priority date (that is, 18 months later than under the traditional patent system). At that later time the applicant is also in a much better position to decide about the need for patent protection having regard to increased knowledge of the technical value and commercial prospects of the invention.

Rule and procedure changes

11. On January 11, 2001, following the promulgation of new Administrative Instructions under the PCT, it became possible for applicants filing international applications with certain receiving Offices to file, for the purposes of all steps of the international phase, the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing part of the description of such applications either only on an electronic medium in computer readable form or both on an electronic medium and on paper in written form. This change is of considerable benefit, both practically and financially, to applicants who file international applications containing very lengthy sequence listings, as well as being of practical benefit to patent Offices and Authorities. Since the beginning of August 2001, such sequence listing parts which are furnished on an electronic medium are no longer published on paper with the rest of the pamphlet, but are published on the Internet, with the possibility of ordering CD-ROMs containing electronic copies of those sequence listings. For further information, see the following page on the WIPO Internet site:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/sequences/index.htm>

² See paragraph 14 for information concerning the modification, with effect from April 1, 2002, of that time limit for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(1), from 20 to 30 months.

7. Outre les désignations d'États contractants du PCT en vue de l'obtention de brevets nationaux, une demande internationale peut comporter des désignations pour des brevets régionaux : les brevets ARIPO (Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle) produisent leurs effets dans les États parties au Protocole de Harare relatif aux brevets et aux dessins et modèles industriels dans le cadre de l'ARIPO qui sont également des États contractants du PCT; les brevets eurasiens produisent leurs effets dans les États parties à la Convention sur le brevet eurasien; les brevets européens produisent leurs effets dans les États parties à la Convention sur le brevet européen; et les brevets OAPI (Organisation africaine de la propriété intellectuelle) produisent leurs effets dans les États parties à l'Accord portant révision de l'Accord de Bangui instituant une Organisation africaine de la propriété intellectuelle.

8. Chaque demande internationale fait l'objet d'une recherche internationale effectuée par l'un des grands offices de brevets, agissant en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale selon le PCT. Cet office établit un rapport de recherche internationale indiquant l'état de la technique pertinent. Le déposant reçoit ce rapport environ 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité. Dix-huit mois après la date de priorité, le Bureau international publie la demande internationale avec le rapport de recherche internationale et avec les éventuelles modifications que le déposant a pu apporter aux revendications. Il la transmet ensuite aux offices désignés et au déposant.

9. Si le déposant le demande (en présentant une demande d'examen préliminaire international), comme il le fait d'ailleurs dans la plupart des cas (voir le paragraphe 30), la demande internationale fait alors l'objet d'un examen préliminaire international conformément au chapitre II du PCT, effectué par l'un des offices agissant en qualité d'administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international. Sous réserve que cette demande soit soumise avant l'expiration d'un délai de 19 mois, l'ouverture de la phase nationale est retardée de 20 à 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité² (les délais étant même plus longs dans certains cas), ce qui donne au déposant une occasion supplémentaire de modifier la demande. Cet examen aboutit à l'établissement d'un rapport dans lequel est formulée une opinion sur le point de savoir si l'invention revendiquée satisfait aux critères de nouveauté, d'activité inventive et de possibilité d'application industrielle. Le déposant reçoit le rapport d'examen préliminaire international environ 28 mois après la date de priorité et ce rapport est aussi adressé aux offices désignés qui ont été élus selon le chapitre II.

10. Une fois en possession du rapport de recherche internationale et du rapport d'examen préliminaire international, le déposant est bien mieux placé pour déterminer s'il convient d'entamer la procédure nationale de délivrance auprès des différents offices de brevets désignés. S'il estime, au vu de ces rapports, qu'il a intérêt à obtenir une protection par brevet dans différents pays, il peut décider d'acquitter les taxes nationales et les honoraires des mandataires étrangers et d'engager les frais afférents à l'établissement des traductions. Pour prendre cette décision, il dispose d'un délai de 20 mois au moins à compter de la date de priorité² (soit huit mois de plus que dans le système traditionnel), ou même de 30 mois au moins à compter de la date de priorité (soit 18 mois de plus que dans le système traditionnel) s'il a déposé une demande d'examen préliminaire international en temps utile. À ce moment-là, le déposant sera également bien mieux à même de se prononcer sur la nécessité d'une protection par brevet, car il aura une meilleure connaissance des perspectives offertes par l'invention sur les plans technique et commercial.

Modifications apportées aux règles et à la procédure

11. Depuis le 11 janvier 2001, à la suite de la promulgation de nouvelles instructions administratives du PCT, les personnes qui déposent des demandes internationales auprès de certains offices récepteurs peuvent déposer, pour toutes les étapes de la phase internationale, la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés de telles demandes, soit seulement sur un support électronique sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, soit à la fois sur un support électronique et sur papier sous forme écrite. Cette modification est très utile, d'un point de vue pratique et financier, aux personnes qui déposent des demandes internationales contenant de longs listages de séquences; elle présente aussi un intérêt pratique pour les offices de brevets et les administrations. Depuis le début du mois d'août 2001, les parties réservées au listage des séquences déposées sur un support électronique sont publiées non plus sur papier avec le restant de la brochure mais sur l'Internet, étant entendu qu'il est possible d'obtenir des CD-ROM contenant des copies électroniques de ces listages de séquences. On obtiendra de plus amples renseignements à l'adresse suivante sur le site Internet de l'OMPI :

<http://www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/sequences/index.htm>

² Voir le paragraphe 14 pour de plus amples renseignements sur cette modification qui, avec effet au 1^{er} avril 2002, fait passer de 20 à 30 mois le délai pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale en vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT.

12. Amended Regulations which had been adopted by the PCT Assembly in March 2000 entered into force on March 1, 2001, including, in particular, amendments to PCT Rule 4.17, which simplify the national phase both for applicants and for national and regional patent Offices (in their capacity as designated/elected Offices) by allowing applicants to complete, when filing their international applications, declarations—containing standardized wording—relating to the identity of the inventor, the right to apply for a patent, the right to claim priority, inventorship and non-prejudicial disclosures. By submitting such declarations with their international application, applicants may avoid having to submit, upon entry into the national phase, documents or evidence required for the purposes of the national law of the designated/elected States concerned.

Meetings

13. **Reform of the PCT**

– The **Committee on Reform of the Patent Cooperation Treaty**, which was convened pursuant to a decision of the PCT Assembly in October 2000, held its first session in Geneva from May 21 to 25, 2001. The Committee agreed on the objectives on which the reform of the PCT system should be based, the recommendation to the PCT Assembly that a working group be established, and the matters that should be referred to that working group for its consideration and advice.

– Following the approval by the PCT Assembly (see below) of the above-mentioned recommendations, the first session of the **Working Group on Reform of the PCT** was held in Geneva from November 12 to 16, 2001. The topics of discussion included:

(a) A proposal to change the current PCT system so that, for all international applications, an expanded international search (EIS) procedure would be followed, under which, in addition to the international search report, the International Searching Authority (ISA) would issue an opinion of the examiner as to whether the claims of the application appear to satisfy the criteria of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability, similar to the written opinion which the applicant currently receives sometimes after he files a demand for international preliminary examination.

(b) A proposal for reform of the designation system, so that the filing of an international application would automatically have the effect of making all possible designations under the PCT, deferring to the national phase all decisions and choices by the applicant as to the countries in which protection is sought and as to the kinds of protection which are sought. Furthermore, a single “flat” international filing fee would be introduced, replacing the current separate basic fee and designation fee(s).

(c) Changes relating to the Patent Law Treaty (PLT): it was agreed that certain of the principles of the PLT should so far as possible be taken up in the PCT in order to achieve the same benefits for applicants and Offices in the filing and processing of international applications as would be available for national applications.

After further meetings of the Working Group and of the Committee on Reform of the PCT to be held during the course of 2002, the first proposals for reform-related amendments to the PCT Regulations are expected to be submitted to the PCT Assembly in September 2002. Further information relating to the proceedings, as well as background information relating to the proposals submitted to the Working Group, is available on WIPO’s Internet site at:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/meetings/meetings.htm>

12. Les modifications du règlement d'exécution du PCT qui ont été adoptées par l'Assemblée du PCT en mars 2000 sont entrées en vigueur le 1^{er} mars 2001; elles concernent notamment la règle 4.17 et visent à cet égard à simplifier la phase nationale à la fois pour les déposants et pour les offices nationaux ou régionaux de brevets (en leur qualité d'offices désignés ou élus) en permettant aux déposants, lorsqu'ils déposent leur demande internationale, de remplir des déclarations – à l'aide du libellé standard – relatives à l'identité de l'inventeur, au droit de demander un brevet, au droit de revendiquer la priorité, à la qualité d'inventeur et à des divulgations non opposables. En incluant de telles déclarations dans leur demande internationale, les déposants peuvent éviter d'avoir à soumettre, lors de l'ouverture de la phase nationale, des documents ou des preuves exigés aux fins de la législation nationale des États désignés ou élus concernés.

Réunions

13. Réforme du PCT

– Le **Comité sur la réforme du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)**, qui s'est réuni à la suite d'une décision de l'Assemblée du PCT prise en octobre 2000, a tenu sa première session à Genève du 21 au 25 mai 2001. Il a approuvé les objectifs sur lesquels la réforme du système du PCT doit s'appuyer, la recommandation à l'Assemblée du PCT tendant à créer un groupe de travail et les questions à soumettre à ce groupe de travail pour examen et avis.

– À la suite de l'approbation par l'Assemblée du PCT (voir ci-dessous) des recommandations susmentionnées, le **Groupe de travail sur la réforme du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)** a tenu sa première session à Genève, du 12 au 16 novembre 2001. Les points faisant l'objet de discussions comprenaient :

- a) une proposition de modification du système actuel du PCT afin que toutes les demandes internationales soient soumises à un système approfondi de recherche internationale dans le cadre duquel l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale délivre, outre un rapport de recherche internationale, une opinion de l'examineur permettant de savoir si l'invention semble répondre aux critères de nouveauté, d'activité inventive et de possibilité d'application industrielle, qui serait similaire à l'opinion écrite que le déposant reçoit actuellement quelque temps après avoir déposé une demande d'examen préliminaire international;
- b) une proposition de réforme du système des désignations afin que le dépôt d'une demande internationale ait automatiquement pour effet de permettre au déposant d'indiquer toutes les désignations possibles dans le cadre du PCT, ce qui renverrait à la phase nationale toutes les décisions et tous les choix du déposant quant aux pays dans lesquels la protection est demandée et quant au type de protection souhaité. En outre, une taxe internationale de dépôt forfaitaire serait introduite, qui remplacerait les actuelles taxe de base et taxe de désignation;
- c) des changements en rapport avec le Traité sur le droit des brevets (PLT) : il a été convenu que certains aspects du PLT devraient dans la mesure du possible être repris dans le PCT afin que, lors du dépôt et du traitement des demandes internationales, les déposants et les offices bénéficient des mêmes avantages que lors du dépôt et du traitement des demandes nationales.

Le groupe de travail et le comité sur la réforme du PCT tiendront d'autres réunions durant 2002; les premières propositions de modification du règlement d'exécution du PCT devraient être soumises à l'Assemblée du PCT en septembre 2002. On trouvera de plus amples renseignements sur la procédure ainsi que des informations générales sur les propositions soumises au groupe de travail sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante :

<http://www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/meetings/meetings.htm>

14. The **Assembly of the PCT Union** held its thirtieth (13th ordinary) session in Geneva from September 24 to October 3, 2001, the results of which are as follows:

- it was decided, with effect from April 1, 2002, to modify the time limit under PCT Article 22(1) for performing the acts necessary to enter the national phase from 20 to 30 months from the priority date. As a result, the time limit for national phase entry under PCT Article 22(1) will be the same as that which applies under PCT Article 39(1)(a) (that is, the time limit which applies where the applicant files a demand for international preliminary examination within 19 months from the priority date). Since a number of countries will have to change their national laws in order to implement the modification, transitional arrangements will enable postponement of the entry into force of the modification in respect of the designated Offices concerned. As a consequence of the modification of the time limit under PCT Article 22(1), PCT Rules 90*bis*.1, 90*bis*.2 and 90*bis*.3, which deal with the withdrawal of the international application, any designation, and any priority claim, respectively, will, with effect from April 1, 2002, refer only to the time limit of 30 months from the priority date;
- it was decided to amend the Schedule of Fees with effect from January 1, 2002, to further decrease the maximum number of designation fees payable, from six to five, making it the fifth consecutive year in which the fee payable for designating States has been reduced;
- the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office, which has been an International Searching Authority since 1993, was appointed as an International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA); that Office will thus become the 10th Office to function as an IPEA under the PCT. The appointment is expected to have effect later in 2002;
- approval was given of an amendment, with effect from November 1, 2001, of the text of the Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of WIPO relating to the functioning of the European Patent Office (EPO) as an International Searching Authority (ISA) and International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) under the PCT. The amended Agreement enables the EPO to determine, in a more flexible way, which international applications it is competent to act for as ISA and IPEA;
- the PCT Assembly noted the report of the Committee on Reform of the PCT (see paragraph 13, above) and approved the Committee's recommendation concerning the establishment of a working group, the matters to be referred to the working group and the work program of both the Committee and the working group between the September 2001 and September 2002 sessions of the Assembly. It also took note of progress in the PCT automation project (IMPACT) and in the PCT Electronic Filing Project (see paragraphs 16 to 18, below).

Detailed background information is available under "PCT Meetings" on the PCT website:

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>

Seminars

15. In 2001, officials of the International Bureau participated in 114 seminars and presentations that dealt with the use and advantages of the PCT and the promotion of accession to it. Those seminars and presentations were held in Algeria, Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Barbados, Belgium, Brazil, Cambodia, China, Colombia, Cuba, Denmark, Djibouti, Dominica, Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Equatorial Guinea, Finland, France, Germany, Guatemala, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Mali, Mexico, Mozambique, Norway, Paraguay, the Philippines, Portugal, the Republic of Korea, Saint Lucia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Switzerland, Trinidad and Tobago, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and Viet Nam. They were given to about 7,650 users and potential users of the PCT system in the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, Finnish, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish and Swedish. They included 10 specialized presentations that were given to some 530 people on the use of the PCT-EASY software.

14. L'Assemblée de l'Union du PCT a tenu sa trentième session (13^e session ordinaire) à Genève, du 24 septembre au 3 octobre 2001; le bilan est le suivant :

- il a été décidé, avec effet au 1^{er} avril 2002, de modifier le délai fixé à l'article 22.1) pour l'accomplissement des actes nécessaires à l'ouverture de la phase nationale, en portant le délai de 20 mois à 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité. Par conséquent, le délai d'ouverture de la phase nationale selon l'article 22.1) du PCT sera le même que celui qui s'applique selon l'article 39.1)a) (c'est-à-dire le délai qui s'applique lorsque le déposant présente une demande d'examen préliminaire international dans un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité). Étant entendu qu'un certain nombre de pays devront modifier leur législation nationale pour pouvoir mettre en œuvre la modification, des mesures transitoires permettront le report de l'entrée en vigueur de la modification pour les offices désignés concernés. La modification du délai visé à l'article 22.1) du PCT a pour conséquence que les règles 90bis.1, 90bis.2 et 90bis.3 du PCT, qui traitent du retrait de la demande internationale, de désignations et de revendications de priorité, respectivement, se référeront seulement, avec effet au 1^{er} avril 2002, au délai de 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité;
- il a été décidé de modifier le barème de taxes, avec effet au 1^{er} janvier 2002, afin de réduire encore le nombre maximum des taxes de désignation à payer en le ramenant de 6 à 5; c'est la cinquième année consécutive que les taxes payables au titre de la désignation d'États sont réduites;
- l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques, qui a la qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale depuis 1993, a été nommé administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international; il devient ainsi le 10^e office à fonctionner en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international au titre du PCT; la nomination prendra effet ultérieurement en 2002;
- l'assemblée a approuvé, avec effet au 1^{er} novembre 2001, une modification de l'accord entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets et le Bureau international de l'OMPI concernant les fonctions de l'Office européen des brevets en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international au titre du PCT; l'accord ainsi modifié permet à l'OEB de déterminer avec davantage de souplesse quelles sont les demandes internationales pour lesquelles il est habilité à agir en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international;
- l'assemblée a pris note du rapport du comité sur la réforme du PCT (voir le paragraphe 13 ci-dessus) et a approuvé les recommandations du comité concernant la création d'un groupe de travail, les questions à soumettre à ce groupe de travail et le programme de travail du comité et du groupe de travail entre les sessions de septembre 2001 et de septembre 2002 de l'assemblée; il a aussi pris note des rapports de situation sur le projet d'automatisation du PCT (projet IMPACT) et sur le projet relatif au dépôt électronique selon le PCT (voir les paragraphes 16 à 18 ci-dessous).

On trouvera des informations générales détaillées sous la rubrique "Réunions du PCT" sur le site Web du PCT, à l'adresse suivante :

<http://www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/index.html>

Séminaires

15. En 2001, des fonctionnaires du Bureau international ont participé à 114 séminaires et conférences sur l'utilisation et les avantages du PCT ainsi que sur la promotion de l'adhésion à celui-ci. Ces séminaires et conférences ont eu lieu dans les pays suivants : Afrique du Sud, Algérie, Allemagne, Antigua-et-Barbuda, Argentine, Barbade, Belgique, Brésil, Cambodge, Chine, Colombie, Cuba, Danemark, Djibouti, Dominique, Égypte, El Salvador, Équateur, Espagne, États-Unis d'Amérique, Finlande, France, Guatemala, Guinée équatoriale, Inde, Indonésie, Irlande, Italie, Japon, Kenya, Mali, Mexique, Mozambique, Norvège, Paraguay, Philippines, Portugal, République de Corée, Royaume-Uni, Sainte-Lucie, Sri Lanka, Suède, Suisse, Trinité-et-Tobago, Viet Nam. Environ 7650 utilisateurs effectifs ou potentiels du système du PCT ont ainsi pu suivre des exposés dans les langues suivantes : français, allemand, anglais, arabe, chinois, espagnol, finnois, japonais, portugais et suédois. Parmi ceux-ci, il faut citer 10 exposés consacrés à l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY, auxquels ont assisté environ 530 personnes.

Developments in PCT Automation

16. **PCT IMPACT** (Information Management for the Patent Cooperation Treaty): work on the Project continued in 2001. To ensure an early completion for the Project, all three phases (the IMPACT Communication System phase, the IMPACT/IB (International Bureau) phase and the IMPACT/RO/IB (receiving Office of the International Bureau) phase) began running in parallel. The objective of the IMPACT/IB and the IMPACT/RO/IB phases is to establish a new system for processing of international applications within the International Bureau (including the automated publication of international applications) and within the International Bureau as receiving Office, respectively.

17. The IMPACT Communication System phase of the Project, the objective of which is to establish a new system for the communication of certain PCT-related documents, entered its deployment phase with the setting up of the IMPACT Scanning Office where, since September 2001, priority documents have been scanned and sent to selected designated/elected Offices in electronic form on DVD. As the Project progresses, more and more documents will be scanned and furnished to Offices and PCT Authorities in this way. Early in 2001, an IMPACT External User Focus Group, composed of a cross-section of designated/elected Offices, was established, and now serves as a forum for future users to test and give feedback on online functionality.

18. **PCT electronic filing project:** The project, now known under the new acronym “PCT-SAFE” (Secure Applications Filed Electronically), has two distinct objectives, namely, the adoption of a standard for the electronic filing and processing of international applications and the development of a system for the electronic filing of international applications. The first of these objectives was met in December 2001 when the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of electronic filing and processing of international applications were published as modifications of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*. A succession of five rounds of consultation and revision were required to achieve this milestone. Progress towards the development of a system for the electronic filing of international applications, which is expected to be fully operational in December 2003, has been steady. At the end of 2001, the project had completed its prototyping activities and was starting the analysis and design of first release (‘beta’) software.

19. **PCT-EASY**, which is a software designed to facilitate the preparation of the request part of international applications in electronic form is an established product that is the stepping stone to the PCT electronic filing system. In June 2001, a new version of the software was released, incorporating new PCT Contracting States, updated fee schedules, accommodating new Administrative Instructions relating to the filing of a sequence listing part of the international application in computer readable form and, as a result of changes in PCT Regulations, incorporating the declarations functionality. (See paragraph 12) In December 2001, another new version was released, incorporating new PCT Contracting States, updated fee schedules, as well as the implementation of the ‘Abstract Editor’ for the Chinese, Japanese and Russian language versions. During the course of 2001, seven receiving Offices notified the International Bureau that they were prepared to accept the filing of international applications containing requests prepared using PCT-EASY together with PCT-EASY diskettes, bringing the number of receiving Offices which have made such notifications to 65 (out of the 86 PCT receiving Offices), and over 2,500 new users were registered, bringing the total number of registered users to over 7,500. The software, which is available, together with supporting documentation, in Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Russian and Spanish, was distributed via more than 18,000 downloads from the PCT-EASY website, and the distribution of approximately 3,000 CD-Rs. It can be downloaded from the Internet from the PCT-EASY home page (<http://pcteasy.wipo.int>), and may also be obtained from the PCT-EASY Help Desk:

by telephone: (41–22) 338 95 23
by fax: (41–22) 338 80 40
by e-mail: pcteasy.help@wipo.int

For statistics relating to the filing of international applications using the PCT-EASY software, see paragraph 23.

Faits nouveaux relatifs à l'automatisation du PCT

16. **PCT IMPACT** (Information Management for the Patent Cooperation Treaty – Gestion de l'information concernant le Traité de coopération en matière de brevets) : les travaux relatifs au projet se sont poursuivis en 2001. Pour permettre de terminer le projet à bref délai, les trois phases (IMPACT – système de communication, IMPACT/IB (Bureau international) et IMPACT/RO/IB (Office récepteur du Bureau international)) ont été lancées en même temps. L'objectif des deuxième et troisième phases (IMPACT/IB et IMPACT/RO/IB) est d'établir un nouveau système de traitement des demandes internationales (y compris la publication automatisée) au sein du Bureau international et de son office récepteur.

17. La première phase du projet (IMPACT - système de communication), qui vise à mettre en place un nouveau système de communication de certains documents liés au PCT, est entrée dans sa phase de déploiement avec la création du "bureau de numérisation IMPACT", qui, depuis septembre 2001, numérise des documents de priorité et les envoie à des offices désignés ou élus sous forme électronique sur DVD. Au fur et à mesure que le projet progressera, de plus en plus de documents seront numérisés et remis aux offices et aux administrations du PCT de cette manière. Au début de 2001, un groupe d'expression des intérêts des utilisateurs extérieurs d'IMPACT, composé d'un échantillon représentatif d'offices désignés ou élus, a été créé et constitue aujourd'hui un forum d'échanges où les futurs utilisateurs peuvent tester les fonctions en ligne envisagées.

18. **Projet de dépôt électronique dans le cadre du PCT** : ce projet, aujourd'hui connu sous le nouvel acronyme "PCT-SAFE" (Secure Applications Filed Electronically – demandes sécurisées déposées par la voie électronique), a deux objectifs distincts, à savoir l'adoption d'une norme relative au dépôt et au traitement électroniques des demandes internationales et la mise en œuvre d'un système de dépôt électronique des demandes internationales. Le premier objectif a été atteint en décembre 2001 lorsque le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires au dépôt et au traitement électroniques des demandes internationales ont été publiés sous la forme de modifications des *Instructions administratives du PCT*. Il a fallu cinq séries de consultations et de révisions pour atteindre ce jalon. Des efforts constants sont déployés en vue de la mise au point d'un système de dépôt électronique des demandes internationales, qui devrait fonctionner effectivement en décembre 2003. À la fin de 2001, les activités d'expérimentation de prototypes étaient terminées, et l'analyse et la conception de la première version du logiciel ('beta') commençaient.

19. Le logiciel **PCT-EASY**, qui est conçu pour faciliter l'établissement, sous forme électronique, de la partie "requête" de la demande internationale, est un produit connu qui constitue un jalon du système de dépôt électronique dans le cadre du PCT. En juin 2001, une nouvelle version du logiciel a été diffusée, qui comprend les nouveaux États contractants du PCT et des barèmes de taxes mis à jour. Cette version prend en compte les nouvelles instructions administratives sur le dépôt de la partie de la demande internationale réservée au listage de séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et, compte tenu des modifications apportées au règlement d'exécution du PCT, intègre une fonction relative aux déclarations (voir le paragraphe 12). En décembre 2001, une autre version a été diffusée, qui comporte les nouveaux États contractants du PCT, des barèmes de taxes modifiés ainsi que le "correcteur des abrégés" pour les versions en chinois, en japonais et en russe. En 2001, sept offices récepteurs ont notifié au Bureau international qu'ils étaient disposés à accepter le dépôt de demandes internationales contenant des requêtes établies à l'aide du logiciel PCT-EASY avec des disquettes PCT-EASY, faisant donc passer le nombre d'offices récepteurs ayant effectué une telle notification à 65 (sur les 86 offices récepteurs du PCT), et plus de 2500 nouveaux utilisateurs ont été enregistrés, ce qui porte le nombre total d'utilisateurs enregistrés à plus de 7500. Le logiciel et sa documentation sont disponibles en français, en allemand, en anglais, en chinois, en espagnol, en japonais et en russe; le logiciel a donné lieu à 18 000 téléchargements depuis le site Web du PCT-EASY et a fait l'objet d'environ 3000 CD-R. Il peut être téléchargé sur l'Internet à partir de la page d'accueil PCT-EASY (<http://pcteasy.wipo.int>) ou être obtenu auprès du groupe d'assistance PCT-EASY :

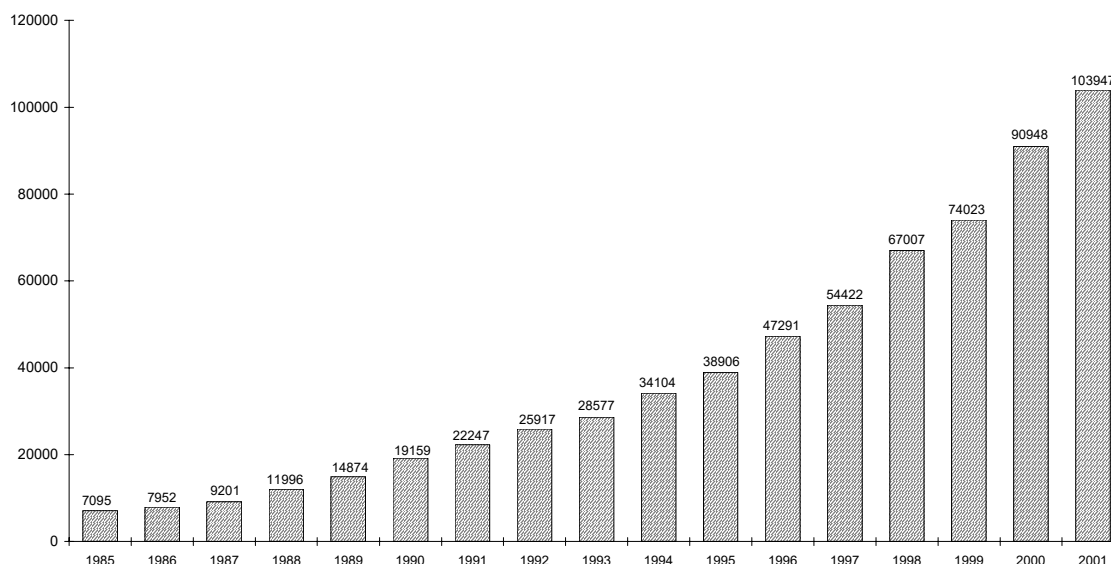
par téléphone : (41-22) 338 95 23
par télécopieur : (41-22) 338 80 40
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On trouvera au paragraphe 23 des statistiques sur le dépôt des demandes internationales au moyen du logiciel PCT-EASY.

Statistics

20. The following graph shows the number of international applications received by the International Bureau in each calendar year since 1985:

Number of international applications received since 1985



21. The following table shows, by country of origin, the number of international applications filed, and the corresponding percentages of the total, in 2001 as compared with 2000:

<i>Country of origin</i> ⁴		<i>Number of applications</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
		2001	(2000)	2001	(2000)
US	United States of America	40,003	(38,171)	38.5	(42.0)
DE	Germany	13,616	(12,039)	13.1	(13.2)
JP	Japan	11,846	(9,402)	11.4	(10.3)
GB	United Kingdom	6,233	(5,538)	6.0	(6.1)
FR	France	4,619	(3,601)	4.4	(4.0)
SE	Sweden	3,502	(3,071)	3.4	(3.4)
NL	Netherlands	3,187	(2,587)	3.1	(2.8)
KR	Republic of Korea	2,318	(1,514)	2.2	(1.7)
CA	Canada	2,030	(1,600)	1.9	(1.8)
CH&LI	Switzerland and Liechtenstein ⁵	2,011	(1,701)	1.9	(1.9)
AU	Australia	1,754	(1,627)	1.7	(1.8)
CN	China	1,670	(579)	1.6	(0.6)
FI	Finland	1,623	(1,437)	1.6	(1.6)
IT	Italy	1,574	(1,354)	1.5	(1.5)
IL	Israel	1,248	(924)	1.2	(1.0)

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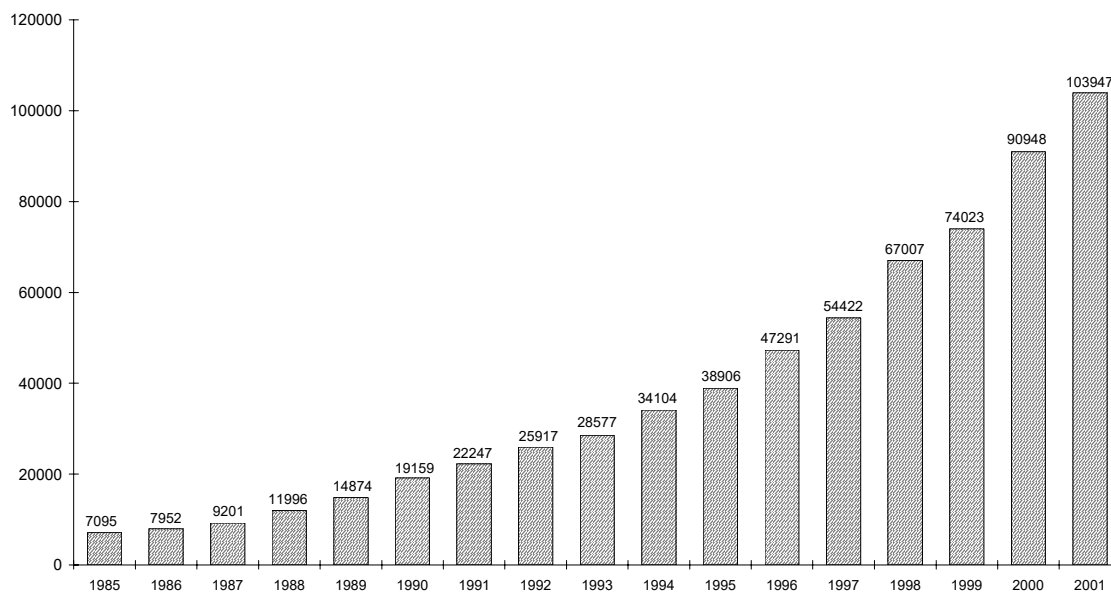
⁴ Figures relate to receiving Offices with which international applications were filed, except that applications filed with regional Offices or with the International Bureau as receiving Offices are included under the applicant's country of residence. Of the total, 14,492 (= 13.9%) were filed with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office and 2,665 (= 2.6%) were filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

⁵ The national Office of Switzerland also acts as receiving Office for nationals and residents of Liechtenstein.

Statistiques

20. Le graphique ci-après indique le nombre de demandes internationales reçues par le Bureau international chaque année civile depuis 1985 :

Nombre de demandes internationales reçues depuis 1985



21. Le tableau qui suit donne la répartition par pays d'origine des demandes internationales déposées en 2001, avec les pourcentages correspondants, et rappelle à titre de comparaison les chiffres de 2000 :

<i>Pays d'origine</i> ⁴		<i>Nombre de demandes</i>		<i>Pourcentage</i>	
		2001	(2000)	2001	(2000)
US	États-Unis d'Amérique	40 003	(38 171)	38,5	(42,0)
DE	Allemagne	13 616	(12 039)	13,1	(13,2)
JP	Japon	11 846	(9 402)	11,4	(10,3)
GB	Royaume-Uni	6 233	(5 538)	6,0	(6,1)
FR	France	4 619	(3 601)	4,4	(4,0)
SE	Suède	3 502	(3 071)	3,4	(3,4)
NL	Pays-Bas	3 187	(2 587)	3,1	(2,8)
KR	République de Corée	2 318	(1 514)	2,2	(1,7)
CA	Canada	2 030	(1 600)	1,9	(1,8)
CH&LI	Suisse et Liechtenstein ⁵	2 011	(1 701)	1,9	(1,9)
AU	Australie	1 754	(1 627)	1,7	(1,8)
CN	Chine	1 670	(579)	1,6	(0,6)
FI	Finlande	1 623	(1 437)	1,6	(1,6)
IT	Italie	1 574	(1 354)	1,5	(1,5)
IL	Israël	1 248	(924)	1,2	(1,0)

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⁴ Chiffres calculés sur la base des offices récepteurs auprès desquels les demandes internationales ont été déposées, excepté pour les demandes déposées auprès d'offices régionaux ou auprès du Bureau international agissant en qualité d'offices récepteurs, qui sont comptabilisées dans les chiffres relatifs au pays où le déposant est domicilié. Sur le nombre total de demandes, 14 492 (= 13,9%) ont été déposées auprès de l'Office européen des brevets (OEB) et 2665 (= 2,6%) auprès du Bureau international, tous deux agissant en qualité d'offices récepteurs.

⁵ L'Office national de la Suisse agit en qualité d'office récepteur pour les nationaux du Liechtenstein et les personnes domiciliées dans cet État.

<i>Country of origin</i> ⁶		<i>Number of applications</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
		2001	(2000)	2001	(2000)
DK	Denmark	929	(789)	0.9	(0.9)
BE	Belgium	681	(574)	0.7	(0.6)
AT	Austria	630	(476)	0.6	(0.5)
ES	Spain	575	(519)	0.6	(0.6)
RU	Russian Federation	551	(590)	0.5	(0.7)
NO	Norway	525	(470)	0.5	(0.5)
ZA	South Africa	418	(386)	0.4	(0.4)
IN	India	316	(156)	0.3	(0.2)
NZ	New Zealand	279	(264)	0.3	(0.3)
SG	Singapore	271	(225)	0.3	(0.3)
IE	Ireland	212	(184)	0.2	(0.2)
BR	Brazil	193	(161)	0.2	(0.2)
HU	Hungary	130	(140)	0.1	(0.2)
MX	Mexico	107	(71)	0.1	(0.1)
PL	Poland	105	(104)	0.1	(0.1)
LU	Luxembourg	95	(93)	0.1	(0.1)
CZ	Czech Republic	79	(91)	0.1	(0.1)
TR	Turkey	72	(70)	0.1	(0.1)
HR	Croatia	55	(49)	0.1	(0.1)
GR	Greece	54	(50)	0.1	(0.1)
UA	Ukraine	48	(44)	0.1	(0.1)
SI	Slovenia	41	(38)	<0.1	(<0.1)
PT	Portugal	36	(19)	<0.1	(<0.1)
YU	Yugoslavia	31	(22)	<0.1	(<0.1)
RO	Romania	30	(27)	<0.1	(<0.1)
SK	Slovakia	29	(31)	<0.1	(<0.1)
IS	Iceland	28	(18)	<0.1	(<0.1)
BG	Bulgaria	22	(29)	<0.1	(<0.1)
BY	Belarus	18	(10)	<0.1	(<0.1)
CY	Cyprus	18	(12)	<0.1	(<0.1)
AM	Armenia	15	(5)	<0.1	(<0.1)
CO	Colombia	14	n.a.	<0.1	n.a.
CU	Cuba	10	(5)	<0.1	(<0.1)
LV	Latvia	9	(4)	<0.1	(<0.1)
AL	Albania	8	(0)	<0.1	(0)
EE	Estonia	8	(5)	<0.1	(<0.1)
KZ	Kazakhstan	6	(5)	<0.1	(<0.1)
BB	Barbados	5	(7)	<0.1	(<0.1)
CR	Costa Rica	5	(8)	<0.1	(<0.1)
GE	Georgia	5	(4)	<0.1	(<0.1)
ID	Indonesia	5	(10)	<0.1	(<0.1)
MC	Monaco	5	(6)	<0.1	(<0.1)
PH	Philippines	5	n.a.	<0.1	n.a.
AE	United Arab Emirates	4	(1)	<0.1	(<0.1)
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	4	(4)	<0.1	(<0.1)

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⁶ Figures relate to receiving Offices with which international applications were filed, except that applications filed with regional Offices or with the International Bureau as receiving Offices are included under the applicant's country of residence. Of the total, 14,492 (= 13.9%) were filed with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office and 2,665 (= 2.6%) were filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

<i>Pays d'origine</i> ⁶		<i>Nombre de demandes</i>		<i>Pourcentage</i>	
		2001	(2000)	2001	(2000)
DK	Danemark	929	(789)	0,9	(0,9)
BE	Belgique	681	(574)	0,7	(0,6)
AT	Autriche	630	(476)	0,6	(0,5)
ES	Espagne	575	(519)	0,6	(0,6)
RU	Fédération de Russie	551	(590)	0,5	(0,7)
NO	Norvège	525	(470)	0,5	(0,5)
ZA	Afrique du Sud	418	(386)	0,4	(0,4)
IN	Inde	316	(156)	0,3	(0,2)
NZ	Nouvelle-Zélande	279	(264)	0,3	(0,3)
SG	Singapour	271	(225)	0,3	(0,3)
IE	Irlande	212	(184)	0,2	(0,2)
BR	Brésil	193	(161)	0,2	(0,2)
HU	Hongrie	130	(140)	0,1	(0,2)
MX	Mexique	107	(71)	0,1	(0,1)
PL	Pologne	105	(104)	0,1	(0,1)
LU	Luxembourg	95	(93)	0,1	(0,1)
CZ	République tchèque	79	(91)	0,1	(0,1)
TR	Turquie	72	(70)	0,1	(0,1)
HR	Croatie	55	(49)	0,1	(0,1)
GR	Grèce	54	(50)	0,1	(0,1)
UA	Ukraine	48	(44)	0,1	(0,1)
SI	Slovénie	41	(38)	<0,1	(<0,1)
PT	Portugal	36	(19)	<0,1	(<0,1)
YU	Yougoslavie	31	(22)	<0,1	(<0,1)
RO	Roumanie	30	(27)	<0,1	(<0,1)
SK	Slovaquie	29	(31)	<0,1	(<0,1)
IS	Islande	28	(18)	<0,1	(<0,1)
BG	Bulgarie	22	(29)	<0,1	(<0,1)
BY	Bélarus	18	(10)	<0,1	(<0,1)
CY	Chypre	18	(12)	<0,1	(<0,1)
AM	Arménie	15	(5)	<0,1	(<0,1)
CO	Colombie	14	s.o.	<0,1	s.o.
CU	Cuba	10	(5)	<0,1	(<0,1)
LV	Lettonie	9	(4)	<0,1	(<0,1)
AL	Albanie	8	(0)	<0,1	(0)
EE	Estonie	8	(5)	<0,1	(<0,1)
KZ	Kazakhstan	6	(5)	<0,1	(<0,1)
BB	Barbade	5	(7)	<0,1	(<0,1)
CR	Costa Rica	5	(8)	<0,1	(<0,1)
GE	Géorgie	5	(4)	<0,1	(<0,1)
ID	Indonésie	5	(10)	<0,1	(<0,1)
MC	Monaco	5	(6)	<0,1	(<0,1)
PH	Philippines	5	s.o.	<0,1	s.o.
AE	Émirats arabes unis	4	(1)	<0,1	(<0,1)
BA	Bosnie-Herzégovine	4	(4)	<0,1	(<0,1)

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⁶ Chiffres calculés sur la base des offices récepteurs auprès desquels les demandes internationales ont été déposées, excepté pour les demandes déposées auprès d'offices régionaux ou auprès du Bureau international agissant en qualité d'offices récepteurs, qui sont comptabilisées dans les chiffres relatifs au pays où le déposant est domicilié. Sur le nombre total de demandes, 14 492 (= 13,9%) ont été déposées auprès de l'Office européen des brevets (OEB) et 2665 (= 2,6%) auprès du Bureau international, tous deux agissant en qualité d'offices récepteurs.

<i>Country of origin</i> ⁷		<i>Number of applications</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
		2001	(2000)	2001	(2000)
DZ	Algeria	4	(3)	<0.1	(<0.1)
SD	Sudan	4	(5)	<0.1	(<0.1)
MK	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	3	(3)	<0.1	(<0.1)
AZ	Azerbaijan	2	(2)	<0.1	(<0.1)
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	2	(1)	<0.1	(<0.1)
LK	Sri Lanka	2	(4)	<0.1	(<0.1)
LT	Lithuania	2	(1)	<0.1	(<0.1)
MA	Morocco	2	(0)	<0.1	(0)
SN	Senegal	2	(0)	<0.1	(0)
ZW	Zimbabwe	2	(0)	<0.1	(0)
AG	Antigua and Barbuda	1	(0)	<0.1	(0)
TT	Trinidad and Tobago	1	(0)	<0.1	(0)
CM	Cameroon	0	(2)	0	(<0.1)
LS	Lesotho	0	(1)	0	(<0.1)
MD	Republic of Moldova	0	(2)	0	(<0.1)
UZ	Uzbekistan	0	(2)	0	(<0.1)
VN	Viet Nam	0	(1)	0	(<0.1)
TOTAL		103,947	(90,948)	100.0	(100.0)

22. Applicants from the United States of America filed the largest number of PCT applications in 2001, having filed 38.5% of all applications, followed by Germany (13.1%), Japan (11.4%), the United Kingdom (6.0%) and France (4.4%), thus repeating the trend of recent years. The filing of PCT applications in developing countries that are members of the PCT increased overall by 70.6% over 2000, with a particularly high increase in applications filed by applicants from China (188.4%), India (102.6%), the Republic of Korea (53.1%) and Mexico (50.7%). A total of 5,379 international applications originated from developing countries, the highest number originating from the Republic of Korea (2,318), China (1,670), South Africa (418), India (316) and Singapore (271).

23. An increasing number of applicants are taking advantage of the benefits of filing international applications containing requests prepared using the PCT-EASY software. Of the 103,947 international applications filed in 2001, 36,428 (35.0%) were prepared using the PCT-EASY software (2000: 27.4%).

24. In 2001, the average number of States designated per international application was 107 (2000: 93). This figure is much higher than the number of States for which patent protection will eventually be sought, because the applicants in respect of 77.0% of international applications filed in 2001 (2000: 68.4%) used the possibility of paying the maximum of six designation fees⁸ while making as many as all possible designations. Such applicants extend the effects of their international applications to as many States as might later be of interest to them, deferring the decision as to which States they wish to proceed in. Most applicants make designations for regional patents, which designations themselves have effect in a number of States. For example, in 2001, a European patent was sought in 97.5% of all international applications.

⁷ Figures relate to receiving Offices with which international applications were filed, except that applications filed with regional Offices or with the International Bureau as receiving Offices are included under the applicant's country of residence. Of the total, 14,492 (= 13.9%) were filed with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office and 2,665 (= 2.6%) were filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

⁸ With effect from January 1, 2002, the maximum number of designation fees payable is five.

<i>Pays d'origine</i> ⁷		<i>Nombre de demandes</i>		<i>Pourcentage</i>	
		2001	(2000)	2001	(2000)
DZ	Algérie	4	(3)	<0,1	(<0,1)
SD	Soudan	4	(5)	<0,1	(<0,1)
MK	Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine	3	(3)	<0,1	(<0,1)
AZ	Azerbaïdjan	2	(2)	<0,1	(<0,1)
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	2	(1)	<0,1	(<0,1)
LK	Sri Lanka	2	(4)	<0,1	(<0,1)
LT	Lituanie	2	(1)	<0,1	(<0,1)
MA	Maroc	2	(0)	<0,1	(0)
SN	Sénégal	2	(0)	<0,1	(0)
ZW	Zimbabwe	2	(0)	<0,1	(0)
AG	Antigua-et-Barbuda	1	(0)	<0,1	(0)
TT	Trinité-et-Tobago	1	(0)	<0,1	(0)
CM	Cameroun	0	(2)	0	(<0,1)
LS	Lesotho	0	(1)	0	(<0,1)
MD	République de Moldova	0	(2)	0	(<0,1)
UZ	Ouzbékistan	0	(2)	0	(<0,1)
VN	Viet Nam	0	(1)	0	(<0,1)
TOTAL		103 947	(90 948)	100,0	(100,0)

22. En 2001, ce sont les déposants des États-Unis d'Amérique qui ont le plus recouru au système du PCT (38,5% de toutes les demandes déposées), suivis des déposants de l'Allemagne (13,1%), du Japon (11,4%), du Royaume-Uni (6%) et de la France (4,4%), confirmant ainsi la tendance des dernières années. Le nombre de demandes émanant de déposants de pays en développement ayant adhéré au PCT a augmenté globalement de 70,6% par rapport à 2000, cette augmentation étant particulièrement élevée pour la Chine (188,4%), l'Inde (102,6%), la République de Corée (53,1%) et le Mexique (50,7%). Cinq mille trois cent soixante-dix-neuf (5379) demandes internationales émanaient de déposants de pays en développement, les chiffres les plus élevés concernant la République de Corée (2318), la Chine (1670), l'Afrique du Sud (418), l'Inde (316) et Singapour (271).

23. Un nombre croissant de déposants profite des avantages qu'offre le dépôt des demandes internationales contenant les requêtes établies à l'aide du logiciel PCT-EASY. Sur les 103 947 demandes internationales déposées en 2001, 36 428 (35%) ont été établies à l'aide du logiciel PCT-EASY (contre 27,4% en 2000).

24. En 2001, le nombre moyen d'États désignés par demande internationale a été de 107 (contre 93 en 2000). Ce chiffre est beaucoup plus élevé que le nombre d'États dans lesquels les déposants chercheront en fin de compte à obtenir une protection par brevet; en effet, pour 77% des demandes internationales déposées en 2001 (contre 68,4% en 2000), les déposants ont opté pour le paiement du maximum de six taxes de désignation⁸, ce qui leur permet de désigner autant d'États contractants du PCT qu'ils le souhaitent. Les déposants étendent ainsi les effets de la demande internationale à tous les États qui peuvent présenter un intérêt pour eux, tout en gardant la possibilité de ne décider qu'à un stade ultérieur dans quels États ils vont poursuivre la procédure. La plupart des déposants font des désignations en vue de l'obtention de brevets régionaux, qui produisent leurs effets dans plusieurs États; ainsi, en 2001, un brevet européen a été demandé dans 97,5% des demandes internationales.

⁷ Chiffres calculés sur la base des offices récepteurs auprès desquels les demandes internationales ont été déposées, excepté pour les demandes déposées auprès d'offices régionaux ou auprès du Bureau international agissant en qualité d'offices récepteurs, qui sont comptabilisées dans les chiffres relatifs au pays où le déposant est domicilié. Sur le nombre total de demandes, 14 492 (= 13,9%) ont été déposées auprès de l'Office européen des brevets (OEB) et 2665 (= 2,6%) auprès du Bureau international, tous deux agissant en qualité d'offices récepteurs.

⁸ À compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, le nombre maximum de taxes de désignation à payer est de cinq.

25. In 2001, international applications were filed in the following languages:

<i>Language of filing</i> ⁹	<i>Number of applications</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
	2001	(2000)	2001	(2000)
English	66,993	(60,571)	64.5	(66.6)
German	14,198	(12,869)	13.7	(14.1)
Japanese	11,129	(8,854)	10.7	(9.7)
French	4,488	(3,588)	4.3	(3.9)
Chinese	1,576	(501)	1.5	(0.6)
Korean	1,445	(786)	1.4	(0.9)
Swedish	1,077	(985)	1.0	(1.1)
Spanish	624	(548)	0.6	(0.6)
Finnish	541	(508)	0.5	(0.6)
Russian	525	(575)	0.5	(0.6)
Dutch	493	(479)	0.5	(0.5)
Italian	372	(240)	0.4	(0.3)
Norwegian	258	(250)	0.2	(0.3)
Danish	153	(147)	0.1	(0.2)
Hungarian	22	(13)	<0.1	(<0.1)
Croatian	21	(10)	<0.1	(<0.1)
Czech	12	(11)	<0.1	(<0.1)
Slovenian	9	(9)	<0.1	(<0.1)
Slovakian	7	(2)	<0.1	(<0.1)
Turkish	4	(2)	<0.1	(<0.1)
TOTAL	103,947	(90,948)	100.0	(100.0)

26. In 2001,¹⁰ the International Bureau as receiving Office received nearly 2,900 international applications (that is about 40% more than in 2000) from applicants from 56 countries. About 30% of those applications benefited from the safeguard procedure under which international applications are transmitted from another receiving Office to the International Bureau in its capacity as receiving Office while retaining their initial filing date (for example, where they have been filed with a “non-competent” receiving Office, for reasons of nationality or residence of the applicant or where the application was not filed in the prescribed language).

27. A copy of the international application is sent to the International Searching Authority competent for carrying out the international search. Where more than one Authority is competent, the applicant chooses the one he would like to carry out the search. The number of international applications that were sent to each International Searching Authority in 2001 is indicated below:

⁹ An international application filed in a language other than one of the languages of publication under the PCT is published as a translation into a language of publication; see paragraph 35.

¹⁰ The figures for December 2001 have not yet been confirmed; the final figures may vary slightly from the figures indicated above.

25. En 2001, des demandes internationales ont été déposées dans les langues suivantes :

<i>Langue de dépôt</i> ⁹	<i>Nombre de demandes</i>		<i>Pourcentage</i>	
	2001	(2000)	2001	(2000)
anglais	66 993	(60 571)	64,5	(66,6)
allemand	14 198	(12 869)	13,7	(14,1)
japonais	11 129	(8 854)	10,7	(9,7)
français	4 488	(3 588)	4,3	(3,9)
chinois	1 576	(501)	1,5	(0,6)
coréen	1 445	(786)	1,4	(0,9)
suédois	1 077	(985)	1,0	(1,1)
espagnol	624	(548)	0,6	(0,6)
finnois	541	(508)	0,5	(0,6)
russe	525	(575)	0,5	(0,6)
néerlandais	493	(479)	0,5	(0,5)
italien	372	(240)	0,4	(0,3)
norvégien	258	(250)	0,2	(0,3)
danois	153	(147)	0,1	(0,2)
hongrois	22	(13)	<0,1	(<0,1)
croate	21	(10)	<0,1	(<0,1)
tchèque	12	(11)	<0,1	(<0,1)
slovène	9	(9)	<0,1	(<0,1)
slovaque	7	(2)	<0,1	(<0,1)
turc	4	(2)	<0,1	(<0,1)
TOTAL	103 947	(90 948)	100,0	(100,0)

26. En 2001¹⁰, le Bureau international agissant en qualité d'office récepteur a reçu près de 2900 demandes internationales (soit environ 40% de plus qu'en 2000), qui provenaient de déposants de 56 pays. Parmi ces demandes, environ 30% ont bénéficié de la procédure de sauvegarde en vertu de laquelle une demande internationale déposée auprès d'un autre office récepteur est transmise au Bureau international agissant en qualité d'office récepteur tout en conservant sa date de dépôt initiale (par exemple, lorsqu'elle a été déposée auprès d'un office récepteur "non compétent", en raison de la nationalité ou du domicile du déposant, ou lorsqu'elle n'a pas été déposée dans la langue prescrite).

27. Une copie de chaque demande internationale est envoyée à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale qui est compétente pour procéder à cette recherche. Lorsque plusieurs administrations sont compétentes, le déposant choisit celle à laquelle il préfère confier cette recherche. Le nombre de demandes internationales envoyées aux différentes administrations en question en 2001 s'établit comme suit :

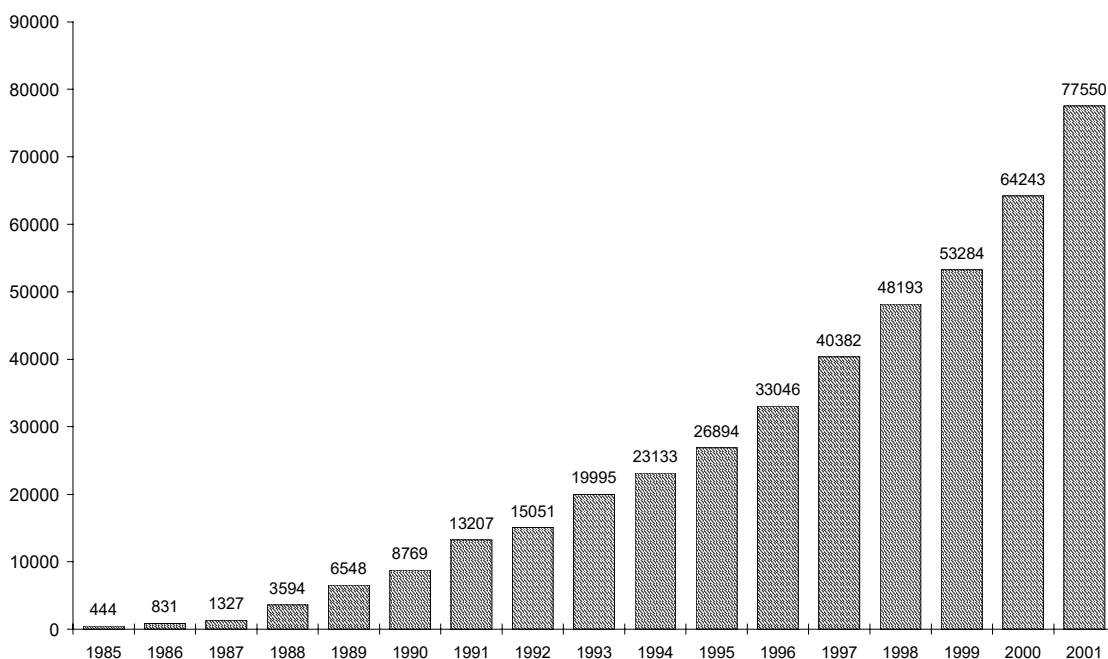
⁹ Les demandes internationales déposées dans une langue ne faisant pas partie des langues de publication prévues par le PCT sont publiées et traduites dans une des langues de publication; voir le paragraphe 35.

¹⁰ Les chiffres de décembre 2001 n'ont pas encore été confirmés; les chiffres finals peuvent être légèrement différents des chiffres indiqués ci-dessus.

<i>International Searching Authority</i>	<i>Number of applications</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
	2001	(2000)	2001	(2000)
European Patent Office	63,128	(55,414)	60.7	(60.9)
United States of America	17,793	(17,386)	17.1	(19.1)
Japan	11,182	(8,850)	10.8	(9.7)
Sweden	4,481	(4,040)	4.3	(4.5)
Australia	2,086	(1,886)	2.0	(2.1)
Republic of Korea	2,033	(1,217)	2.0	(1.3)
China	1,661	(573)	1.6	(0.6)
Russian Federation	556	(595)	0.5	(0.7)
Spain	514	(440)	0.5	(0.5)
Austria	493	(545)	0.5	(0.6)
TOTAL	103,927¹¹	(90,946)¹²	100.0	(100.0)

28. The number of demands for international preliminary examination sent to the International Bureau by the International Preliminary Examining Authorities in 2001 amounted to 77,550, which represents an increase over 2000 of 20.7%. The number of demands received in each calendar year since 1985 is indicated below:

Number of demands received since 1985



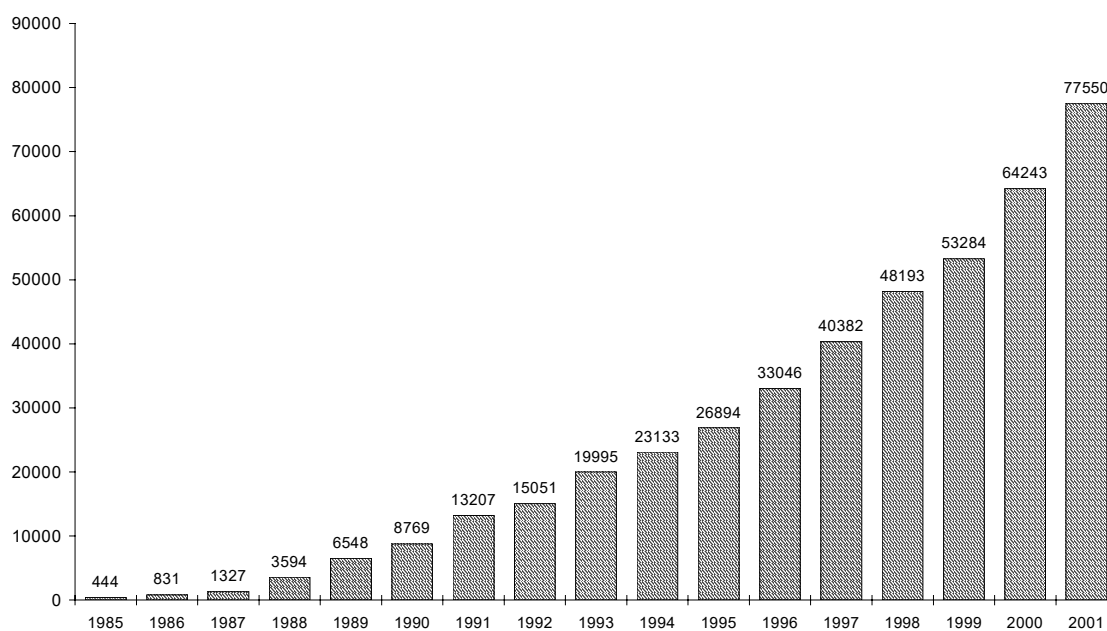
¹¹ Twenty of the 103,947 international applications filed in 2001 are not included in this total because international processing had been discontinued or the International Searching Authority is not yet known.

¹² Two of the 90,948 international applications filed in 2000 are not included in this total because international processing had been discontinued.

<i>Administration chargée de la recherche internationale</i>	<i>Nombre de demandes</i>		<i>Pourcentage</i>	
	2001	(2000)	2001	(2000)
Office européen des brevets	63 128	(55 414)	60,7	(60,9)
États-Unis d'Amérique	17 793	(17 386)	17,1	(19,1)
Japon	11 182	(8 850)	10,8	(9,7)
Suède	4 481	(4 040)	4,3	(4,5)
Australie	2 086	(1 886)	2,0	(2,1)
République de Corée	2 033	(1 217)	2,0	(1,3)
Chine	1 661	(573)	1,6	(0,6)
Fédération de Russie	556	(595)	0,5	(0,7)
Espagne	514	(440)	0,5	(0,5)
Autriche	493	(545)	0,5	(0,6)
TOTAL	103 927¹¹	(90 946)¹²	100,0	(100,0)

28. Le nombre de demandes d'examen préliminaire international envoyées au Bureau international en 2001 par les administrations chargées de cet examen s'est élevé à 77 550, ce qui représente une augmentation de 20,7% par rapport à 2000. Le graphique ci-après indique le nombre correspondant à chaque année civile depuis 1985 :

Nombre de demandes reçues depuis 1985



¹¹ Vingt des 103 947 demandes internationales déposées en 2001 ne sont pas prises en compte dans ce total parce que le traitement international a été arrêté ou que l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale n'est pas encore connue.

¹² Deux des 90 948 demandes internationales déposées en 2000 ne sont pas prises en compte dans ce total parce que le traitement international a été arrêté.

29. The number of demands sent to the International Bureau by each International Preliminary Examining Authority is indicated below:

<i>International Preliminary Examining Authority</i>	<i>Number of demands</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
	2001	(2000)	2001	(2000)
European Patent Office	44,399	(37,427)	57.3	(58.3)
United States of America	20,203	(16,389)	26.0	(25.5)
Japan	5,383	(4,401)	6.9	(6.9)
Sweden	3,709	(3,420)	4.8	(5.3)
Australia	1,836	(1,372)	2.4	(2.1)
Republic of Korea	829	(346)	1.1	(0.5)
China	625	(244)	0.8	(0.4)
Russian Federation	337	(342)	0.4	(0.5)
Austria	229	(302)	0.3	(0.5)
TOTAL	77,550	(64,243)	100.0	(100.0)

30. The demands for international preliminary examination received in 2001 relate mainly to international applications filed in 2000. Demands are filed in respect of about 80% of all applications.

31. Where required, the International Bureau prepares translations of the international search report and the international preliminary examination report (into English), and of the abstract (into English and/or French). In 2001, the International Bureau translated 116,441 abstracts, 760 international search reports and 14,246 international preliminary examination reports.

Publications under the PCT

32. The *PCT Gazette* (in its bilingual English and French version) contains the following sections:

- Section I: Published International Applications (the bibliographic data, the abstract and any drawing, for each international application published)
- Section II: Notices and Information Relating to Published International Applications
- Section III: Weekly Indexes
- Section IV: Notices and Information of a General Character

The Internet version of the *PCT Gazette* is available, free-of-charge, at: <http://ipdl.wipo.int>. The information contained therein is fully searchable, with searches possible by single words, symbols or phrases and by a number of fields. It is also possible to link, via the "VIEW IMAGES" button at the top of the page of the *Gazette* entry concerned, to the European Patent Office's esp@cenet service and view the full text of published PCT applications (that is, the bibliographic data, abstract, description, claims and drawings) and corresponding international search reports. This service is available for all international applications published after January 1, 1997.

33. There are two series of CD-ROMs containing information from the *Gazette*, as follows:

- the monthly ESPACE-FIRST CD-ROMs that are produced by the European Patent Office, in cooperation with WIPO (see also paragraphs 39 and 42);
- the CD-ROMs produced by Bundesdruckerei GmbH, in cooperation with WIPO, issued every week on the day on which WIPO publishes the corresponding international applications (see also paragraph 43).

29. Le nombre de demandes d'examen préliminaire international envoyées au Bureau international par chaque administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international s'établit comme suit :

<i>Administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international</i>	<i>Nombre de demandes</i>		<i>Pourcentage</i>	
	2001	(2000)	2001	(2000)
Office européen des brevets	44 399	(37 427)	57,3	(58,3)
États-Unis d'Amérique	20 203	(16 389)	26,0	(25,5)
Japon	5 383	(4 401)	6,9	(6,9)
Suède	3 709	(3 420)	4,8	(5,3)
Australie	1 836	(1 372)	2,4	(2,1)
République de Corée	829	(346)	1,1	(0,5)
Chine	625	(244)	0,8	(0,4)
Fédération de Russie	337	(342)	0,4	(0,5)
Autriche	229	(302)	0,3	(0,5)
TOTAL	77 550	(64 243)	100,0	(100,0)

30. Les demandes d'examen préliminaire international reçues en 2001 concernent essentiellement des demandes internationales déposées en 2000. Des demandes d'examen préliminaire international sont déposées pour environ 80% des demandes internationales.

31. Lorsque cela est nécessaire, le Bureau international établit des traductions du rapport de recherche internationale et du rapport d'examen préliminaire international (en anglais) ainsi que de l'abrégé (en français ou en anglais). En 2001, le Bureau international a traduit 116 441 abrégés, 760 rapports de recherche internationale et 14 246 rapports d'examen préliminaire international.

Publications du PCT

32. La *Gazette du PCT* (dans sa version bilingue anglais-français) contient les sections suivantes :

Section I : Demandes internationales publiées (données bibliographiques, abrégé et éventuellement dessin pour chaque demande internationale publiée)

Section II : Notifications et informations relatives aux demandes internationales publiées

Section III : Index hebdomadaires

Section IV : Notifications et informations de caractère général

La version Internet de la *Gazette du PCT* est disponible gratuitement à l'adresse suivante : <http://ipdl.wipo.int>. L'information qui s'y trouve peut parfaitement faire l'objet d'une recherche, par mots isolés, symboles ou groupes de mots, et en fonction de différentes rubriques. Il est aussi possible d'établir un lien, grâce au bouton "VIEW IMAGES" situé en haut de la page de l'entrée correspondante de la *Gazette*, avec le service esp@cenet de l'Office européen des brevets et de visionner le texte intégral des demandes PCT publiées (à savoir, données bibliographiques, abrégé, description, revendications et dessins) et des rapports de recherche internationale correspondants. Ce service comprend toutes les demandes internationales publiées après le 1^{er} janvier 1997.

33. Il existe deux séries de CD-ROM contenant des renseignements tirés de la *Gazette du PCT* :

– le CD-ROM mensuel ESPACE-FIRST qui est produit par l'Office européen des brevets en collaboration avec l'OMPI (voir aussi les paragraphes 39 et 42);

– les CD-ROM produits par Bundesdruckerei GmbH, en collaboration avec l'OMPI, publiés chaque semaine le jour où l'OMPI publie les demandes internationales correspondantes (voir aussi le paragraphe 43).

34. In 2001, the *Gazette* included entries relating to the 99,606 international applications (2000: 79,947) which were published in 2001 in the form of PCT pamphlets (in Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Russian or Spanish, depending on the language of filing and/or translation furnished) on the same day as the relevant issue of the *Gazette*. The *Gazette* also included, in Section IV, a substantial volume of information of a general character concerning new Contracting States and the requirements of the various Offices and International Authorities. In August, a bilingual (English/French) index to the 2000 *Gazette issues*, containing over 2,200 pages, was published. The following special issues of the *Gazette*, in separate English and French versions, were also published in 2001:

- consolidated general information relating to PCT Contracting States, national and regional Offices and International Authorities under the PCT (Nos. S-01/2001 (E) and (F) (in January) and S-02/2001 (E) and (F) (in July));
- consolidated text of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, as in force from March 1, 2001 (No. S-03/2001 (E) and (F)) (in August);
- Part 7 and Annex F (Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications) of the *Administrative Instructions under the PCT*, as in force from January 7, 2002 (No. S-04/2001 (E) and (F)) (in December).

35. The number of international applications published in 2001 in each of the languages of publication was as follows:

<i>Language of publication</i>	<i>Number of applications</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
	2001	(2000)	2001	(2000)
English	69,287	(56,084)	69.6	(70.2)
German	14,004	(12,010)	14.1	(15.0)
Japanese	9,817	(7,057)	9.9	(8.8)
French	4,138	(3,654)	4.1	(4.6)
Chinese	1,308	(224)	1.3	(0.3)
Spanish	542	(422)	0.5	(0.5)
Russian	510	(496)	0.5	(0.6)
TOTAL	99,606	(79,947)	100.0	(100.0)

36. The main fields of technology to which those published international applications related were chemistry and metallurgy, physics and electricity. The chart below shows the breakdown of PCT applications published in 2001 according to the eight main technical fields of the International Patent Classification (IPC) System.

34. En 2001, la *Gazette du PCT* a comporté des rubriques relatives aux 99 606 demandes internationales (79 947 en 2000) qui ont été publiées en 2001 sous la forme de brochures PCT (en français, en allemand, en anglais, en chinois, en espagnol, en japonais ou en russe, selon la langue de dépôt et la traduction fournie) le même jour que les numéros correspondants de la *Gazette*. La *Gazette* a également comporté, dans sa section IV, de nombreuses informations de caractère général concernant les nouveaux États contractants et les exigences des divers offices et administrations internationales. En août, un index bilingue (français et anglais) des numéros publiés en 2000, contenant plus de 2200 pages, a été publié. Les numéros spéciaux ci-après de la *Gazette*, dans des versions distinctes en français et en anglais, ont aussi été publiés en 2001 :

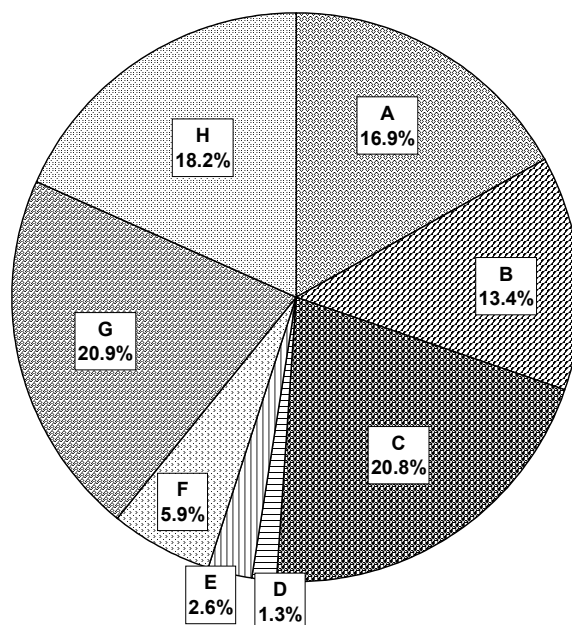
- informations récapitulatives de caractère général relatives aux États contractants du PCT, aux offices nationaux et régionaux et aux administrations internationales du PCT (n^{os} S-01/2001 (F) et (E) (en janvier) et S-02/2001 (F) et (E) (en juillet));
- texte récapitulatif des *Instructions administratives du PCT*, en vigueur à compter du 1^{er} mars 2001 (n^o S-03/2001 (F) et (E)) (en août);
- septième partie et annexe F (dépôt et traitement électroniques des demandes internationales) des *Instructions administratives du PCT*, en vigueur à compter du 7 janvier 2002 (n^o S-04/2001 (F) et (E)) (en décembre).

35. Le nombre de demandes internationales publiées en 2001 dans chacune des langues de publication s'établit comme suit :

<i>Langue de publication</i>	<i>Nombre de demandes</i>		<i>Pourcentage</i>	
	2001	(2000)	2001	(2000)
anglais	69 287	(56 084)	69,6	(70,2)
allemand	14 004	(12 010)	14,1	(15,0)
japonais	9 817	(7 057)	9,9	(8,8)
français	4 138	(3 654)	4,1	(4,6)
chinois	1 308	(224)	1,3	(0,3)
espagnol	542	(422)	0,5	(0,5)
russe	510	(496)	0,5	(0,6)
TOTAL	99 606	(79 947)	100,0	(100,0)

36. Les principaux domaines techniques sur lesquels ont porté ces demandes internationales publiées ont été la chimie et la métallurgie, la physique et l'électricité. Le graphique ci-après montre la répartition des demandes PCT publiées en 2001 en fonction des huit grands domaines techniques du système de la classification internationale des brevets (CIB).

PCT applications published in 2001: breakdown according to the main technical fields under the IPC



Main technical fields (sections) under the IPC:

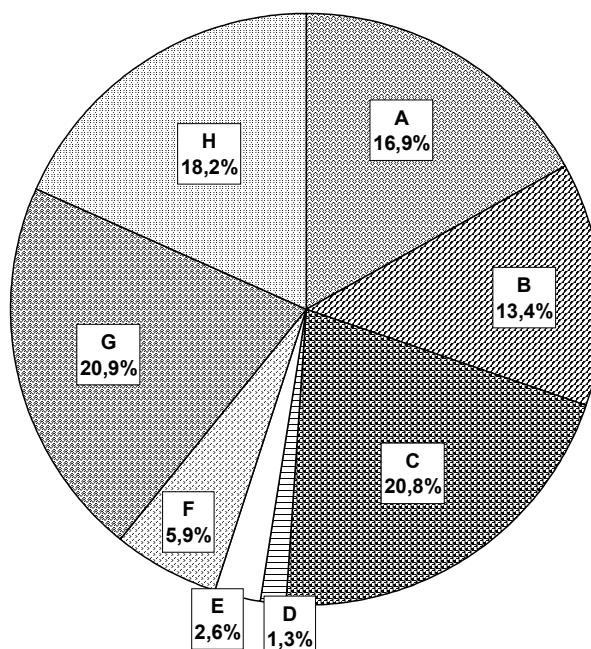
A	Human necessities	E	Fixed constructions
B	Performing operations; transporting	F	Mechanical engineering; lighting, heating, weapons, blasting
C	Chemistry; metallurgy	G	Physics
D	Textiles; paper	H	Electricity

37. The *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which contains information on the filing of international applications and the procedure during the international phase, as well as information on the national phase and the procedure before the designated (or elected) Offices, was updated in 2001 to include the many changes that had occurred during the first part of the year. A further update is currently under preparation. About 400 updating sheets, per language, were sent to each subscriber in 2001. (See paragraph 45 for information on the Internet version of the *Guide*.)

38. Twelve issues of the *PCT Newsletter* were published in 2001. This monthly publication provides up-to-date news for users of the PCT. It contains information on the essential items included in Section IV of the *PCT Gazette* and supplements the *PCT Applicant's Guide* with practical advice for applicants and agents, lists of forthcoming PCT seminars, consolidated tables of PCT fees in various currencies, and other items of general interest. It also includes tear-out provisional sheets permitting easy inclusion of certain important changes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* prior to the issuance of updates.

39. Since January 2001, the information which had previously been produced on the ESPACE WORLD CD-ROMs, has been produced on DVD-ROMs. The ESPACE WORLD DVD-ROMs, which are produced weekly by the International Bureau in cooperation with the European Patent Office, contain, in facsimile form, the full text and the drawings of all international applications and international search reports published each week, as well as the corresponding bibliographic data in coded, searchable form. One DVD-ROM contains all the publications published in a given week. All international applications published since 1978 are available in CD-ROM or DVD-ROM format.

Demands PCT publiées en 2001 : répartition par grands domaines techniques de la CIB



Grands domaines techniques (sections) de la CIB

A	Nécessités courantes de la vie	E	Constructions fixes
B	Techniques industrielles diverses; transport	F	Mécanique; éclairage; chauffage; armement; sautage
C	Chimie; métallurgie	G	Physique
D	Textiles; papier	H	Électricité

37. Le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, qui contient des informations sur le dépôt des demandes internationales et la procédure de la phase internationale ainsi que des informations sur la phase nationale et la procédure auprès des offices désignés (ou élus), a été mis à jour en 2001 afin d’y consigner les nombreux changements intervenus durant la première partie de l’année. Une autre mise à jour est en cours d’élaboration. Environ 400 feuilles de mise à jour, établies dans chacune des langues, ont été envoyées à chaque abonné en 2001 (voir le paragraphe 45 de l’information sur la version Internet du *Guide*).

38. Douze numéros du bulletin *PCT Newsletter* ont été diffusés en 2001. Cette publication mensuelle contient, à l’intention des utilisateurs du PCT, des informations récentes sur les sujets essentiels traités dans la section IV de la *Gazette du PCT* et complète le *Guide du déposant du PCT* par des conseils pratiques aux déposants et aux mandataires, une liste des séminaires prévus sur le PCT, des tableaux récapitulatifs des taxes du PCT en diverses monnaies, ainsi que d’autres informations générales. Ce bulletin comprend aussi des feuilles provisoires détachables qu’il est possible d’insérer aisément dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT* pour tenir compte de certains changements importants avant la diffusion des mises à jour.

39. Depuis janvier 2001, l’information se trouvant auparavant sur les CD-ROM ESPACE WORLD figure désormais aussi dans des DVD-ROM. Les DVD-ROM ESPACE WORLD, qui sont mis au point chaque semaine par le Bureau international en coopération avec l’Office européen des brevets, contiennent chacun, en fac-similé, le texte complet et les dessins de toutes les demandes internationales et de tous les rapports de recherche internationale publiés chaque semaine ainsi que, sous une forme codée se prêtant à la recherche, les données bibliographiques correspondantes. Chaque DVD-ROM contient toutes les publications publiées la semaine concernée. Toutes les demandes internationales publiées depuis 1978 sont disponibles sur CD-ROM ou sur DVD-ROM.

Ordering of PCT publications

40. PCT publications may be ordered from WIPO, Marketing and Distribution Section, P.O. Box 18, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, fax: (41-22) 740 18 12 or 733 54 28, e-mail: publications.mail@wipo.int; electronic bookshop: www.wipo.int/ebookshop. Publications of particular interest include:

- the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a five-binder loose-leaf publication of about 1,700 pages (available in English and French from WIPO, also available from other sources in Chinese, German and Japanese—contact WIPO for details);
- PCT pamphlets containing published international applications (in various languages—see paragraph 34—and containing the title, the abstract and the corresponding international search reports in both the language of publication and English);
- the *PCT Gazette* (available in bilingual (English and French) format) (for electronic version, see paragraph 32);
- the *PCT Newsletter* (available in English);
- booklets containing the text of the PCT and the PCT Regulations (in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish);
- special issues of the *PCT Gazette* (see paragraph 34) (in English and French);
- PCT Wheel (priority dates January 2000 to December 2001).

41. A leaflet entitled *Basic Facts about the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)* is published in English, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese and Spanish, and is available free of charge.

42. The ESPACE WORLD DVD-ROMs containing published international applications may be ordered from the European Patent Office, P.O. Box 90, A-1031 Vienna, Austria, e-mail: infowien@epo.org, Internet:

<http://www.european-patent-office.org/patinfopro/cdrom/index.shtml>.

43. CD-ROMs containing information from the *PCT Gazette*, which are produced by Bundesdruckerei GmbH, may be ordered from the following address: Bundesdruckerei GmbH, Sparte Elektronische Publikationen, Oranienstraße 91, D-10958 Berlin, Germany (e-mail: info@bundesdruckerei.de).

PCT Information Service

44. The PCT Information Service (formerly known as PCT Information Line) answers general inquiries about the filing of international applications and the procedure during the international phase under the PCT. Where necessary, inquiries are referred to the authorized officer responsible for a particular application, or to the PCT Legal Division. The PCT Information Service can be contacted as follows:

- by telephone: (41-22) 338 83 38
- by fax: (41-22) 338 83 39
- by e-mail: pct.infoline@wipo.int

Commande de publications du PCT

40. Les publications du PCT peuvent être commandées auprès de l'OMPI, Section de la commercialisation et de la diffusion, case postale 18, 1211 Genève 20 (Suisse), télécopieur n° (41-22) 740 18 12 ou 733 54 28, mél. : publications.mail@wipo.int; voir la librairie électronique : www.wipo.int/ebookshop. Il convient de citer notamment :

- le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, publication sur feuilles mobiles de cinq classeurs et d'environ 1700 pages (disponible en français et en anglais auprès de l'OMPI; également disponible en allemand, en chinois et en japonais auprès d'autres sources – s'adresser à l'OMPI pour plus de précisions);
- les brochures PCT, contenant les demandes internationales publiées (en diverses langues – voir le paragraphe 34 – avec titre, abrégé et rapports de recherche internationale correspondants dans la langue de publication ainsi qu'en anglais);
- la *Gazette du PCT* (bilingue – français et anglais) (pour la version électronique, voir le paragraphe 32);
- le bulletin *PCT Newsletter* (disponible en anglais seulement);
- la brochure contenant le texte du traité (PCT) et de son règlement d'exécution (disponible en français, en allemand, en anglais, en arabe, en chinois, en espagnol, en italien, en portugais et en russe);
- les numéros spéciaux de la *Gazette du PCT* (voir le paragraphe 34) (disponibles en français et en anglais);
- le Chronodisque PCT (dates de priorité de janvier 2000 à décembre 2001).

41. Un dépliant intitulé *Données essentielles concernant le Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)* est publié en français, en allemand, en anglais, en espagnol, en japonais et en portugais et peut être obtenu gratuitement.

42. Les DVD-ROM ESPACE WORLD, qui contiennent les demandes internationales publiées, peuvent être commandés auprès de l'Office européen des brevets, B.P. 90, 1031 Vienne (Autriche), mél. : infowien@epo.org, adresse Internet :

<http://www.european-patent-office.org/patinfopro/cdrom/index.shtml>

43. Les CD-ROM contenant les informations de la *Gazette du PCT*, qui sont produits par Bundesdruckerei GmbH, peuvent être commandés à l'adresse suivante : Bundesdruckerei GmbH, Sparte Elektronische Publikationen, Oranienstraße 91, 10958 Berlin (Allemagne) (mél. : info@bundesdruckerei.de).

Service d'information directe du PCT

44. Le Service d'information directe du PCT est chargé de répondre aux questions d'ordre général concernant le dépôt des demandes internationales et la procédure de la phase internationale du PCT. Au besoin, les questions sont soumises au fonctionnaire autorisé responsable de la demande en cause, ou à la Division juridique du PCT. Les coordonnées du Service d'information directe du PCT sont les suivantes :

téléphone : (41-22) 338 83 38
télécopie : (41-22) 338 83 39
mél. : pct.infoline@wipo.int

Internet

45. New and improved resources on the PCT website contributed to an overall increase in traffic on the WIPO web server, which registered more than 100 million hits in 2001. The single most popular item downloaded from the WIPO site was the PCT request form in editable PDF format, in relation to which nearly 200,000 downloads were recorded. This new resource only became available in May 2001 and will, following its success, be supplemented with other editable PCT forms in 2002. Regular (three or four times a month) online updating of the electronic version of the *PCT Applicant's Guide* contributed to its growing number of regular users in 2001 when visitors peaked at over 6,000 per month in December. The popularity of the PCT Newsletter was boosted by the new searchable database of all "Practical Advice" sections published since 1997—over 4,500 visitors were recorded for the PCT Newsletter in December. The most popular resource on the PCT website remains the electronic version of the *PCT Gazette* which regularly receives more than 25,000 visitors per month. At the end of 2001, an e-mail updating service was introduced on the PCT website. Within less than a month, nearly 800 subscriptions had been received to the regular updating service. Other new materials included the contents of PCT seminar documents in four languages and a search facility for the text of the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

46. The following materials may be viewed, free of charge on the site (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>):

PCT Information Service

Filing PCT applications

- Basic Facts about the PCT*

- PCT forms (in editable format)

- Fees

- Direct filing of PCT applications with the International Bureau as PCT receiving Office

- PCT Applicant's Guide*

PCT-EASY

PCT E-Filing

PCT Legal texts

- About the Treaty

- Text of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations

- Administrative Instructions under the PCT

- PCT Receiving Office Guidelines

- PCT International Search Guidelines

- PCT International Preliminary Examination Guidelines

- PCT Contracting States

- Reservations and incompatibilities

- PCT legal text index

PCT Gazette

PCT News

- PCT Newsletter* (No. 01/1997 to current issue)

- "Practical Advice" published in the *PCT Newsletter* between March 1994 and December 1996 and search facility for all Practical Advice

- PCT press releases and updates

- The PCT in 2001

PCT Seminar Calendar and Seminar Materials

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- PCT Informal Consultation Meeting on Electronic Filing (2000)

- PCT Committee for Administrative and Legal Matters (1999)

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Internet

45. Les nouvelles ressources et l'amélioration des ressources placées sur le site Web du PCT ont contribué à intensifier l'utilisation générale du serveur Web de l'OMPI puisque plus de 100 millions de demandes d'accès ont été enregistrées en 2001. Le produit le plus populaire du site de l'OMPI est le formulaire de requête en version PDF prête à être remplie, qui a été téléchargé près de 200 000 fois. À ce nouveau produit, disponible depuis seulement mai 2001, s'ajouteront, compte tenu du succès qu'il remporte, d'autres formulaires PCT en version PDF prêts à être remplis. Le nombre croissant d'utilisateurs réguliers de la version électronique du *Guide du déposant du PCT* (ce nombre a atteint son maximum au mois de décembre 2001 puisqu'ils ont été plus de 6000) s'explique en partie par sa mise à jour en ligne régulière (trois ou quatre fois par mois). Le succès du bulletin *PCT Newsletter* a été renforcé par la mise à disposition d'une nouvelle base de données se prêtant à la recherche pour tous les conseils pratiques publiés depuis 1997 : plus de 4500 personnes ont consulté ce bulletin en décembre. Le produit le plus apprécié du site Web du PCT demeure la version électronique de la *Gazette du PCT*, qui est consultée par plus de 25 000 personnes chaque mois. À la fin de 2001, un service de mise à jour par courrier électronique a été placé sur le site Web du PCT. En l'espace de moins d'un mois, près de 800 personnes se sont inscrites. Parmi les autres nouveaux produits, on peut citer des documents pour les séminaires du PCT en quatre langues et une fonction de recherche dans le texte du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets.

46. Les produits ci-après sont disponibles, gratuitement, sur ce site (<http://www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/index.html>) :

Service d'information directe du PCT

Dépôt des demandes PCT

- Données essentielles concernant le PCT*

- Formulaires du PCT (en version prête à être remplie)

- Taxes

- Dépôt direct de demandes PCT auprès du Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur

- Guide du déposant du PCT*

PCT-EASY

Dépôt électronique des demandes PCT

Textes juridiques relatifs au PCT

- Au sujet du traité

- Texte du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets et du règlement d'exécution

- Instructions administratives du PCT

- Directives à l'usage des offices récepteurs du PCT

- Directives concernant la recherche internationale selon le PCT

- Directives concernant l'examen préliminaire international selon le PCT

- États contractants du PCT

- Réserves et incompatibilités

- Index des textes juridiques du PCT

Gazette du PCT

Nouveautés du PCT

- Bulletin *PCT Newsletter* (à partir du n° 01/1997 – en anglais seulement)

- Conseils pratiques publiés dans le bulletin *PCT Newsletter* entre mars 1994 et décembre 1996 et fonctions de recherches dans tous les conseils pratiques (en anglais seulement)

- Communiqués de presse et actualités concernant le PCT

- Le PCT en 2001

Séminaires du PCT (calendrier et documents)

Réunions du PCT

- Comité (mai 2001) et groupe de travail (novembre 2001) sur la réforme du PCT

- Sessions de l'Assemblée du PCT (1978-2001)

- Réunion consultative informelle du PCT relative au dépôt électronique (2000)

- Comité des questions administratives et juridiques du PCT (1999)

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** and **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 June 2002, are as follows:

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	SEK 8,720	ZAR 9,450
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex D(EP), page 318]

JP Japan

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **US dollars (USD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Japan Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 May 2002, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Japan Patent Office):	USD 535
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex D(JP), page 321]

MC Monaco

The **Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion of Monaco** has introduced an amount of fee in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 49
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(MC), page 282]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 June 2002, are as follows:

Search fee (international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office):	ZAR 8,000 (5,200) The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee has been paid
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex D(US), page 325]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **couronnes suédoises (SEK)** et en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} juin 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) :	SEK 8.720	ZAR 9.450
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe D(EP), page 344]

JP Japon

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets du Japon**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} mai 2002, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets du Japon) :	USD 535
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe D(JP), page 347]

MC Monaco

La Division de la propriété intellectuelle, Direction de l'expansion économique de Monaco a introduit un montant de taxe, exprimé en **euros (EUR)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe de transmission :	EUR 49
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(MC), page 298]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} juin 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :	ZAR 8.000 (5.200)
	Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon le paragraphe 111.a) du titre 35 USC et que la taxe de dépôt de base a été payée

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe D(US), page 351]

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WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF MODIFIED PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS**HR Croatia**

Further to its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **Croatian Intellectual Property Office** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect as from 1 April 2002; the (new) 30-month time limit under PCT Article 22(1) therefore applies as from that date.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**CA Canada**

The **Canadian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that, pursuant to the modification from 20 to 30 months of the time limit under PCT Article 22(1), the time limit for late entry into the national phase if the applicant pays an additional fee has been changed, as from 1 April 2002, from 32 to 42 months from the priority date.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (CA), page 371]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**BY Belarus**

The **Belarus Patent Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, and has introduced two e-mail addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Natsionalny Tsentr Intellektualnoi Sobstvennosti Komiteta po Nauke i Tekhnologiyam pri Sovete Ministrov Respubliki Belarus National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)
Telephone:	(375-17) 284 20 53, 284 06 68
Facsimile machine:	(375-17) 284 06 68
E-mail:	vkudashov@hotmail.com belpatent@hotmail.com

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(BY), page 33]

RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT MODIFIÉ**HR Croatie**

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de l'article 22.1) du PCT modifié (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 08/2002, page 3887), l'**Office croate de la propriété intellectuelle** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002; le (nouveau) délai de 30 mois visé à l'article 22.1) du PCT s'applique donc à compter de cette date.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**CA Canada**

L'**Office canadien des brevets** a informé le Bureau international que, suite à la modification du délai de 20 à 30 mois en vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT, le délai applicable pour l'ouverture tardive de la phase nationale dans le cas où le déposant paie une surtaxe a passé, à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, de 32 à 42 mois à compter de la date de priorité.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (CA), page 402]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**BY Bélarus**

L'**Office bélarussien des brevets** a notifié des changements relatifs à son nom et à ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, et a introduit deux adresses électroniques, comme suit :

Nom de l'office :	Natsionalny Tsentr Intellektualnoi Sobstvennosti Komiteta po Nauke i Tekhnologiyam pri Sovete Ministrov Respubliki Belarus Centre national pour la propriété intellectuelle (Bélarus)
Téléphone :	(375-17) 284 20 53, 284 06 68
Télécopieur :	(375-17) 284 06 68
Courrier électronique :	vkudashov@hotmail.com belpatent@hotmail.com

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GB United Kingdom	8044	GB Royaume-Uni	8045

**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF
MODIFIED PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS;
NOTIFICATION UNDER PCT ARTICLE 22(3)****GB United Kingdom**

Further to its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **United Kingdom Patent Office** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 April 2002.

Furthermore, the **United Kingdom Patent Office**, pursuant to PCT Article 22(3), has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase, with effect from the same date. The new time limit is as follows :

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	21* months from the priority date 31** months from the priority date
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Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): [No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (GB), page 398]

* Where the 20-month time limit under former Article 22(1) expires before 1 April 2002 and where the applicant has not yet performed the acts referred to in Article 22(1), the applicable time limit, even after 1 April 2002, is 21 months as fixed by the Office under Article 22(3).

** Where the 20-month time limit under former Article 22(1) expires on or after 1 April 2002 and where the applicant has not yet performed the acts referred to in Article 22(1), the applicable time limit, as from 1 April 2002, is 31 months as fixed by the Office under Article 22(3).

**RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ
AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT MODIFIÉ;
NOTIFICATION EN VERTU DE L'ARTICLE 22.3) DU PCT**

GB Royaume-Uni

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de l'article 22.1) du PCT modifié (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 08/2002, page 3887), l'**Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002.

De plus, l'**Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni**, conformément à l'article 22.3) du PCT, a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, avec effet à compter de la même date. Le nouveau délai est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	21* mois à compter de la date de priorité 31** mois à compter de la date de priorité
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En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (GB), page 430]

* Lorsque le délai de 20 mois selon l'ancien article 22.1) expire avant le 1^{er} avril 2002 et que le déposant n'a pas encore accompli les actes visés à l'article 22.1), c'est le délai de 21 mois fixé par l'office selon l'article 22.3) qui s'applique, même après le 1^{er} avril 2002.

** Lorsque le délai de 20 mois selon l'ancien article 22.1) expire le 1^{er} avril 2002 ou ultérieurement et que le déposant n'a pas encore accompli les actes visés à l'article 22.1), c'est le délai de 31 mois fixé par l'office selon l'article 22.3) qui s'applique à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002.

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FILING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS IN ELECTRONIC FORM: NOTIFICATIONS BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY WITH NATIONAL LAWS AND TECHNICAL SYSTEMS (SECTION 703(f) OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT)

New Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions Under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of electronic filing and processing of international applications under the PCT, as provided for by Rule 89*bis*.1, were promulgated on 27 December 2001 with effect from 7 January 2002 (see PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-04/2001(E)).

Section 703(f) provides that: “If, on 7 January 2002, the applicable national law and the technical systems of a national Office provide for the filing with it of national applications in electronic form according to requirements which are incompatible with any of items (ii) to (iv) of paragraph (b):

- (i) the provisions concerned shall not apply in respect of the Office in its capacity as a receiving Office for as long as the incompatibility continues; and
- (ii) the Office may instead provide for the filing with it of international applications in electronic form according to that national law and those technical systems;

provided that the Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by the date on which the Office sends the International Bureau a notification under Rule 89*bis*.1(d) and in any case no later than 7 April 2002. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.”

The Offices (in their capacity as receiving Offices) of the following States have notified the International Bureau of such incompatibility:

- AU Australia, insofar as those requirements relate to the following parts of Annex F:
— section 5.1 “The E-Filing Interoperability Protocol”;
— section 5.2.1 “Package/Transmission Combinations: Applicant-Office (International Phase Sector”); and
— sections 2(d), (f) and (g) of Appendix III “Basic Common Standard”.
- CA Canada, in relation to requirements referred to in all of items (ii) to (iv) of Section 703(b).
- JP Japan, insofar as those requirements relate to the following parts of Annex F:
— section 5.1 “The E-Filing Interoperability Protocol”;
— section 5.2.1 “Package/Transmission Combinations: Applicant-Office (International Phase Sector”); and
— sections 2(d) to (g) of Appendix III “Basic Common Standard”.
- US United States of America, in relation to requirements referred to in all of items (ii) to (iv) of Section 703(b).

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**IL Israel**

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a change in one of its telephone numbers; the consolidated list is as follows:

Telephone: (972-2) 5651 705, 5651 695, 5651 645

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(IL), page 91]

**DÉPÔT DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES SOUS FORME ÉLECTRONIQUE :
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DROIT NATIONAL ET DE LEURS SYSTÈMES TECHNIQUES (INSTRUCTION 703.f) DES
INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT)**

La nouvelle septième partie et l'annexe F des Instructions administratives du PCT contenant, respectivement, le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires afin de permettre la mise en oeuvre du dépôt et du traitement électroniques des demandes internationales selon le PCT, conformément à la règle 89*bis*.1, ont été promulguées le 27 décembre 2001 avec effet à compter du 7 janvier 2002 (voir le numéro spécial S-04/2001(F) de la Gazette du PCT).

L'instruction 703.f) prévoit que "Si, le 7 janvier 2002, le droit national applicable et les systèmes techniques d'un office national permettent le dépôt des demandes nationales sous forme électronique conformément à des exigences qui sont incompatibles avec l'un des points ii) à iv) de l'alinéa b),

- i) les dispositions concernées ne s'appliquent pas à cet office en vertu de sa qualité d'office récepteur aussi longtemps que l'incompatibilité persiste; et
- ii) l'office peut en revanche permettre le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à ce droit national et à ces systèmes techniques;

à condition que l'office en informe le Bureau international à la date à laquelle il lui envoie une notification en vertu de la règle 89*bis*.1.d), et en tout cas pas après le 7 avril 2002. L'information reçue est publiée à bref délai dans la gazette par le Bureau international."

Les offices (en leur qualité d'offices récepteurs) des États suivants ont notifié au Bureau international une telle incompatibilité :

- AU Australie, en ce qui concerne les exigences contenues dans les parties suivantes de l'annexe F :
- section 5.1 "Protocole sur l'interopérabilité en matière de dépôt électronique";
 - section 5.2.1 "Combinaisons paquet/transmission : Secteur de communication entre le déposant et l'office (phase internationale)"; et
 - sections 2.d), f) et g) de l'appendice III "Norme commune de base".
- CA Canada, en ce qui concerne les exigences visées dans les points ii) à iv) de l'instruction 703.b).
- JP Japon, en ce qui concerne les exigences contenues dans les parties suivantes de l'annexe F :
- section 5.1 "Protocole sur l'interopérabilité en matière de dépôt électronique";
 - section 5.2.1 "Combinaisons paquet/transmission : Secteur de communication entre le déposant et l'office (phase internationale)"; et
 - sections 2.d) à g) de l'appendice III "Norme commune de base".
- US États-Unis d'Amérique, en ce qui concerne les exigences visées dans les points ii) à iv) de l'instruction 703.b).

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IL Israël

L'**Office des brevets d'Israël** a notifié un changement dans l'un de ses numéros de téléphone; la liste récapitulative est la suivante :

Téléphone : (972-2) 5651 705, 5651 695, 5651 645

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe B1(IL), page 93]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**SG Singapore**

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, and has notified its e-mail address, as follows:

Telephone: (65) 63 39 86 16

Facsimile machine: (65) 63 39 02 52 (general)
(65) 63 39 92 30 (patents)

E-mail: ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(SG), page 168]

RECEIVING OFFICES**SG Singapore**

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified changes in its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent? Any individual, partnership or body corporate entitled to practice before the Registry of Patents¹ of the Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(SG), page 300]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**DE Germany**

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified the International Bureau that the filing fee for a patent or a utility model must be paid to it as designated (or elected) Office within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1); if the payment is not effected within the applicable time limit, the Office will no longer invite the applicant to pay the fee within an additional time limit of one month.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (DE), page 382]

SG Singapore

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified changes in its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent? Any individual, partnership or body corporate entitled to practice before the Registry of Patents¹ of the Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (SG), page 453]

¹ As to who would be entitled to practice before the Registry, reference is made to Part XIX of the Patents Act and the Patents (Patent Agents) Rules 2001.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**SG Singapour**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Singapour** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, et a notifié son adresse électronique, comme suit :

Téléphone : (65) 63 39 86 16

Télécopieur : (65) 63 39 02 52 (questions d'ordre général)
(65) 63 39 92 30 (brevets)

Courrier électronique : ipos_enquiry@ipos.gov.sg

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe B1(SG), page 170]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**SG Singapour**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Singapour** a notifié des changements dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ? Toute personne physique, association ou entreprise habilitée à exercer auprès du Bureau d'enregistrement des brevets¹ de l'office

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(SG), page 320]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**DE Germany**

L'**Office allemand des brevets et des marques** a notifié au Bureau international que la taxe de dépôt pour un brevet ou un modèle d'utilité à acquitter à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu) doit l'être dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1); si le paiement n'est pas effectué dans le délai applicable, l'office n'invitera plus le déposant à payer la taxe dans un délai supplémentaire d'un mois.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (DE), page 414]

SG Singapour

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Singapour** a notifié des changements dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ? Toute personne physique, association ou entreprise habilitée à exercer auprès du Bureau d'enregistrement des brevets¹ de l'office

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (SG), page 499]

¹ Pour savoir qui est autorisé à exercer auprès du Bureau d'enregistrement, se référer à la partie XIX de la loi sur les brevets et au règlement sur les brevets (agents de brevet) de 2001.

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
RECEIVING OFFICES
DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**

Various modifications of an editorial nature or for the purposes of harmonization of the terminology used have been made, as follows, throughout the Annexes and the Summaries, and are announced hereby.

These modifications will not be published in this issue of the PCT Gazette but will be reflected in the electronic version of the PCT Applicant's Guide on the Internet on the same date as the date of publication of this issue of the Gazette, as well as in PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-03/2002 (E) in July 2002 and in the July 2002 update of the Guide.

Outline of modifications

In Annexes B1, B2, C and L, and in the Summaries, the name of the country has been added after the name of certain Offices, and the acronym of the office after the name of certain regional Offices.

In Annexes B1 and B2, the subheadings relating to provisional protection after international publication have been modified.

In Annex C, the name of International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities has been indicated alphabetically or according to the two-letter code of the Office, depending on the item concerned.

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS
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DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**

Diverses modifications de nature éditoriale ou dans le but d'harmoniser la terminologie utilisée ont été apportées comme suit dans les annexes et les résumés, et sont annoncées par la présente notification.

Ces modifications ne seront pas publiées dans le présent numéro de la Gazette du PCT mais seront reflétées dans la version électronique du Guide du déposant du PCT sur l'Internet à la même date que la date de publication du présent numéro de la Gazette, ainsi que dans le numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT S-03/2002 (F) de juillet 2002 et dans la mise à jour du guide de juillet 2002.

Aperçu des modifications

Dans les annexes B1, B2, C et L, et dans les résumés, le nom du pays a été ajouté après le nom de certains offices, et le sigle de l'office après le nom de certains offices régionaux.

Dans les annexes B1 et B2, les sous-titres relatives à la protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale ont été modifiées.

Dans l'annexe C, le nom des administrations chargées de la recherche internationale et des administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international a été indiqué par ordre alphabétique ou selon le code à deux lettres de l'office, selon la rubrique concernée.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Swiss franc (CHF)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Australian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 15 June 2002, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Australian Patent Office):	CHF 697
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex D(AU), page 316]

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollar (AUD)** have been established for the basic fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30, the designation fee and the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), as well as for the reduction of the international fee where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 15 June 2002, are specified below:

Basic fee:	AUD 746
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	AUD 17
Designation fee:	AUD 161
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Handling fee:	AUD 267

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(AU), page 222, and Annex E(AU), page 327]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic krona (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 15 June 2002, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	ISK 83,000
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex D(EP), page 318]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **francs suisses (CHF)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 juin 2002, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) :	CHF 697
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe D(AU), page 342]

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars australiens (AUD)**, ont été établis pour la taxe de base, la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e, la taxe de désignation et la taxe de traitement, conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 15 juin 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de base :	AUD 746
Supplément par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	AUD 17
Taxe de désignation :	AUD 161
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY :	AUD 230
Taxe de traitement :	AUD 267

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(AU), page 226, et annexe E(AU), page 353]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 juin 2002, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) :	ISK 83.000
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**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF
MODIFIED PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS;
NOTIFICATION UNDER PCT ARTICLE 22(3)****AU Australia**

Further to its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **Australian Patent Office** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 April 2002.

Furthermore, the **Australian Patent Office**, pursuant to PCT Article 22(3), has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase, with effect from the same date. The new time limit is as follows :

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (AU), page 360]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**LV Latvia**

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable as from 1 April 2002, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (LV), page 426]

MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The **Industrial Property Protection Office of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable as from 1 April 2002, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (MK), page 432]

RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT MODIFIÉ; NOTIFICATION EN VERTU DE L'ARTICLE 22.3) DU PCT

AU Australie

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de l'article 22.1) du PCT modifié (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 08/2002, page 3887), l'**Office australien des brevets** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002.

De plus, l'**Office australien des brevets**, conformément à l'article 22.3) du PCT, a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, avec effet à compter de la même date. Le nouveau délai est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
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En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (AU), page 391]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)

LV Lettonie

L'**Office letton des brevets** a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
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En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (LV), page 466]

MK Ex-République yougoslave de la Macédoine

L'**Office pour la protection de la propriété industrielle de l'Ex-République yougoslave de la Macédoine** a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
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En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (MK), page 474]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES (Cont'd)**NZ New Zealand**

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable as from 1 April 2002, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (NZ), page 441]

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
RECEIVING OFFICES****TN Tunisia**

General information on **Tunisia** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property of Tunisia** as receiving Office is given in Annexes B1(TN) and C(TN), which are published on the following pages.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS) (suite)**NZ Nouvelle-Zélande**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Nouvelle-Zélande** a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
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	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	[Sans changement]
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (NZ), page 483]

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS
OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****TN Tunisie**

Des informations de caractère général concernant la **Tunisie** en tant qu'État contractant, ainsi que des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de **l'Institut national de la normalisation et de la propriété industrielle de la Tunisie** en tant qu'office récepteur sont reproduits dans les annexes B1(TN) et C(TN), publiées sur les pages suivantes.

B1 Information on Contracting States**B1****TN****TUNISIA****TN****General information**

Name of Office:	Institut national de la normalisation et de la propriété industrielle (Tunisie) National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (Tunisia)
Location:	Cité El Khadhra, 1003, Tunis, Tunisia
Mailing address:	B. P. 23, Tunis – Belvédère, Tunisia
Telephone:	(216-71) 78 59 22
Facsimile machine:	(216-71) 78 15 63
Teleprinter:	—
E-mail:	INORPI@email.ati.tn
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Tunisia:	National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (Tunisia) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Tunisia is designated (or elected):	National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (Tunisia) (see Volume II)
May Tunisia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Tunisia concerning international-type search:	None

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B1 **Informations sur les États contractants** **B1**
TN **TUNISIE** **TN**

Informations générales

Nom de l'office :	Institut national de la normalisation et de la propriété industrielle (Tunisie)
Siège :	Cité El Khadhra, 1003, Tunis, Tunisie
Adresse postale :	B. P. 23, Tunis – Belvédère, Tunisie
Téléphone :	(216-71) 78 59 22
Télécopieur :	(216-71) 78 15 63
Téléimprimeur :	–
Courrier électronique :	INORPI@email.ati.tn
Internet :	–
L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT) ?	Non
L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT) ?	Non
Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux de la Tunisie et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées :	Institut national de la normalisation et de la propriété industrielle (Tunisie) ou Bureau international de l'OMPI, au choix du déposant (voir l'annexe C)
Office désigné (ou élu) compétent si la Tunisie est désignée (ou élue) :	Institut national de la normalisation et de la propriété industrielle (Tunisie) (voir le volume II)
La Tunisie peut-elle être élue ?	Oui (liée par le chapitre II du PCT)
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Brevets
Dispositions de la législation de la Tunisie relatives à la recherche de type international :	Néant

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B1 **Information on Contracting States** **B1****TN** **TUNISIA** **TN***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication: None

Information of interest if Tunisia is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Tunisia is designated (or elected): May be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiry of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material? No

B1 **Informations sur les États contractants** **B1**

TN **TUNISIE** **TN**

[Suite]

Protection provisoire à la suite de la
publication internationale: Néant

Informations utiles si la Tunisie est désignée (ou élue)

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si la Tunisie est désignée (ou élue):	Peuvent figurer dans la requête. Si les renseignements se rapportant à l'inventeur n'ont pas été communiqués à l'expiration du délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1)a) du PCT, l'office invitera le déposant à faire le nécessaire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.
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Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique?	Non
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C **C**
Receiving Offices
TN **TN**
NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR
STANDARDIZATION AND INDUSTRIAL
PROPERTY (TUNISIA)

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Tunisia
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Arabic, English or French ¹
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	No
Competent International Searching Authority:	European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Tunisian dinar (TND) and Swiss franc (CHF)
Transmittal fee:	TND ³ ...
International fee:	
Basic fee: ⁴	CHF 650
Fee per sheet in excess of 30: ⁴	CHF 15
Designation fee: ⁴	CHF 140
PCT-EASY fee reduction: ²	Not applicable
Search fee:	See Annex D (EP)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	TND 16
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Tunisia Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Tunisia

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332), the total amount of the international fee is reduced.

³ The amount of this fee is not yet known. It will be fixed in the near future. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.

⁴ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in Tunisia or any other State mentioned in the corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB). For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234.

C **Offices récepteurs** **C**
TN **INSTITUT NATIONAL DE LA** **TN**
NORMALISATION ET DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ
INDUSTRIELLE (TUNISIE)

Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux et les résidents de:	Tunisie
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Langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée:	Anglais, arabe ou français ¹
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Nombre d'exemplaires requis par l'office récepteur:	3
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L'office récepteur accepte-t-il le dépôt de demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY ² ?	Non
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Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale:	Office européen des brevets
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Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international:	Office européen des brevets
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Taxes payables à l'office récepteur:	Monnaie: Dinar tunisien (TND) et franc suisse (CHF)
Taxe de transmission:	TND ³ ...
Taxe internationale:	
Taxe de base ⁴ :	CHF 650
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	CHF 15
Taxe de désignation ⁴ :	CHF 140
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY ² :	Sans objet
Taxe de recherche:	Voir l'annexe D (EP)
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT):	TND 16

L'office récepteur exige-t-il un mandataire?	Non, si le déposant est domicilié en Tunisie Oui, dans le cas contraire
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Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?	Toute personne physique ou morale domiciliée en Tunisie
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¹ Si la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée n'est pas acceptée par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (voir l'annexe D), le déposant devra remettre une traduction (règle 12.3 du PCT).

² Lorsque la requête est déposée en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec une disquette PCT-EASY et que l'office récepteur accepte ce mode de dépôt (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 51/1998, pages 17331 et 17333), le montant total de la taxe internationale est réduit.

³ Le montant de la taxe n'est pas encore connu. Il sera fixé prochainement. Pour connaître le montant de la taxe en vigueur, se renseigner auprès de l'office ou du mandataire.

⁴ Cette taxe est réduite de 75% lorsque le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux, est une personne physique qui est ressortissante de la Tunisie et qui y est domiciliée; cette réduction s'applique également dans le cas de tout autre État mentionné dans la note de bas de page pertinente de l'annexe C(1B). Pour plus de précisions, voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 50/1995, pages 19267 et 19268.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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SE Agreement between the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex C thereof. This amendment will enter into force on 1 June 2002. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Swedish kronor)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	8,720
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	8,720
Translation of the international application (Rule 48.3), per word	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), ² 71.2(b) and 94.1), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change].”

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES

YU Yugoslavia

The **Federal Intellectual Property Office (Yugoslavia)** has notified a change in the location and mailing address of its Office, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Zmaj Jovina 21, 11000 Beograd, Yugoslavia

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(YU), page 200]

RECEIVING OFFICES

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified a change in its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office as receiving Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent? Any natural or legal person resident in the European Economic Area

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(IS), page 267]

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, page 29550, No. 06/1999, page 1518, No. 27/1999, page 7672, No. 28/1999, page 7974, No. 27/2000, page 9880, No. 09/2001, page 3752, No. 11/2001, page 4632, No. 48/2001, page 22138, No. 50/2001, page 23264, and No. 51/5001, page 23764.

² Applicants receive free of charge, together with the international search report, a copy of each of the documents cited therein; the amount indicated is payable only where applicants request additional copies of such documents.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

SE Accord entre l'Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office suédois des brevets a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant d'une modification apportée à l'annexe C de cet accord. Cette modification entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} juin 2002. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Couronnes suédoises)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	8.720
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	8.720
Traduction de la demande internationale (règle 48.3), par mot	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	[Sans changement]
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Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b) ² , 71.2.b) et 94.1), par page	[Sans changement]

Partie II. [Sans changement].”

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

YU Yougoslavie

L'Office fédéral de la propriété intellectuelle (Yougoslavie) a notifié un changement dans l'adresse du siège et l'adresse postale de son office, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale : Zmaj Jovina 21, 11000 Beograd, Yougoslavie

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe B1(YU), page 202]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS

IS Islande

L'Office islandais des brevets a notifié un changement dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ? Toute personne physique ou morale domiciliée dans l'Espace économique européen

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(IS), page 279]

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, page 29611, n° 06/1999, page 1519, n° 27/1999, page 7673, n° 28/1999, page 7975, n° 27/2000, page 9881, n° 09/2001, page 3753, n° 11/2001, page 4633, n° 48/2001, page 22139, n° 50/2001, page 23265, et n° 51/2001, page 23765.

² Les déposants reçoivent gratuitement avec le rapport de recherche internationale une copie de chacun des documents cités; le montant indiqué est à payer uniquement dans le cas où les déposants demandent des copies supplémentaires de ces documents.

RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)**SK Slovakia**

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified a change in its requirement as to whether an agent is required by the receiving Office, as follows:

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(SK), page 302]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**NZ New Zealand**

New equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the basic fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and the designation fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction of the international fee where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 July 2002, are specified below:

Basic fee:	NZD	890
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	NZD	20
Designation fee:	NZD	192
PCT-EASY fee reduction:	NZD	274

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(NZ), page 290]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee and additional search fee in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, applicable as from 1 June 2002, and of the equivalent amount of the search fee in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, applicable as from 15 June 2002, payable for an international search carried out by the Office, as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Swedish Patent Office):	SEK 8,720	ISK 83,000
Additional search fee (international search by the Swedish Patent Office):	SEK 8,720	

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex D(SE), page 324]

UA Ukraine

The **Ukraine Patent Office** has notified changes in the amounts of a fee in **Ukrainian hryvnia (UAH)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	UAH	54	
	plus UAH	6	for each sheet in excess of 20
	plus UAH	85	for mailing
	plus UAH	1.70	for each sheet in excess of 30 when mailed

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(UA), page 308]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**SK Slovaquie**

L'Office de la propriété industrielle (Slovaquie) a notifié un changement dans son exigence concernant la question de savoir si l'office récepteur exige un mandataire, comme suit :

L'office récepteur exige-t-il un mandataire ?	Non
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(SK), page 322]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**NZ Nouvelle-Zélande**

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, ont été établis pour la taxe de base, la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e et la taxe de désignation, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de base :	NZD	890
Supplément par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	NZD	20
Taxe de désignation :	NZD	192
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY :	NZD	274

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(NZ), page 309]

SE Suède

L'Office suédois des brevets a notifié au Bureau international de nouveaux montants de la taxe de recherche et de la taxe de recherche additionnelle, exprimés en **couronnes suédoises (SEK)**, applicables à compter du 1^{er} juin 2002, et du montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, applicable à compter du 15 juin 2002, pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office, comme suit :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office suédois des brevets) :	SEK 8.720	ISK 83.000
Taxe de recherche additionnelle (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office suédois des brevets) :	SEK 8.720	

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002(F), annexe D(SE), page 350]

UA Ukraine

L'Office ukrainien des brevets a notifié des changements dans les montants d'une taxe, exprimés en **hryvnia ukrainiens (UAH)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	UAH	54	
	plus UAH	6	pour chaque page à compter de la 21 ^e
	plus UAH	85	pour l'expédition
	plus UAH	1,70	pour chaque feuille envoyée à compter de la 31 ^e

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(UA), page 331]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**YU Yugoslavia**

The **Federal Intellectual Property Office (Yugoslavia)** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Yugoslavian dinars (YUD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	YUD 3,000
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	YUD 180
National fee:	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	YUD 3,000
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	YUD 150
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	[No change]
Examination fee:	YUD 3,600
Publication fee:	[No change]
Annual fee for the first three years:	YUD 1,500
For petty patent:	
Filing fee:	YUD 1,200
Additional fee for late entry into the national phase:	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(YU), page 312, and Summary (YU), page 475]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**BY Belarus**

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable as from 1 April 2002, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): [No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (BY), page 368]

IS Iceland

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified a change in its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in the European Economic Area
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (IS), page 410]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**YU Yougoslavie**

L'**Office fédéral de la propriété intellectuelle (Yougoslavie)** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **dinars yougoslaves (YUD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe de transmission :	YUD 3.000
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	YUD 180
Taxe nationale :	
Pour un brevet :	
Taxe de dépôt :	YUD 3.000
Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication à compter de la 11 ^e :	YUD 150
Surtaxe pour ouverture tardive de la phase nationale :	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen :	YUD 3.600
Taxe de publication :	[Sans changement]
Taxe annuelle pour les trois premières années :	YUD 1.500
Pour un "petty patent"	
Taxe de dépôt :	YUD 1.200
Surtaxe pour ouverture tardive de la phase nationale :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(YU), page 336, et résumé (YU), page 523]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**BY Bélarus**

Le **Centre national pour la propriété intellectuelle (Bélarus)** a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT no S-01/2002 (F), résumé (BY), page 399]

IS Islande

L'**Office islandais des brevets** a notifié un changement dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Toute personne physique ou morale domiciliée dans l'Espace économique européen
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (IS), page 447]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material with regard to the time by which the applicant must furnish certain indications prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii), and to the additional indications which must be given besides those prescribed in that Rule, as specified below:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13<i>bis</i>.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13<i>bis</i>.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
The name and address of the depository institution and accession number at the time of filing (as part of the application)	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex L, page 344]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
EXIGENCES DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS ET ÉLUS**

SK Slovaquie

L'Office de la propriété industrielle (Slovaquie) a notifié des changements dans ses exigences relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique en ce qui concerne le délai dans lequel le déposant doit fournir certaines indications exigées dans la règle 13*bis*.3.a)i) à iii), ainsi que les indications éventuelles qui doivent figurer outre celles exigées dans cette règle, comme indiqué ci-dessous :

Délai (éventuel) inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, dans lequel le déposant doit fournir :		Indications (éventuelles) qui doivent figurer outre celles exigées dans la règle 13<i>bis</i>.3.a)i) à iii) selon les notifications des offices intéressés
les indications exigées dans la règle 13<i>bis</i>.3.a)i) à iii)	toute indication supplémentaire spécifiée dans la colonne adjacente de droite	
Le nom et l'adresse de l'institution de dépôt et le numéro d'accession lors du dépôt (comme partie de la demande)	Lors du dépôt (comme partie de la demande)	Dans la mesure où ils sont accessibles au déposant, renseignements se rapportant aux caractéristiques du matériel biologique

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**US United States of America**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 July 2002, are as follows:

Search fee (international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office):	NZD 1,590 (1,020) The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee has been paid
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex D(US), page 325]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**EC Ecuador**

The **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property** has introduced new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts are as follows:

National fee:

For patent:	
Filing fee:	USD 108
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	USD 108

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (EC), page 390]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :	NZD 1.590 (1.020)
	Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon le paragraphe 111.a) du titre 35 USC et que la taxe de dépôt de base a été payée

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe D(US), page 351]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**EC Équateur**

L'**Institut équatorien de la propriété intellectuelle** a introduit de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Ces montants sont les suivants :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt : USD 108

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt : USD 108

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (EC), page 422]

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CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines**

On 6 May 2002, **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Saint Vincent and the Grenadines will become the 116th Contracting State of the PCT on 6 August 2002.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 6 August 2002, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines (country code: VC) may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines will be entitled from 6 August 2002 to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex A, page 7]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**EC Ecuador**

The **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (593-2) 250 80 00 (extension 230), 250 80 23

Facsimile machine: (593-2) 250 80 26

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(EC), page 60]

IN India

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified changes in one of the telephone numbers of its branch office in New Delhi, in one of the e-mail addresses of its branch office in Chennai, and in its Internet address, as follows:

Telephone: New Delhi: (91-11) 587 12 55, 587 12 56,
(91-11) 587 62 57, 587 12 58,
(91-11) 587 72 45

E-mail: Chennai: patentchennai@vsnl.net
chpatent@tn.nic.in

Internet: www.ipindia.nic.in

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(IN), page 93]

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)****VC Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines**

Le 6 mai 2002, **Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT. Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines deviendra le 116^e État contractant du PCT le 6 août 2002.

En conséquence, Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines pourra être désignée (code pour le pays : VC) dans toute demande internationale déposée le 6 août 2002 ou ultérieurement et, étant liée par le chapitre II du PCT, pourra aussi être élue. En outre, à partir du 6 août 2002, les nationaux de Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe A, page 7]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**EC Équateur**

L'**Institut équatorien de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Téléphone : (593-2) 250 80 00 (poste 230), 250 80 23

Télécopieur : (593-2) 250 80 26

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IN Inde

L'**Office des brevets (Inde)** a notifié des changements dans l'un des numéros de téléphone de son agence de New Delhi, dans l'une des adresses électroniques de son agence de Chennai, et dans son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Téléphone : New Delhi: (91-11) 587 12 55, 587 12 56,
(91-11) 587 62 57, 587 12 58,
(91-11) 587 72 45

Courrier électronique : Chennai: patentchennai@vsnl.net
chpatent@tn.nic.in

Internet : www.ipindia.nic.in

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe B1(IN), page 95]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**KZ Kazakhstan**

The **Kazakh Patent Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address, and in its telephone numbers, as follows:

Name of Office: Kazakhstan Respublikasy Adilet ministriginin Sanatkerlik menshik kukygy zhonindegi komitetinin
Kazakh Patent Office

Location and mailing address: 1/1, Kartalinskaya St., 473003 Astana, Kazakhstan

Telephone: (7327-2) 30 15 22

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PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, and in its Internet address, as follows:

Telephone: (632) 752 54 50 to 65 (extensions 402, 404),
(632) 897 17 37

Facsimile machine: (632) 890 48 62, 890 49 42

Internet: <http://ipophil.gov.ph>

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(PH), page 154]

TM Turkmenistan

The **Turkmen Patent Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location, in its mailing address, and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Name of Office: Türkmenistanyň ykdysadyýet we maliýe Ministriliginiň
Patent müdirliği
Patent Department, Ministry of Economy and Finance of
Turkmenistan

Location: 4, N. Pomma Street, Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

Mailing address: Post Office, 744000 Ashgabat, Turkmenistan

Telephone: (993-12) 51 05 63, 51 23 50

Facsimile machine: (993-12) 51 18 23, 51 23 50

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(TM), page 182]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**KZ Kazakhstan**

L'**Office kazakh des brevets** a notifié des changements relatifs à son nom, à l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, et à ses numéros de téléphone, comme suit :

Nom de l'office : Kazakhstan Respublikasy Adilet ministriginin Sanatkerlik menshik kukygy zhonindegi komitetinin
Office kazakh des brevets

Siège et adresse postale : 1/1, Kartalinskaya St., 473003 Astana, Kazakhstan

Téléphone : (7327-2) 30 15 22

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PH Philippines

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Philippines)** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, et dans son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Téléphone : (632) 752 54 50 à 65 (postes 402, 404),
(632) 897 17 37

Télécopieur : (632) 890 48 62, 890 49 42

Internet : <http://ipophil.gov.ph>

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TM Turkménistan

L'**Office turkmène des brevets** a notifié des changements relatifs à son nom, à l'adresse du siège, à son adresse postale, et à ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Nom de l'office : Türkmenistanyň ykdysadyýet we maliýe Ministriginiň
Patent müdirliği
Département des brevets, Ministère de l'économie et des
finances du Turkménistan

Siège : 4, N. Pomma Street, Ashgabat, Turkménistan

Adresse postale : Post Office, 744000 Ashgabat, Turkménistan

Téléphone : (993-12) 51 05 63, 51 23 50

Télécopieur : (993-12) 51 18 23, 51 23 50

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**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES****LT Lithuania**

The **Lithuanian Patent Office** has notified changes in its requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material with regard to the time by which the applicant must furnish additional indications which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii). The consolidated table of requirements reads as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
None	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the microorganism

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the Lithuanian Patent Office with any depositary institution.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex L, page 341]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)**

The **African Regional Industrial Property Organization** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable as from 1 April 2002, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (AP), page 357]

LT Lithuania

The **Lithuanian Patent Office** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable as from 1 April 2002, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (LT), page 424]

DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE EXIGENCES DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS ET ÉLUS

LT Lituanie

L'Office lituanien des brevets a notifié des changements dans ses exigences relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique en ce qui concerne le délai dans lequel le déposant doit fournir les indications supplémentaires éventuelles qui doivent figurer outre celles exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii). Le tableau récapitulatif des exigences est le suivant :

Délai (éventuel) inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, dans lequel le déposant doit fournir :		Indications (éventuelles) qui doivent figurer outre celles exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii) selon les notifications des offices intéressés
les indications exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii)	toute indication supplémentaire spécifiée dans la colonne adjacente de droite	
Aucun	Lors du dépôt (comme partie de la demande)	Dans la mesure où ils sont accessibles au déposant, renseignements se rapportant aux caractéristiques du micro-organisme

Les dépôts aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets devant l'Office lituanien des brevets peuvent également être effectués auprès de toute institution de dépôt.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe L, page 370]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)

AP Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO)

L'Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (AP), page 388]

LT Lituanie

L'Office lituanien des brevets a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	[Sans changement]

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**AT Austria**

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified changes in its e-mail and in its Internet addresses, as follows:

E-mail: ingrid.weidinger@patent.bmvit.gv.at

Internet: <http://www.patent.bmvit.gv.at>
<http://www.patentamt.at>

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(AT), page 15]

GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Patent Office** has informed the International Bureau of modifications as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the United Kingdom is a designated or elected Office, as follows:

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if the United Kingdom is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or must be furnished within 32 months from the priority date
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(GB), page 71]

GE Georgia

The **Georgian Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its Internet address, as follows:

Internet: <http://www.sakpatenti.org.ge>

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(GE), page 73]

HR Croatia

The **Croatian Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its Internet address, and a modification in its requirements as to the filing of documents by means of telecommunication, as follows:

Internet: <http://www.dziv.hr>

Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(HR), page 84]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**AT Autriche**

L'**Office autrichien des brevets** a notifié des changements dans son adresse électronique et dans ses adresses Internet, comme suit :

Courrier électronique : ingrid.weidinger@patent.bmvit.gv.at

Internet: <http://www.patent.bmvit.gv.at>
<http://www.patentamt.at>

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe B1(AT), page 15]

GB Royaume-Uni

L'**Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni** a informé le Bureau international de modifications concernant le délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si le Royaume-Uni est un office désigné ou élu, comme suit :

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si le Royaume-Uni est désigné (ou élu) :	Peuvent figurer dans la requête ou doivent être communiqués dans un délai de 32 mois à compter de la date de priorité
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe B1(GB), page 71]

GE Géorgie

L'**Office géorgien de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié un changement dans son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Internet : <http://www.sakpatenti.org.ge>

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe B1(GE), page 74]

HR Croatie

L'**Office croate de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié un changement dans son adresse Internet, et une modification concernant ses exigences relatives au dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication, comme suit :

Internet : <http://www.dziv.hr>

L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT) ? Non

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe B1(HR), page 85]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**KE Kenya**

The **Kenya Industrial Property Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its mailing address, and in its telephone numbers, as well as in the provisions of the law of Kenya concerning international-type search, as follows:

Name of Office:	Kenya Industrial Property Institute
Mailing address:	P.O. Box 51648, 00200 City Square, Nairobi, Kenya
Telephone:	(254-2) 60 22 10, 60 22 11
Provisions of the law of Kenya concerning international-type search:	Section 43 of the Industrial Property Act, 2001

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(KE), page 101]

MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified a change in its e-mail address, as follows:

E-mail: omapi@dts.mg

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(MG), page 133]

RU Russian Federation

The **Russian Patent Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	ROSPATENT, Berezhevskaya nab., 30/1, Moscow 123995, Russian Federation (general)
	Federalny Institut Promyshlennoi Sobstvennosti, Berezhevskaya nab., 30/1, Moscow 123995, Russian Federation (application processing)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(RU), page 162]

TT Trinidad and Tobago

The **Intellectual Property Office (Trinidad and Tobago)** has notified a change in its e-mail address and has introduced its Internet address, as follows:

E-mail: info@ipo.gov.tt

Internet: www.ipo.gov.tt

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(TT), page 186]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**KE Kenya**

L'**Office kényen de la propriété industrielle** a notifié des changements relatifs à son nom, son adresse postale et à ses numéros de téléphone, ainsi que dans les dispositions de la législation du Kenya relatives à la recherche de type international, comme suit :

Nom de l'office : Institut kényen de la propriété industrielle
Adresse postale : B.P. 51648, 00200 City Square, Nairobi, Kenya
Téléphone : (254-2) 60 22 10, 60 22 11
Dispositions de la législation du Kenya relatives à la recherche de type international : Article 43 de la loi sur la propriété industrielle, 2001

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe B1(KE), page 103]

MG Madagascar

L'**Office malgache de la propriété industrielle** a notifié un changement dans son adresse électronique, comme suit :

Courrier électronique : omapi@dts.mg

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe B1(MG), page 135]

RU Fédération de Russie

L'**Office russe des brevets** a notifié des changements dans l'adresse du siège et son adresse postale, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale : ROSPATENT, Berezhkovskaya nab., 30/1, Moscou 123995, Fédération de Russie (général)
Federalny Institut Promyshlennoi Sobstvennosti, Berezhkovskaya nab., 30/1, Moscou 123995, Fédération de Russie (traitement des demandes)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe B1(RU), page 164]

TT Trinité-et-Tobago

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Trinité-et-Tobago)** a notifié un changement dans son adresse électronique et a introduit son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Courrier électronique : info@ipo.gov.tt

Internet : www.ipo.gov.tt

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe B1(TT), page 188]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)**

The **African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)** has clarified the currency of payment of certain fees due to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee: USD 50 or equivalent in local currency of any ARIPO Contracting State where applicant is resident

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): USD 30 or equivalent in local currency of any ARIPO Contracting State where applicant is resident

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(AP), page 219]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 15 July 2002, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office): NZD 1,889

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex D(EP), page 318]

LK Sri Lanka

The **National Intellectual Property Office (Sri Lanka)** has notified a change in the amount of the application fee in **Sri Lanka rupees (LKR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Application fee: LKR 2,300

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (LK), page 421]

SI Slovenia

The **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Slovenian tolar (SIT)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)): SIT 160

National fee:

Filing fee (including maintenance fee for the first three years): SIT 20,000

Page fee per sheet over 30: [deleted]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(SI), page 301, and Summary (SI), page 455]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AP Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO)**

L'**Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO)** a précisé la monnaie de paiement de certaines taxes qui lui sont dues en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe de transmission :	USD 50	ou équivalent en monnaie locale d'un des États contractants de l'ARIPO où le déposant est domicilié
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	USD 30	ou équivalent en monnaie locale d'un des États contractants de l'ARIPO où le déposant est domicilié

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(AP), page 222]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 juillet 2002, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) :	NZD 1.889
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe D(EP), page 344]

LK Sri Lanka

L'**Office national de la propriété intellectuelle (Sri Lanka)** a notifié un changement dans le montant de la taxe de dépôt, exprimée en **roupies de Sri Lanka (LKR)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :	
Pour un brevet :	
Taxe de dépôt :	LKR 2.300

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (LK), page 459]

SI Slovénie

L'**Office slovène de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **tolars slovènes (SIT)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	SIT	160
Taxe nationale :		
Taxe de dépôt (y compris taxe de renouvellement pour les trois premières années) :	SIT	20.000
Taxe par page à compter de la 31 ^e :	[Supprimée]	

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(SI), page 321, et résumé (SI), page 501]

RECEIVING OFFICES**EA Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**

The **Eurasian Patent Office** has introduced details on how to obtain the list of patent attorneys qualified to practice before the Office as receiving Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?	Any legal practitioner ¹ qualified to practice in patent matters in one of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention and inscribed in the register of patent attorneys kept in the Office
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(EA), page 243]

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has introduced details on how to obtain the list of patent attorneys qualified to practice before the Office as receiving Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?	Any person registered to practice before the Office as a patent attorney ²
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(NZ), page 290]

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTING PART FILED ON AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT SUCH FILINGS AND SPECIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA**AT Austria**

The **Austrian Patent Office** has specified an additional electronic medium for the filing in computer readable form of the sequence listing part of the description of international applications. The consolidated list of electronic media accepted by the Office reads as follows:

Which types of electronic medium does the receiving Office accept?	CD-ROM, CD-R, diskette
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(AT), page 220]

¹ The list of registered patent attorneys may be obtained on the Internet at www.eapo.org/eng/information/attorneys.php3

² The list of registered patent attorneys may be obtained from the Office or on the Internet at www.iponz.govt.nz

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**EA Office eurasien des brevets (OEAB)**

L'**Office eurasien des brevets** a donné des précisions pour se procurer la liste des conseils en brevets habilités à exercer auprès de l'office agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Tout juriste ¹ habilité à exercer dans le domaine des brevets dans l'un des États parties à la Convention sur le brevet eurasien et inscrit sur la liste des conseils en brevets tenue par l'office
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(EA), page 251]

NZ Nouvelle-Zélande

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Nouvelle-Zélande** a donné des précisions pour se procurer la liste des conseils en brevets habilités à exercer auprès de l'office agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Toute personne habilitée à exercer auprès de l'office en qualité de conseil en brevets ²
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(NZ), page 309]

DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT UNE PARTIE RÉSERVÉE AU LISTAGE DES SÉQUENCES DÉPOSÉE SUR UN SUPPORT ÉLECTRONIQUE : OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DISPOSÉS À ACCEPTER DE TELS DÉPÔTS ET SPÉCIFICATION DES SUPPORTS ÉLECTRONIQUES**AT Autriche**

L'**Office autrichien des brevets** a spécifié un support électronique supplémentaire pour le dépôt sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur de la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences de demandes internationales. La liste récapitulative des supports électroniques acceptés par l'office est la suivante :

Quels types de support électronique l'office récepteur accepte-t-il ?	CD-ROM, CD-R, disquette
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¹ La liste des conseils en brevets agréés peut être obtenue sur l'Internet à l'adresse suivante : www.eapo.org/eng/information/attorneys.php3

² La liste des conseils en brevets agréés peut être obtenue auprès de l'office ou sur l'Internet à l'adresse suivante : www.iponz.govt.nz

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**BA Bosnia and Herzegovina**

The **Institute for Standards, Metrology and Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified a change in the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b) before the Office as a designated and elected Office. The new time limits, applicable as from 27 August 2002, are as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	34 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	34 months from the priority date

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (BA), page 362]

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified the International Bureau that the annual fee for the third year must be paid to it as designated (or elected) Office on the last day of the month containing the second anniversary (24 months) of the international filing date; it is due within 30 months from the priority date if that 30-month time limit expires later.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (DE), page 382]

EA Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)

The **Eurasian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that the claim fee for each claim in excess of five must be paid to it as designated (or elected) Office within two months from the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), as the case may be.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (EA), page 388]

EC Ecuador

The **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable as from 1 April 2002, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (EC), page 390]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**BA Bosnie-Herzégovine**

L'**Institut des normes, de la métrologie et de la propriété intellectuelle de la Bosnie-Herzégovine** a notifié un changement dans les délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon les articles 22.3) et 39.1)b) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné et élu. Les nouveaux délais, applicables à compter du 27 août 2002, sont les suivants :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	34 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	34 mois à compter de la date de priorité

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (BA), page 393]

DE Allemagne

L'**Office allemand des brevets et des marques** a notifié au Bureau international que la taxe annuelle pour la troisième année doit être payée à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné ou élu le dernier jour du mois dans lequel tombe le deuxième anniversaire (24 mois) de la date du dépôt international; elle est due dans un délai de 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité si ce délai expire plus tard.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (DE), page 414]

EA Office eurasien des brevets (OEAB)

L'**Office eurasien des brevets** a notifié au Bureau international que la taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication à compter de la 6^e doit être payée à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné ou élu dans un délai de deux mois à compter de l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, selon le cas.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (EA), page 420]

EC Équateur

L'**Institut équatorien de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (EC), page 422]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES (Cont'd)**MD Republic of Moldova**

The **State Agency on Industrial Property Protection (Republic of Moldova)** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable as from 1 April 2002, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (MD), page 429]

MG Madagascar

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified the International Bureau that the annual fee for the third year must be paid to it as designated or elected Office within 24 months from the international filing date or within 30 months from the priority date if that 30-month time limit expires later.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (MG), page 430]

SI Slovenia

The **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in the time limit, applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable as from 1 April 2002, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (SI), page 455]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS) (suite)**MD République de Moldova**

L'**Office d'État pour la protection de la propriété industrielle (République de Moldova)** a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (MD), page 470]

MG Madagascar

L'**Office malgache de la propriété industrielle** a notifié au Bureau international que la taxe annuelle pour la troisième année doit être payée à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné ou élu dans un délai de 24 mois à compter de la date du dépôt international ou dans un délai de 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité, si ce délai expire plus tard.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (MG), page 472]

SI Slovénie

L'**Office slovène de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (SI), page 501]

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**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**

BG Bulgaria
CZ Czech Republic
EE Estonia
SK Slovakia
EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Bulgaria deposited, on 30 April 2002, its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and will therefore become bound by that Convention on **1 July 2002**. Thus, as from 1 July 2002, it will be possible for applicants to designate Bulgaria in their international applications also for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent, as at present.

The **Czech Republic** deposited, on 30 April 2002, its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and will therefore become bound by that Convention on **1 July 2002**. Thus, as from 1 July 2002, it will be possible for applicants to designate the Czech Republic in their international applications also for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent, as at present.

Estonia deposited, on 30 April 2002, its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and will therefore become bound by that Convention on **1 July 2002**. Thus, as from 1 July 2002, it will be possible for applicants to designate Estonia in their international applications also for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent, as at present.

Slovakia deposited, on 17 April 2002, its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and will therefore become bound by that Convention on **1 July 2002**. Thus, as from 1 July 2002, it will be possible for applicants to designate Slovakia in their international applications also for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent, as at present.

Moreover, as from 1 July 2002, nationals and residents of **Bulgaria**, the **Czech Republic**, **Estonia** and **Slovakia** will be able to file international applications with the European Patent Office as receiving Office, in addition to the Bulgarian Patent Office, the Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic), the Estonian Patent Office and the Industrial Property Office (Slovakia), respectively, or the International Bureau of WIPO.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002(E), Annex B2(EP), page 210, and Annex C(EP), page 246]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Australian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 August 2002, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Australian Patent Office): KRW 568,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex D(AU), page 316]

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET
LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES**

BG **Bulgarie**
CZ **République tchèque**
EE **Estonie**
SK **Slovaquie**
EP **Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

La **Bulgarie** a déposé, le 30 avril 2002, son instrument d'adhésion à la Convention sur le brevet européen (CBE) et deviendra ainsi liée par cette convention le **1^{er} juillet 2002**. Par conséquent, à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2002, les déposants pourront désigner la Bulgarie dans leurs demandes internationales également aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet européen et non seulement aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet national, comme c'est le cas jusqu'ici.

La **République tchèque** a déposé, le 30 avril 2002, son instrument d'adhésion à la Convention sur le brevet européen (CBE) et deviendra ainsi liée par cette convention le **1^{er} juillet 2002**. Par conséquent, à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2002, les déposants pourront désigner la République tchèque dans leurs demandes internationales également aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet européen et non seulement aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet national, comme c'est le cas jusqu'ici.

L'**Estonie** a déposé, le 30 avril 2002, son instrument d'adhésion à la Convention sur le brevet européen (CBE) et deviendra ainsi liée par cette convention le **1^{er} juillet 2002**. Par conséquent, à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2002, les déposants pourront désigner l'Estonie dans leurs demandes internationales également aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet européen et non seulement aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet national, comme c'est le cas jusqu'ici.

La **Slovaquie** a déposé, le 17 avril 2002, son instrument d'adhésion à la Convention sur le brevet européen (CBE) et deviendra ainsi liée par cette convention le **1^{er} juillet 2002**. Par conséquent, à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2002, les déposants pourront désigner la Slovaquie dans leurs demandes internationales également aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet européen et non seulement aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet national, comme c'est le cas jusqu'ici.

De plus, à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2002, les nationaux de la **Bulgarie**, de la **République tchèque**, de l'**Estonie** et de la **Slovaquie**, et les personnes domiciliées dans ces pays, pourront déposer des demandes internationales auprès de l'Office européen des brevets agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, en plus de l'Office bulgare des brevets, de l'Office de la propriété industrielle (République tchèque), de l'Office estonien des brevets et de l'Office de la propriété industrielle (Slovaquie), respectivement, ou du Bureau international de l'OMPI.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002(F), annexe B2(EP), page 212, et annexe C(EP), page 255]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU** **Australie**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **won coréens (KRW)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} août 2002, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale
effectuée par l'Office australien des brevets) : KRW 568.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe D(AU), page 342]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**US United States of America**

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a change in its location, as follows:

Location: 2011 South Clark Place, Crystal Plaza 2, Arlington,
Virginia 22202, USA

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(US), page 194]

REQUEST IN PCT-EASY FORMAT: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT FILINGS**IS Iceland**

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared, as from 1 June 2002, to accept the filing of international applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes. The corresponding PCT-EASY fee reduction is as follows:

PCT-EASY fee reduction: ISK 11,600

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 52/1998, table published on page 17572, and No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(IS), page 267]

KE Kenya

The **Kenya Industrial Property Institute** has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared, as from 1 July 2002, to accept the filing of international applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 52/1998, table published on page 17572, and No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(KE), page 271]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

US États-Unis d'Amérique

L'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** a notifié un changement relatif à l'adresse de son siège, comme suit :

Siège : 2011 South Clark Place, Crystal Plaza 2, Arlington,
Virginia 22202, USA

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe B1(US), page 196]

REQUÊTE EN MODE DE PRÉSENTATION PCT-EASY : OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DISPOSÉS À ACCEPTER LES DÉPÔTS

IS Islande

L'**Office islandais des brevets** a informé le Bureau international qu'il est disposé à accepter, à compter du 1^{er} juin 2002, le dépôt des demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec des disquettes PCT-EASY. La réduction de taxe PCT-EASY correspondante est la suivante :

Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY : ISK 11.600

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° 52/1998, tableau publié à la page 17573, et n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(IS), page 279]

KE Kenya

L'**Institut kényen de la propriété industrielle** a informé le Bureau international qu'il est disposé à accepter, à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2002, le dépôt des demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec des disquettes PCT-EASY.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° 52/1998, tableau publié à la page 17573, et n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(KE), page 283]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**CA Canada**

The **Canadian Patent Office** has notified changes in the time limits for payment of the maintenance fee (appearing under “National fee” in the Summary) payable to it as designated or elected Office. Only the text appearing as a footnote relating to the maintenance fee is reproduced hereafter:

“Where PCT Article 22 or 39(1) applies: this fee is due within 24 months from the international filing date or within 30 months from the priority date if that time limit expires later or, provided the applicant pays the additional fee for late entry into the national phase, within 42 months from the priority date.”

The **Canadian Patent Office** has also notified changes in the time limits for compliance by the applicant with the special requirements (appearing under “Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51*bis*)”) before the Office as designated or elected Office. Only the text appearing as a footnote relating to the special requirements is reproduced hereafter:

“Where PCT Article 22 or 39(1) applies: if not complied with within 36 months from the priority date or, provided that the applicant pays the additional fee for late entry into the national phase, if not complied with within six months after the applicant has performed the acts necessary for entry into the national phase, the application will be deemed abandoned.”

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (CA), page 371]

HR Croatia

The **Croatian Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable as from 1 April 2002, is 31 months from the priority date.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 15/2002, page 7536]

KZ Kazakhstan

The **Kazakh Patent Office** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable as from 1 April 2002, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date ¹
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change] ¹

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (KZ), page 420]

¹ This time limit can be extended by two months provided the applicant pays the additional fee for late entry into the national phase.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)

CA Canada

L'**Office canadien des brevets** a notifié des changements dans les délais de paiement de la taxe de maintien en vigueur (figurant sous "Taxe nationale" dans le résumé) payable à l'office en qualité d'office désigné ou élu. Seul le texte figurant sous la forme d'une note de bas de page relative à la taxe de maintien en vigueur est reproduit ci-après :

"Lorsque l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT est applicable, cette taxe est due dans un délai de 24 mois à compter de la date du dépôt international ou dans un délai de 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité, si ce délai expire plus tard ou, à condition que le déposant acquitte la surtaxe pour ouverture tardive de la phase nationale, dans un délai de 42 mois à compter de la date de priorité."

L'**Office canadien des brevets** a également notifié des changements dans les délais accordés au déposant pour satisfaire aux exigences particulières (figurant sous "Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51bis du PCT)") auprès de l'office en qualité d'office désigné ou élu. Seul le texte figurant sous la forme d'une note de bas de page relative aux exigences particulières est reproduit ci-après :

"Lorsque l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT est applicable, la demande sera considérée comme abandonnée si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans un délai de 36 mois à compter de la date de priorité ou, à condition que le déposant acquitte la surtaxe pour ouverture tardive de la phase nationale, s'il n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans un délai de six mois après l'accomplissement des actes requis pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale."

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (CA), page 402]

HR Croatie

L'**Office croate de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, est de 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° 15/2002, page 7537]

KZ Kazakhstan

L'**Office kazakh des brevets** a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité ¹
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	[Sans changement] ¹

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (KZ), page 457]

¹ Ce délai peut être prolongé de deux mois, à condition que le déposant acquitte la surtaxe pour ouverture tardive de la phase nationale.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES (Cont'd)**RU Russian Federation**

The **Russian Patent Office** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable as from 1 April 2002, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (RU), page 449]

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT
MODIFICATION OF ANNEX A—FORMS****Form PCT/RO/101 (Request)**

The Request Form has been modified to take into account the fact that, as from 1 July 2002, **Bulgaria**, the **Czech Republic**, **Estonia** and **Slovakia** can be designated also for the purposes of obtaining a European patent and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent; that utility models and patents of addition are available for the **United Arab Emirates**, and that utility models are available in **Mozambique** (in the previous version of the second sheet, the dotted lines next to the name of these two States were missing); and to include, in addition to countries party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, a specific reference to Members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) in respect of priority claims based on earlier national applications (as provided in PCT Rule 4.10 and already detailed in the Notes to the Form).

These modifications concern Boxes Nos. V and VI of the Request Form and the Notes to the request form relating to Box No. V. The Notes to the request form relating to Box No. V have also been modified to take into account the fact that **Poland** can also be designated for a patent of addition (this information was missing in the previous version).

All the sheets of the Request Form, including the Notes to the request form, the Fee Calculation Sheet (annex to the Request Form) and the Notes thereto, are dated July 2002 (the date of issuance or of reprinting of the sheet) and are reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction).

Only the updated version of the Request Form should be used for international applications filed as from 1 July 2002. Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices and the International Bureau, and will also be available on the Internet as from the beginning of July 2002 at the following address: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS) (suite)**RU Fédération de Russie**

L'**Office russe des brevets** a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (RU), page 493]

**INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT
MODIFICATION DE L'ANNEXE A – FORMULAIRES****Formulaire PCT/RO/101 (requête)**

Le formulaire de requête a été modifié pour tenir compte du fait que, à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2002, la **Bulgarie**, l'**Estonie**, la **République tchèque** et la **Slovaquie** peuvent être désignées également aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet européen et non seulement aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet national; que des modèles d'utilité et des brevets d'addition sont disponibles dans les **Émirats arabes unis**, et que des modèles d'utilité sont disponibles au **Mozambique** (dans la version précédente de la deuxième feuille, les pointillés figurant après le nom de ces deux États manquaient); et pour inclure, en plus des pays parties à la Convention de Paris pour la protection de la propriété industrielle, une référence propre aux membres de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce (OMC) en ce qui concerne les revendications de priorité basées sur des demandes nationales antérieures (comme prévu à la règle 4.10 du PCT et déjà précisé dans les notes du formulaire).

Ces modifications concernent les cadres n^{os} V et VI du formulaire de requête et les notes du formulaire de requête relatives au cadre n^o V. Les notes du formulaire de requête relatives au cadre n^o V ont été également modifiées pour tenir compte du fait que la **Pologne** peut également être désignée pour un brevet d'addition (cette information manquait dans la version précédente).

Toutes les feuilles du formulaire de requête, y compris les notes y relatives, la feuille de calcul des taxes (annexe de la requête) et les notes y relatives, ont été datées de juillet 2002 (date d'émission ou de réimpression de la feuille) et sont reproduites sur les pages suivantes (sans pagination pour qu'il soit possible de les reproduire aisément).

Seule la version mise à jour du formulaire de requête devrait être utilisée pour les demandes internationales déposées à partir du 1^{er} juillet 2002. Des exemplaires peuvent être obtenus gratuitement auprès des offices récepteurs et du Bureau international et seront également disponibles sur l'Internet au début de juillet 2002 à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/index.html>

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT
MODIFICATION OF ANNEX A—FORMS (Cont'd)****Form PCT/IPEA/401 (Demand)**

The Demand Form itself and the Fee Calculation Sheet (annex to the Demand Form) have not been modified except for the date of reprinting on each sheet (July 2002).

The Notes to the demand form relating to the time of filing of the demand have been updated further to the modification, as from 1 April 2002, of the time limit under PCT Article 22(1).

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**INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT
MODIFICATION DE L'ANNEXE A – FORMULAIRES (suite)**

Formulaire PCT/IPEA/401 (demande d'examen préliminaire international)

Le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international lui-même et la feuille de calcul des taxes (annexe du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international) n'ont pas été modifiés, si ce n'est que la date de réimpression a été ajoutée sur chacune des feuilles (juillet 2002).

Les notes relatives au formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international concernant le délai de présentation de la demande d'examen préliminaire international ont été mises à jour suite à la modification, à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, du délai selon l'article 22.1) du PCT.

Toutes les feuilles du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international, y compris les notes y relatives, la feuille de calcul des taxes et les notes y relatives ont été datées de juillet 2002 (date d'émission ou de réimpression de la feuille) et sont reproduites sur les pages suivantes (sans pagination pour qu'il soit possible de les reproduire aisément). Des exemplaires peuvent être obtenus gratuitement auprès des offices récepteurs, des administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international et du Bureau international et seront également disponibles sur l'Internet au début de juillet 2002 à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/index.html>

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	
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REQUÊTE

Le soussigné requiert que la présente demande internationale soit traitée conformément au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets.

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Demande internationale n°

Date du dépôt international

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Les désignations suivantes sont faites conformément à la règle 4.9.a) :

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| <input type="checkbox"/> GD Grenade | | <input type="checkbox"/> ZM Zambie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GE Géorgie | | <input type="checkbox"/> ZW Zimbabwe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GH Ghana | | |

Les cases ci-dessous sont réservées à la désignation d'États qui sont devenus parties au PCT après la publication de la présente feuille :

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution : outre les désignations faites ci-dessus, le déposant fait aussi conformément à la règle 4.9.b) toutes les désignations qui seraient autorisées en vertu du PCT, à l'exception de toute désignation indiquée dans le cadre supplémentaire comme étant exclue de la portée de cette déclaration. Le déposant déclare que ces désignations additionnelles sont faites sous réserve de confirmation et que toute désignation qui n'est pas confirmée avant l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité doit être considérée comme retirée par le déposant à l'expiration de ce délai. (*La confirmation (y compris les taxes) doit parvenir à l'office récepteur dans le délai de 15 mois.*)

Supplemental Box

If the Supplemental Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

1. *If, in any of the Boxes, except Boxes Nos. VIII(i) to (v) for which a special continuation box is provided, the space is insufficient to furnish all the information: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No...." (indicate the number of the Box) and furnish the information in the same manner as required according to the captions of the Box in which the space was insufficient, in particular:*
 - (i) *if more than two persons are to be indicated as applicants and/or inventors and no "continuation sheet" is available: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. III" and indicate for each additional person the same type of information as required in Box No. III. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below;*
 - (ii) *if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the indication "the States indicated in the Supplemental Box" is checked: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the applicant(s) involved and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is applicant;*
 - (iii) *if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the inventor or the inventor/applicant is not inventor for the purposes of all designated States or for the purposes of the United States of America: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the inventor(s) and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is inventor;*
 - (iv) *if, in addition to the agent(s) indicated in Box No. IV, there are further agents: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. IV" and indicate for each further agent the same type of information as required in Box No. IV;*
 - (v) *if, in Box No. V, the name of any State (or OAPI) is accompanied by the indication "patent of addition," or "certificate of addition," or if, in Box No. V, the name of the United States of America is accompanied by an indication "continuation" or "continuation-in-part": in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. V" and the name of each State involved (or OAPI), and after the name of each such State (or OAPI), the number of the parent title or parent application and the date of grant of the parent title or filing of the parent application;*
 - (vi) *if, in Box No. VI, there are more than five earlier applications whose priority is claimed: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VI" and indicate for each additional earlier application the same type of information as required in Box No. VI.*
2. *If, with regard to the precautionary designation statement contained in Box No. V, the applicant wishes to exclude any State(s) from the scope of that statement: in such case, write "Designation(s) excluded from precautionary designation statement" and indicate the name or two-letter code of each State so excluded.*

Cadre supplémentaire Si le cadre supplémentaire n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

1. Si l'un des cadres du présent formulaire – à l'exception des cadres n^{os} VIII.i) à v) pour lesquels une feuille annexe spéciale est prévue – **ne suffit pas** à contenir tous les renseignements : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o..." (préciser le numéro du cadre) et fournir les renseignements conformément aux instructions données dans le cadre dans lequel la place était insuffisante; en particulier :
 - i) **si plus de deux personnes doivent être indiquées comme déposants ou inventeurs** et que l'on ne dispose d'aucune "feuille annexe" : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o III" et fournir pour chaque personne supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n^o III. Le pays de l'adresse indiquée dans ce cadre est l'État où le déposant a son domicile si aucun domicile n'est indiqué ci-dessous;
 - ii) si, dans le cadre n^o II ou dans l'un des sous-cadres du cadre n^o III, la case "**les États indiqués dans le cadre supplémentaire**" est cochée : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o II" ou "Suite du cadre n^o III" ou "Suite des cadres n^{os} II et III" (selon le cas), ainsi que le nom du ou des déposants en cause et, à côté de chaque nom, le ou les États pour lesquels la personne mentionnée a la qualité de déposant (ou, le cas échéant, la mention "brevet ARIPO", "brevet eurasién", "brevet européen" ou "brevet OAPI");
 - iii) si, dans le cadre n^o II ou dans l'un des sous-cadres du cadre n^o III, **l'inventeur ou l'inventeur/déposant n'a pas la qualité d'inventeur pour tous les États désignés ou pour les États-Unis d'Amérique** : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o II" ou "Suite du cadre n^o III" ou "Suite des cadres n^{os} II et III" (selon le cas), ainsi que le nom du ou des inventeurs et, à côté de chaque nom, le ou les États pour lesquels la personne mentionnée a la qualité d'inventeur (ou, le cas échéant, la mention "brevet ARIPO", "brevet eurasién", "brevet européen" ou "brevet OAPI");
 - iv) si, en plus du ou des mandataires indiqués dans le cadre n^o IV, il y a **d'autres mandataires** : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o IV" et fournir pour chaque mandataire supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n^o IV;
 - v) si, dans le cadre n^o V, le nom d'un État (ou de l'OAPI) est assorti de la mention "**brevet d'addition**" ou "**certificat d'addition**" ou si, dans le cadre n^o V le nom des États-Unis d'Amérique est assorti de la mention "**continuation**" ou "**continuation-in-part**" : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o V" ainsi que le nom de chaque État en cause (ou de l'OAPI) en précisant après chaque nom le numéro du titre principal ou de la demande principale ainsi que la date de délivrance du titre principal ou la date de dépôt de la demande principale;
 - vi) si, dans le cadre n^o VI, **la priorité de plus de cinq demandes antérieures est revendiquée** : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o VI" et fournir pour chaque demande antérieure supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n^o VI.
2. Si, en ce qui concerne la **déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution** contenue dans le cadre n^o V, le déposant souhaite exclure un ou plusieurs États de la portée de cette déclaration : dans ce cas, indiquer "Désignations exclues de la portée de la déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution" et fournir le nom ou le code à deux lettres de chaque État concerné.

Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM				
The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:				
Filing date of earlier application <i>(day/month/year)</i>	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1)				
item (2)				
item (3)				
item (4)				
item (5)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.				
The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) <i>(only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office)</i> identified above as:				
<input type="checkbox"/> all items <input type="checkbox"/> item (1) <input type="checkbox"/> item (2) <input type="checkbox"/> item (3) <input type="checkbox"/> item (4) <input type="checkbox"/> item (5) <input type="checkbox"/> other, see Supplemental Box				
* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)):				
Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY				
Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) <i>(if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):</i>				
ISA /				
Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search <i>(if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):</i>				
Date <i>(day/month/year)</i>	Number	Country (or regional Office)		
Box No. VIII DECLARATIONS				
The following declarations are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) <i>(mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration):</i>				Number of declarations
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VIII (i)	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VIII (ii)	Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VIII (iii)	Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VIII (iv)	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Box No. VIII (v)	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	:	

Cadre n° VI REVENDICATION DE PRIORITÉ				
La priorité de la ou des demandes antérieures suivantes est revendiquée :				
Date de dépôt de la demande antérieure (jour/mois/année)	Numéro de la demande antérieure	Lorsque la demande antérieure est une :		
		demande nationale : pays ou membre de l'OMC	demande régionale :* office régional	demande internationale : office récepteur
point 1)				
point 2)				
point 3)				
point 4)				
point 5)				
<input type="checkbox"/> D'autres revendications de priorité sont indiquées dans le cadre supplémentaire.				
L'office récepteur est prié de préparer et de transmettre au Bureau international une copie certifiée conforme de la ou des demandes antérieures (<i>seulement si la demande antérieure a été déposée auprès de l'office qui, aux fins de la présente demande internationale, est l'office récepteur</i>) indiquées ci-dessus sous :				
<input type="checkbox"/> tous les points <input type="checkbox"/> point 1) <input type="checkbox"/> point 2) <input type="checkbox"/> point 3) <input type="checkbox"/> point 4) <input type="checkbox"/> point 5) <input type="checkbox"/> autre, voir le cadre supplémentaire				
<i>* Si la demande antérieure est une demande ARIPO, indiquer au moins un pays partie à la Convention de Paris pour la protection de la propriété industrielle ou un membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce pour lequel cette demande antérieure a été déposée (règle 4.10.b)ii) :</i>				
Cadre n° VII ADMINISTRATION CHARGÉE DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE				
Choix de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (ISA) (<i>si plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes pour procéder à la recherche internationale, indiquer l'administration choisie; le code à deux lettres peut être utilisé</i>) : ISA /				
Demande d'utilisation des résultats d'une recherche antérieure; mention de cette recherche (<i>si une recherche antérieure a été effectuée par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou demandée à cette dernière</i>) : Date (jour/mois/année) Numéro Pays (ou office régional)				
Cadre n° VIII DÉCLARATIONS				
Les déclarations suivantes figurent dans les cadres n° VIII.i) à v) (<i>cocher ci-dessous la ou les cases appropriées et indiquer dans la colonne de droite le nombre de chaque type de déclaration</i>) :				Nombre de déclarations
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.i)	déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.ii)	déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.iii)	déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité d'une demande antérieure	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.iv)	déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique)	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.v)	déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté	:	

Box No. VIII (i) DECLARATION: IDENTITY OF THE INVENTOR

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 211; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (i). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (i)".

Cadre n° VIII.i) DÉCLARATION : IDENTITÉ DE L'INVENTEUR

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 211; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.i). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)i) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.i)".

Box No. VIII (ii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO APPLY FOR AND BE GRANTED A PATENT

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 212; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (ii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (ii)".

Cadre n° VIII.ii) DÉCLARATION : DROIT DE DEMANDER ET D'OBTENIR UN BREVET

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 212; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.ii). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n'est pas appropriée :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.ii)".

Box No. VIII (iii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO CLAIM PRIORITY

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 213; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iii)".

Cadre n° VIII.iii) DÉCLARATION : DROIT DE REVENDIQUER LA PRIORITÉ

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 213; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.iii). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure indiquée ci-dessous si le déposant n'est pas celui qui a déposé la demande antérieure ou si son nom a changé depuis le dépôt de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51 bis.1.a)iii) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.iii)".

Box No. VIII (iv) DECLARATION: INVENTORSHIP (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)

The declaration must conform to the following standardized wording provided for in Section 214; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iv). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

**Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))
for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:**

I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/. (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26ter).

I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified international application, including the claims of said application. I have identified in the request of said application, in compliance with PCT Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading "Prior Applications," by application number, country or Member of the World Trade Organization, day, month and year of filing, any application for a patent or inventor's certificate filed in a country other than the United States of America, including any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed.

Prior Applications:
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I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Name:

Residence:
(city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address:
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Citizenship:

Inventor's Signature:
(if not contained in the request, or if declaration is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application. The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

Date:
(of signature which is not contained in the request, or of the declaration that is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application)

Name:

Residence:
(city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address:
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Citizenship:

Inventor's Signature:
(if not contained in the request, or if declaration is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application. The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

Date:
(of signature which is not contained in the request, or of the declaration that is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application)

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iv)".

**Cadre n° VIII.iv) DÉCLARATION : QUALITÉ D'INVENTEUR
(seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique)**

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 214; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.iv). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

**Déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (règles 4.17.iv) et 51bis.1.a)iv))
aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique :**

Par la présente, je déclare que je crois être le premier inventeur original et unique (si un seul inventeur est mentionné ci-dessous) ou l'un des premiers co-inventeurs (si plusieurs inventeurs sont mentionnés ci-dessous) de l'objet revendiqué pour lequel un brevet est demandé.

La présente déclaration a trait à la demande internationale dont elle fait partie (si la déclaration est déposée avec la demande).

La présente déclaration a trait à la demande internationale n° PCT/..... (si la déclaration est remise en vertu de la règle 26ter).

Par la présente, je déclare que mon domicile, mon adresse postale et ma nationalité sont tels qu'indiqués près de mon nom.

Par la présente, je déclare avoir passé en revue et compris le contenu de la demande internationale à laquelle il est fait référence ci-dessus, y compris les revendications de ladite demande. J'ai indiqué dans la requête de ladite demande, conformément à la règle 4.10 du PCT, toute revendication de priorité d'une demande étrangère et j'ai identifié ci-dessous, sous l'intitulé "Demandes antérieures", au moyen du numéro de demande, du pays ou du membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce, du jour, du mois et de l'année du dépôt, toute demande de brevet ou de certificat d'auteur d'invention déposée dans un pays autre que les États-Unis d'Amérique, y compris toute demande internationale selon le PCT désignant au moins un pays autre que les États-Unis d'Amérique, dont la date de dépôt est antérieure à celle de la demande étrangère dont la priorité est revendiquée.

Demandes antérieures :

Par la présente, je reconnais l'obligation qui m'est faite de divulguer les renseignements dont j'ai connaissance et qui sont pertinents quant à la brevetabilité de l'invention, tels qu'ils sont définis dans le Titre 37, § 1.56, du Code fédéral des réglementations, y compris, en ce qui concerne les demandes de continuation-in-part les renseignements pertinents qui sont devenus accessibles entre la date de dépôt de la demande antérieure et la date du dépôt international de la demande de continuation-in-part.

Je déclare par la présente que toute déclaration ci-incluse est, à ma connaissance, véridique et que toute déclaration formulée à partir de renseignements ou de suppositions est tenue pour véridique; et de plus, que toutes ces déclarations ont été formulées en sachant que toute fausse déclaration volontaire ou son équivalent est passible d'une amende ou d'une incarcération, ou des deux, en vertu de la Section 1001 du Titre 18 du Code des États-Unis, et que de telles déclarations volontairement fausses risquent de compromettre la validité de la demande de brevet ou du brevet délivré à partir de celle-ci.

Nom :

Domicile :
(ville et État (des États-Unis d'Amérique), le cas échéant, ou pays)

Adresse postale :

Nationalité :

Signature de l'inventeur : **Date :**
(si elle ne figure pas dans la requête, ou si la déclaration a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale. La signature doit être celle de l'inventeur, il ne peut s'agir de celle du mandataire) (de la signature qui ne figure pas dans la requête, ou de la déclaration qui a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale)

Nom :

Domicile :
(ville et État (des États-Unis d'Amérique), le cas échéant, ou pays)

Adresse postale :

Nationalité :

Signature de l'inventeur : **Date :**
(si elle ne figure pas dans la requête, ou si la déclaration a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale. La signature doit être celle de l'inventeur, il ne peut s'agir de celle du mandataire) (de la signature qui ne figure pas dans la requête, ou de la déclaration qui a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale)

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.iv)".

Box No. VIII (v) DECLARATION: NON-PREJUDICIAL DISCLOSURES OR EXCEPTIONS TO LACK OF NOVELTY

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 215; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (v). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty (Rules 4.17(v) and 51bis.1(a)(v)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (v)".

Cadre n° VIII.v) DÉCLARATION : DIVULGATIONS NON OPPOSABLES OU EXCEPTIONS AU DÉFAUT DE NOUVEAUTÉ

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 215; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n^{os} VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.v). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règles 4.17.v) et 51bis.1.a)v) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.v)".

Continuation of Box No. VIII (i) to (v) DECLARATION

*If the space is insufficient in any of Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) to furnish all the information, including in the case where **more than two inventors are to be named** in Box No. VIII (iv), in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VIII ..." (indicate the item number of the Box) and furnish the information in the same manner as required for the purposes of the Box in which the space was insufficient. If additional space is needed in respect of two or more declarations, a separate continuation box must be used for each such declaration. If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.*

Suite du Cadre n° VIII.i) à v) DÉCLARATION

*Si l'un des cadres n°s VIII.i) à v) **ne suffit pas** à contenir tous les renseignements, y compris dans le cas où **plus de deux inventeurs doivent être nommés** dans le cadre n° VIII.iv), dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n° VIII..." (compléter le numéro du cadre en précisant le point) et fournir les renseignements conformément aux instructions données dans le cadre dans lequel la place était insuffisante. Si on a besoin de place supplémentaire dans deux ou plusieurs cadres, il faut utiliser le cadre "Suite" du cadre correspondant pour continuer chacune des déclarations. Si le présent cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.*

Box No. IX CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING		
<p>This international application contains:</p> <p>(a) the following number of sheets in paper form:</p> <p>request (including declaration sheets) : _____</p> <p>description (excluding sequence listing part) : _____</p> <p>claims : _____</p> <p>abstract : _____</p> <p>drawings : _____</p> <p>Sub-total number of sheets : _____</p> <p>sequence listing part of description (<i>actual number of sheets if filed in paper form, whether or not also filed in computer readable form; see (b) below</i>) : _____</p> <p>Total number of sheets : _____</p> <p>(b) sequence listing part of description filed in computer readable form</p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> only (under Section 801(a)(i))</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> in addition to being filed in paper form (under Section 801(a)(ii))</p> <p>Type and number of carriers (diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R or other) on which the sequence listing part is contained (<i>additional copies to be indicated under item 9(ii), in right column</i>): _____</p>	<p>This international application is accompanied by the following item(s) (<i>mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in right column the number of each item</i>):</p> <p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet : _____</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney : _____</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney : _____</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any: : _____</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature : _____</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s): : _____</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> translation of international application into (<i>language</i>): : _____</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> separate indications concerning deposited microorganism or other biological material : _____</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listing in computer readable form (indicate also type and number of carriers (diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R or other))</p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> copy submitted for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter only (and not as part of the international application) : _____</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>only where check-box (b)(i) or (b)(ii) is marked in left column</i>) additional copies including, where applicable, the copy for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter : _____</p> <p>(iii) <input type="checkbox"/> together with relevant statement as to the identity of the copy or copies with the sequence listing part mentioned in left column : _____</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> other (<i>specify</i>): : _____</p>	<p>Number of items</p>
<p>Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract:</p>	<p>Language of filing of the international application:</p>	
<p>Box No. X SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE</p> <p><i>Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request).</i></p>		

For receiving Office use only		
<p>1. Date of actual receipt of the purported international application:</p>	<p>2. Drawings:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> received:</p>	
<p>3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> not received:</p>	
<p>4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2):</p>		
<p>5. International Searching Authority (if two or more are competent): ISA /</p>	<p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid</p>	

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<p>Date of receipt of the record copy by the International Bureau:</p>

Cadre n° IX BORDEREAU; LANGUE DE DÉPÔT		
<p>La présente demande internationale contient :</p> <p>a) le nombre de feuilles suivant sous forme papier :</p> <p>requête (y compris la ou les feuilles pour déclaration) :</p> <p>description (à l'exception de la partie réservée au listage des séquences) :</p> <p>revendications :</p> <p>abrégé :</p> <p>dessins :</p> <p>Sous-total de feuilles :</p> <p>partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences (<i>nombre réel de feuilles si cette partie est déposée sous forme papier, qu'elle soit ou non également déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur; voir b) ci-après</i>):</p> <p>Nombre total de feuilles :</p> <p>b) partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur</p> <p>i) <input type="checkbox"/> seulement (en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i))</p> <p>ii) <input type="checkbox"/> et également sous forme papier (en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii))</p> <p>Type et nombre de supports (disquette, CD-ROM, CD-R ou autre) sur lesquels figure la partie réservée au listage des séquences (<i>exemplaires supplémentaires à indiquer au point 9.ii), dans la colonne de droite</i>) :</p>	<p>Le ou les éléments suivants sont joint(s) à la présente demande internationale (<i>cocher la ou les cases appropriées et indiquer dans la colonne de droite le nombre de chaque élément</i>)</p> <p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> feuille de calcul des taxes :</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> pouvoir distinct original :</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> original du pouvoir général :</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> copie du pouvoir général; le cas échéant, numéro de référence :</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> explication de l'absence d'une signature :</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> document(s) de priorité indiqué(s) dans le cadre n° VI au(x) point(s) :</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> traduction de la demande internationale en (<i>langue</i>) :</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> indications séparées concernant des micro-organismes ou autre matériel biologique déposés :</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (indiquer aussi le type et le nombre de supports (disquette, CD-ROM, CD-R ou autre))</p> <p>i) <input type="checkbox"/> copie remise aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13^{ter} seulement (et non en tant que partie de la demande internationale) :</p> <p>ii) <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>seulement lorsque la case b)i) ou b)ii) de la colonne de gauche est cochée</i>) exemplaires supplémentaires, y compris, le cas échéant, copie remise aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13^{ter} :</p> <p>iii) <input type="checkbox"/> avec la déclaration pertinente quant à l'identité entre la copie – ou les exemplaires supplémentaires – et la partie réservée au listage des séquences mentionnée dans la colonne de gauche :</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> autres éléments (<i>préciser</i>) :</p>	<p>Nombre d'éléments</p>
<p>Figure des dessins qui doit accompagner l'abrégé :</p>	<p>Langue de dépôt de la demande internationale :</p>	
<p>Cadre n° X SIGNATURE DU DÉPOSANT, DU MANDATAIRE OU DU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN</p> <p><i>À côté de chaque signature, indiquer le nom du signataire et à quel titre l'intéressé signe (si cela n'apparaît pas clairement à la lecture de la requête).</i></p>		

Réservé à l'office récepteur	
1. Date effective de réception des pièces supposées constituer la demande internationale :	2. Dessins : <input type="checkbox"/> reçus : <input type="checkbox"/> non reçus :
3. Date effective de réception, rectifiée en raison de la réception ultérieure, mais dans les délais, de documents ou de dessins complétant ce qui est supposé constituer la demande internationale :	
4. Date de réception, dans les délais, des corrections demandées selon l'article 11.2) du PCT :	
5. Administration chargée de la recherche internationale (si plusieurs sont compétentes) : ISA /	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmission de la copie de recherche différée jusqu'au paiement de la taxe de recherche

Réservé au Bureau international
Date de réception de l'exemplaire original par le Bureau international :

NOTES TO THE REQUEST FORM (PCT/RO/101)

These Notes are intended to facilitate the filling in of the request form. For more detailed information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a WIPO publication, which is available, together with other PCT related documents, at WIPO's Website: www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. In case of any discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable.

In the request form and these Notes, "Article", "Rule" and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions, respectively.

Please use a typewriter; check-boxes may be marked by hand with black ink (Rule 11.9(a) and (b)).

The request form and these Notes may be downloaded from WIPO's Website at the address given above.

WHERE TO FILE THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

The international application (request, description, claims, abstract and drawings, if any) must be filed with a competent receiving Office (Article 11(1)(i))—that is, subject to any applicable prescriptions concerning national security, at the choice of the applicant, either:

(i) the receiving Office of, or acting for, a PCT Contracting State of which the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, at least one of them, is a resident or national (Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii) or (b)), or

(ii) the International Bureau of WIPO in Geneva, Switzerland, if the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, at least one of the applicants is a resident or national of any PCT Contracting State (Rule 19.1(a)(iii)).

APPLICANT'S OR AGENT'S FILE REFERENCE

A **file reference** may be indicated, if desired. It should not exceed 12 characters. Characters in excess of 12 may be disregarded by the receiving Office or any International Authority (Rule 11.6(f) and Section 109).

BOX No. I

Title of Invention (Rules 4.3 and 5.1(a)): The title must be short (preferably two to seven words when in English or translated into English) and precise. It must be identical with the title heading the description.

BOXES Nos. II AND III

General: At least one of the applicants named must be a resident or national of a PCT Contracting State for which the receiving Office acts (Articles 9 and 11(1)(i) and Rules 18 and 19). If the international application is filed with the International Bureau under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), at least one of the applicants must be a resident or national of any PCT Contracting State.

If the United States of America is designated, all of the inventors must be named also as applicants for the purposes of that designation (see "Different Applicants for Different Designated States", below).

Indication Whether a Person is Applicant and/or Inventor (Rules 4.5(a) and 4.6(a) and (b)):

Check-box "This person is also inventor" (Box No. II): Mark this check-box if the applicant named is also the inventor or one of the inventors; do not mark this check-box if the applicant is a legal entity.

Check-box "applicant and inventor" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is both applicant and inventor; do not mark this check-box if the person is a legal entity.

Check-box "applicant only" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is a legal entity or if the person named is not also inventor.

Check-box "inventor only" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is inventor but not also applicant; do not mark this check-box if the person is a legal entity.

In Box No. III, one of the three check-boxes must always be marked for each person named.

A person must not be named more than once in Boxes Nos. II and III, even where that person is both applicant and inventor.

Names and Addresses (Rule 4.4): The family name (preferably in capital letters) must be indicated before the given name(s). Titles and academic degrees must be omitted. Names of legal entities must be indicated by their full official designations.

The address must be indicated in such a way that it allows prompt postal delivery; it must consist of all the relevant administrative units (up to and including the indication of the house number, if any), the postal code (if any), and the name of the country.

Only one address may be indicated per person. For the indication of a special "address for correspondence", see the notes to Box No. IV.

Telephone, Facsimile and/or Teleprinter Numbers should be indicated for the person named in Box No. II in order to allow rapid communication with the applicant. Any such number should include the applicable country and area codes.

Applicant's registration number with the Office (Rule 4.5(e)): Where the applicant is registered with the national or regional Office acting as receiving Office, the request may indicate the number or other indication under which the applicant is so registered.

Nationality (Rules 4.5(a) and (b) and 18.1): For each applicant, the nationality must be indicated by the name or two-letter code of the State (that is, country) of which the person is a national. A legal entity constituted according to the national law of a State is considered a national of that State. The indication of the nationality is not required where a person is inventor only.

Residence (Rules 4.5(a) and (c) and 18.1): For each applicant, the residence must be indicated by the name or two-letter code of the State (that is, country) of which the person is a resident. If the State of residence is not indicated, it will be assumed to be the same as the State indicated in the address. Possession of a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in a State is considered residence in that State. The indication of the residence is not required where a person is inventor only.

NOTES RELATIVES AU FORMULAIRE DE REQUÊTE (PCT/RO/101)

Ces notes sont destinées à faciliter l'utilisation du formulaire de requête. On peut aussi trouver de plus amples renseignements dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, publié par l'OMPI, qui est disponible, de même que d'autres documents relatifs au PCT, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/index.html. Les notes sont fondées sur les exigences du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT), du règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT. En cas de divergence entre les présentes notes et ces exigences, ce sont ces dernières qui priment.

Dans le formulaire de requête et dans les présentes notes, les termes "article", "règle" et "instruction" renvoient aux dispositions du traité, de son règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT, respectivement.

Prière de remplir le formulaire à la machine à écrire; les cases appropriées peuvent être cochées à la main, à l'encre noire (règle 11.9.a) et b)).

Le formulaire de requête et les présentes notes peuvent être téléchargés depuis le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse donnée ci-dessus.

OÙ DÉPOSER LA DEMANDE INTERNATIONALE

Il faut que la demande internationale (requête, description, revendications, abrégé et, le cas échéant, dessins) soit déposée auprès d'un office récepteur compétent (article 11.1)i)), c'est-à-dire sous réserve des dispositions applicables en matière de défense nationale et au choix du déposant,

i) l'office récepteur d'un État contractant du PCT ou l'office agissant pour un tel État, dans lequel le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux au moins, est domicilié ou dont il a la nationalité (règle 19.1.a)i) ou ii) ou b)), ou

ii) le Bureau international de l'OMPI à Genève (Suisse) si le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux au moins, est domicilié dans l'un quelconque des États contractants du PCT ou a la nationalité d'un tel État (règle 19.1.a)iii)).

RÉFÉRENCE DU DOSSIER DU DÉPOSANT OU DU MANDATAIRE

Il est possible d'indiquer, à titre facultatif, une telle **référence de dossier**. Celle-ci ne devrait pas dépasser 12 caractères. L'office récepteur ou toute administration internationale peut ne pas tenir compte des caractères en sus du douzième (règle 11.6.f) et instruction 109).

CADRE N° I

Titre de l'invention (règles 4.3 et 5.1.a)) : le titre doit être bref (de préférence de deux à sept mots lorsqu'il est établi ou traduit en anglais) et précis. Il doit être identique à celui qui figure en tête de la description.

CADRES N°s II ET III

Remarques générales : l'un au moins des déposants mentionnés doit être domicilié dans un État contractant du PCT pour lequel l'office récepteur agit, ou avoir la nationalité d'un tel État (articles 9 et 11.1)i) et règles 18 et 19). Si la demande internationale est déposée auprès du Bureau international en vertu de la règle 19.1.a)iii), l'un au moins des déposants doit être domicilié dans un État contractant du PCT ou avoir la nationalité d'un tel État.

Si les États-Unis d'Amérique sont désignés, tous les inventeurs doivent être mentionnés également comme déposants pour cette désignation (voir, ci-après, "Déposants différents pour différents États désignés").

Indication visant à établir si une personne est déposant ou inventeur, ou les deux à la fois (règles 4.5.a) et 4.6.a) et b)) :

Case "Cette personne est aussi inventeur" (cadre n° II) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée est aussi l'inventeur ou l'un des inventeurs; ne pas la cocher si le déposant est une personne morale.

Case "déposant et inventeur" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée a les deux qualités, celle de déposant et celle d'inventeur; ne pas la cocher si cette personne est une personne morale.

Case "déposant seulement" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée est une personne morale ou si elle n'a pas aussi la qualité d'inventeur.

Case "inventeur seulement" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée a la qualité d'inventeur mais pas celle de déposant; ne pas la cocher si cette personne est une personne morale.

Dans le cadre n° III, il faut que l'une des trois cases soit cochée pour chaque personne mentionnée.

Une personne ne doit être mentionnée qu'une seule fois dans les cadres n° II et III, même si elle est à la fois déposant et inventeur.

Noms et adresses (règle 4.4) : le nom de famille (de préférence en lettres majuscules) doit précéder le ou les prénoms. Les titres et les diplômes universitaires ne doivent pas être mentionnés. Les personnes morales doivent être nommées par leurs désignations officielles complètes.

L'adresse doit être indiquée de manière à permettre une distribution postale rapide; elle doit comprendre toutes les unités administratives pertinentes (jusques et y compris le numéro de la maison, s'il y en a un), le code postal, s'il y en a un, et le nom du pays.

Il ne peut être indiqué qu'une seule adresse par personne. En ce qui concerne l'indication d'une adresse spéciale pour la correspondance, voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV.

Pour permettre une communication rapide avec le déposant, il y a lieu d'indiquer les **numéros de téléphone, de télécopieur ou de téléimprimeur** de la personne mentionnée dans le cadre n° II. Tout numéro de ce type doit comporter les indicatifs de pays et de zone en vigueur.

Numéro sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 4.5.e)) : lorsque le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, la requête peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Nationalité (règles 4.5.a) et b) et 18.1) : la nationalité de chaque déposant doit être indiquée au moyen du nom ou du code à deux lettres de l'État (c'est-à-dire, pays) dont l'intéressé

Names of States (Section 115): For the indication of names of States, the two-letter codes appearing in WIPO Standard ST.3 and in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex K, may be used.

Different Applicants for Different Designated States (Rules 4.5(d), 18.3 and 19.2): It is possible to indicate different applicants for the purposes of different designated States. At least one of all the applicants named must be a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State for which the receiving Office acts, irrespective of the designated State(s) for the purposes of which that applicant is named. *Where the United States of America is one of the designated States, all of the inventors must be named also as applicants for the United States of America and the check-boxes "This person is also inventor" (in Box No. II) and/or "applicant and inventor" (in Box No. III) must be marked.*

For the indication of the designated States for which a person is applicant, mark the applicable check-box (only one for each person). The check-box "the States indicated in the Supplemental Box" must be marked where none of the other three check-boxes fits the circumstances; in such a case, the name of the person must be repeated in the Supplemental Box with an indication of the States for which that person is applicant (see item 1(ii) in that Box).

Naming of Inventor (Rule 4.1(a)(v) and (c)(i)): The inventor's name and address must be indicated where the national law of at least one of the designated States requires that the name of the inventor be furnished at the time of filing; for details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, Annexes B1 and B2. It is strongly recommended to always name the inventor.

Different Inventors for Different Designated States (Rule 4.6(c)): Different persons may be indicated as inventors for different designated States (for example, where, in this respect, the requirements of the national laws of the designated States are not the same); in such a case, the Supplemental Box must be used (see item 1(iii) in that Box). In the absence of any indication, it will be assumed that the inventor(s) named is (are) inventor(s) for all designated States.

BOX No. IV

Who Can Act as Agent (Article 49 and Rule 83.1bis): For each of the receiving Offices, information as to who can act as agent is given in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Agent or Common Representative (Rules 4.7, 4.8, 90.1 and 90.2 and Section 108): Mark the applicable check-box in order to indicate whether the person named is (or has been) appointed as "agent" or "common representative" (the "common representative" must be one of the applicants). For the manner in which name(s) and address(es) (including names of States) must be indicated, see the notes to Boxes Nos. II and III. Where several agents are listed, the agent to whom correspondence should be addressed is to be listed first. If there are two or more applicants but no common agent is appointed to represent all of them, one of the applicants who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State may be appointed by the other applicants as their common representative. If this is not done, the applicant first named in the request who is entitled to file an international application with the receiving Office concerned will automatically be considered to be the common representative.

Manner of Appointment of Agent or Common Representative (Rules 90.4 and 90.5 and Section 106): Any such appointment may be made by designating the agent(s) or the common representative in the request or in one or more separate powers of attorney. Each applicant must sign either the request or a separate power of attorney. Where the

international application is filed with reference to a general power of attorney, a copy thereof must be attached to the request. Any applicant who did not sign the general power of attorney must sign either the request or a separate power of attorney.

Agent's registration number with the Office (Rule 4.7(b)): Where the agent is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as receiving Office, the request may indicate the number or other indication under which the agent is so registered.

Address for Correspondence (Rule 4.4(d) and Section 108): Where an agent is appointed, any correspondence intended for the applicant will be sent to the address indicated for that agent (or for the first-mentioned agent, if more than one is appointed). Where one of two or more applicants is appointed as common representative, the address indicated for that applicant in Box No. IV will be used.

Where no agent or common representative is appointed, any correspondence will be sent to the address, indicated in Box No. II or III, of the applicant (if only one person is named as applicant) or of the applicant who is considered to be common representative (if there are two or more persons named as applicants). However, if the applicant wishes correspondence to be sent to a different address in such a case, that address must be indicated in Box No. IV instead of the designation of an agent or common representative. In this case, and only in this case, the last check-box of Box No. IV must be marked (that is, the last check-box must not be marked if either of the check-boxes "agent" or "common representative" has been marked).

BOX No. V

Designation of States (Rules 4.1(a)(iv) and 4.9(a)): The Contracting States in which protection is desired must be designated under Rule 4.9(a) in the request by marking the applicable check-boxes. At least one check-box effecting a specific designation must be marked. *While the general rule is that designations cannot be added after the filing of the international application, it is possible to make a precautionary designation under Rule 4.9(b) covering all other designations which would, as at the international filing date, be permitted under the PCT (see "Precautionary Designation of States Subject to Confirmation", below).*

Where regional (ARIPO, Eurasian, European and/or OAPI) patents are desired, only one PCT designation fee must be paid for each regional designation made, independently of how many States are covered by each such designation.

AP ARIPO Patent: Note that **SZ Swaziland** can only be designated for the purposes of an ARIPO patent and not for the purposes of a national patent. All other PCT Contracting States which are also party to the Harare Protocol can be designated either for a national or an ARIPO patent, or both a national and an ARIPO patent.

EA Eurasian Patent: All PCT Contracting States which are also party to the Eurasian Patent Convention can be designated either for a national or a Eurasian patent, or both a national and a Eurasian patent. Note, however, that it is not possible to designate only some of these States for a Eurasian patent and that any designation of one or more States for a Eurasian patent will be treated as a designation of all the States which are party to both the Convention and the PCT for a Eurasian patent.

EP European Patent: Note that **BE Belgium, CY Cyprus, FR France, GR Greece, IE Ireland, IT Italy, MC Monaco and NL Netherlands** can only be designated for the purposes of a European patent and not for the purposes of a national patent. All other PCT Contracting States which are also party

est ressortissant. Une personne morale constituée conformément à la législation d'un État contractant est considérée comme ayant la nationalité de cet État. L'indication de la nationalité n'est pas exigée lorsqu'une personne est inventeur seulement.

Domicile (règles 4.5.a) et c) et 18.1) : le domicile de chaque déposant doit être indiqué au moyen du nom ou du code à deux lettres de l'État (c'est-à-dire, pays) où l'intéressé a son domicile. Si, cependant, le domicile n'est pas indiqué, l'État du domicile sera présumé être le même que celui qui est indiqué dans l'adresse. La possession d'un établissement industriel ou commercial effectif et sérieux dans un État est considérée comme constituant domicile dans cet État. L'indication du domicile n'est pas exigée lorsqu'une personne est inventeur seulement.

Nom des États (instruction 115) : pour indiquer le nom des États, on peut utiliser le code à deux lettres qui figure dans la norme ST.3 de l'OMPI et dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe K.

Dépôts différents pour différents États désignés (règles 4.5.d), 18.3 et 19.2) : il est possible d'indiquer des dépôts différents pour différents États désignés. L'un au moins des déposants indiqués – quels que soient l'État ou les États désignés pour lesquels il est indiqué – doit être ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT pour lequel l'office récepteur agit ou avoir son domicile dans un tel État. *Lorsque les États-Unis d'Amérique sont l'un des États désignés, tous les inventeurs doivent être indiqués comme déposants pour les États-Unis d'Amérique et les cases "Cette personne est aussi inventeur" (dans le cadre n° II) ou "déposant et inventeur" (dans le cadre n° III) doivent être cochées.*

Afin d'indiquer les États désignés pour lesquels une personne est déposant, il y a lieu de cocher la case appropriée (une seule case par personne). La case "les États indiqués dans le cadre supplémentaire" doit être cochée lorsque aucune des trois autres cases ne convient; en pareil cas, le nom de la personne doit être repris dans le cadre supplémentaire et assorti de l'indication des États pour lesquels cette personne est déposant (voir le point 1.ii) de ce cadre).

Mention de l'inventeur (règle 4.1.a)v) et c)i)) : le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être indiqués lorsque la législation nationale d'un État désigné au moins exige la communication du nom de celui-ci lors du dépôt; pour plus de précisions, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, annexes B1 et B2. Il est vivement recommandé de toujours indiquer le nom de l'inventeur.

Inventeurs différents pour différents États désignés (règle 4.6.c)) : des personnes différentes peuvent être indiquées en tant qu'inventeurs pour différents États désignés (par exemple, lorsque, en la matière, les exigences des législations nationales des États désignés diffèrent); en pareil cas, il y a lieu d'utiliser le cadre supplémentaire (voir le point 1.iii) de ce cadre). En l'absence d'indication, il sera supposé que l'inventeur ou les inventeurs mentionnés ont la qualité d'inventeur pour tous les États désignés.

CADRE N° IV

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ? (article 49 et règle 83.1bis) : pour chacun des office récepteurs, on trouvera, dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C, des informations sur le point de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire.

Mandataire ou représentant commun (règles 4.7, 4.8, 90.1 et 90.2 et instruction 108) : cocher la case appropriée pour indiquer si la personne mentionnée est (ou a été) désignée comme "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" (le

"représentant commun" doit être l'un des déposants). Pour ce qui est de la façon d'indiquer les noms et adresses (y compris le nom des États), il convient de se reporter aux notes relatives aux cadres n°s II et III. Lorsque plusieurs mandataires sont indiqués, il faut mentionner en premier lieu celui à qui la correspondance doit être adressée. S'il y a plusieurs déposants mais aucun mandataire commun désigné pour les représenter tous, l'un des déposants qui est ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT ou qui a son domicile dans un tel État peut être désigné par les autres comme leur représentant commun. A défaut, le déposant nommé en premier lieu dans la requête qui est autorisé à déposer une demande internationale auprès de l'office récepteur en question sera automatiquement considéré comme le représentant commun.

Mode de désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun (règles 90.4 et 90.5 et instruction 106) : la désignation du ou des mandataires ou du représentant commun peut être effectuée dans la requête ou dans un ou plusieurs pouvoirs distincts. Chaque déposant doit signer la requête ou un pouvoir distinct. Si la demande internationale déposée fait état d'un pouvoir général, une copie de celui-ci doit être jointe à la requête. Tout déposant n'ayant pas signé le pouvoir général doit signer soit la requête soit un pouvoir distinct.

Numéro sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 4.7.b)) : lorsque le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, la requête peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Adresse pour la correspondance (règle 4.4.d) et instruction 108) : si un mandataire est désigné, toute correspondance destinée au déposant sera envoyée à l'adresse indiquée pour ce mandataire (ou pour le mandataire mentionné en premier, si plusieurs mandataires ont été désignés). Lorsque, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux est désigné comme représentant commun, l'adresse indiquée pour ce déposant dans le cadre n° IV sera utilisée.

Si aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est désigné, la correspondance sera envoyée à l'adresse – indiquée dans le cadre n° II ou III – du déposant (s'il n'y a qu'une seule personne indiquée comme déposant) ou du déposant considéré comme le représentant commun (s'il y a plusieurs personnes indiquées comme déposants). Cependant, si le ou les déposants souhaitent dans ce cas que la correspondance soit envoyée à une adresse différente, cette adresse doit être indiquée dans le cadre n° IV, en lieu et place de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun. C'est dans ce cas, et seulement dans ce cas, qu'il y a lieu de cocher la dernière case du cadre n° IV (c'est-à-dire que la dernière case ne doit pas être cochée si l'une des cases "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" a été cochée).

CADRE N° V

Désignation d'États (règles 4.1.a)iv) et 4.9.a)) : pour désigner conformément à la règle 4.9.a), dans la requête, les États contractants où la protection est demandée, il faut cocher les cases appropriées. Il faut qu'au moins une case, correspondant à une désignation expresse, soit cochée. *Bien que la règle générale soit qu'aucune désignation ne peut être ajoutée après le dépôt de la demande internationale, il est possible d'effectuer une désignation de précaution conformément à la règle 4.9.b) pour couvrir toutes les autres désignations qui, à la date du dépôt international, seraient autorisées selon le PCT (voir ci-après la rubrique "Désignation d'États à titre de précaution sous réserve de confirmation").*

Lorsque des brevets régionaux (ARIPO, eurasiatique, européen ou OAPI) sont demandés, une seule taxe de désignation du PCT est due pour chaque désignation régionale effectuée, quel que soit le nombre d'États couverts par celle-ci.

to the European Patent Convention can be designated either for a national or a European patent, or both a national and a European patent.

If an ARIPO or a European patent is desired for only some of the Contracting States of the Harare Protocol or the European Patent Convention, respectively, the names of those States for which a regional patent is not desired may be deleted by striking them out. However, it is recommended that the applicant always designate for the purposes of a regional patent all PCT Contracting States which are also Contracting States of the Protocol or the Convention, respectively. A decision to proceed with only some of those designations need not be made until entry into the regional phase, at which stage the corresponding regional designation fees must be paid.

Where any of the Contracting States of the Harare Protocol, the Eurasian Patent Convention or the European Patent Convention and the PCT is designated twice, namely *both* for the purposes of an ARIPO, a Eurasian or a European patent *and* for the purposes of national protection, the applicant must pay one designation fee in respect of the regional patent and as many designation fees as there are national patents or other titles of protection sought (Rule 15.1(ii) and Section 210).

Extension of EP European Patent to Certain States: If it is intended, at the time of entry into the European regional phase, to request the extension of the subsequently granted European patent to AL Albania, LT Lithuania, LV Latvia, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, RO Romania and/or SI Slovenia (and/or to any other PCT Contracting State for which, on the date of filing of the international application, an extension agreement with the European Patent Organisation is in force), Box No. V must contain *both* a designation of the State concerned for the purposes of a national patent and *also* a designation, for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, of at least one PCT Contracting State party to the European Patent Convention.

SI Slovenia: The designation of Slovenia for a national patent has the effect, within the framework of the extension agreement between Slovenia and the European Patent Organisation (see preceding paragraph), of a designation for a European patent. The designation SI Slovenia without the designation EP European Patent will have no effect.

OA OAPI Patent: The designation of States members of OAPI and party to the PCT can only be made for the purposes of an OAPI patent (no national protection is available); furthermore, it is not possible to designate only some of them.

Choice of Certain Kinds of Protection or Treatment (Rules 4.12 to 4.14 and Section 202): Where, in any country where it is possible, a kind of protection other than a patent is desired, write the name or two-letter code of that country followed by the name of the title; that is, “petty patent” (available in YU Yugoslavia), “provisional patent” (available in AM Armenia, KG Kyrgyzstan, KZ Kazakhstan, TM Turkmenistan, UZ Uzbekistan), “utility model” (available in AE United Arab Emirates, AL Albania, AM Armenia, AP ARIPO, AT Austria, AZ Azerbaijan, BG Bulgaria, BR Brazil, BY Belarus, BZ Belize, CN China, CR Costa Rica, CZ Czech Republic, DE Germany, DK Denmark, EC Ecuador, EE Estonia, ES Spain, FI Finland, GE Georgia, HU Hungary, JP Japan, KE Kenya, KG Kyrgyzstan, KR Republic of Korea, KZ Kazakhstan, LS Lesotho, MD Republic of Moldova, MX Mexico, MZ Mozambique, PH Philippines, PL Poland, PT Portugal, RU Russian Federation, SK Slovakia, SL Sierra Leone, TJ Tajikistan, TR Turkey, UA Ukraine, UZ Uzbekistan, VN Viet Nam, OA OAPI), “consensual patent” (available in HR Croatia), “utility certificate” (available in GH Ghana, TT Trinidad and Tobago, UG Uganda) or “inventor’s certificate” (available in CU Cuba and KP Democratic People’s Republic of Korea). Where, in AP ARIPO, AT Austria, CZ Czech Republic, DE Germany, DK Denmark, EE Estonia, FI Finland or SK Slovakia (the only countries in which this possibility exists), in addition to a patent, a utility

model is also desired, write after the name of that country “and utility model”.

Where, in respect of any country where it is possible, it is desired that the international application be treated as an application for a certain title “of addition” or as an application for a “continuation” or a “continuation-in-part”, write after the name of that country the appropriate words; that is, “patent of addition” (available in AE United Arab Emirates, AT Austria, AU Australia, BA Bosnia and Herzegovina, CU Cuba, DE Germany, ES Spain, IL Israel, IN India, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, MW Malawi, NZ New Zealand, PL Poland, SI Slovenia, TR Turkey, YU Yugoslavia, ZA South Africa, ZW Zimbabwe), “certificate of addition” (available in BR Brazil, DZ Algeria, MA Morocco, MG Madagascar, OA OAPI), “inventor’s certificate of addition” (available in CU Cuba), “continuation” or “continuation-in-part” (both available in US United States of America). If any of these indications is used, also indicate in the Supplemental Box the State for which such treatment is desired, the number of the parent title or parent application, and the date of the grant of the parent title or the date of filing of the parent application, as the case may be (see item 1(v) in that Box).

If, in Box No. V, the check-boxes for making designations are marked with consecutive Arabic numerals, those indications will be taken to express the applicant’s *choice of the order of the designations*; if another form of marking is used, the order will be taken as that in which the marked check-boxes appear on the form. This order will only have any significance if the amount received for the designation fees is insufficient to cover all the designations and remains insufficient after the applicant has been invited to pay the balance due; in that case, the amount received will be applied in payment of the fees for the designations following the said order (Rule 16bis.1(c) and Section 321).

The check-boxes located towards the bottom of Box No. V are reserved for designating, for the purposes of a national patent, States which have become party to the PCT after the date appearing at the bottom of the second sheet of the request form; in such a case, the name of the State, preferably preceded by the two-letter code, must be indicated on the dotted line and the corresponding check-box must be marked (together with an indication, where applicable, whether a special kind of protection or treatment is desired).

Precautionary Designation of States Subject to Confirmation (Rules 4.9(b) and (c) and 15.5): For the applicant’s safeguard, the lower part of Box No. V contains a statement (“Precautionary Designation Statement”) indicating the applicant’s wish to make, as a matter of precaution, in addition to the specific designations made by marking the check-boxes in the upper part of Box No. V (at least one such designation must be made), a precautionary designation of all other PCT Contracting States which are not specifically designated.

If the applicant does not wish to avail himself of this safeguard and does not want to make any such precautionary designations, the statement must be crossed out.

If the applicant wishes to expressly exclude a certain State from such precautionary designation so that the international application does not have any effect in that State, the name or two-letter code of that State should be indicated in the Supplemental Box. In no other case is it necessary to make use of this possibility.

If, after filing the international application, the applicant notices that there are any omissions and/or mistakes in respect of the specific designations made, it will be possible to rectify the situation by confirming the precautionary designations concerned. The confirmation of any precautionary designation is possible before the expiration of 15 months from the (earliest) priority date indicated in Box No. VI or, where no

AP brevet ARIPO : il est à noter que **SZ Swaziland** ne peut être désigné que pour un brevet ARIPO et non aux fins d'un brevet national. Tous les autres États contractants du PCT qui sont aussi parties au Protocole de Harare peuvent être désignés soit aux fins d'un brevet national ou d'un brevet ARIPO, soit à la fois aux fins d'un brevet national et d'un brevet ARIPO.

EA brevet eurasien : tous les États contractants du PCT qui sont aussi parties à la Convention sur le brevet eurasien peuvent être désignés soit aux fins d'un brevet national ou d'un brevet eurasien, soit à la fois aux fins d'un brevet national et d'un brevet eurasien. Cependant, il est à noter qu'il n'est pas possible de désigner seulement certains de ces États aux fins d'un brevet eurasien et que toute désignation d'un ou de plusieurs États aux fins d'un brevet eurasien sera traitée comme une désignation aux fins d'un brevet eurasien de tous les États qui sont parties à la fois à la Convention et au PCT.

EP brevet européen : il est à noter que **BE Belgique, CY Chypre, FR France, GR Grèce, IE Irlande, IT Italie, MC Monaco et NL Pays-Bas** ne peuvent être désignés que pour un brevet européen et non aux fins d'un brevet national. Tous les autres États contractants du PCT qui sont aussi parties à la Convention sur le brevet européen peuvent être désignés soit aux fins d'un brevet national ou d'un brevet européen, soit à la fois aux fins d'un brevet national et d'un brevet européen.

Si un brevet ARIPO ou un brevet européen est demandé pour certains seulement des États contractants du Protocole de Harare ou de la Convention sur le brevet européen, respectivement, le nom des États pour lesquels un brevet régional n'est pas demandé peut être biffé. Il est cependant recommandé de toujours désigner aux fins d'un brevet régional tous les États contractants du Protocole ou de la Convention, respectivement. Ce n'est que lorsqu'il s'agira d'aborder la phase régionale et de payer les taxes de désignation régionales que la décision de ne poursuivre la procédure d'obtention de brevet que pour certaines des désignations devra être prise.

Lorsqu'un ou plusieurs États parties au Protocole de Harare, à la Convention sur le brevet eurasien ou à la Convention sur le brevet européen et au PCT sont désignés deux fois, une fois aux fins d'un brevet ARIPO, d'un brevet eurasien ou d'un brevet européen et une autre fois aux fins d'une protection nationale, le déposant doit acquitter une taxe de désignation pour le brevet régional et autant de taxes de désignation qu'il y a de brevets ou autres titres de protection nationaux demandés (règle 15.1.ii) et instruction 210).

Extension du brevet européen (EP) à certains États : s'il est envisagé de demander, au moment de l'ouverture de la phase régionale européenne, l'extension du brevet européen qui sera obtenu ultérieurement à AL Albanie, LT Lituanie, LV Lettonie, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, RO Roumanie, ou SI Slovénie (ou à tout autre État contractant du PCT pour lequel, à la date du dépôt de la demande internationale, un accord d'extension conclu avec l'Organisation européenne des brevets est en vigueur), le cadre n° V doit contenir **à la fois** la désignation de l'État concerné en vue de l'obtention d'un brevet national **et** la désignation, en vue de l'obtention d'un brevet européen, d'au moins un État contractant du PCT partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen.

SI Slovénie : la désignation de la Slovénie aux fins d'un brevet national a, dans le cadre de l'accord d'extension conclu entre la Slovénie et l'Organisation européenne des brevets (voir le paragraphe précédent), les effets d'une désignation aux fins d'un brevet européen. La désignation SI Slovénie sans la désignation EP brevet européen n'aura aucun effet.

OA brevet OAPI : la désignation des États membres de l'OAPI qui sont parties au PCT ne peut être effectuée qu'aux fins d'un brevet OAPI (aucune protection nationale n'est

offerte); de plus, il n'est pas possible de ne désigner que certains de ces États.

Choix de certaines formes de protection ou de traitement (règles 4.12 à 4.14 et instruction 202) : si, dans un pays, il est possible de demander une forme de protection autre qu'un brevet, écrire le nom de ce pays, ou le code à deux lettres, suivi du nom du titre en question, c'est-à-dire "petty patent" (pour YU Yougoslavie), "brevet provisoire" (pour AM Arménie, KG Kirghizistan, KZ Kazakhstan, TM Turkménistan, UZ Ouzbékistan), "modèle d'utilité" (pour AE Émirats arabes unis, AL Albanie, AM Arménie, AP ARIPO, AT Autriche, AZ Azerbaïdjan, BG Bulgarie, BR Brésil, BY Bélarus, BZ Belize, CN Chine, CR Costa Rica, CZ République tchèque, DE Allemagne, DK Danemark, EC Équateur, EE Estonie, ES Espagne, FI Finlande, GE Géorgie, HU Hongrie, JP Japon, KE Kenya, KG Kirghizistan, KR République de Corée, KZ Kazakhstan, LS Lesotho, MD République de Moldova, MX Mexique, MZ Mozambique, PH Philippines, PL Pologne, PT Portugal, RU Fédération de Russie, SK Slovaquie, SL Sierra Leone, TJ Tadjikistan, TR Turquie, UA Ukraine, UZ Ouzbékistan, VN Viet Nam, OA OAPI), "brevet consensuel" (pour HR Croatie), "certificat d'utilité" (pour GH Ghana, TT Trinité-et-Tobago, UG Ouganda), ou "certificat d'auteur d'invention" (pour CU Cuba et KP République populaire démocratique de Corée). Si, pour AP ARIPO, AT Autriche, CZ République tchèque, DE Allemagne, DK Danemark, EE Estonie, FI Finlande ou SK Slovaquie (seuls pays où cela est possible), un modèle d'utilité est demandé en plus d'un brevet, écrire après le nom de ce pays "et modèle d'utilité".

Si, pour un pays où cela est possible, il est souhaité que la demande internationale soit traitée comme une demande d'obtention d'un certain titre "d'addition" ou comme une demande de "continuation" ou de "continuation-in-part", écrire après le nom de ce pays la mention appropriée, c'est-à-dire "brevet d'addition" (pour AE Émirats arabes unis, AT Autriche, AU Australie, BA Bosnie-Herzégovine, CU Cuba, DE Allemagne, ES Espagne, IL Israël, IN Inde, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, MW Malawi, NZ Nouvelle-Zélande, PL Pologne, SI Slovénie, TR Turquie, YU Yougoslavie, ZA Afrique du Sud, ZW Zimbabwe), "certificat d'addition" (pour BR Brésil, DZ Algérie, MA Maroc, MG Madagascar, OA OAPI), "certificat d'auteur d'invention additionnel" (pour CU Cuba), "continuation" ou "continuation-in-part" (pour US États-Unis d'Amérique). Si l'une de ces mentions est utilisée, indiquer également dans le cadre supplémentaire l'État pour lequel ce traitement est demandé, le numéro du titre principal ou de la demande principale et la date de délivrance du titre principal ou du dépôt de la demande principale, selon le cas (voir le point 1.v) de ce cadre).

L'indication, dans les cases du cadre n° V correspondant aux désignations, de numéros d'ordre en chiffres arabes sera considérée comme reflétant l'ordre des désignations choisi par le déposant; si les cases sont cochées d'une autre manière, l'ordre considéré sera celui dans lequel les cases cochées apparaissent sur le formulaire. Cet ordre n'aura de signification que si le montant reçu pour les taxes de désignation n'est pas suffisant pour couvrir l'ensemble des désignations et reste insuffisant après que le déposant a été invité à acquitter le solde débiteur; dans ce cas, le montant reçu sera affecté au paiement des taxes pour les désignations dans l'ordre en question (règle 16bis.1.c) et instruction 321).

Les cases situées en bas des colonnes sont réservées à la désignation, aux fins d'un brevet national, d'États qui sont devenus partie au PCT après la date qui figure au bas de la deuxième feuille du formulaire de requête; dans ce cas, il faut mentionner sur la ligne pointillée le nom de l'État, précédé de préférence du code à deux lettres, et cocher la case correspondante (en indiquant, le cas échéant, si une forme particulière de protection ou de traitement est souhaitée).

priority is claimed, the international filing date. To effect such confirmation, the applicant must file with the receiving Office a written notice specifying the name of each State the designation of which is confirmed (with, where applicable, an indication of the kind of treatment or protection desired) and pay to the receiving Office, for each such designation, a designation fee (even where five designation fees have already been paid) together with a confirmation fee corresponding to 50% of the designation fee.

The receiving Office will not send to the applicant any reminder or invitation to confirm precautionary designations.

If no precautionary designation is to be confirmed, no action is required by the applicant, and the precautionary designations will then be automatically regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of 15 months from the priority date.

BOX No. VI

Priority Claim(s) (Rule 4.10): If the priority of an earlier application is claimed, the declaration containing the priority claim must be made in the request.

The request must indicate the *date* on which the earlier application from which priority is claimed was filed and the *number* it was assigned. Note that that date must fall within the period of 12 months preceding the international filing date.

Where the earlier application is a national application, the *country* party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or the *Member* of the World Trade Organization that is not a party to that Convention, in which that earlier application was filed must be indicated. Where the earlier application is a regional application, the *regional Office* concerned must be indicated. Where the earlier application is an international application, the *receiving Office* with which that earlier application was filed must be indicated.

Where the earlier application is a regional application (other than an ARIPO application), or an international application, the priority claim may also, if the applicant so wishes, indicate one or more countries party to the Paris Convention for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(i)); such an indication is not, however, mandatory. Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, at least one country party to the Paris Convention or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed must be indicated (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)).

As to the possibility of correcting or adding a priority claim, see Rule 26*bis* and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part.

Certified Copy of Earlier Application (Rule 17.1): A certified copy of each earlier application the priority of which is claimed (priority document) must be submitted by the applicant, irrespective of whether that earlier application is a national, regional or international application. The priority document must be submitted to the receiving Office or to the International Bureau before the expiration of 16 months from the (earliest) priority date or, where an early start of the national phase is requested, not later than at the time such request is made. Any priority document received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the 16-month time limit but before the date of international publication shall be considered to have been received on the last day of that time limit (Rule 17.1(a)).

Where the priority document is issued by the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the receiving Office (not later than 16 months after the priority date) to prepare and transmit the priority document to the International Bureau (Rule 4.1(c)(ii)). Such request may be made by marking the applicable check-boxes

which identify the respective documents. *Attention:* where such a request is made, the applicant must, where applicable, pay to the receiving Office the *fee for priority document*, otherwise, the request will be considered not to have been made (see Rule 17.1(b)).

Dates (Section 110): Dates must be indicated by the Arabic number of the day, the name of the month and the Arabic number of the year—in that order; after, below or above such indication, the date should be repeated in parentheses, using two-digit Arabic numerals for the number of the day, the number of the month and the last two digits of the year, in that order and separated by periods, slants or hyphens, for example, “20 March 2001 (20.03.01)”, “20 March 2001 (20/03/01)” or “20 March 2001 (20-03-01)”.

BOX No. VII

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (Rules 4.1(b)(vi) and 4.14*bis*): If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent for carrying out the international search in relation to the international application—depending on the language in which that application is filed and the receiving Office with which it is filed—the name of the competent Authority chosen by the applicant must be indicated in the space provided, either by its full name or two-letter code.

Request to Use Results of Earlier Search; Reference to that Search (Rules 4.11 and 4.1): The earlier search, if any, must be identified in such a manner that the ISA can retrieve the results easily. Where those results can be used, the ISA may refund the international search fee or a portion thereof.

BOX No. VIII

Declarations Containing Standardized Wording (Rules 4.1(c)(iii) and 4.17): At the option of the applicant, the request may, for the purposes of the national law applicable in one or more designated States, contain one or more of the following declarations:

- (i) declaration as to the identity of the inventor;
- (ii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent;
- (iii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application;
- (iv) declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America);
- (v) declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty;

which must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Sections 211 to 215, respectively, and which must be set forth in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v), as detailed below. Where any such declarations are included, the appropriate check-boxes in Box No. VIII should be marked and the number of each type of declaration should be indicated in the right-hand column. As to the possibility of correcting or adding a declaration, see Rule 26*ter*, Section 216 and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part.

If the circumstances of a particular case are such that the standardized wordings are not applicable, the applicant should not attempt to make use of the declarations provided for in Rule 4.17 but rather will have to comply with the national requirements concerned upon entry into the national phase.

The fact that a declaration is made under Rule 4.17 does not of itself establish the matters declared; the effect of those matters in the designated States concerned will be determined by the designated Offices in accordance with the applicable national law.

Désignation d'États à titre de précaution sous réserve de confirmation (règles 4.9.b) et c) et 15.5) : dans l'intérêt du déposant, le cadre n° V comporte, en bas, une déclaration ("Déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution") indiquant que le déposant souhaite, en sus des désignations expresses effectuées en cochant les cases de la première partie de ce cadre (il doit y avoir au moins une désignation de ce type), désigner à titre de précaution tous les autres États contractants du PCT qui n'ont pas été désignés expressément.

Si le déposant ne souhaite pas faire usage de cette mesure de sécurité ni ne veut faire de désignations de précaution, la déclaration doit être biffée.

Si le déposant souhaite expressément exclure tel ou tel État d'une telle désignation faite à titre de précaution afin que la demande internationale ne produise aucun effet dans cet État, il y aura lieu d'indiquer le nom ou le code à deux lettres de cet État dans le cadre supplémentaire. Cette mention n'est nécessaire dans aucun autre cas.

Si le déposant constate, après le dépôt de la demande internationale, qu'il y a des erreurs ou des omissions en ce qui concerne les désignations faites expressément, il pourra rectifier les erreurs ou corriger les omissions en confirmant les désignations de précaution en question. Il est possible de confirmer une désignation de précaution jusqu'à l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité (la plus ancienne) indiquée dans le cadre n° VI ou, si aucune priorité n'est revendiquée, de la date du dépôt international. Pour confirmer une telle désignation, il faut déposer auprès de l'office récepteur une déclaration écrite contenant l'indication du nom de chaque État dont la désignation est confirmée (avec, le cas échéant, une indication de la forme de traitement ou de protection souhaitée) et payer à l'office récepteur, pour chaque désignation ainsi confirmée, une taxe de désignation (même lorsque cinq taxes de désignation ont déjà été payées) ainsi qu'une taxe de confirmation correspondant à 50 % de la taxe de désignation.

L'office récepteur n'enverra au déposant aucun rappel ni invitation à confirmer des désignations de précaution.

Le déposant ne doit rien faire s'il ne veut confirmer aucune désignation de précaution; les désignations de précaution seront alors automatiquement considérées comme retirées par le déposant à l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité.

CADRE N° VI

Revendication(s) de priorité (règle 4.10) : si la priorité d'une demande antérieure est revendiquée, la déclaration contenant la revendication de priorité doit figurer dans la requête.

La requête doit indiquer la *date* du dépôt de la demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée et son *numéro*. Cette date doit tomber dans la période de 12 mois précédant la date du dépôt international.

Lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande nationale, il faut indiquer le *pays* partie à la Convention de Paris pour la protection de la propriété industrielle, ou le *membre* de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce qui n'est pas partie à ladite convention, où elle a été déposée; lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande régionale, l'*office régional* concerné; et lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande internationale, l'*office récepteur* auprès duquel elle a été déposée.

Lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande régionale (autre qu'une demande ARIPO) ou une demande internationale, la revendication de priorité peut aussi, si le déposant le souhaite, indiquer un ou plusieurs pays parties à la Convention de Paris pour lesquels cette demande a été déposée (règle 4.10.b)i); cette indication n'est cependant pas obligatoire. Lorsque la

demande antérieure est une demande ARIPO, il faut indiquer au moins un pays partie à la Convention de Paris ou un membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce pour lequel cette demande a été déposée (règle 4.10.b)ii)).

En ce qui concerne les possibilités de correction ou d'adjonction d'une revendication de priorité, voir la règle 26*bis* et le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale.

Copie certifiée conforme de la demande antérieure (règle 17.1) : le déposant doit présenter une copie certifiée conforme de chaque demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée (document de priorité), que la demande antérieure soit une demande nationale, régionale ou internationale. Le document de priorité doit être présenté à l'office récepteur ou au Bureau international avant l'expiration d'un délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité (la plus ancienne) ou, lorsque l'ouverture anticipée de la phase nationale est demandée, au plus tard à la date à laquelle est faite cette demande. Tout document de priorité qui parvient au Bureau international après l'expiration du délai de 16 mois mais avant la date de publication internationale est réputé avoir été reçu le dernier jour de ce délai (règle 17.1.a)).

Lorsque le document de priorité est délivré par l'office récepteur, le déposant peut, au lieu de présenter ce document, demander à l'office récepteur (au plus tard dans le délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité) de l'établir et de le transmettre au Bureau international (règle 4.1.c)ii)). Pour effectuer une requête à cet effet, il faut cocher la case appropriée comportant les indications qui permettent d'identifier le document. *Important* : lorsqu'une telle requête est présentée, le déposant doit, le cas échéant, verser à l'office récepteur la *taxe afférente au document de priorité*; à défaut, cette requête sera considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée (voir la règle 17.1.b)).

Dates (instruction 110) : les dates doivent être indiquées au moyen du quantième, en chiffres arabes, suivi du nom du mois puis de l'année en chiffres arabes, dans cet ordre; à côté, au-dessous ou au-dessus de cette indication, il y a lieu de répéter la date, mais entre parenthèses, sous la forme de numéros à deux chiffres arabes, séparés par un point, une barre oblique ou un tiret, et dans l'ordre suivant : quantième, mois et année (celle-ci étant indiquée au moyen des deux derniers chiffres); exemples : "20 mars 2001 (20.03.01)", "20 mars 2001 (20/03/01)" ou "20 mars 2001 (20-03-01)".

CADRE N° VII

Choix de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (ISA) (règles 4.1.b)vi) et 4.14*bis*) : si plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes pour procéder à la recherche internationale concernant la demande internationale – en fonction de la langue dans laquelle cette demande est déposée et de l'office récepteur auprès duquel elle est déposée – le nom de l'administration compétente choisie par le déposant doit être indiqué dans l'espace prévu, soit en clair soit au moyen du code à deux lettres correspondant.

Demande d'utilisation des résultats d'une recherche antérieure; mention de cette recherche (règles 4.11 et 4.1) : la mention de la recherche antérieure éventuelle doit comporter des indications qui permettent à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale d'en retrouver aisément les résultats. Si ces résultats sont utilisables, l'administration en question pourra rembourser la taxe de recherche internationale ou une fraction de celle-ci.

CADRE N° VIII

Déclarations comportant un libellé standard (règles 4.1.c)iii) et 4.17) : au choix du déposant, la requête peut, aux fins de la législation nationale applicable dans un ou plusieurs États désignés, contenir une ou plusieurs des déclarations suivantes :

Even if the wording of a declaration does not conform to the standardized wording provided for in the Administrative Instructions pursuant to Rule 4.17, any designated Office may accept that declaration for the purposes of the applicable national law, but is not required to do so.

Details as to National Law Requirements: For information on the declarations required by each designated Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, in the relevant National Chapter.

Effect in Designated Offices (Rule 51bis.2): Where the applicant submits any of the declarations provided for in Rule 4.17(i) to (iv) containing the required standardized wording (either with the international application, or to the International Bureau within the relevant time limit under Rule 26ter, or directly to the designated Office during the national phase), the designated Office may not, in the national phase, require further documents or evidence on the matter to which the declaration relates, unless that designated Office may reasonably doubt the veracity of the declaration concerned.

Incompatibility of Certain Items of Rule 51bis.2(a) with National Laws (Rule 51bis.2(c)): The designated Offices listed below have informed the International Bureau that the applicable national law is not compatible in respect of the following declarations provided in Rule 4.17(i), (ii) and (iii). Those designated Offices are therefore entitled to require further documents or evidence on the matters to which those declarations relate.

Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)): The respective national laws of CH Switzerland, DK Denmark and SE Sweden are not compatible with Rule 51bis.2(a)(i).

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)): The respective national laws of CA Canada, CH Switzerland, DK Denmark, HU Hungary and SE Sweden are not compatible with Rule 51bis.2(a)(ii).

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)): The respective national laws of CH Switzerland and DK Denmark are not compatible with Rule 51bis.2(a)(iii).

BOXES Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (IN GENERAL)

Different Declaration Boxes: There are six different declaration boxes in the pre-printed request form—one box for each of the five different types of declarations provided for in Rule 4.17 (Box No. VIII (i) to Box No. VIII (v)) and a continuation sheet (Continuation of Box No. VIII (i) to (v)) to be used in case any single declaration does not fit in the corresponding box. The title of each type of declaration which is found in the standardized wording provided for in the Administrative Instructions is pre-printed on the appropriate sheet of the request.

Separate Sheet for Each Declaration: Each declaration must start on a separate sheet of the request form in the appropriate Declaration Box.

Titles, Items, Item Numbers, Dotted Lines, Words in Parentheses and Words in Brackets: The prescribed standardized wording of the declarations includes titles, various items, item numbers, dotted lines, words in parentheses and words in brackets. Except for Box No. VIII (iv) which contains the pre-printed standardized wording, only those items which are applicable should be included in a declaration where necessary to support the statements in that declaration (that

is, omit those items which do not apply) and item numbers need not be included. Dotted lines indicate where information is required to be inserted. Words in parentheses are instructions to applicants as to the information which may be included in the declaration depending upon the factual circumstances. Words in brackets are optional and should appear in the declaration without the brackets if they apply; if they do not apply, they should be omitted together with the corresponding brackets.

Naming of Several Persons: More than one person may be named in a single declaration. In the alternative, with one exception, a separate declaration may be made for each person. With respect to the declaration of inventorship set forth in Box No. VIII (iv), which is applicable only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, all inventors must be indicated in a single declaration (see Notes to Box No. VIII (iv), below). The wording of declarations to be set forth in Boxes Nos. VIII (i), (ii), (iii) and (v) may be adapted from the singular to the plural as necessary.

Designated States to Which the Declarations Apply: Each declaration must indicate the designated States to which it applies. In this regard, the standardized wording of the declaration of inventorship (Box No. VIII (iv); see also Rule 4.17(iv) and Section 214) indicates in the title that it is for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America. The other declarations include prescribed wording to indicate whether the declaration is made for all designations or specific designations; one of these choices should always be included in the declaration. Where the declaration is for more than one person, the declaration may include separate statements indicating whether the declaration is made for all designations or specific designations with respect to each separate applicant. For example, this may be expected to occur where the request indicates different applicants for different States in accordance with Rule 4.5(d). However, in such a case, it is advisable to include a separate declaration for each person.

BOX No. VIII (i)

Declaration as to the Identity of the Inventor (Rule 4.17(i) and Section 211): The declaration must be worded as follows:

“Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

- (i) ... (*name*) of ... (*address*) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application
- (ii) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations [except the designation of the United States of America]
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ...”

Such a declaration is not necessary in respect of any inventor who is indicated as such (either as inventor only or applicant and inventor) in Box No. II or No. III in accordance with Rule 4.5 or 4.6. However, where the inventor is indicated as applicant in Box No. II or No. III in accordance with Rule 4.5, a declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent (Rule 4.17(ii)) may be appropriate for the purposes of all designated States except the United States of America. Where indications regarding the inventor in accordance with Rule 4.5 or 4.6 are not included in Box No. II or No. III, this declaration may be combined with the prescribed wording of the declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent (Rule 4.17(ii)). For details on such a combined declaration, see Notes to Box No. VIII (ii), below. For details as to the declaration of inventorship for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, see Notes to Box No. VIII (iv), below.

- i) une déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur;
- ii) une déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet;
- iii) une déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure;
- iv) une déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique);
- v) une déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté;

qui doivent être conformes au libellé standard fixé dans les instructions 211 à 215, respectivement, et qui doivent être présentées dans les cadres n^{os} VIII.i) à v), comme précisé ci-après. Lorsque de telles déclarations sont incluses, il convient de cocher les cases appropriées dans le cadre n^o VIII et d'indiquer dans la colonne de droite le nombre de déclarations de chaque type. En ce qui concerne les possibilités de correction ou d'adjonction d'une déclaration, voir la règle 26ter, l'instruction 216 et le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale.

Si les circonstances d'un cas particulier sont telles que les libellés standard ne sont pas applicables, le déposant s'abstiendra de faire les déclarations prévues à la règle 4.17, mais il devra satisfaire aux exigences de la législation nationale concernée lors de l'entrée dans la phase nationale.

Le fait qu'une déclaration soit faite en vertu de la règle 4.17 ne suffit pas à prouver les points sur lesquels elle porte; il appartient aux offices désignés de statuer sur l'effet de ces points dans les États désignés en fonction de la législation nationale applicable.

Même si le texte d'une déclaration ne respecte pas le libellé standard fixé dans les instructions administratives en vertu de la règle 4.17, tout office désigné est libre d'accepter ou non cette déclaration aux fins de la législation nationale applicable.

Précisions quant aux exigences des législations nationales : pour des précisions concernant les déclarations qui sont exigées par chaque office désigné, voir les chapitres nationaux pertinents dans le volume II du *Guide du déposant du PCT*.

Effets dans les offices désignés (règle 51bis.2) : lorsqu'un déposant remet l'une des déclarations visées à la règle 4.17.i) à iv) comportant le libellé standard exigé (soit avec la demande internationale, soit au Bureau international dans le délai applicable en vertu de la règle 26ter, ou directement à l'office désigné durant la phase nationale), l'office désigné ne peut, pendant la phase nationale, exiger d'autres documents ou preuves relatifs à l'objet auquel se rapporte la déclaration, à moins qu'il puisse raisonnablement douter de la véracité de la déclaration en question.

Incompatibilité de certains points de la règle 51bis.2.a) avec les législations nationales (règle 51bis.2.c) : les offices désignés dont la liste figure ci-après ont informé le Bureau international que la législation nationale qui leur est applicable n'est pas compatible en ce qui concerne les déclarations suivantes visées à la règle 4.17.i), ii) et iii). Ces offices désignés pourront donc exiger des documents ou des preuves supplémentaires relatifs aux objets auxquels se rapportent ces déclarations.

Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)ii) : les législations nationales respectives de CH Suisse, DK Danemark et SE Suède ne sont pas compatibles avec la règle 51bis.2.a)i).

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)iii) : les législations nationales

respectives de CA Canada, CH Suisse, DK Danemark, HU Hongrie et SE Suède ne sont pas compatibles avec la règle 51bis.2.a)ii).

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51bis.1.a)iii) : les législations nationales respectives de CH Suisse et DK Danemark ne sont pas compatibles avec la règle 51bis.2.a)iii).

CADRES N^{os} VIII i) à v) (GÉNÉRALITÉS)

Différents cadres pour déclarations : le formulaire pré-imprimé contient six cadres différents pour déclarations, un pour chacun des cinq types de déclarations prévues selon la règle 4.17 (du cadre n^o VIII.i) au cadre n^o VIII.v)) et une feuille annexe (Suite du cadre n^o VIII.i) à v)) à utiliser dans le cas où une des déclarations ne tient pas dans le cadre approprié. Le titre de chaque déclaration qui figure dans le libellé standard prévu dans les instructions administratives est pré-imprimé sur la feuille correspondante de la requête.

Feuille distincte pour chaque déclaration : chaque déclaration doit commencer sur une feuille distincte de la requête et dans le cadre pour déclaration approprié.

Titres, éléments, numéros d'éléments, lignes pointillées, mots entre parenthèses et mots entre crochets : le libellé standard fixé pour les déclarations comporte un titre, différents éléments, des numéros d'éléments, des lignes pointillées, des mots entre parenthèses et des mots entre crochets. Sauf en ce qui concerne le cadre n^o VIII.iv) dans lequel le libellé standard est pré-imprimé, seuls les éléments pertinents doivent figurer dans une déclaration lorsque cela est nécessaire à l'énoncé des faits invoqués dans cette déclaration (en d'autres termes, il y a lieu d'omettre les éléments non pertinents) et il n'est pas nécessaire d'inclure les numéros d'éléments. Les lignes pointillées signalent les endroits où il y a lieu d'indiquer les renseignements demandés. Les mots entre parenthèses indiquent au déposant quels renseignements peuvent être inclus dans la déclaration selon la situation de fait. Les mots entre crochets sont facultatifs; s'ils sont applicables, ils doivent figurer dans la déclaration sans les crochets; s'ils ne sont pas applicables, il convient de les omettre ainsi que les crochets.

Mention de plusieurs personnes : plusieurs personnes peuvent être mentionnées dans une même déclaration. Il est aussi possible, sauf dans un cas, de faire une déclaration distincte par personne. Pour la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur, figurant dans le cadre n^o VIII.iv), qui est applicable seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique, tous les inventeurs doivent être indiqués dans une même déclaration (voir les notes du cadre n^o VIII.iv), ci-après). Dans les déclarations devant figurer dans les cadres n^{os} VIII.i), ii), iii) et v), le libellé au singulier peut être mis au pluriel si cela s'avère nécessaire.

États désignés auxquels les déclarations s'appliquent : chaque déclaration doit comporter l'indication des États désignés auxquels elle s'applique. À cet égard, le libellé standard pour la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (cadre n^o VIII.iv); voir également la règle 4.17.iv) et l'instruction 214) indique dans le titre que la déclaration est faite aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique. Les autres déclarations comportent des libellés prescrits pour indiquer si la déclaration est faite aux fins de toutes les désignations ou aux fins de désignations particulières. Une de ces options doit toujours figurer dans la déclaration. Lorsque la déclaration est faite en ce qui concerne plusieurs personnes, elle peut comporter des mentions distinctes indiquant si elle est faite aux fins de toutes les désignations ou aux fins de désignations particulières en ce qui concerne chacun des déposants. Le cas peut par exemple se présenter si la requête indique des déposants différents pour différents États, conformément à la règle 4.5.d). Dans une telle situation,

BOX No. VIII (ii)

Declaration as to the Applicant's Entitlement to Apply for and Be Granted a Patent (Rule 4.17(ii) and Section 212): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement:

"Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) is entitled to apply for and be granted a patent by virtue of the following:

- (i) ... (*name*) of ... (*address*) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application
- (ii) ... (*name*) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (*inventor's name*)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (*name*) and ... (*name*), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (*name*) in favor of ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vi) a court order issued by ... (*name of court*), effecting a transfer from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) by way of ... (*specify kind of transfer*), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant's name changed from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) on ... (*date*)
- (ix) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations [except the designation of the United States of America]
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ..."

Either (a) or (b) of item (ix) should always be included in the declaration. The remainder of the items may be incorporated as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. ***This declaration is only applicable to those events which have occurred prior to the international filing date.*** The possible kinds of transfer of entitlement in item (vii) include merger, acquisition, inheritance, donation, etc. Where there has been a succession of transfers from the inventor, the order in which transfers are listed should follow the actual succession of transfers, and items may be included more than once, as necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. Where the inventor is not indicated in Box No. II or No. III, this declaration may be presented as a combined declaration explaining the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent and identifying the inventor. In such a case, the introductory phrase of the declaration must be as follows:

"Combined declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(ii)) and as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51*bis*.1(a)(i)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:"

The remainder of the combined declaration must be worded as indicated in the preceding paragraphs.

For details as to the declaration as to the identity of the inventor, see the Notes to Box No. VIII (i), above.

BOX No. VIII (iii)

Declaration as to the Applicant's Entitlement to Claim Priority of the Earlier Application (Rule 4.17(iii) and Section 213): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement:

"Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(iii)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) is entitled to claim priority of earlier application No. ... by virtue of the following:

- (i) the applicant is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection was sought by way of the earlier application
- (ii) ... (*name*) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (*inventor's name*)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (*name*) and ... (*name*), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (*name*) in favor of ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vi) a court order, issued by ... (*name of court*), effecting a transfer from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) by way of ... (*specify kind of transfer*), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant's name changed from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) on ... (*date*)
- (ix) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ..."

Either (a) or (b) of item (ix) should always be included in the declaration. The remainder of the items may be incorporated as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. ***This declaration is only applicable to those events which have occurred prior to the international filing date.*** In addition, this declaration is only applicable where the person or name of the applicant is different from that of the applicant who filed the earlier application from which priority is claimed. For example, this declaration may be applicable where only one applicant out of five is different from the applicants indicated in respect of an earlier application. The possible kinds of transfer of entitlement in item (vii) include merger, acquisition, inheritance, donation, etc. Where there has been a succession of transfers from the applicant in respect of the earlier application, the order in which transfers are listed should follow the actual succession of transfers, and items may be included more than once, as necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement.

BOX No. VIII (iv)

Declaration of Inventorship (Rule 4.17(iv) and Section 214): The standardized wording for the declaration is pre-printed in Box No. VIII (iv).

All inventors must be named in the declaration, even if they do not all sign the same (copy of) the declaration (Section 214(b)). Bibliographic data, such as address of

toutefois, il est conseillé d'inclure une déclaration distincte par personne.

CADRE N° VIII.i)

Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règle 4.17.i) et instruction 211) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit :

“Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51*bis*.1.a)i) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

- i) ... (*nom*), ... (*adresse*), est l'inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection est demandée dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale
- ii) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations [sauf la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique]
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

Une déclaration de cette nature n'est pas nécessaire en ce qui concerne tout inventeur qui est indiqué comme tel (que ce soit comme inventeur seulement ou en qualité à la fois de déposant et d'inventeur) dans le cadre n° II ou le cadre n° III en application de la règle 4.5 ou 4.6. Toutefois, lorsque l'inventeur est indiqué comme étant le déposant dans le cadre n° II ou n° III en application de la règle 4.5, une déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii) peut être appropriée aux fins de tous les États désignés sauf des États-Unis d'Amérique. Lorsque les indications concernant l'inventeur qui sont à fournir en application de la règle 4.5 ou 4.6 ne sont pas portées dans le cadre n° II ou n° III, cette déclaration peut être combinée avec le libellé standard pour la déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii). Pour des précisions concernant cette déclaration combinée, voir les notes du cadre n° VIII.ii), ci-après. Pour des précisions quant à la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique, voir les notes du cadre n° VIII.iv), ci-après.

CADRE N° VIII.ii)

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii) et instruction 212) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à viii) nécessaires aux fins de motiver le droit du déposant :

“Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51*bis*.1.a)ii)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n'est pas appropriée :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*) a le droit de demander et d'obtenir un brevet en vertu :

- i) du fait que ... (*nom*), ... (*adresse*), est l'inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection est demandée dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale
- ii) du fait que... (*nom*) [possède] [possédait] ce droit en qualité d'employeur de l'inventeur, ... (*nom de l'inventeur*)
- iii) d'un contrat conclu entre ... (*nom*) et ... (*nom*), daté du ...
- iv) d'une cession de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- v) d'une autorisation consentie par ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...

- vi) d'une décision de justice rendue par ... (*nom du tribunal*), ordonnant un transfert de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vii) d'un transfert de droits de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), sous la forme de ... (*préciser le type de transfert*), daté du ...
- viii) du changement de nom du déposant de ... (*nom*) en ... (*nom*), le ... (*date*)
- ix) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations [sauf la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique]
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

L'une ou l'autre des variantes a) et b) du point ix) doit toujours être incluse dans la déclaration. On ne retiendra parmi les autres éléments que ceux qui sont nécessaires pour motiver le droit du déposant. **Cette déclaration est exclusivement applicable à des faits qui se sont produits avant la date du dépôt international.** Les types possibles de transfert de droits visés au point vii) comprennent la fusion, l'acquisition, l'héritage, la donation, etc. Lorsqu'il y a eu succession de transferts des droits de l'inventeur, l'ordre dans lequel les transferts sont énumérés doit suivre l'ordre effectif de ces transferts successifs et certains points peuvent être cités plus d'une fois si cela s'avère nécessaire pour motiver le droit du déposant. Lorsque l'inventeur n'est pas indiqué dans le cadre n° II ou le cadre n° III, cette déclaration peut être présentée sous la forme d'une déclaration combinée motivant le droit du déposant de demander et d'obtenir un brevet et permettant d'identifier l'inventeur. Dans un tel cas, la phrase introductive de la déclaration est libellée comme suit :

“Déclaration combinée relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51*bis*.1.a)ii)) et relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51*bis*.1.a)i)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n'est pas appropriée :”

Le reste de la déclaration combinée est libellé comme indiqué aux paragraphes précédents.

Pour des précisions concernant la déclaration permettant d'identifier l'inventeur, voir les notes relatives au cadre n° VIII.i), ci-dessus.

CADRE N° VIII.iii)

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure (règle 4.17.iii) et instruction 213) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à viii) nécessaires aux fins de motiver le droit du déposant :

“Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande indiquée ci-dessous si le déposant n'est pas celui qui a déposé la demande antérieure ou si son nom a changé depuis le dépôt de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51*bis*.1.a)iii)) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*) a le droit de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure n° ... en vertu :

- i) du fait que le déposant est l'inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection a été demandée dans la demande antérieure
- ii) du fait que ... (*nom*) [possède] [possédait] ce droit en qualité d'employeur de l'inventeur, ... (*nom de l'inventeur*)
- iii) d'un contrat conclu entre ... (*nom*) et ... (*nom*), daté du ...

residence and citizenship, must be included for each inventor. Where the declaration is included in the request, the inventor(s) need not sign and date the declaration if they have signed in Box No. X of the request.

BOX No. VIII (v)

Declaration as to Non-prejudicial Disclosures or Exceptions to Lack of Novelty (Rule 4.17(v) and Section 215): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (iv) as is necessary:

“Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty (Rules 4.17(v) and 51*bis*.1(a)(v)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) declares that the subject matter claimed in [the] [this] international application was disclosed as follows:

- (i) kind of disclosure (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) international exhibition
 - (b) publication
 - (c) abuse
 - (d) other: ... (*specify*)
- (ii) date of disclosure: ...
- (iii) title of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...
- (iv) place of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...
- (v) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ...”

Either (a), (b), (c) or (d) of item (i) should always be included in the declaration. Item (ii) should also always be included in the declaration. Either (a) or (b) of item (v) should always be included in the declaration. Items (iii) and (iv) may be incorporated depending upon the circumstances.

BOX No. IX

Items Constituting the International Application: The number of sheets of the various parts of the international application must be given in the check list in Arabic numerals. Sheets containing any of Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) must be counted as part of the request.

Where the application contains disclosure of one or more *nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences*, the applicant has the following three options.

First, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listing part *in paper form only*, in which case the number of sheets must be indicated under item (a) in the left column of Box No. IX (and therefore included in the total number of sheets), noting that, a copy of that sequence listing part, in computer readable form, may accompany the international application but only for the purposes of international search under Rule 13*ter*; in such a case, check-boxes Nos. 9 and 9(i) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked in the right column of Box No. IX.

Second, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listing part *in computer readable form only*, under Section 801(a)(i), in which case check-box b(i) must be marked but the space for the number of sheets of the sequence listing part under item (a) must be left blank; the type and number of carriers must also be indicated on the dotted line under item (b); in addition, check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and, where applicable,

9(iii) must be marked if additional copies of the sequence listing in computer readable form are furnished.

Third, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listing part *both in computer readable form and in paper form* under Section 801(a)(ii), in which case check-box b(ii) must be marked and the number of sheets of that part in paper form must be indicated under item (a) (although that number of sheets will not be taken into account for calculation of the basic fee); the type and number of carriers must also be indicated on the dotted line under item (b); in addition, check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked if additional copies of the sequence listing in computer readable form are furnished.

Under all three options described above, the sequence listings must be presented as a separate part of the description (“sequence listing part of description”) in accordance with the standard contained in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions.

Items Accompanying the International Application:

Where the international application is accompanied by certain items, the applicable check-boxes must be marked, any applicable indication must be made on the dotted line after the applicable item, and the number of such items should be indicated at the end of the relevant line; detailed explanations are provided below only in respect of those items which so require.

Check-box No. 4: Mark this check-box where a copy of a general power of attorney is filed with the international application; where the general power of attorney has been deposited with the receiving Office, and that Office has accorded to it a reference number, that number may be indicated.

Check-box No. 5: Mark this check-box where a statement explaining the lack of signature of an inventor/applicant for the purposes of the United States of America is furnished together with the international application (see also Notes to Box No. X).

Check-box No. 7: Mark this check-box where a translation of the international application for the purposes of international search (Rule 12.3) is filed together with the international application and indicate the language of that translation.

Check-box No. 8: Mark this check-box where a filled-in Form PCT/RO/134 or any separate sheet containing indications concerning deposited microorganisms and/or other biological material is filed with the international application. If Form PCT/RO/134 or any sheet containing the said indications is included as one of the sheets of the description (as required by certain designated States (see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex L)), do not mark this check-box (for further information, see Rule 13*bis* and Section 209).

Check-box No. 9: Where the international application contains a sequence listing part and a copy thereof in computer readable form is required by the ISA, the applicant may furnish the listing in computer readable form (together with the required statement) to the receiving Office with the international application, in which case check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(i) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked. Where the applicant has chosen the second or third option mentioned above, and an additional copy or copies of the sequence listing part in computer readable form are required under Section 804, the applicant may furnish such additional copies together with the international application, in which case check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked. In all cases mentioned above, the applicant should indicate in the left column the type and number of diskettes, CD-ROMs, CD-Rs, or other data carriers furnished.

- iv) d'une cession de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- v) d'une autorisation consentie par ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vi) d'une décision de justice rendue par ... (*nom du tribunal*), ordonnant un transfert de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vii) d'un transfert de droits de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), sous la forme de ... (*préciser le type de transfert*), daté du ...
- viii) du changement de nom du déposant de ... (*nom*) en ... (*nom*), le ... (*date*)
- ix) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”
- c) utilisation abusive
- d) autre : ... (*préciser*)
- ii) date de la divulgation : ...
- iii) intitulé de la divulgation (*s'il y a lieu*) : ...
- iv) lieu de la divulgation (*s'il y a lieu*) : ...
- v) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

L'un des éléments a), b), c) ou d) du point i) doit toujours être inclus dans la déclaration. Le point ii) doit aussi toujours être inclus dans la déclaration. L'un ou l'autre des éléments a) et b) du point v) doit toujours figurer dans la déclaration. Les points iii) et iv) peuvent être incorporés s'il y a lieu.

CADRE N° IX

Éléments constituant la demande internationale : Il faut indiquer en chiffres arabes, dans le bordereau, le nombre de feuilles des différentes parties de la demande internationale. Toute feuille sur laquelle figure l'un quelconque des cadres n°s VIII.i) à v) doit être comptée comme faisant partie de la requête.

Lorsque la demande internationale contient la divulgation d'une ou de plusieurs *séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés*, le déposant dispose des trois options suivantes.

Premièrement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer la partie réservée au listage des séquences *sous forme papier seulement*, auquel cas le nombre de feuilles doit être indiqué au point a) de la colonne de gauche du cadre n° IX (et par conséquent compris dans le nombre total de feuilles); on notera dans ce cas qu'une copie de la partie réservée au listage des séquences, sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, peut être remise avec la demande internationale mais seulement aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13ter; dans ce cas, les cases n°s 9, 9.i) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii), doivent être cochées dans la colonne de droite du cadre n° IX.

Deuxièmement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer la partie réservée au listage des séquences *sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur seulement*, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), auquel cas la case b)i) doit être cochée mais l'endroit réservé au nombre de feuilles de ladite partie sous le point a) doit être laissé en blanc; le type et le nombre de supports doivent également être indiqués sur la ligne pointillée sous le point b). De plus, les cases n°s 9, 9.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii), doivent être cochées si on joint des exemplaires supplémentaires du listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

Troisièmement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer la partie réservée au listage des séquences *à la fois sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et sous forme papier*, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), auquel cas la case b)ii) doit être cochée et le nombre de feuilles de ladite partie, sous forme papier, doit être indiqué sous le point a) (bien que ce nombre de feuilles ne soit pas utilisé aux fins du calcul de la taxe de base); le type et le nombre de supports doivent également être indiqués sur la ligne pointillée sous le point b). De plus, les cases n°s 9, 9.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii), doivent être cochées si on joint des exemplaires supplémentaires du listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

Dans le cadre des trois options décrites ci-dessus, les listages des séquences doivent être présentés dans une partie distincte de la description (“partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences”) conformément à la norme figurant dans l'annexe C des instructions administratives.

Éléments joints à la demande internationale : lorsque des éléments sont joints à la demande internationale, les cases

CADRE N° VIII.iv)

Déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (règle 4.17.iv) et instruction 214) : le libellé standard pour la déclaration est pré-imprimé au cadre n° VIII.iv).

Tous les inventeurs doivent être mentionnés dans la déclaration même s'ils ne signent pas tous la même (copie de la) déclaration (instruction 214.b)). Les données bibliographiques, telles que l'adresse du domicile et la nationalité, doivent être fournies pour chaque inventeur. Dans le cas d'une déclaration incluse dans la requête, il n'est pas nécessaire que le ou les inventeurs signent ou datent la déclaration s'ils ont signé eux-mêmes dans le cadre n° X de la requête.

CADRE N° VIII.v)

Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règle 4.17.v) et instruction 215) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à iv), qui s'avérerait nécessaire :

“Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règles 4.17.v) et 51bis.1.a)v) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],
... (*nom*) déclare que l'objet revendiqué dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale a été divulgué comme suit :

- i) nature de la divulgation (*préciser selon le cas*) :
 - a) exposition internationale
 - b) publication

Language of Filing of the International Application (Rules 12.1(a) and 20.4(c) and (d)): With regard to the language in which the international application is filed, for the purposes of according an international filing date, it is, subject to the following sentence, sufficient that the description and the claims are in the language, or one of the languages, accepted by the receiving Office for the filing of international applications; that language should be indicated in that check-box (as regards the language of the abstract and any text matter in the drawings, see Rules 26.3ter(a) and (b); as regards the language of the request, see Rules 12.3(c) and 26.3ter(c) and (d)). Note that where the international application is filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, all elements of the international application (request, description, claims, abstract, text matter of drawings) must, for the purposes of according an international filing date, be in English except that the free text in any sequence listing part of the description, complying with the standard set out in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, may be in a language other than English.

BOX No. X

Signature (Rules 4.1(d), 4.15 and 90): The signature must be that of the applicant (if there are several applicants, all must sign); however, the signature may be that of the agent, or the common representative, where a separate power of attorney appointing the agent or the common representative, respectively, or a copy of a general power of attorney already in the possession of the receiving Office, is furnished. If the power is not filed with the request, the receiving Office will invite the applicant to furnish it.

If the United States of America is designated and an inventor/applicant for that State refused to sign the request or could not be found or reached after diligent effort, a statement explaining the lack of signature may be furnished. It should be noted that this applies only where there are two or more applicants and the international application has been signed by at least one other applicant. The statement must satisfy the receiving Office. If such a statement is furnished with the international application, check-box No. 5 in Box No. IX should be marked.

SUPPLEMENTAL BOX

The cases in which the Supplemental Box may be used and the manner of making indications in it are explained in the left column of that Box.

GENERAL REMARKS

Language of Correspondence (Rule 92.2 and Section 104): Any letter from the applicant to the receiving Office must be in the language of filing of the international application provided that, where the international application is to be published in the language of a translation required under Rule 12.3, such letter should be in the language of that translation; however, the receiving Office may authorize the use of another language.

Any letter from the applicant to the International Bureau must be in the same language as the international application if that language is English or French; otherwise, it must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant.

Any letter from the applicant to the ISA must be in the same language as the international application, provided that, where a translation of the international application for the purposes of international search has been transmitted under Rule 23.1(b), such letter is in the language of that translation. However, the ISA may authorize the use of another language.

Arrangement of Elements and Numbering of Sheets of the International Application (Rule 11.7 and Section 207): The elements of the international application must be placed in the following order: the request, the description (excluding the sequence listing part, if any), the claim(s), the abstract, the drawings (if any), the sequence listing part of the description (if any).

All sheets of the description (excluding the sequence listing part), claims and abstract must be numbered in consecutive Arabic numerals, which must be placed at the top or bottom of the sheet, in the middle, but not in the margin which must remain blank. The number of each sheet of the drawings must consist of two Arabic numerals separated by an oblique stroke, the first being the sheet number and the second being the total number of sheets of drawings (for example, 1/3, 2/3, 3/3). For numbering of the sheets of the sequence listing part of the description, see Section 207.

Indication of the Applicant's or Agent's File Reference on the sheets of the description (excluding the sequence listing part, if any), claim(s), abstract, drawings and sequence listing part of the description (Rule 11.6(f)): The file reference indicated on the request may also be indicated in the left-hand corner of the top margin, within 1.5 cm from the top of any sheet of the international application.

appropriées doivent être cochées et toute indication pertinente doit être portée sur la ligne pointillée correspondante, le nombre de chacun de ces éléments devant être indiqué dans la colonne, en fin de ligne; on trouvera ci-après des explications détaillées concernant uniquement les éléments qui le nécessitent.

Case n° 4 : cocher cette case si la copie d'un pouvoir général est déposée avec la demande internationale; lorsque le pouvoir général a été déposé auprès de l'office récepteur, et que celui-ci lui a attribué un numéro de référence, ce dernier peut être indiqué.

Case n° 5 : cocher cette case si une explication de l'absence de signature d'un inventeur/déposant pour les États-Unis d'Amérique est fournie conjointement avec la demande internationale (voir aussi les notes du cadre n° X).

Case n° 7 : cocher cette case si une traduction de la demande internationale aux fins de la recherche internationale (règle 12.3) est fournie conjointement avec cette demande et indiquer la langue de la traduction.

Case n° 8 : cocher cette case si, avec la demande internationale, est déposé un formulaire PCT/RO/134 rempli ou une ou plusieurs feuilles séparées comportant des indications relatives à des micro-organismes ou autre matériel biologique déposés. Si le formulaire PCT/RO/134 ou toute autre feuille comportant les indications en question figurent en tant que feuilles de la description (comme le prescrivent certains États désignés (voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe L), ne pas cocher cette case (pour de plus amples renseignements, voir la règle 13*bis* et l'instruction 209).

Case n° 9 : lorsque la demande internationale contient une partie réservée au listage des séquences et qu'une copie de cette dernière, sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, est requise par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, le déposant peut fournir, conjointement avec la demande internationale, le listage en question sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (ainsi que la déclaration requise) à l'office récepteur. Si tel est le cas, les cases n° 9, 9.i) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) doivent être cochées. Lorsque le déposant a choisi la deuxième ou la troisième option mentionnée ci-dessus, et qu'un ou plusieurs exemplaires supplémentaires de la partie réservée au listage des séquences sont requis en vertu de l'instruction 804, le déposant peut remettre de tels exemplaires supplémentaires, conjointement avec la demande internationale, auquel cas les cases n° 9, 9.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) doivent être cochées. Dans tous les cas mentionnés ci-dessus, le déposant doit indiquer le type et le nombre de disquettes, CD-ROM, CD-R ou autres supports de données qu'il a remis.

Langue de dépôt de la demande internationale (règles 12.1.a) et 20.4.c) et d)) : en ce qui concerne la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée, il suffit, aux fins de l'attribution d'une date de dépôt international, et sous réserve de la phrase suivante, que la description et les revendications soient rédigées dans la langue ou l'une des langues acceptées par l'office récepteur pour le dépôt de demandes internationales; cette langue doit être indiquée dans cette case (en ce qui concerne la langue de l'abrégé et de tout texte des dessins, voir la règle 26.3*ter*.a) et b); en ce qui concerne la langue de la requête, voir les règles 12.3.c) et 26.3*ter*.c) et d)). On notera que, lorsque la demande internationale est déposée auprès de l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis d'Amérique en sa qualité d'office récepteur, tous les éléments de la demande internationale (requête, description, revendications, abrégé, texte des dessins) doivent, aux fins de l'attribution d'une date de dépôt international, être rédigés en anglais, hormis tout texte libre contenu dans la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences conforme à la norme figurant dans l'annexe C des instructions administratives, qui peut être rédigé dans une langue autre que l'anglais.

CADRE N° X

Signature (règles 4.1.d), 4.15 et 90) : la signature doit être celle du déposant (s'il y a plusieurs déposants, tous doivent

signer); il peut toutefois s'agir de la signature du mandataire ou du représentant commun, si un pouvoir distinct désignant le mandataire ou le représentant commun, respectivement, ou une copie du pouvoir général déjà détenu par l'office récepteur est fourni. Si la requête n'est pas déposée avec le pouvoir, l'office récepteur invitera le déposant à le remettre.

Si les États-Unis d'Amérique sont désignés et qu'un déposant pour cet État qui a la qualité d'inventeur a refusé de signer la requête ou que des efforts diligents n'ont pas permis de le trouver ou d'entrer en rapport avec lui, il est possible de fournir une explication de l'absence de signature. Cela vaut uniquement lorsqu'il y a plusieurs déposants et que la demande internationale a été signée par au moins un autre déposant. L'explication doit être jugée satisfaisante par l'office récepteur. Si cette explication est remise conjointement avec la demande internationale, il y a lieu de cocher la case n° 5 du cadre n° IX.

CADRE SUPPLÉMENTAIRE

Les cas dans lesquels le cadre supplémentaire peut être utilisé et la manière de fournir les indications prévues dans ce cadre sont expliqués dans la colonne de gauche de celui-ci.

REMARQUES GÉNÉRALES

Langue de la correspondance (règle 92.2 et instruction 104) : toute lettre du déposant à l'office récepteur doit être rédigée dans la langue de dépôt de la demande internationale étant entendu que, lorsque la demande internationale doit être publiée dans la langue d'une traduction remise en vertu de la règle 12.3, cette lettre doit être rédigée dans la langue de cette traduction; l'office récepteur peut cependant autoriser l'emploi d'une autre langue.

Toute lettre du déposant au Bureau international doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale si celle-ci est établie en français ou en anglais; sinon, elle doit être rédigée en français ou en anglais, au choix du déposant.

Toute lettre du déposant à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale étant entendu que, lorsqu'une traduction de la demande internationale aux fins de la recherche internationale a été transmise en vertu de la règle 23.1.b), cette lettre doit être rédigée dans la langue de cette traduction. Cependant, l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale peut autoriser l'emploi d'une autre langue.

Disposition des éléments et numérotation des feuilles de la demande internationale (règle 11.7 et instruction 207) : les éléments de la demande internationale doivent être présentés dans l'ordre suivant : requête, description (sauf la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant), revendication(s), abrégé, dessins (le cas échéant), partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant.

Toutes les feuilles de la description (sauf la partie réservée au listage des séquences), les revendications et l'abrégé doivent être numérotés consécutivement, en chiffres arabes qui doivent être inscrits, en milieu de ligne, en haut ou en bas de la feuille mais non dans la marge, qui doit rester vierge. Le numéro de chaque feuille des dessins doit consister en deux nombres en chiffres arabes séparés par une barre oblique, le premier indiquant le numéro de la feuille et le second le nombre total des feuilles de dessins (par exemple : 1/3, 2/3, 3/3). Pour la numérotation des feuilles de la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, se référer à l'instruction 207.

Indication de la référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire sur les feuilles de la description (sauf la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant), de la ou des revendications, de l'abrégé, des dessins et de la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences (règle 11.6.f)) : la référence de dossier indiquée sur la requête peut l'être également sur chaque feuille de la demande internationale, dans le coin gauche de la marge du haut, sans toutefois apparaître au-delà de 1,5 cm à partir du haut.

This sheet is not part of and does not count as a sheet of the international application.

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FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Request

For receiving Office use only

International Application No. _____

Date stamp of the receiving Office _____

Applicant's or agent's
file reference _____

Applicant _____

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

1. TRANSMITTAL FEE T

2. SEARCH FEE S

International search to be carried out by _____
(If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the name of the Authority which is chosen to carry out the international search.)

3. INTERNATIONAL FEE

Basic Fee

Where item (b) of Box No. IX applies, enter **Sub-total number of sheets** } _____
Where item (b) of Box No. IX does not apply, enter **Total number of sheets** }

b1 first 30 sheets b1

b2 _____ x _____ = b2
number of sheets in excess of 30 fee per sheet

b3 additional component (only if sequence listing part of description is filed in computer readable form under Section 801(a)(i), or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801(a)(ii):
400 x _____ = b3
fee per sheet

Add amounts entered at b1, b2 and b3 and enter total at B B

Designation Fees

The international application contains _____ designations.

_____ x _____ = D
number of designation fees payable (maximum 5) amount of designation fee

Add amounts entered at B and D and enter total at I I

(Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the international fee. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the total to be entered at I is 25% of the sum of the amounts entered at B and D.)

4. FEE FOR PRIORITY DOCUMENT (if applicable) P

5. TOTAL FEES PAYABLE TOTAL
Add amounts entered at T, S, I and P, and enter total in the TOTAL box

The designation fees are not paid at this time.

MODE OF PAYMENT

- authorization to charge deposit account (see below) postal money order cash coupons
- cheque bank draft revenue stamps other (specify): _____

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

(This mode of payment may not be available at all receiving Offices)

- Authorization to charge the total fees indicated above.
- (This check-box may be marked only if the conditions for deposit accounts of the receiving Office so permit) Authorization to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the total fees indicated above.
- Authorization to charge the fee for priority document.

Receiving Office: RO/ _____

Deposit Account No.: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

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FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES

Annexe de la requête

Réservé à l'office récepteur

Demande internationale n°

Timbre à date de l'office récepteur

Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire

Déposant

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

1. TAXE DE TRANSMISSION T

2. TAXE DE RECHERCHE S

Recherche internationale à effectuer par _____
(Si plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes pour effectuer la recherche internationale, inscrire le nom de celle qui est choisie pour l'effectuer.)

3. TAXE INTERNATIONALE

Taxe de base

Lorsque le point b) du cadre n° IX s'applique, reporter le **sous-total des feuilles** } _____
Lorsque le point b) du cadre n° IX ne s'applique pas, reporter le **nombre total de feuilles** }

b1 30 premières feuilles b1

b2 _____ x _____ = b2
nombre de feuilles au-delà de 30 taxe par feuille

b3 composante supplémentaire (seulement si la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences est déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), ou à la fois sous cette forme et sur papier, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii)) :
400 x _____ = b3
taxe par feuille

Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres b1, b2 et b3 et inscrire le total dans le cadre B B

Taxes de désignation

La demande internationale contient _____ désignations.

_____ x _____ = D
nombre de taxes de désignation dues (maximum 5) montant de la taxe de désignation

Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres B et D et inscrire le total dans le cadre I I

(Les déposants de certains États ont droit à une réduction de 75 % de la taxe internationale. Lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à cette réduction, la somme devant figurer sous I est égale à 25 % de la somme des montants portés dans les cadres B et D.)

4. TAXE AFFÉRENTE AU DOCUMENT DE PRIORITÉ (le cas échéant) P

5. TOTAL DES TAXES DUES
Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres T, S, I et P et inscrire le résultat dans le cadre TOTAL TOTAL

Les taxes de désignation seront payées ultérieurement.

MODE DE PAIEMENT

- autorisation de débiter un compte de dépôt (voir ci-dessous) mandat postal espèces coupons
 chèque traite bancaire timbres fiscaux autre (préciser) :

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

(Les offices récepteurs ne permettent pas tous l'utilisation de ce mode de paiement)

- Autorisation de débiter le total des taxes indiqué ci-dessus.
 (Cette case ne peut être cochée que si les conditions relatives aux comptes de dépôt établies par l'office récepteur le permettent) Autorisation de débiter tout montant manquant – ou de créditer tout excédent – dans le paiement du total des taxes indiqué ci-dessus.
 Autorisation de débiter le montant de la taxe afférente à l'établissement du document de priorité.

Office récepteur : RO/ _____

N° du compte de dépôt : _____

Date : _____

Nom : _____

Signature : _____

NOTES TO THE FEE CALCULATION SHEET (ANNEX TO FORM PCT/RO/101)

The purpose of the fee calculation sheet is to help the applicant to identify the prescribed fees and to calculate the amounts to be paid. It is strongly recommended that the applicant complete the sheet by entering the appropriate amounts in the boxes provided and submit the fee calculation sheet at the time of filing the international application. This will help the receiving Office to verify the calculations and to identify any error in them.

Information about the applicable fees payable can be obtained from the receiving Office. The amounts of the international and search fees may change due to currency fluctuations. Applicants are advised to check what are the latest applicable amounts. All fees, except in some cases the designation fee, must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application. See below for further details concerning the possibility of later payment of the designation fee.

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

Box T: Transmittal Fee for the benefit of the receiving Office (Rule 14.1): The amount of the transmittal fee, if any, is fixed by the receiving Office. It must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office. Information about this fee is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Box S: Search Fee for the benefit of the International Searching Authority (ISA) (Rule 16.1): The amount of the search fee is fixed by the ISA. It must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office. Information about this fee is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex D.

Where two or more ISAs are competent, the applicant must indicate his choice in the space provided for this purpose and pay the amount of the international search fee fixed by the ISA chosen. Information on the competent ISA and whether the applicant has a choice between two or more ISAs is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Box I: International Fee for the benefit of the International Bureau (Rule 15): The international fee consists of a basic fee and as many designation fees as there are specific designations under Rule 4.9(a) in Box No. V of the request. The amounts of the basic fee and of the designation fee are as set out in Swiss francs in the Schedule of Fees and the applicable amounts of those fees in other currencies are as published in the *PCT Gazette* (Rule 15.2). Information about those fees is also contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Reduction of the International Fee Where PCT-EASY Software Is Used: A fee reduction of 200 Swiss francs (or the equivalent in the currency in which the international fee is paid to the receiving Office) is available in certain cases where the PCT-EASY software is used to prepare the request, provided that the necessary conditions are met. For further details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part, and Volume I/B, Annex C, as well as information published in the *PCT Gazette* and the *PCT Newsletter*. Since applicants using the PCT-EASY software will file the Request Form and Fee Calculation Sheet in the form of a printout prepared using that software, no provision is made for this fee reduction in the Fee Calculation Sheet annexed to Form PCT/RO/101.

Reduction of the International Fee for Applicants from Certain States: An applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997) is entitled, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees, to a reduction of 75% of certain PCT fees including the international fee. If there are several applicants, each must satisfy the above-mentioned criteria. The reduction of the international fee (basic fee and designation fees) is automatically available to any applicant

(or applicants) who is (or are) so entitled on the basis of the indications of name, nationality and residence given in Boxes Nos. II and III of the request.

The fee reduction is available even if one or more of the applicants are not from PCT Contracting States, provided that each of them is a national and resident of a State that meets the above-mentioned requirements and that at least one of the applicants is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State and thus is entitled to file an international application.

Natural persons who are nationals of and reside in the following PCT Contracting States are eligible: AL Albania, AM Armenia, AZ Azerbaijan, BA Bosnia and Herzegovina, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgaria, BJ Benin, BR Brazil, BY Belarus, BZ Belize, CF Central African Republic, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroon, CN China, CO Colombia, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ Czech Republic, DM Dominica, DZ Algeria, EC Ecuador, EE Estonia, GA Gabon, GD Grenada, GE Georgia, GH Ghana, GM Gambia, GN Guinea, GQ Equatorial Guinea, GW Guinea-Bissau, HR Croatia, HU Hungary, ID Indonesia, IN India, KE Kenya, KG Kyrgyzstan, KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Saint Lucia, LK Sri Lanka, LR Liberia, LS Lesotho, LT Lithuania, LV Latvia, MA Morocco, MD Republic of Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, ML Mali, MN Mongolia, MR Mauritania, MW Malawi, MX Mexico, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, PH Philippines, PL Poland, RO Romania, RU Russian Federation, SD Sudan, SK Slovakia, SL Sierra Leone, SN Senegal, SZ Swaziland, TD Chad, TG Togo, TJ Tajikistan, TM Turkmenistan, TN Tunisia, TR Turkey, TZ United Republic of Tanzania, UA Ukraine, UG Uganda, UZ Uzbekistan, VN Viet Nam, YU Yugoslavia, ZA South Africa, ZM Zambia and ZW Zimbabwe. As far as other States are concerned, inquiries should be addressed to the International Bureau.

Calculation of the International Fee (Basic Fee and Designation Fees) in Case of Fee Reduction: Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) entitled to a reduction of the international fee, the total to be entered at box I is 25% of the sum of the amounts entered at boxes B and D (see below).

Box B: Basic Fee. The amount of the basic fee depends on the number of sheets of the international application indicated under item (a) of Box No. IX of the request as explained below.

That number is the **Total number of sheets** where item (b) of Box No. IX of the request does not apply (that is, where the international application either does not contain a sequence listing part or where it contains such a part but not filed in computer readable form under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii)), in such a case, item "b3" must not be filled in.

Otherwise, where item (b) of Box No. IX of the request applies (that is, where the international application contains a sequence listing part which is filed in computer readable form

NOTES RELATIVES A LA FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES (ANNEXE DU FORMULAIRE PCT/RO/101)

La feuille de calcul des taxes a pour objet d'aider le déposant à recenser les taxes prescrites et à calculer les montants à payer. Il lui est vivement recommandé de remplir cette feuille en portant les montants appropriés dans les cadres prévus et de la joindre au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale, ce qui permettra à l'office récepteur de vérifier les calculs et d'y déceler d'éventuelles erreurs.

Des renseignements sur le montant en vigueur des taxes à payer peuvent être obtenus auprès de l'office récepteur. Les montants de la taxe internationale et de la taxe de recherche peuvent varier en raison de fluctuations monétaires. Il est recommandé aux déposants de vérifier quels sont les tout derniers montants en vigueur. Toutes les taxes sauf, dans certains cas, la taxe de désignation doivent être payées dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de réception de la demande internationale. On trouvera ci-après quelques précisions supplémentaires relatives à un éventuel paiement différé de la taxe de désignation.

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

Cadre T : Taxe de transmission au profit de l'office récepteur (règle 14.1) : l'office récepteur fixe le montant de la taxe de transmission, s'il y en a une. Celui-ci doit être payé dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale. On peut trouver des renseignements sur cette taxe dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C.

Cadre S : Taxe de recherche au profit de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (règle 16.1) : le montant de la taxe de recherche est fixé par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale. Il doit être payé dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale. On peut trouver des renseignements sur cette taxe dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe D.

Lorsque plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes, le déposant doit indiquer son choix à l'emplacement prévu à cet effet et payer le montant de la taxe de recherche internationale fixé par l'administration qu'il a choisie. Le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C, donne des renseignements sur l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale qui est compétente et sur la question de savoir si le déposant a le choix entre plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale.

Cadre I : Taxe internationale au profit du Bureau international (règle 15) : la taxe internationale comprend une taxe de base et autant de taxes de désignation qu'il y a de désignations faites expressément selon la règle 4.9.a) dans le cadre n° V de la requête. Les montants de la taxe de base et de la taxe de désignation sont fixés en francs suisses dans le barème des taxes et les montants correspondants de ces taxes dans d'autres monnaies sont publiés dans la *Gazette du PCT* (règle 15.2). On peut trouver des renseignements sur ces taxes dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C.

Réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY : une réduction de 200 francs suisses (ou l'équivalent dans la monnaie dans laquelle la taxe internationale est payée à l'office récepteur) peut être obtenue dans certains cas où le logiciel PCT-EASY est utilisé pour la préparation de la requête, à condition que les conditions nécessaires soient remplies. On peut trouver des précisions sur cette réduction dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale, et volume I/B, annexe C, ainsi que dans les informations publiées dans la *Gazette du PCT* et le bulletin *PCT Newsletter*. Étant donné que les déposants qui utilisent le logiciel PCT-EASY déposeront le formulaire de requête et la feuille de calcul des taxes sous la forme d'un imprimé produit par ordinateur à l'aide de ce logiciel, la feuille de calcul des taxes annexée au formulaire PCT/RO/101 ne prévoit pas cette réduction de taxe.

Réduction de la taxe internationale pour les déposants de certains États : un déposant qui est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et est domiciliée dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3 000 dollars des États-Unis a droit, conformément au barème de taxes, à une réduction de 75 % de certaines taxes du PCT, dont la taxe internationale. S'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire à ces critères. La réduction de la taxe internationale (taxe de base et taxe de désignation) s'applique automatiquement à tout déposant qui y a droit (ou à tous les déposants qui y ont droit) au vu des indications de nom, de nationalité et de domicile données dans les cadres n°s II et III de la requête.

La réduction de la taxe s'applique même si l'un ou plusieurs des déposants ne viennent pas d'États contractants du PCT, à condition que chacun d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État, et domicilié dans un État, qui répond aux critères mentionnés ci-dessus et qu'au moins l'un d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT, et domicilié dans un tel État, et ait donc le droit de déposer une demande internationale.

Les personnes physiques qui sont ressortissantes des États contractants du PCT suivants, et qui sont domiciliées dans ces États, peuvent bénéficier de cette réduction : AL Albanie, AM Arménie, AZ Azerbaïdjan, BA Bosnie-Herzégovine, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgarie, BJ Bénin, BR Brésil, BY Bélarus, BZ Belize, CF République centrafricaine, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroun, CN Chine, CO Colombie, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ République tchèque, DM Dominique, DZ Algérie, EC Équateur, EE Estonie, GA Gabon, GD Grenade, GE Géorgie, GH Ghana, GM Gambie, GN Guinée, GQ Guinée équatoriale, GW Guinée-Bissau, HR Croatie, HU Hongrie, ID Indonésie, IN Inde, KE Kenya, KG Kirghizistan, KP République populaire démocratique de Corée, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Sainte-Lucie, LK Sri Lanka, LR Libéria, LS Lesotho, LT Lituanie, LV Lettonie, MA Maroc, MD République de Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, ML Mali, MN Mongolie, MR Mauritanie, MW Malawi, MX Mexique, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, PH Philippines, PL Pologne, RO Roumanie, RU Fédération de Russie, SD Soudan, SK Slovaquie, SL Sierra Leone, SN Sénégal, SZ Swaziland, TD Tchad, TG Togo, TJ Tadjikistan, TM Turkménistan, TN Tunisie, TR Turquie, TZ République-Unie de Tanzanie, UA Ukraine, UG Ouganda, UZ Ouzbékistan, VN Viet Nam, YU Yougoslavie, ZA Afrique du Sud, ZM Zambie et ZW Zimbabwe. En ce qui concerne d'autres États, il convient de s'adresser au Bureau international.

Calcul de la taxe internationale (taxe de base et taxes de désignation) en cas de réduction : lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à une réduction de la taxe

only, under Section 801(a)(i), or both in that form and in paper form under Section 801(a)(ii)), the number of sheets to be used for the purpose of calculating the amount of the basic fee is the **Sub-total number of sheets**. In such a case, item "b3" must be filled in on the basis that the sequence listing part in computer readable form is considered to be equal to 400 sheets (see Section 803).

The basic fee must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office.

Box D: Designation Fees. Subject to what is said below, the number of designation fees due corresponds to the number of check-boxes marked in Box No. V of the request.

The number of designation fees which are due is the same as the number of national patents and regional patents in respect of which specific designations under Rule 4.9(a) are made. Only one designation fee is due for the designation AP, the designation EA, the designation EP or the designation OA, irrespective of the number of States for which an ARIPO patent, a Eurasian patent, a European patent or an OAPI patent, respectively, is sought.

Where any States are designated twice (once for the purposes of an ARIPO patent, a Eurasian patent or a European patent and once for the purposes of national protection), the applicant must pay one designation fee in respect of the ARIPO patent, the Eurasian patent or the European patent and a further designation fee in respect of each national patent or other kind of protection sought (Rule 15.1(ii) and Section 210).

Any designation, in excess of five designations for which the fee is due, is free of charge. Therefore, the maximum amount to be indicated in box D is five times the amount of the designation fee. If, for example, 15 national patents and four regional patents (an ARIPO patent, a Eurasian patent, a European patent and an OAPI patent) are sought (totalling 19 designations), the figure to be indicated in box D is five times the amount of the designation fee.

The designation fees must be paid within one month from

the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office or one year from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later.

Box P: Fee for Priority Document (Rule 17.1(b)): Where the applicant has requested, by marking the applicable check-box in Box No. VI of the request, that the receiving Office prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application the priority of which is claimed, the amount of the fee prescribed by the receiving Office for such service may be entered (for information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C).

If that fee is not paid at the latest before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date, the receiving Office may consider the request under Rule 17.1(b) as not having been made.

Total Box: The total of the amounts entered in boxes T, S, I and P should be entered in this box. If the applicant so wishes, the currency in which the fees are paid may be indicated next to or in the total box.

Later Payment of Designation Fees: Where the time limit of one year from the priority date expires later than one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office, and the applicant wishes to delay the payment of the designation fees, it is recommended that the corresponding check-box be marked.

MODE OF PAYMENT

In order to help the receiving Office identify the mode of payment of the prescribed fees, it is recommended that the applicable check-box(es) be marked.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The receiving Office will not charge (or credit) fees to deposit accounts unless the deposit account authorization is signed and indicates the deposit account number.

internationale, la somme devant figurer sous I est égale à 25 % de la somme des montants figurant sous B et D (voir ci-dessous).

Cadre B : Taxe de base. Le montant de la taxe de base est fonction du nombre de feuilles de la demande internationale indiqué au point a) du cadre n° IX de la requête comme expliqué ci-dessous.

Ce nombre est le **nombre total de feuilles** lorsque le point b) du cadre n° IX de la requête ne s'applique pas (c'est-à-dire, si la demande internationale ne contient pas une partie réservée au listage des séquences ou qu'elle contient une telle partie mais que cette dernière n'est pas déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i) ou ii)), dans ce cas, le point "b3" ne doit pas être rempli.

Si non, lorsque le point b) du cadre n° IX de la requête s'applique (c'est-à-dire, si la demande internationale contient une partie réservée au listage des séquences qui est déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur seulement, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), ou à la fois sous cette forme et sous forme papier en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), le nombre de feuilles à utiliser pour le calcul du montant de la taxe de base est le **sous-total des feuilles**. Dans un tel cas, le point "b3" doit être rempli étant entendu que la partie réservée au listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur est considérée comporter 400 pages (voir l'instruction 803).

La taxe de base doit être payée dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de réception de la demande internationale par l'office récepteur.

Cadre D : Taxes de désignation. Sous réserve de ce qui suit, le nombre de taxes de désignation dues correspond au nombre de cases cochées dans le cadre n° V de la requête.

Sont dues autant de taxes de désignation qu'il y a de brevets nationaux et de brevets régionaux pour lesquels une désignation expresse a été faite en vertu de la règle 4.9.a). Une seule taxe de désignation est due pour la désignation AP, la désignation EA, la désignation EP ou la désignation OA, quel que soit le nombre d'États pour lesquels un brevet ARIPO, un brevet eurasiatique, un brevet européen ou un brevet OAPI, respectivement, est demandé.

Si un ou plusieurs États sont désignés deux fois (une fois aux fins d'un brevet ARIPO, d'un brevet eurasiatique ou d'un brevet européen et une fois aux fins d'une protection nationale), le déposant doit payer une taxe de désignation pour le brevet ARIPO, le brevet eurasiatique ou le brevet européen et une autre taxe de désignation pour chaque brevet ou autre forme de protection nationale demandé (règle 15.1.ii) et instruction 210).

Toute désignation faite au-delà de cinq désignations soumises à la taxe est gratuite. Le montant maximum à

indiquer dans le cadre D est donc de cinq fois le montant de la taxe de désignation. Si, par exemple, 15 brevets nationaux et quatre brevets régionaux (un brevet ARIPO, un brevet eurasiatique, un brevet européen et un brevet OAPI) sont demandés (soit un total de 19 désignations), la somme à indiquer dans le cadre D est de cinq fois le montant de la taxe de désignation.

Les taxes de désignation doivent être payées dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale ou d'un an à compter de la date de priorité, le délai applicable étant celui des deux qui arrive à expiration le plus tard.

Cadre P : Taxe afférente au document de priorité (règle 17.1.b)) : si, en cochant la case appropriée dans le cadre n° VI de la requête, le déposant a demandé que l'office récepteur prépare et transmette au Bureau international une copie certifiée conforme de la demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée, il peut indiquer le montant de la taxe prescrite par l'office récepteur pour ce service (pour plus de renseignements, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C).

Si cette taxe n'est pas payée au plus tard avant l'expiration d'un délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, l'office récepteur peut considérer la requête selon la règle 17.1.b) comme n'ayant pas été présentée.

Total : le total des montants inscrits dans les cadres T, S, I et P doit être porté dans ce cadre. Le déposant peut, s'il le souhaite, indiquer à proximité ou à l'intérieur du cadre "Total" la monnaie dans laquelle il paie les taxes.

Paiement différé des taxes de désignation : si le délai d'un an à compter de la date de priorité arrive à expiration plus d'un mois après la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale, et que le déposant souhaite différer le paiement des taxes de désignation, il est recommandé de cocher la case appropriée.

MODE DE PAIEMENT

Pour aider l'office récepteur à déterminer le mode de paiement des taxes prescrites qui a été utilisé, il est recommandé de cocher la ou les cases appropriées.

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

L'office récepteur ne débitera (ou ne créditera) un compte de dépôt du montant des taxes que si l'autorisation correspondante est signée et qu'elle indique le numéro du compte de dépôt.

The demand must be filed directly with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority or, if two or more Authorities are competent, with the one chosen by the applicant. The full name or two-letter code of that Authority may be indicated by the applicant on the line below:

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CHAPTER II

DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:
 The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only

Identification of IPEA		Date of receipt of DEMAND
Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION		Applicant's or agent's file reference
International application No.	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>)	(Earliest) Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>)
Title of invention		
Box No. II APPLICANT(S)		
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		Telephone No.
		Facsimile No.
		Teleprinter No.
		Applicant's registration No. with the Office
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants are indicated on a continuation sheet.		

La demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être présentée directement à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui est compétente ou, si plusieurs administrations sont compétentes, à l'une d'entre elles, au choix du déposant. Le déposant peut indiquer le nom complet ou le code à deux lettres de cette administration au-dessus de la ligne qui suit :

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CHAPITRE II

DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL

selon l'article 31 du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets :
Le soussigné requiert que la demande internationale spécifiée ci-après fasse l'objet d'un examen préliminaire international conformément au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets et fait élection de tous les États éligibles sauf indication contraire.

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

Administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international	Date de réception de la demande d'examen préliminaire international
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Cadre n° I IDENTIFICATION DE LA DEMANDE INTERNATIONALE		Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire	
Demande internationale n°	Date du dépôt international (jour/mois/année)	Date de priorité (la plus ancienne) (jour/mois/année)	
Titre de l'invention			
Cadre n° II DÉPOSANT(S)			
Nom et adresse : (Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)		n° de téléphone	
		n° de télécopieur	
		n° de téléimprimeur	
		n° sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office	
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :		Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
Nom et adresse : (Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)			
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :		Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
Nom et adresse : (Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)			
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :		Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
<input type="checkbox"/> D'autres déposants sont indiqués sur une feuille annexe.			

Continuation of Box No. II APPLICANT(S)

If none of the following sub-boxes is used, this sheet should not be included in the demand.

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Further applicants are indicated on another continuation sheet.

Suite du cadre n° II DÉPOSANT(S)

Si aucun des sous-cadres suivants n'est utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

D'autres déposants sont indiqués sur une autre feuille annexe.

Box No. III AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The following person is agent common representative

and has been appointed earlier and represents the applicant(s) also for international preliminary examination.

is hereby appointed and any earlier appointment of (an) agent(s)/common representative is hereby revoked.

is hereby appointed, specifically for the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority, in addition to the agent(s)/common representative appointed earlier.

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

Telephone No.

Facsimile No.

Teleprinter No.

Agent's registration No. with the Office

Address for correspondence: Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special address to which correspondence should be sent.

Box No. IV BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION**Statement concerning amendments:***

1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination **to start on the basis of:**

the international application as originally filed

the description as originally filed

as amended under Article 34

the claims as originally filed

as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)

as amended under Article 34

the drawings as originally filed

as amended under Article 34

2. The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.

3. The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination **to be postponed** until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)). *(This check-box may be marked only where the time limit under Article 19 has not yet expired.)*

* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

which is the language in which the international application was filed.

which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.

which is the language of publication of the international application.

which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES

The applicant hereby **elects all eligible States** *(that is, all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT)*

excluding the following States which the applicant wishes **not to elect:**

Cadre n° III MANDATAIRE OU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN; OU ADRESSE POUR LA CORRESPONDANCE

La personne indiquée ci-dessous est mandataire représentant commun
 et a été désignée à une date antérieure; elle représente aussi le ou les déposants pour l'examen préliminaire international.
 est désignée par la présente; toute désignation antérieure de mandataires ou d'un représentant commun est de ce fait révoquée.
 est désignée par la présente, spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, en sus du ou des mandataires ou du représentant commun désignés antérieurement.

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

n° de téléphone

n° de télécopieur

n° de téléimprimeur

n° sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office

Adresse pour la correspondance : cocher cette case lorsque aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est ou n'a été désigné et que l'espace ci-dessus est utilisé pour indiquer une adresse spéciale à laquelle la correspondance doit être envoyée.

Cadre n° IV BASE DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**Déclaration concernant les modifications :***

1. Le déposant souhaite que l'examen préliminaire international **commence sur la base suivante** :

- la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement
 la description telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement
 telle qu'elle a été modifiée en vertu de l'article 34
 les revendications telles qu'elles ont été déposées initialement
 telles qu'elles ont été modifiées en vertu de l'article 19 (avec, le cas échéant, la déclaration jointe aux modifications)
 telles qu'elles ont été modifiées en vertu de l'article 34
 les dessins tels qu'ils ont été déposés initialement
 tels qu'ils ont été modifiés en vertu de l'article 34

2. Le déposant souhaite que les modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 soient considérées comme écartées.

3. Le déposant souhaite que le commencement de l'examen préliminaire international **soit différé** jusqu'à l'expiration d'un délai de 20 mois à compter de la date de priorité, à moins que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ne reçoive une copie des modifications effectuées en vertu de l'article 19 ou une déclaration du déposant, aux termes de laquelle celui-ci ne souhaite pas effectuer de modifications en vertu de l'article 19 (règle 69.1.d). *(Ne pas cocher cette case lorsque le délai visé à l'article 19 a expiré.)*

* Lorsque aucune case n'est cochée, l'examen préliminaire international commencera sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement ou, si l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international reçoit copie des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 ou des modifications apportées à la demande internationale en vertu de l'article 34 avant d'avoir commencé à rédiger une opinion écrite ou le rapport d'examen préliminaire international, sur la base de la demande internationale ainsi modifiée.

Langue : l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué en, **qui est**

- la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale a été déposée.
 la langue d'une traduction remise aux fins de la recherche internationale.
 la langue de publication de la demande internationale.
 la langue de la traduction (qui sera) remise aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international.

Cadre n° V ÉLECTION D'ÉTATS

Le déposant **élit tous les États éligibles** *(c'est-à-dire tous les États qui ont été désignés et qui sont liés par le chapitre II du PCT)* à l'exclusion des États ci-après que le déposant souhaite **ne pas élire** :

Box No. VI CHECK LIST

The demand is accompanied by the following elements, in the language referred to in Box No. IV, for the purposes of international preliminary examination:			For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only	
			received	not received
1.	translation of international application	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	amendments under Article 34	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	letter	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	other (<i>specify</i>)	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The demand is also accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

1. <input type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet	5. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature
2. <input type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney	6. <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listing in computer readable form
3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney	7. <input type="checkbox"/> other (<i>specify</i>):
4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:	

Box No. VII SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the demand).

For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only

1. Date of actual receipt of DEMAND:	
2. Adjusted date of receipt of demand due to CORRECTIONS under Rule 60.1(b):	
3. <input type="checkbox"/> The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and item 4 or 5, below, does not apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> The applicant has been informed accordingly.
4. <input type="checkbox"/> The date of receipt of the demand is WITHIN the period of 19 months from the priority date as extended by virtue of Rule 80.5.	
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82.	

For International Bureau use only

Demand received from IPEA on:

Cadre n° VI BORDEREAU

Aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international, les éléments suivants, établis dans la langue indiquée au cadre n° IV, sont joints à la présente demande d'examen :

- | | | |
|--|---|----------|
| 1. traduction de la demande internationale | : | feuilles |
| 2. modifications selon l'article 34 | : | feuilles |
| 3. copie (ou, si elle est exigée, traduction) des modifications selon l'article 19 | : | feuilles |
| 4. copie (ou, si elle est exigée, traduction) de la déclaration selon l'article 19 | : | feuilles |
| 5. lettre | : | feuilles |
| 6. autres pièces (<i>préciser</i>) | : | feuilles |

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

reçu	non reçu
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Le ou les éléments cochés ci-après sont aussi joints à la demande d'examen préliminaire international :

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> feuille de calcul des taxes | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> explication de l'absence d'une signature |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> pouvoir distinct original | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> original du pouvoir général | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> autres éléments (<i>préciser</i>) : |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> copie du pouvoir général; le cas échéant, numéro de référence : | |

Cadre n° VII SIGNATURE DU DÉPOSANT, DU MANDATAIRE OU DU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN

À côté de chaque signature, indiquer le nom du signataire et, si cela n'apparaît pas clairement à la lecture de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, à quel titre l'intéressé signe.

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

1. Date effective de réception de la DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL :

2. Date modifiée de réception de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, en cas de CORRECTIONS apportées en vertu de la règle 60.1.b) :

3. La demande d'examen préliminaire international a été reçue PLUS DE 19 mois après la date de priorité et les points 4 et 5 ne sont pas applicables.

Le déposant a été informé en conséquence.

4. La demande d'examen préliminaire international a été reçue dans le délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité, prorogé en vertu de la règle 80.5.

5. Bien que la demande d'examen préliminaire international ait été reçue plus de 19 mois après la date de priorité, le retard à l'arrivée est EXCUSÉ en vertu de la règle 82.

Réservé au Bureau international

Demande d'examen préliminaire international reçue de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international le :

NOTES TO THE DEMAND FORM (PCT/IPEA/401)

These Notes are intended to facilitate the filling in of the demand form and to give some information concerning international preliminary examination under Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). For more detailed information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a WIPO publication, which is available, together with other PCT related documents, at WIPO's Website: www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html. The Notes are based on the requirements of the PCT, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. In case of any discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable.

In the demand form and these Notes, "Article", "Rule" and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the Administrative Instructions, respectively.

Please use a typewriter; check-boxes may be marked by hand with dark ink (Rules 11.9(a) and (b) and 11.14).

The demand form and these Notes may be downloaded from WIPO's Website at the address given above.

IMPORTANT GENERAL INFORMATION

Who May File a Demand? (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54): A demand (for international preliminary examination) may only be filed by an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II of the PCT; furthermore, the international application must have been filed with a receiving Office of, or acting for, a State bound by Chapter II. Where there are two or more applicants (for the same or different elected States) at least one of them must qualify.

Where Must the Demand Be Filed? (Article 31(6)(a)): The demand must be filed with a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA). The receiving Office with which the international application was filed will, upon request, give information about the competent IPEA (or see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C). If several IPEAs are competent, the applicant has the choice and the demand must be filed with (and the fees must be paid to) the IPEA chosen by the applicant. The IPEA chosen by the applicant may be identified, preferably by an indication of the name or two-letter code of the IPEA, at the top of the first sheet of the demand in the space provided for that purpose.

When Must the Demand Be Filed? (Article 39(1)): The demand must be filed within 19 months from the priority date, but **only in respect of some designated Offices**, if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later); otherwise, the applicant must, within 20 months from the priority date, perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before those designated Offices. **In respect of other designated Offices, the time limit of 30 months (in some Offices even later) will apply** even if no demand is filed within 19 months. See the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 and, for details about the applicable time limits, Office by Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, National Chapters.

In Which Language Must the Demand Be Filed? (Rule 55.1): The demand must be filed in the language in which international preliminary examination will be carried out (see Notes to Box No. IV).

What is the Language of Correspondence? (Rules 66.9 and 92.2 and Section 104): Any letter from the applicant to the IPEA must be in the same language as the international application to which it relates. However, where the international preliminary examination will be carried out on the basis of a translation (see Notes to Box No. IV), any letter from the applicant to the IPEA must be in the language of the translation. The IPEA may authorize the use of other languages for letters which do not contain or relate to amendments of the international application. Any letter from the applicant to the International Bureau must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international

application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

Which Fees Must Be Paid and When? (Rules 57 and 58): Two fees are due in respect of the international preliminary examination: the preliminary examination fee and the handling fee. Both fees must be paid to the IPEA within one month from the date on which the demand is submitted. The Fee Calculation Sheet should be used for that purpose. For details concerning the payment of the fees, see the Notes to that Sheet.

BOX No. I

Applicant's or Agent's File Reference: A file reference may be indicated, if desired. It should not exceed 12 characters. Characters in excess of 12 may be disregarded (Section 109).

Identification of the International Application (Rule 53.6): The international application number must be indicated in Box No. I. Where the demand is filed at a time when the international application number has not yet been notified by the receiving Office, the name of that Office must be indicated instead of the international application number.

International Filing Date and (Earliest) Priority Date (Section 110): Dates must be indicated by the Arabic number of the day, the name of the month and the Arabic number of the year—in that order; after, below or above such indication, the date should be repeated in parentheses, using two-digit Arabic numerals for each of the number of the day, the number of the month and the last two digits of the year, in that order, and separated by periods, slants or hyphens, for example, "20 March 2001 (20.03.01)", "20 March 2001 (20/03/01)" or "20 March 2001 (20-03-01)". Where the international application claims the priority of several earlier applications, the filing date of the earliest application whose priority is claimed must be indicated as the priority date.

Title of the Invention: If a new title has been established by the International Searching Authority, that title must be indicated in Box No. I.

BOX No. II

Applicant(s) (Rule 53.4): All the applicants for the elected States must be indicated in the demand; an applicant named in the request (Form PCT/RO/101) for a State which is not elected need not be named in the demand. It should be noted that the persons named as "inventor only" in the request need not be named in the demand.

Make in Box No. II of the demand the required indications as appearing in Boxes Nos. II and III of the request. The Notes

NOTES RELATIVES AU FORMULAIRE DE DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL (PCT/IPEA/401)

Ces notes sont destinées à faciliter l'utilisation du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et à donner certains renseignements concernant l'examen préliminaire international prévu au chapitre II du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT). On peut aussi trouver de plus amples renseignements dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, publié par l'OMPI, qui est disponible, de même que d'autres documents relatifs au PCT, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/index.html. Les notes sont fondées sur les exigences du traité, du règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT. En cas de divergence entre les présentes notes et ces exigences, ce sont ces dernières qui priment.

Dans le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et dans les présentes notes, les termes "article", "règle" et "instruction" renvoient aux dispositions du traité, de son règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT, respectivement.

Prière de remplir le formulaire à la machine à écrire. Les cases appropriées peuvent être cochées à la main, à l'encre foncée (règles 11.9.a) et b) et 11.14).

Le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et les présentes notes peuvent être téléchargés depuis le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse donnée ci-dessus.

RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS D'ORDRE GÉNÉRAL

Qui peut présenter une demande d'examen préliminaire international ? (article 31.2a) et règle 54) : une demande d'examen préliminaire international ne peut être présentée que par un déposant qui est ressortissant d'un État contractant lié par le chapitre II du PCT ou qui a son domicile dans un tel État; en outre, la demande internationale doit avoir été déposée auprès de l'office récepteur d'un État lié par le chapitre II, ou agissant pour un tel État. S'il y a plusieurs déposants (pour les mêmes États élus ou pour des États élus différents), au moins l'un d'entre eux doit remplir les conditions requises.

Où la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (article 31.6a)) : la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être présentée à une administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (IPEA) compétente. L'office récepteur auprès duquel la demande internationale a été déposée donnera, sur demande, des renseignements au sujet de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui est compétente (voir aussi le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C). Si plusieurs administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international sont compétentes, le déposant doit présenter la demande d'examen préliminaire international à l'administration de son choix (et lui payer les taxes). Cette administration peut être indiquée, de préférence au moyen de son nom ou de son code à deux lettres, en haut de la première feuille de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, dans l'espace prévu à cet effet.

Quand la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (article 39.1)) : la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être présentée avant l'expiration d'un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité, **mais seulement en ce qui concerne certains offices désignés**, si le déposant souhaite le report de la phase nationale jusqu'à 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité (ou plus dans certains offices); sinon, le déposant doit, dans le délai de 20 mois à compter de la date de priorité, accomplir les actes requis pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de ces offices. **En ce qui concerne d'autres offices désignés, le délai de 30 mois (dans certains offices, même plus tard) s'appliquera** même si aucune demande d'examen préliminaire international n'est présentée dans les 19 mois. Voir l'annexe du formulaire PCT/IB/301 et les chapitres nationaux du volume II du *Guide du déposant du PCT*.

En quelle langue la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (règle 55.1) : la

demande d'examen doit être présentée dans la langue dans laquelle l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué (voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV).

Quelle est la langue à utiliser dans la correspondance ? (règles 66.9 et 92.2 et instruction 104) : toute lettre adressée par le déposant à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale qu'elle concerne. Cependant, lorsque l'examen préliminaire international doit être effectué sur la base d'une traduction (voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV), toute lettre adressée par le déposant à l'administration chargée de cet examen doit être rédigée dans la langue de la traduction. L'administration chargée de l'examen peut autoriser l'utilisation d'autres langues pour des lettres qui ne contiennent pas de modifications de la demande internationale ou qui ne se rapportent pas à des modifications. Toute lettre adressée par le déposant au Bureau international doit être rédigée en anglais ou en français, au choix du déposant. Toutefois, si la langue de la demande internationale est l'anglais, la lettre doit être rédigée en anglais; si la langue de la demande internationale est le français, la lettre doit être rédigée en français.

Quelles taxes doivent être payées et quand ? (règles 57 et 58) : l'examen préliminaire international donne lieu au paiement de deux taxes : la taxe d'examen préliminaire et la taxe de traitement. Ces deux taxes doivent être acquittées auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de présentation de la demande d'examen. La feuille de calcul des taxes devrait être utilisée à cette fin. Pour de plus amples renseignements concernant le paiement des taxes, voir les notes relatives à cette feuille.

CADRE N° I

Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire : il est possible d'indiquer, à titre facultatif, une telle référence de dossier. Celle-ci ne devrait pas dépasser 12 caractères. L'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international peut ne pas tenir compte des caractères en sus du douzième (instruction 109).

Identification de la demande internationale (règle 53.6) : le numéro de la demande internationale doit être indiqué dans le cadre n° I. Si la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée alors même que le numéro de la demande

to the request apply *mutatis mutandis*. If there are two or more applicants for the States elected in the demand, give the required indications for each of them; if there are more than three applicants, make the required indications on the "Continuation Sheet".

If different applicants are indicated in the request for different designated States, indicate in Box No. II of the demand only the applicants for the States elected in Box No. V (no indication of the States for which a person is applicant need be made, because those indications have been made in the request).

Applicant's registration number with the Office (Rule 53.4): Where the applicant is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority, the demand may indicate the number or other indication under which the applicant is so registered.

BOX No. III

Agent or Common Representative (Rules 53.5, 90.1 and 90.2): Mark the applicable check-boxes to indicate *first* whether the person named in this Box is agent or common representative, *then* whether that person *has been appointed earlier* (i.e., during the procedure under Chapter I), or *is appointed in the demand* and any earlier appointment of another person is revoked, or *is appointed specifically for the procedure before the IPEA* (without revocation of any earlier appointment), in addition to the person(s) appointed earlier.

Where an additional person is appointed specifically for the procedure before the IPEA, all notifications issued by the IPEA will be addressed only to that additional person.

A separate power of attorney must be filed with the IPEA, the International Bureau or the receiving Office, if the person appointed at the time the demand is filed (i.e., was not appointed earlier) signs the demand on behalf of the applicant (Rule 90.4).

Agent's registration number with the Office (Rule 53.5): Where the agent is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority, the demand may indicate the number or other indication under which the agent is so registered.

Address for Correspondence (Rule 4.4(d) and Section 108): Where an agent is appointed, any correspondence intended for the applicant will be sent to the address indicated for that agent (or for the first-mentioned agent, if more than one is appointed). Where one of two or more applicants is appointed as common representative, the address indicated for that applicant in Box No. III will be used.

Where no agent or common representative is appointed, any correspondence will be sent to the address, indicated in Box No. II, of the applicant (if only one person is named as applicant) or of the applicant who is considered to be common representative (if there are two or more persons named as applicants). However, if the applicant wishes correspondence to be sent to a different address in such a case, that address may be indicated in Box No. III instead of the designation of an agent or common representative. In this case, and only in this case, the last check-box of Box No. III must be marked (that is, the last check-box must not be marked if either of the check-boxes "agent" or "common representative" in Box No. III has been marked).

BOX No. IV

Statement Concerning Amendments (Rules 53.2(a)(v), 53.9, 62, 66.1 and 69.1): The international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as filed or, if amendments have been filed, as amended. Mark the appropriate check-box(es) to enable the IPEA to determine when and on what basis it can start international preliminary examination.

Mark the corresponding check-box(es) under No. 1 where the international preliminary examination should start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or where amendments are to be taken into account, as the case may be. Where amendments are to be taken into account, the applicant must submit *with the demand* a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 (Rule 53.9(a)(i)) and/or the amendments of the international application under Article 34 (Rule 53.9(c)), as the case may be. If a check-box is marked but the demand is not accompanied by the documents referred to, the start of international preliminary examination will be delayed until the IPEA receives them.

Mark check-box No. 2 if amendments of the claims under Article 19 have been filed with the International Bureau during the Chapter I procedure, but the applicant does not want these amendments to be taken into account for the purpose of international preliminary examination when the latter starts (Rule 53.9(a)(ii)).

Mark check-box No. 3 where the time limit for filing amendments of the claims under Article 19 has not expired at the time the demand is filed and the applicant wants to keep the option for the filing of such amendments open; the IPEA is thus requested to postpone the start of international preliminary examination (Rules 53.9(b) and 69.1(d)). It should be noted that the examination will start in any event after the expiration of 20 months from the priority date even where the time limit for filing amendments has not yet expired or no amendments have been received by the IPEA.

If no check-box is marked, refer to the footnote at the bottom of the Box.

Language for the Purposes of International Preliminary Examination (Rule 55.2): Where neither the language in which the international application is filed nor the language in which the international application is published is accepted by the IPEA that is to carry out the international preliminary examination, the applicant must furnish with the demand a translation of the international application into a language which is both a language accepted by that Authority and a language of publication.

Where such translation has already been furnished to the International Searching Authority for the purposes of carrying out international search and the IPEA is part of the same Office or intergovernmental organization as the International Searching Authority, the applicant need not furnish another translation. In such a case the international preliminary examination is carried out on the basis of the translation furnished for the purposes of international search.

The language for the purposes of international preliminary examination should be indicated in Box No. IV, on the dotted line, and the corresponding check-box should be marked.

internationale n'a pas encore été notifié par l'office récepteur, le nom de cet office doit être indiqué en lieu et place du numéro de la demande internationale.

Date du dépôt international et date de priorité (la plus ancienne) (instruction 110) : les dates doivent être indiquées au moyen du quantième, en chiffres arabes, suivi du nom du mois puis de l'année en chiffres arabes, dans cet ordre; à côté, au-dessous ou au-dessus de cette indication, il y a lieu de répéter la date, mais entre parenthèses, sous la forme de numéros à deux chiffres arabes, séparés par un point, une barre oblique ou un tiret, et dans l'ordre suivant : quantième, mois et année (celle-ci étant indiquée au moyen des deux derniers chiffres); exemples "20 mars 2001 (20.03.01)", "20 mars 2001 (20/03/01)" ou "20 mars 2001 (20-03-01)". Lorsque la demande internationale revendique la priorité de plusieurs demandes antérieures, la date de dépôt de la plus ancienne demande dont la priorité est revendiquée doit être indiquée en tant que date de priorité.

Titre de l'invention : si l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale a établi un nouveau titre, celui-ci doit être indiqué dans le cadre n° I.

CADRE N° II

Déposant(s) (règle 53.4) : tous les déposants qui ont cette qualité pour les États élus doivent être mentionnés dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international; un déposant mentionné dans la requête (formulaire PCT/RO/101) pour un État qui n'est pas élu n'a pas à être mentionné dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Il est à noter que les personnes mentionnées dans la requête comme "inventeur seulement" n'ont pas non plus à être mentionnées dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

Reprendre dans le cadre n° II de la demande d'examen préliminaire international les indications requises figurant dans les cadres n°s II et III de la requête. Les notes relatives à la requête s'appliquent *mutatis mutandis*. S'il y a pluralité de déposants pour les États élus dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international, fournir les indications requises sur chacun d'eux; si ces déposants sont plus de trois, porter les indications en question sur une "feuille annexe".

Si, dans la requête, des déposants différents sont indiqués pour différents États désignés, n'indiquer dans le cadre n° II de la demande d'examen préliminaire international que les déposants ayant cette qualité pour les États élus dans le cadre n° V (il n'y a pas lieu d'indiquer les États pour lesquels une personne est mentionnée comme déposant, car ces indications ont été fournies dans la requête).

Numéro sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 53.4) : lorsque le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, la demande d'examen préliminaire international peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

CADRE N° III

Mandataire ou représentant commun (règles 53.5, 90.1 et 90.2) : cocher les cases appropriées afin d'indiquer, *premièrement*, si la personne indiquée dans le cadre n° III est mandataire ou représentant commun, *deuxièmement*, si cette personne a été désignée à une date antérieure (c'est-à-dire au cours de la procédure prévue au chapitre I), *est désignée dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international* (toute désignation antérieure d'une autre personne étant révoquée) ou *est désignée spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire*

international (sans qu'il y ait révocation d'une désignation antérieure) en sus de la ou des personnes désignées antérieurement.

Lorsqu'une personne supplémentaire est désignée spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, toute la correspondance émanant de cette administration sera adressée seulement à cette personne supplémentaire.

Un pouvoir distinct doit être déposé auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, du Bureau international ou de l'office récepteur si la personne qui est désignée au moment de la présentation de la demande d'examen préliminaire international (et qui n'a donc pas été désignée antérieurement) signe cette demande d'examen au nom du déposant (règle 90.4).

Numéro sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 53.5) : lorsque le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, la demande d'examen préliminaire international peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Adresse pour la correspondance (règle 4.4.d) et instruction 108) : si un mandataire est désigné, toute correspondance destinée au déposant sera envoyée à l'adresse indiquée pour ce mandataire (ou pour le mandataire mentionné en premier, si plusieurs mandataires ont été désignés). Lorsque, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux est désigné comme représentant commun, l'adresse indiquée pour ce déposant dans le cadre n° III sera utilisée.

Si aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est désigné, la correspondance sera envoyée à l'adresse – indiquée dans le cadre n° II – du déposant (s'il n'y a qu'une seule personne indiquée comme déposant) ou du déposant considéré comme le représentant commun (s'il y a plusieurs personnes indiquées comme déposants). Cependant, si le ou les déposants souhaitent dans ce cas que la correspondance soit envoyée à une adresse différente, il est possible d'indiquer cette adresse dans le cadre n° III, en lieu et place de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun. C'est dans ce cas et seulement dans ce cas qu'il y a lieu de cocher la dernière case du cadre n° III (c'est-à-dire que la dernière case ne doit pas être cochée si l'une des cases "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" a été cochée).

CADRE N° IV

Déclaration concernant les modifications (règles 53.2.a)v), 53.9, 62, 66.1 et 69.1) : l'examen préliminaire international commencera sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée ou, si des modifications ont été déposées, telle qu'elle a été modifiée. Cocher la ou les cases appropriées pour permettre à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international de déterminer si elle peut commencer l'examen préliminaire international et sur quelle base.

Cocher la ou les cases appropriées de la rubrique n° 1 pour indiquer si l'examen préliminaire international doit commencer sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée ou s'il doit être tenu compte de modifications, selon le cas. S'il y a des modifications à prendre en compte, le déposant doit présenter *avec la demande d'examen* une copie des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 (règle 53.9.a)i) ou des modifications apportées à la demande internationale en vertu de l'article 34 (règle 53.9.c)), ou une copie des deux types de

Language of Amendments (Rules 55.3 and 66.9): Amendments and letters relating thereto must be in the same language as that in which the international preliminary examination is carried out, as explained in the preceding paragraphs.

Time Limit for Furnishing Translation of the International Application (Rule 55.2): Any required translation of the international application should be furnished (by the applicant) together with the demand. If it is not so furnished, the IPEA will invite the applicant to furnish it within a time limit which shall not be less than one month from the date of the invitation. That time limit may be extended by the IPEA.

BOX No. V

Election of States (Rule 53.7): Only States which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT *and* which have been designated in the international application (that is, States whose designations have been made under Rule 4.9(a), confirmed under Rule 4.9(c) or considered as having been made under Rule 32.2(a)(i)) can be elected. They are the “eligible States”.

For the convenience and protection of applicants, Box No. V contains a statement to the effect that all eligible States are elected. It is only where the applicant does not wish to elect certain eligible States that the name(s) or two-letter code(s) of those States must be indicated after the words “wishes not to elect:”.

The indication in the demand of the kind of protection or treatment desired for any elected State is not required since

it follows the indication made when designating that State in the international application.

BOX No. VI

Check List: It is recommended that this Box be filled in carefully in order for the IPEA to determine as soon as possible whether it is in possession of the documents on the basis of which the applicant wishes international preliminary examination to start.

Where the international application contains disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences, and a copy of the sequence listing in computer readable form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions is required by the IPEA, the applicant may furnish the listing in computer readable form to the IPEA with the demand. If this is the case, check-box No. 5 must be marked.

BOX No. VII

Signature (Rules 53.8, 90.3(a) and 90.4(a)): The demand must be signed by the applicant or by his agent; if there are two or more applicants, the common representative may sign the demand. If the demand is not signed by (all) the persons who are applicants for the elected States (a person who is applicant only for a State which is not elected need not sign the demand), a power of attorney signed by that (all those) applicant(s) must be filed with the IPEA, with the International Bureau or with the receiving Office unless the agent has previously been appointed.

modifications, selon le cas. Si une case est cochée et que les documents correspondants ne sont pas joints à la demande d'examen préliminaire international, le commencement de cet examen sera différé jusqu'à ce que l'administration qui en est chargée les reçoive.

Cocher la case n° 2 si des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 ont été déposées auprès du Bureau international lors de la procédure prévue au chapitre I, et que le déposant ne veut pas qu'il en soit tenu compte aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international lorsque celui-ci commencera (règle 53.9.a)ii).

Cocher la case n° 3 si le délai fixé pour le dépôt de modifications des revendications en vertu de l'article 19 n'a pas expiré au moment où la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée et que le déposant veut conserver la possibilité de déposer de telles modifications; il est ainsi demandé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international de différer le commencement de cet examen (règles 53.9.b) et 69.1.d)). Il est à noter que l'examen commencera, en tout état de cause, après l'expiration d'un délai de 20 mois à compter de la date de priorité, même si le délai pour déposer des modifications n'a pas expiré ou que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international n'a reçu aucune modification.

Si aucune case n'est cochée, la procédure décrite dans la note figurant au bas du cadre sera suivie.

Langue aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international (règle 55.2) : lorsque ni la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée ni la langue dans laquelle elle est publiée n'est acceptée par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui effectuera cet examen, le déposant doit remettre avec la demande d'examen préliminaire international une traduction de la demande internationale dans une langue qui est à la fois une langue acceptée par cette administration et une langue de publication.

Lorsqu'une traduction répondant à ces critères a déjà été remise à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale pour les besoins de cette recherche et que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international fait partie du même office ou de la même organisation intergouvernementale que l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, il n'est pas nécessaire pour le déposant de remettre une autre traduction. Dans ce cas, l'examen préliminaire international est effectué sur la base de la traduction remise aux fins de la recherche internationale.

La langue dans laquelle sera effectué l'examen préliminaire international doit être indiquée dans le cadre n° IV sur la ligne pointillée, et la case appropriée la concernant doit être cochée.

Langue des modifications (règles 55.3 et 66.9) : les modifications et les lettres qui s'y rapportent doivent être rédigées dans la langue dans laquelle l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué, comme il est expliqué aux paragraphes précédents.

Délai imparti pour remettre une traduction de la demande internationale (règle 55.2) : toute traduction de la demande internationale qui est exigée doit être remise (par le déposant) en même temps que la demande d'examen

préliminaire international. Si la traduction n'est pas remise en même temps, l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international invitera le déposant à remettre cette traduction dans un délai qui sera d'au moins un mois à compter de la date de l'invitation. Ce délai peut être prorogé par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

CADRE N° V

Élection d'États (règle 53.7) : seuls peuvent être élus les États qui sont liés par le chapitre II du PCT *et* qui ont été désignés dans la demande internationale (c'est-à-dire qui ont fait l'objet de désignations faites en vertu de la règle 4.9.a), confirmées en vertu de la règle 4.9.c) ou considérées comme ayant été faites, en vertu de la règle 32.2.a)ii)). Ces États sont les "États éligibles".

Pour faciliter la tâche des déposants et les protéger, le cadre n° V contient une déclaration selon laquelle tous les États éligibles sont élus. Ce n'est que si le déposant ne souhaite pas élire certains États éligibles qu'il doit indiquer le nom ou le code à deux lettres de ces États après les mots "souhaite ne pas élire :".

Il n'est pas nécessaire d'indiquer dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international quelle forme de protection ou de traitement est souhaitée pour tel ou tel État élu puisque les indications portées dans la demande internationale lors de la désignation de cet État restent valables.

CADRE N° VI

Bordereau : il est recommandé de remplir soigneusement ce cadre pour que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international puisse déterminer le plus rapidement possible si elle est en possession de la ou des modifications ou de la ou des lettres sur la base desquelles le déposant souhaite que l'examen préliminaire international commence.

Lorsque la demande internationale contient la divulgation d'une ou plusieurs séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés, et qu'une copie du listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, conforme à la norme figurant dans les instructions administratives, est requise par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, le déposant peut fournir à cette administration, conjointement avec la demande d'examen préliminaire international, le listage en question sous une forme déchiffrable par ordinateur. S'il le fait, la case n° 5 doit être cochée.

CADRE N° VII

Signature (règles 53.8, 90.3.a) et 90.4.a) : la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être signée par le déposant ou par son mandataire; s'il y a plusieurs déposants, elle peut l'être par le représentant commun. Si elle n'est pas signée par une ou plusieurs personnes qui ont la qualité de déposant pour les États élus (une personne qui est déposant seulement pour un État non élu n'a pas besoin de signer la demande d'examen préliminaire international), un pouvoir signé par ces personnes doit être déposé auprès du Bureau international, de l'office récepteur ou de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, sauf si le mandataire a été désigné à une date antérieure.

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FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Demand

International application No.	For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only			
Applicant's or agent's file reference	Date stamp of the IPEA			
Applicant				
<p>CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES</p> <p>1. Preliminary examination fee P</p> <p>2. Handling fee (<i>Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the handling fee. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the amount to be entered at H is 25% of the handling fee.</i>) H</p> <p>3. Total of prescribed fees Add the amounts entered at P and H and enter total in the TOTAL box</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 200px; margin-left: 100px; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">TOTAL</div>				
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FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES

Annexe de la demande d'examen préliminaire international

Demande internationale n°	Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international	
Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire	Timbre à date de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international	
Déposant		
CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES		
1. Taxe d'examen préliminaire	<input type="text"/>	P
2. Taxe de traitement <i>(Les déposants de certains États ont droit à une réduction de 75% de la taxe de traitement. Lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à cette réduction, le montant devant figurer sous H est égal à 25% de la taxe de traitement.)</i>	<input type="text"/>	H
3. Total des taxes prescrites Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres P et H et inscrire le résultat dans le cadre TOTAL	<input type="text"/>	
TOTAL		
MODE DE PAIEMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> autorisation de débiter un compte de dépôt auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (voir plus bas)	<input type="checkbox"/> espèces	
<input type="checkbox"/> chèque	<input type="checkbox"/> timbres fiscaux	
<input type="checkbox"/> mandat postal	<input type="checkbox"/> coupons	
<input type="checkbox"/> traite bancaire	<input type="checkbox"/> autre (<i>préciser</i>) :	
AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT <i>(Les administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international ne permettent pas toutes l'utilisation de ce mode de paiement)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Autorisation de débiter le total des taxes indiqué ci-dessus.	IPEA/ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>(Cette case ne peut être cochée que si les conditions relatives aux comptes de dépôt établies par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international le permettent)</i> Autorisation de débiter tout montant manquant – ou de créditer de tout excédent – dans le paiement du total des taxes indiqué ci-dessus.	N° de compte de dépôt : _____	
	Date : _____	
	Nom : _____	
	Signature : _____	

NOTES TO THE FEE CALCULATION SHEET (ANNEX TO FORM PCT/IPEA/401)

The purpose of the fee calculation sheet is to help the applicant to identify the prescribed fees and to calculate the amounts to be paid. It is strongly recommended that the applicant complete, by entering the appropriate amounts in the boxes provided, and submit the fee calculation sheet at the time of filing of the demand. This will help the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) to verify the calculations and to identify any error in them.

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

Two fees must be paid for international preliminary examination:

- (i) the preliminary examination fee for the benefit of the IPEA (Rule 58.1);
- (ii) the handling fee for the benefit of the International Bureau (Rule 57).

Both fees must be paid to the IPEA within one month from the date on which the demand is submitted. The amount payable is the amount applicable on the date of submittal (Rules 57.3 and 58.1(b)). The fees must be paid in a currency acceptable to the IPEA.

Information about the amount of those fees or about equivalent amounts in other currencies can be obtained from the IPEA or the receiving Office. This information is also published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex E, and from time to time in Section IV of the *PCT Gazette*.

Box P: The amount of the preliminary examination fee must be entered in Box P.

Box H: The amount of the handling fee must be entered in Box H.

Reduction of the Handling Fee for Applicants from Certain States: An applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997) is entitled, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees, to a reduction of 75% of certain PCT fees including the handling fee. If there are several applicants, each must satisfy the above-mentioned criteria. The reduction of the handling fee will be automatically available to any applicant (or applicants) who is (or are) so entitled on the basis of the indications of name, nationality and residence given in Box No. II of the demand.

The fee reduction will be available even if one or more of the applicants are not from PCT Contracting States, provided that each of them is a national and resident of a State that meets the above-mentioned requirements and that at least one of the applicants is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State and thus is entitled to file an international application.

Natural persons who are nationals of and reside in the following PCT Contracting States are eligible: AL Albania, AM Armenia, AZ Azerbaijan, BA Bosnia and Herzegovina, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgaria, BJ Benin, BR Brazil, BY Belarus, BZ Belize, CF Central African Republic,

CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroon, CN China, CO Colombia, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ Czech Republic, DM Dominica, DZ Algeria, EC Ecuador, EE Estonia, GA Gabon, GD Grenada, GE Georgia, GH Ghana, GM Gambia, GN Guinea, GQ Equatorial Guinea, GW Guinea-Bissau, HR Croatia, HU Hungary, ID Indonesia, IN India, KE Kenya, KG Kyrgyzstan, KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Saint Lucia, LK Sri Lanka, LR Liberia, LS Lesotho, LT Lithuania, LV Latvia, MA Morocco, MD Republic of Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, ML Mali, MN Mongolia, MR Mauritania, MW Malawi, MX Mexico, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, PH Philippines, PL Poland, RO Romania, RU Russian Federation, SD Sudan, SK Slovakia, SL Sierra Leone, SN Senegal, SZ Swaziland, TD Chad, TG Togo, TJ Tajikistan, TM Turkmenistan, TN Tunisia, TR Turkey, TZ United Republic of Tanzania, UA Ukraine, UG Uganda, UZ Uzbekistan, VN Viet Nam, YU Yugoslavia, ZA South Africa, ZM Zambia and ZW Zimbabwe. As far as other States are concerned, inquiries should be addressed to the International Bureau.

Calculation of the Handling Fee in Case of Fee Reduction: Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) entitled to a reduction of the handling fee, the total to be entered at Box H is 25% of the handling fee.

Total Box: The total of the amounts inserted in Boxes P and H is the amount which must be paid to the IPEA.

MODE OF PAYMENT

In order to help the IPEA identify the mode of payment of the prescribed fees, it is recommended to mark the applicable check-box(es).

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The applicant should check whether the IPEA allows the use of deposit accounts for payment of PCT fees. In addition, it is recommended that the applicant check what are the specific conditions applicable to the use of deposit accounts with the IPEA since not all IPEAs provide the same services.

Finally, if the IPEA is not the same national Office or intergovernmental organization as that with which the international application was filed, the deposit account with the receiving Office cannot be charged for the purpose of paying the preliminary examination and handling fees due to the IPEA.

The IPEA will not charge fees to deposit accounts unless the deposit account authorization is signed and indicates the deposit account number.

NOTES RELATIVES À LA FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES (ANNEXE DU FORMULAIRE PCT/IPEA/401)

La feuille de calcul des taxes a pour objet d'aider le déposant à recenser les taxes prescrites et à calculer les montants à payer. Il lui est vivement recommandé de remplir cette feuille en portant les montants appropriés dans les cadres prévus et de la joindre à la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Cela aidera l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (IPEA) à vérifier les calculs et à y déceler d'éventuelles erreurs.

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

L'examen préliminaire international donne lieu au paiement de deux taxes :

- i) la taxe d'examen préliminaire, au profit de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (règle 58.1);
- ii) la taxe de traitement, au profit du Bureau international (règle 57).

Ces deux taxes doivent être payées à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée. Le montant dû est le montant applicable à la date de présentation de cette demande d'examen (règles 57.3 et 58.1.b)). Les taxes doivent être payées dans une monnaie que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international accepte.

Des renseignements au sujet du montant de ces taxes ou de leur contre-valeur en d'autres monnaies peuvent être obtenus auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ou de l'office récepteur. Ces renseignements figurent également dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe E, et sont aussi publiés périodiquement dans la section IV de la *Gazette du PCT*.

Cadre P : le montant de la taxe d'examen préliminaire doit être inscrit dans le cadre P.

Cadre H : le montant de la taxe de traitement doit être inscrit dans le cadre H.

Réduction de la taxe de traitement pour les déposants de certains États : un déposant qui est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et est domiciliée dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3 000 dollars des États-Unis a droit, conformément au barème de taxes, à une réduction de 75% de certaines taxes du PCT, dont la taxe de traitement. S'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire à ces critères. La réduction de la taxe de traitement s'appliquera automatiquement à tout déposant qui y a droit (ou à tous les déposants qui y ont droit) au vu des indications de nom, de nationalité et de domicile données dans le cadre n° II de la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

La réduction de la taxe s'appliquera même si l'un ou plusieurs des déposants ne viennent pas d'États contractants du PCT, à condition que chacun d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État, et domicilié dans un État, qui répond aux critères mentionnés ci-dessus et qu'au moins l'un d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT, et domicilié dans un tel État, et ait donc le droit de déposer une demande internationale.

Les personnes physiques qui sont ressortissantes des États contractants du PCT suivants, et qui sont domiciliées dans ces États, peuvent bénéficier de cette réduction : AL Albanie, AM Arménie, AZ Azerbaïdjan, BA Bosnie-Herzégovine, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgarie, BJ Bénin, BR Brésil, BY Bélarus,

BZ Belize, CF République centrafricaine, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroun, CN Chine, CO Colombie, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ République tchèque, DM Dominique, DZ Algérie, EC Équateur, EE Estonie, GA Gabon, GD Grenade, GE Géorgie, GH Ghana, GM Gambie, GN Guinée, GQ Guinée équatoriale, GW Guinée-Bissau, HR Croatie, HU Hongrie, ID Indonésie, IN Inde, KE Kenya, KG Kirghizistan, KP République populaire démocratique de Corée, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Sainte-Lucie, LK Sri Lanka, LR Libéria, LS Lesotho, LT Lituanie, LV Lettonie, MA Maroc, MD République de Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, ML Mali, MN Mongolie, MR Mauritanie, MW Malawi, MX Mexique, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, PH Philippines, PL Pologne, RO Roumanie, RU Fédération de Russie, SD Soudan, SK Slovaquie, SL Sierra Leone, SN Sénégal, SZ Swaziland, TD Tchad, TG Togo, TJ Tadjikistan, TM Turkménistan, TN Tunisie, TR Turquie, TZ République-Unie de Tanzanie, UA Ukraine, UG Ouganda, UZ Ouzbékistan, VN Viet Nam, YU Yougoslavie, ZA Afrique du Sud, ZM Zambie et ZW Zimbabwe. En ce qui concerne d'autres États, il conviendra de s'adresser au Bureau international.

Calcul de la taxe de traitement en cas de réduction : lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à une réduction de la taxe de traitement, le montant devant figurer dans le cadre H est égal à 25% de la taxe de traitement.

Total : le total des montants inscrits dans les cadres P et H représente la somme à verser à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

MODE DE PAIEMENT

Pour aider l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international à déterminer le mode de paiement des taxes prescrites qui a été utilisé, il est recommandé de cocher la ou les cases appropriées.

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

Le déposant devrait s'assurer que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international permet l'utilisation de comptes de dépôt pour le paiement des taxes du PCT. En outre, il est recommandé qu'il prenne connaissance des modalités particulières d'utilisation des comptes de dépôt auprès de cette administration étant donné que toutes les administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international n'offrent pas les mêmes services.

Enfin, si l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international n'est pas l'office national auprès duquel, ou l'organisation intergouvernementale auprès de laquelle, la demande internationale a été déposée, le déposant ne peut pas utiliser le compte de dépôt auprès de l'office récepteur pour payer les taxes d'examen préliminaire et de traitement dues à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

L'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ne débitera un compte de dépôt du montant des taxes que si l'autorisation correspondante est signée et qu'elle indique le numéro du compte de dépôt.

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**LK Sri Lanka**

The **National Intellectual Property Office (Sri Lanka)** has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Internet: <http://nipo.sliit.lk>

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(LK), page 115]

VN Viet Nam

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam)** has notified the International Bureau that the type of protection available via the PCT previously indicated as “utility model” is in fact “patent for utility solution”. The consolidated list of the types of protection available is now as follows:

Types of protection available via the PCT: Patents, patents for utility solution

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex B1(VN), page 198]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 15 August 2002, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): NOK 7,070

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex D(EP), page 318]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**LK Sri Lanka**

L'Office national de la propriété intellectuelle (Sri Lanka) a notifié son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Internet : <http://nipo.sliit.lk>

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe B1(LK), page 117]

VN Viet Nam

L'Office national de la propriété industrielle (Viet Nam) a informé le Bureau international que le type de protection disponible par la voie PCT indiqué précédemment comme étant un "modèle d'utilité" est en fait un "brevet pour solution d'utilité". La liste récapitulative des types de protection disponibles est désormais la suivante :

Types de protection disponibles
par la voie PCT : Brevets, brevets pour solution d'utilité

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe B1(VN), page 200]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en couronnes norvégiennes (NOK), a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets (OEB). Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 août 2002, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche
internationale effectuée par l'Office
européen des brevets) : NOK 7.070

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe D(EP), page 344]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**KE Kenya**

The **Kenya Industrial Property Institute** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Kenya shillings (KES)** and **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	USD 250 or equivalent in KES plus cost of mailing
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 100 or equivalent in KES
National fee:	
For patent:	
National processing fee:	USD 150
Annual fees for the second and subsequent years, per year: ¹	[No change]
For utility model:	
National processing fee:	USD 50
Annual fees for the second and subsequent years, per year: ¹	USD 50

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(KE), page 271, and Summary (KE), page 414]

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Mexican pesos (MXP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	MXP 4,732.50 ² MXP 3,157.50 ³
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	MXP 1,372.50 ² MXP 915.00 ³

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (MX), page 436]

¹ Late payment of annual fees is permitted in certain circumstances subject to the payment of a surcharge. The annual fee for the second year is due upon entry into the national phase.

² Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 22. This fee includes a 25% reduction based on the establishment of an international search report.

³ Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 39(1). This fee includes a 50% reduction based on the establishment of an international preliminary examination report.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**KE Kenya**

L'**Institut kényen de la propriété industrielle** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **shillings kényens (KES)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe de transmission :	USD 250 ou équivalent en KES plus frais d'expédition
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	USD 100 ou équivalent en KES
Taxe nationale :	
Pour un brevet :	
Taxe nationale de traitement :	USD 150
Taxe annuelle pour la 2 ^e année et chacune des années suivantes, par année ¹ :	[Sans changement]
Pour un modèle d'utilité :	
Taxe nationale de traitement :	USD 50
Taxe annuelle pour la 2 ^e année et chacune des années suivantes, par année ¹ :	USD 50

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(KE), page 283, et résumé (KE), page 450]

MX Mexique

L'**Institut mexicain de la propriété industrielle** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **pesos mexicains (MXP)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :	
Pour un brevet :	
Taxe de dépôt :	MXP 4.732,50 ² MXP 3.157,50 ³
Pour un modèle d'utilité :	
Taxe de dépôt :	MXP 1.372,50 ² MXP 915.00 ³

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (MX), page 478]

¹ Le paiement tardif des taxes annuelles est autorisé dans certaines circonstances, sous réserve du paiement d'une surtaxe. La taxe annuelle pour la deuxième année est due lors de l'ouverture de la phase nationale.

² Doit être acquittée lorsque la phase nationale est abordée en vertu de l'article 22 du PCT. Cette taxe comprend une réduction de 25 % qui est basée sur l'établissement d'un rapport de recherche internationale.

³ Doit être acquittée lorsque la phase nationale est abordée en vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT. Cette taxe comprend une réduction de 50 % qui est basée sur l'établissement d'un rapport d'examen préliminaire international.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**VN Viet Nam**

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam)** has introduced new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Additional fee for each sheet in excess of five:	[No change]
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	[No change]
Additional fee for each object in excess of one:	
For patent:	USD 30
For patent for utility solution:	USD 20
Fee for requesting substantive examination:	
For patent:	USD 100
For patent for utility solution:	USD 90

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (VN), page 473]

ZA South Africa

New equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the basic fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30 and the designation fee, pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), as well as for the reduction of the international fee where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 August 2002, are specified below:

Basic fee:	ZAR 4,240
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	ZAR 98
Designation fee:	ZAR 910
PCT-EASY fee reduction:	ZAR 1,300

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(ZA), page 313]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**VN Viet Nam**

L'**Office national de la propriété industrielle (Viet Nam)** a introduit de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Taxe de dépôt :	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle pour chaque feuille à compter de la 6 ^e :	[Sans changement]
Taxe de revendication de priorité, par priorité :	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle pour chaque objet à compter du 2 ^e :	
Pour un brevet :	USD 30
Pour un brevet pour solution d'utilité :	USD 20
Taxe de demande d'examen quant au fond :	
Pour un brevet :	USD 100
Pour un brevet pour solution d'utilité :	USD 90

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (VN), page 521]

ZA Afrique du Sud

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, ont été établis pour la taxe de base, la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e et la taxe de désignation, conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} août 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de base :	ZAR 4.240
Supplément par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	ZAR 98
Taxe de désignation :	ZAR 910
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY :	ZAR 1.300

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(ZA), page 337]

RECEIVING OFFICES**BE Belgium**

The **Industrial Property Office (Belgium)** has notified changes in its requirements as to whether an agent is required by it as receiving Office, and as to who can act as agent before the Office as receiving Office, as follows:

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in a member State of the European Communities Yes, if he is a non-resident
Who can act as agent?	Any person registered to practice as a representative before the Office (the list of registered representatives is furnished free of charge on request) or any representative authorized to practice in a member State of the European Communities and who is a national of a member State of the European Communities Any attorney-at-law registered on the list of Belgian attorneys-at-law or on the list of probationary attorneys, or authorized to practice in Belgium by law or an international convention or any attorney who is a national of a member State of the European Communities and is authorized to practice in a member State of the European Communities

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(BE), page 226]

VN Viet Nam

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam)** has specified the Korean Intellectual Property Office as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, as from 1 August 2002, for international applications in English filed by nationals and residents of Viet Nam with the National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam) as receiving Office. The consolidated list of competent Authorities now reads as follows:

Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office, Korean Intellectual Property Office ¹ , Russian Patent Office or Swedish Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office ² , Korean Intellectual Property Office ¹ , Russian Patent Office or Swedish Patent Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(VN), page 311]

¹ The Korean Intellectual Property Office is competent only for international applications in English and where the international application or the demand for international preliminary examination is filed on or after 1 August 2002.

² The European Patent Office is competent only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office, the Austrian Patent Office or the Swedish Patent Office.

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS

BE Belgique

L'**Office de la propriété industrielle (Belgique)** a notifié des changements dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir si l'office récepteur exige un mandataire et de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

- L'office récepteur exige-t-il un mandataire ? Non, si le déposant est domicilié dans un État membre des Communautés européennes
Oui, dans le cas contraire
- Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ? Toute personne inscrite au registre des mandataires agréés par l'office (la liste des mandataires agréés est fournie gratuitement sur simple demande) ou tout mandataire agréé dans un État membre des Communautés européennes et ayant la nationalité d'un État membre des Communautés européennes
- Tout avocat inscrit au tableau de l'Ordre belge des avocats ou sur la liste des stagiaires, ou autorisé à exercer cette profession en Belgique en vertu d'une loi ou d'une convention internationale, ou tout avocat ayant la nationalité d'un État membre des Communautés européennes et étant autorisé à exercer cette profession dans un État membre des Communautés européennes

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(BE), page 230]

VN Viet Nam

L'**Office national de la propriété industrielle (Viet Nam)** a spécifié l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international, à compter du 1^{er} août 2002, pour les demandes internationales en anglais déposées par les nationaux du Viet Nam, et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays, auprès de l'Office national de la propriété industrielle (Viet Nam) en sa qualité d'office récepteur. La liste récapitulative des administrations compétentes est la suivante :

- Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale : Office australien des brevets, Office autrichien des brevets, Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle¹, Office européen des brevets, Office russe des brevets ou Office suédois des brevets
- Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international : Office australien des brevets, Office autrichien des brevets, Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle¹, Office européen des brevets², Office russe des brevets ou Office suédois des brevets

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(VN), page 334]

¹ L'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle n'est compétent que pour les demandes internationales en anglais et lorsque la demande internationale ou la demande d'examen préliminaire international est déposée le 1^{er} août 2002 ou ultérieurement.

² L'Office européen des brevets n'est compétent que si la recherche a été effectuée par ses soins, par l'Office autrichien des brevets ou l'Office suédois des brevets.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that, under PCT Rule 13*ter.1*, it requires that a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing be furnished in computer readable form, and has specified the types of electronic medium that it accepts, as follows:

Does the Authority require that a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing be furnished in computer readable form (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter.1</i>)?	Yes
Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require ³ ?	Diskette CD-ROM

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002, Annex D(AT), page 315]

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that, under PCT Rule 13*ter.1*, it requires that a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing be furnished in computer readable form, and has specified the types of electronic medium that it accepts, as follows:

Does the Authority require that a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing be furnished in computer readable form (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter.1</i>)?	Yes
Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?	The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single 3½" formatted 1.44 MB diskette or a single standard (ISO 9660) CD-ROM or CD-R

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002, Annex D(AU), page 316]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau that, under PCT Rule 13*ter.1*, it requires that a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing be furnished in computer readable form, and has specified the types of electronic medium that it accepts, as follows:

Does the Authority require that a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing be furnished in computer readable form (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter.1</i>)?	Yes
Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?	Diskette CD-ROM

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002, Annex D(ES), page 320]

³ Additionally, a printed version on paper is required.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

AT Autriche

L'**Office autrichien des brevets** à informé le Bureau international que, en vertu de la règle 13*ter*.1 du PCT, il exige la fourniture d'un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, et a précisé les types de support électronique qu'il accepte, comme suit :

L'administration exige-t-elle qu'un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés soit fourni sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (règle 13 <i>ter</i> .1 du PCT) ?	Oui
Quels types de support électronique l'administration exige-t-elle ? ³	Disquette CD-ROM

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe D(AT), page 341]

AU Australie

L'**Office australien des brevets** à notifié au Bureau international que, en vertu de la règle 13*ter*.1 du PCT, il exige la fourniture d'un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, et a précisé les types de support électronique qu'il accepte, comme suit :

L'administration exige-t-elle qu'un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés soit fourni sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (règle 13 <i>ter</i> .1 du PCT) ?	Oui
Quels types de support électronique l'administration exige-t-elle ?	La copie imprimable du listage des séquences et des données d'identification doit figurer tout entière dans un seul fichier texte sur une seule disquette 3,5 pouces, de capacité 1,44 Mo, ou sur un seul disque compact CD-ROM ou CD-R standard de format ISO 9660

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe D(AU), page 342]

ES Espagne

L'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** à notifié au Bureau international que, en vertu de la règle 13*ter*.1 du PCT, il exige la fourniture d'un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, et a précisé les types de support électronique qu'il accepte, comme suit :

L'administration exige-t-elle qu'un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés soit fourni sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (règle 13 <i>ter</i> .1 du PCT) ?	Oui
Quels types de support électronique l'administration exige-t-elle ?	Disquette CD-ROM

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³ En plus, une version imprimée sur papier est exigée.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES (Cont'd)

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that, under PCT Rule 13*ter*.1, it requires that a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing be furnished in computer readable form, and has specified the types of electronic medium that it accepts, as follows:

Does the Authority require that a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing be furnished in computer readable form (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1)?	Yes
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Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?	Diskette
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002, Annex D(SE), page 324]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified the International Bureau that, under PCT Rule 13*ter*.1, it requires that a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing be furnished in computer readable form, and has specified the types of electronic medium that it accepts, as follows:

Does the Authority require that a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing be furnished in computer readable form (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1)?	Yes
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Which types of electronic medium does the Authority require?	<p>Diskette: 3.50 inch, 1.44 MB storage; 3.50 inch, 720 KB storage; 5.25 inch, 1.2 MB storage; 5.25 inch, 360 KB storage</p> <p>Magnetic tape: 0.5 inch, up to 24,000 feet; Density: 1,600 or 6,250 bits per inch, 9 track; Format: Unix tar command; specify blocking factor (not "block size"); Line Terminator: ASCII Carriage Return plus ASCII Line Feed</p> <p>8mm Data Cartridge: Format: Unix tar command; specify blocking factor (not "block size"); Line Terminator: ASCII Carriage Return plus ASCII Line Feed</p> <p>Compact disc: Format ISO 9660 or High Sierra Format</p> <p>Magneto Optical Disk: Size/Storage Specifications: 5.25 inch, 640 MB</p>
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002, Annex D(US), page 325]

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL (suite)**

SE Suède

L'**Office suédois des brevets** à notifié au Bureau international que, en vertu de la règle 13^{ter}.1 du PCT, il exige la fourniture d'un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, et a précisé les types de support électronique qu'il accepte, comme suit :

L'administration exige-t-elle qu'un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés soit fourni sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (règle 13^{ter}.1 du PCT) ?

Oui

Quels types de support électronique l'administration exige-t-elle ?

Disquette

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe D(SE), page 350]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

L'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** à notifié au Bureau international que, en vertu de la règle 13^{ter}.1 du PCT, il exige la fourniture d'un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, et a précisé les types de support électronique qu'il accepte, comme suit :

L'administration exige-t-elle qu'un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés soit fourni sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (règle 13^{ter}.1 du PCT) ?

Oui

Quels types de support électronique l'administration exige-t-elle ?

Disquette : 3,5 pouces, capacité 1,44 Mo; 3,5 pouces, capacité 720 Ko; 5,25 pouces, capacité 1,2 Mo; 5,25 pouces, capacité 360 Ko

Bande magnétique : 0,5 pouces, jusqu'à 24.000 pieds; densité : 1.600 ou 6.250 bits par pouce, 9 pistes; format : commande tar de Unix ; spécifier le facteur de groupage (et non la "taille de bloc"); fin de ligne : retour de chariot ASCII et saut de ligne ASCII

Cartouche de données 8 mm; format : commande tar de Unix; spécifier le facteur de groupage (et non la "taille de bloc"); fin de ligne : retour de chariot ASCII et saut de ligne ASCII

Disque compact : format ISO 9660 ou High Sierra

Disque magnéto-optique : spécifications de taille/capacité : 5,25 pouces, 640 Mo

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe D(US), page 351]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**CR Costa Rica**

The **Registry of Intellectual Property (Costa Rica)** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office, and changes in the special requirements of the Office as a designated (or elected) Office. The new time limit, applicable as from 1 April 2002, and the consolidated list of special requirements are as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): [No change]
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>): ¹	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application ²
	Instrument of assignment or transfer of the right to the application ²
	Evidence of entitlement to claim priority where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application ²
	Evidence concerning non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty, such as disclosures resulting from abuse, disclosures at certain exhibitions and disclosures by the applicant during a certain period of time ²
	Appointment of an agent or address for notification in Costa Rica
	Translation of the international application or any document relating to it to be furnished in two copies
	Verified translation of the international application, where deemed necessary
	Verified translation of the priority document ³

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (CR), page 377]

DZ Algeria

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable as from 1 April 2002, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): [No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (DZ), page 386]

¹ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the applicant must comply with the requirement within 90 days after entry into the national phase. The Office will not issue an invitation to this effect.

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

³ Only if the validity of the priority claim is relevant to the determination of whether the invention concerned is patentable.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**CR Costa Rica**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Costa Rica)** a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné, ainsi que des changements dans les exigences particulières de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Le nouveau délai, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, et la liste récapitulative des exigences particulières sont les suivants :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT : 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT : [Sans changement]
Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51 <i>bis</i> du PCT) ¹ :	Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale ²
	Acte de cession ou de transfert du droit de déposer la demande ²
	Justification du droit de revendiquer la priorité lorsque le déposant n'est pas le déposant qui a déposé la demande antérieure ²
	Justification concernant des divulgations non opposables ou des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté, telles que des divulgations résultant d'abus, des divulgations lors de certaines expositions et des divulgations par le déposant qui sont intervenues durant un certain laps de temps ²
	Nomination d'un mandataire ou adresse pour la correspondance au Costa Rica
	Traduction de la demande internationale ou tout document y relatif à remettre en deux exemplaires
	Traduction vérifiée de la demande internationale, lorsque jugé nécessaire
	Traduction vérifiée du document de priorité ³

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (CR), page 409]

DZ Algérie

L'**Institut national algérien de la propriété industrielle** a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT : 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (DZ), page 418]

¹ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, le déposant devra le faire dans un délai de 90 jours à compter de la date d'ouverture de la phase nationale. L'office n'enverra pas d'invitation à cet effet.

² Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

³ Seulement si la validité de la revendication de priorité est pertinente pour déterminer si l'invention en question est brevetable ou non.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES (Cont'd)**IN India**

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable as from 7 May 2002, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (IN), page 409]

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Industrial Property Protection (Republic of Moldova)** has notified a change in its requirements as to whether a copy of the international application is required for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) office, as follows:

Is a copy of the international application required?	The applicant should only send a copy of the international application if he/she has not received Form PCT/IB/308 and the Office has not received a copy of the international application from the International Bureau under PCT Article 20. This may be the case where the applicant expressly requests an earlier start of the national phase under PCT Article 23(2).
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (MD), page 429]

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has introduced details on how to obtain the list of patent attorneys qualified to practice before the Office as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?	Any person registered to practice before the Office as a patent attorney ¹
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (NZ), page 441]

VN Viet Nam

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam)** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable as from 1 April 2002, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3):	31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Summary (VN), page 473]

¹ The list of registered patent attorneys may be obtained from the Office or on the Internet at www.iponz.govt.nz

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS) (suite)**IN Inde**

L'**Office des brevets (Inde)** a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable à compter du 7 mai 2002, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (IN), page 444]

MD République de Moldova

L'**Office d'État pour la protection de la propriété industrielle (République de Moldova)** a notifié un changement dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir si une copie de la demande internationale est requise pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise ?	Le déposant ne doit remettre une copie de la demande internationale que s'il n'a pas reçu le formulaire PCT/IB/308 et que l'office n'a pas reçu du Bureau international de copie de la demande internationale conformément à l'article 20 du PCT. Ceci peut se produire lorsque le déposant demande expressément l'ouverture anticipée de la phase nationale selon l'article 23.2) du PCT.
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (MD), page 470]

NZ Nouvelle-Zélande

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Nouvelle-Zélande** a donné des précisions sur la manière de se procurer la liste des conseils en brevets habilités à exercer auprès de l'office agissant en tant qu'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Toute personne habilitée à exercer auprès de l'office en qualité de conseil en brevets ¹
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (NZ), page 483]

VN Viet Nam

L'**Office national de la propriété industrielle (Viet Nam)** a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), résumé (VN), page 521]

¹ La liste des conseils en brevets agréés peut être obtenue auprès de l'office ou sur l'Internet à l'adresse suivante : www.iponz.govt.nz

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES (Cont'd)**HR** Croatia**PH** Philippines

Information on the requirements of the **Croatian Intellectual Property Office** and the **Intellectual Property Office (Philippines)** as designated (or elected) Offices is given in the Summaries (HR) and (PH), which are published on the following pages.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS) (suite)**HR** Croatie**PH** Philippines

Des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de l'**Office croate de la propriété intellectuelle** et de l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle (Philippines)** en tant qu'offices désignés (ou élus) sont reproduits dans les résumés (HR) et (PH), qui sont publiés sur les pages suivantes.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****HR****CROATIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
OFFICE****HR****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 21* months from the priority date 31** months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Croatian
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee: ¹	Currency: Croatian kuna (HRK) For patent: Filing fee: HRK 500 For consensual patent: Filing fee: HRK 500
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	No filing fee is payable if the applicant in the international application claims priority from an earlier national application that was filed with the Croatian Intellectual Property Office Filing fee, examination fee, publication and maintenance fees are reduced by 75% where the applicant is also the inventor The filing fee is reduced by 50% if the application is furnished in paper form as well as in electronic form (diskette)

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* Where the 20-month time limit under former Article 22(1) expires before 1 April 2002 and where the applicant has not yet performed the acts referred to in Article 22(1), the applicable time limit, even after 1 April 2002, is 21 months as fixed by the Office under Article 22(3).

** Where the 20-month time limit under former Article 22(1) expires on or after 1 April 2002 and where the applicant has not yet performed the acts referred to in Article 22(1), the applicable time limit, as from 1 April 2002, is 31 months as fixed by the Office under Article 22(3).

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

RÉSUMÉ

**Office désigné
(ou élu)**

RÉSUMÉ

HR

**OFFICE CROATE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ
INTELLECTUELLE**

HR

Résumé des exigences pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale:	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT: 21* mois à compter de la date de priorité 31** mois à compter de la date de priorité En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT: 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
Traduction de la demande internationale requise en ¹ :	Croate
Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale ¹ :	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, seulement telles que modifiées ainsi que toute déclaration faite en vertu de l'article 19 du PCT), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer seulement tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international)
Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise?	Non
Taxe nationale ¹ :	Monnaie: Kuna croate (HRK) Pour un brevet: Taxe de dépôt : HRK 500 Pour un "consensual patent": Taxe de dépôt : HRK 500
Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale:	Aucune taxe de dépôt n'est à payer si le déposant de la demande internationale revendique la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure déposée auprès de l'Office croate de la propriété intellectuelle Les taxes de dépôt, d'examen, de publication et de maintien en vigueur sont réduites de 75% lorsque le déposant est aussi l'inventeur La taxe de dépôt est réduite de 50% si la demande est remise à la fois en format papier et en format électronique (disquette)

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* Lorsque le délai de 20 mois selon l'ancien article 22.1) expire avant le 1^{er} avril 2002 et que le déposant n'a pas encore accompli les actes visés à l'article 22.1), c'est le délai de 21 mois fixé par l'office selon l'article 22.3) qui s'applique, même après le 1^{er} avril 2002.

** Lorsque le délai de 20 mois selon l'ancien article 22.1) expire le 1^{er} avril 2002 ou ultérieurement et que le déposant n'a pas encore accompli les actes visés à l'article 22.1), c'est le délai de 31 mois fixé par l'office selon l'article 22.3) qui s'applique à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002.

¹ Doit être remise ou payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****HR****CROATIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
OFFICE****HR***[Continued]*

Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):²

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Croatia
Instrument of assignment of the international application if the applicant has changed after the international filing date and the change has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)
Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)

Who can act as agent?

Any person registered to practice before the Office as patent agent or attorney-at-law

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of the invitation.

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HR

**OFFICE CROATE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ
INTELLECTUELLE**

HR

[Suite]

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51bis du PCT)²:

Nomination d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié en Croatie

Acte de cession de la demande internationale si le déposant a changé après la date du dépôt international et que le changement n'a pas été reflété dans une notification émanant du Bureau international (formulaire PCT/IB/306)

Justification du changement du nom du déposant si le changement est survenu après la date du dépôt international et qu'il n'a pas été reflété dans une notification émanant du Bureau international (formulaire PCT/IB/306)

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?

Toute personne autorisée à exercer auprès de l'office en qualité d'agent de brevets ou en qualité d'avocat

² Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de l'invitation.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****PH****INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
(PHILIPPINES)****PH****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(1): 30* months from the priority date ¹ Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): 30 months from the priority date ¹
Translation of international application required into: ²	English
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19 ³), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report ³)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No, where the international application was filed in a language other than English Yes, where it was filed in English and the applicant has not received Form PCT/IB/308
National fee: ⁴	Currency: Philippine Peso (PHP) For patent: Filing fee: PHP 2,760 (1,380) ⁵ For utility model: Filing fee: PHP 2,350 (1,175) ⁵
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	No filing fee is payable if priority of an earlier national application is claimed

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* Time limit applicable as from 1 April 2002 to any international application in respect of which the period of 20 months from the priority date expires on or after 1 April 2002, and in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22(1) have not yet been performed by the applicant.

¹ This time limit can be extended by one month provided the applicant pays an extension fee for late entry into the national phase, equal to 50% of the prescribed filing fee.

² Must be furnished within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

³ Where the applicant furnishes only a translation of the international application as amended, the Office will invite the applicant to furnish the missing translation of the international application as originally filed. If the translation of the amended part is missing, the Office will not invite the applicant to furnish the missing translation and the amendments will be disregarded.

⁴ Must be paid at the time of entry into the national phase or within one month from the time of entry into the national phase. Where the national phase is entered after 30 months but not later than 31 months from the priority date, a surcharge (see footnote 1) will have to be paid.

⁵ The amount in parentheses is applicable in cases of filing by a "small entity". A small entity is any natural or legal person whose assets are worth 20 million PHP or less. At the time of payment, any natural or legal person is presumed to be a big entity unless a written statement to the contrary is submitted by such natural person or the duly authorized representative of such legal person.

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PH

**OFFICE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ
INTELLECTUELLE (PHILIPPINES)**

PH

Résumé des exigences pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale:	En vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT: 30* mois à compter de la date de priorité ¹ En vertu de l'article 39.1)a) du PCT: 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité ¹
Traduction de la demande internationale requise en ² :	Anglais
Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale:	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, à la fois telles que déposées initialement et telles que modifiées ainsi que toute déclaration faite en vertu de l'article 19 du PCT ³), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer à la fois tel que déposé initialement et tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international ³)
Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise?	Non, lorsque la demande internationale a été déposée dans une langue autre que l'anglais Oui, lorsqu'elle a été déposée en anglais et que le déposant n'a pas reçu le formulaire PCT/IB/308
Taxe nationale ⁴ :	Monnaie: Peso philippin (PHP) Pour un brevet: Taxe de dépôt: PHP 2.760 (1.380) ⁵ Pour un modèle d'utilité: Taxe de dépôt: PHP 2.350 (1.175) ⁵
Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale:	Aucune taxe de dépôt n'est à payer si la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure est revendiquée

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* Délai applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2002 à toute demande internationale en ce qui concerne laquelle le délai de 20 mois calculé à compter de la date de priorité expire le 1^{er} avril 2002 ou ultérieurement, et en ce qui concerne laquelle le déposant n'a pas encore accompli les actes visés à l'article 22.1).

¹ Ce délai peut être prorogé d'un mois, à condition que le déposant acquitte une taxe d'extension pour ouverture tardive de la phase nationale, égale à 50 % de la taxe de dépôt prescrite.

² Doit être remise dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

³ Lorsque le déposant ne remet qu'une traduction de la demande internationale telle que modifiée, l'office l'invitera à remettre la traduction manquante de la demande internationale telle que déposée initialement. Si la traduction de la partie modifiée manque, l'office n'invitera pas le déposant à remettre la traduction manquante et ne tiendra pas compte des modifications.

⁴ Doit être payée lors de l'ouverture de la phase nationale ou dans un délai d'un mois à compter de l'ouverture de la phase nationale. Lorsque l'ouverture de la phase nationale se fait après 30 mois mais pas au-delà de 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité, une surtaxe (voir la note 1) doit être acquittée.

⁵ Le montant indiqué entre parenthèses s'applique dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par une "petite entité". Une petite entité est toute personne physique ou morale dont les actifs sont égaux ou inférieurs à 20 millions de PHP. Lors du paiement, toute personne physique ou morale est présumée être une grande entité, à moins qu'une déclaration écrite stipulant le contraire ne soit présentée par une telle personne physique ou par le représentant dûment autorisé de la personne morale.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****PH****INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OFFICE
(PHILIPPINES)****PH***[Continued]*

Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*):

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not a resident of the Philippines⁶

Copy or translation of the international application to be furnished in duplicate⁷

Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application^{7,8}

Instrument of assignment of the international application if the applicant is not the inventor^{7,8}

Instrument of assignment of the priority application where the applicants are not identical^{7,8}

Document evidencing a change of name or person of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in the PCT pamphlet or in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306)⁶

Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino sequence listing in computer readable form

Who can act as agent?

Any patent agent or representative residing in the Philippines upon whom notices and processes for judicial or administrative procedure may be served

⁶ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

⁷ Where necessary, the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit which shall not be less than two months from the date of the invitation.

⁸ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

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PH

**OFFICE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ
INTELLECTUELLE (PHILIPPINES)**

PH

[Suite]

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT):

Nomination d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié aux Philippines⁶

Copie ou traduction de la demande internationale en deux exemplaires⁷

Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale^{7,8}

Acte de cession de la demande internationale si le déposant n'est pas l'inventeur^{7,8}

Acte de cession de la demande prioritaire lorsqu'il n'y a pas identité entre les déposants^{7,8}

Justification du changement du nom ou de la personne du déposant si le changement est survenu après la date du dépôt international et qu'il n'a pas été reflété dans la brochure du PCT ou dans une notification émanant du Bureau international (formulaire PCT/IB/306)⁶

Fourniture, le cas échéant, d'un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?

Tout agent de brevets ou représentant résidant aux Philippines auquel peuvent être signifiés des actes ou notifications judiciaires ou administratives

⁶ Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

⁷ Au besoin, l'office invitera le déposant à faire le nécessaire dans un délai qui ne sera pas inférieur à deux mois à compter de la date de l'invitation.

⁸ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

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SE Sweden	13820	SE Suède	13821
US United States of America	13820	US États-Unis d'Amérique	13821

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**SE Sweden**

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the search fee in **Norwegian kroner (NOK)** payable for an international search by the Office. The new amount, applicable as from 15 August 2002, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Swedish Patent Office):	NOK 7,070
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex D(SE), page 338]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 September 2002, are as follows:

Search fee (international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office):	ZAR 7,000 (4,500) The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee has been paid
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex D(US), page 339]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

SE Suède

L'**Office suédois des brevets** a notifié au Bureau international un nouveau montant de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **couronnes norvégiennes (NOK)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 août 2002, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office suédois des brevets) :	NOK 7.070
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002(F), annexe D(SE), page 348]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :	ZAR 7.000 (4.500)
	Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon le paragraphe 111.a) du titre 35 USC et que la taxe de dépôt de base a été payée

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EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)	14282	EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)	14283

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Australian Patent Office**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 September 2002, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Australian Patent Office): SGD 827

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex D(AU), page 330]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 September 2002, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): ZAR 8,730

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex D(EP), page 332]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

AU **Australie**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars de Singapour (SGD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2002, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office australien des brevets) : SGD 827

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe D(AU), page 340]

EP **Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2002, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) : ZAR 8.730

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe D(EP), page 342]

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JP Japan	15186	JP Japon	15187
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JP Japan	15188	JP Japon	15189

**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF
AMENDED RULE 4.10 WITH NATIONAL LAWS****JP Japan**

Further to its notification of incompatibility of PCT Rule 4.10, as amended with effect from 1 January 2000, with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 48/1999, page 14448), the **Japan Patent Office** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 September 2002; amended PCT Rule 4.10 will therefore apply as from that date.

**RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ
AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE LA RÈGLE 4.10 DU PCT MODIFIÉE****JP Japon**

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de la règle 4.10 du PCT, telle que modifiée à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2000 (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 48/1999, page 14449), l'**Office des brevets du Japon** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2002; la règle 4.10 du PCT modifiée s'appliquera donc à compter de cette date.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**IL Israel**

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **New Israel shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office. The new amounts, applicable as from 15 August 2002, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	ILS 459
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	ILS 38 plus ILS 2.60 per page
National fee:	
Filing fee:	ILS 881

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(IL), page 274, and Summary (IL), page 431]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**IL Israël**

L'**Office des brevets d'Israël** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **nouveaux shekels israéliens (ILS)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu). Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 15 août 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de transmission :	ILS 459
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT):	ILS 38 plus ILS 2,60 par page
Taxe nationale :	
Taxe de dépôt :	ILS 881

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe C(IL), page 280, et résumé (IL), page 451]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

AU Agreement between the Government of Australia and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. These amendments will enter into force on 1 September 2002. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Australian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	1,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	1,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b)):	
— where the international search report was issued by the Authority	550
— in other cases	1,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	550
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b)), per document	25
Cost of copies (Rule 94), per document	25

Part II. [No change].”

**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF MODIFIED PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS;
NOTIFICATION UNDER PCT ARTICLE 22(3)**

SK Slovakia

Further to its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 August 2002.

Furthermore, the **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)**, pursuant to PCT Article 22(3), has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase, with effect from the same date. The new time limit is as follows :

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): [No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Summary (SK), page 490]

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, page 29509, and No. 04/2001, page 1618.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

AU Accord entre le Gouvernement de l'Australie et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office australien des brevets a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à l'annexe C de cet accord. Ces modifications entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} septembre 2002. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Dollars australiens)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	1.000
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	1.000
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b)) :	
– lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale a été établi par l'Administration	550
– dans les autres cas	1.000
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	550
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3. b) et 71.2. b)), par document	25
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Partie II. [Sans changement].”

**RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT MODIFIÉ;
NOTIFICATION EN VERTU DE L'ARTICLE 22.3) DU PCT**

SK Slovaquie

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de l'article 22.1) du PCT modifié (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 08/2002, page 3887), l'Office de la propriété industrielle (Slovaquie) (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 1^{er} août 2002.

De plus, l'Office de la propriété industrielle (Slovaquie), conformément à l'article 22.3) du PCT, a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, avec effet à compter de la même date. Le nouveau délai est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
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En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), résumé (SK), page 519]

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, page 29569, et n° 04/2001, page 1619.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified new amounts for the search fee, the additional search fee, the preliminary examination fee, the additional preliminary examination fee and the fees for copies in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, payable to it as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority. These amounts, applicable as from 1 September 2002, are as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	AUD 1,000
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	AUD 1,000
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	AUD 25
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	AUD 550 (1,000) The amount in parentheses is payable when the international search report was not issued by the Australian Patent Office
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	AUD 550
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international preliminary examination report (PCT Rule 71.2):	AUD 25
Fee for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application (PCT Rule 94):	AUD 25

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex D(AU), page 330, and Annex E(AU), page 341]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 October 2002, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	ZAR 9,500
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex D(EP), page 332]

FI Finland—Corrigendum

The reference to Annex D(ES) under the item “Search fee” in Annex C(FI), published in PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), was incorrect. It should have read as follows:

Search fee:	See Annex D (EP) or (SE)
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(FI), page 259]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

L'**Office australien des brevets** a notifié de nouveaux montants pour la taxe de recherche, la taxe de recherche additionnelle, la taxe d'examen préliminaire, la taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle et les taxes pour la délivrance de copies, exprimés en **dollars australiens (AUD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international. Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	AUD 1.000
Taxe de recherche additionnelle (règle 40.2 du PCT) :	AUD 1.000
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport de recherche internationale (règle 44.3 du PCT) :	AUD 25
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58 du PCT) :	AUD 550 (1.000) Le montant indiqué entre parenthèses est applicable lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale n'a pas été établi par l'Office australien des brevets
Taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle (règle 68.3 du PCT) :	AUD 550
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport d'examen préliminaire international (règle 71.2 du PCT) :	AUD 25
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents contenus dans le dossier de la demande internationale (règle 94 du PCT) :	AUD 25

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe D(AU), page 340, et annexe E(AU), page 351]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2002, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) :	ZAR 9.500
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FI Finlande – rectificatif

Il n'y a pas lieu de corriger la version française de l'annexe C(FI) du numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), l'erreur s'étant glissée uniquement dans la version anglaise.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)**, **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, **South African rand (ZAR)**, **Swiss francs (CHF)** and in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **Australian Patent Office**. The new amounts are applicable, under PCT Rule 16.1(c), as from 1 September 2002.

Search fee (international search	KRW 710,000	SGD 1,030 ¹	CHF 871
by the Australian Patent Office):	NZD 1,222	ZAR 5,360	USD 491

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex D(AU), page 330, and No. 29/2002, page 14282]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Singapore dollars (SGD)** and in **US dollars (USD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amounts, applicable as from 15 October 2002, are as follows:

Search fee (international search	SGD 1,660	USD 936
by the European Patent Office):		

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex D(EP), page 332]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)** payable for an international search by the Office. The new amount, applicable as from 15 October 2002, is as follows:

Search fee (international search	USD 936
by the Swedish Patent Office):	

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex D(SE), page 338]

¹ This amount supersedes the equivalent amount of the former search fee, as published in PCT Gazette No. 29/2002, page 14282.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

Des montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **won coréens (KRW)**, en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, en **francs suisses (CHF)**, en **dollars de Singapour (SGD)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.b) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office australien des brevets**. Les nouveaux montants sont applicables, en vertu de la règle 16.1.c), à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2002.

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office australien des brevets) :	KRW 710.000	SGD 1.030 ¹	CHF 871
	NZD 1.222	ZAR 5.360	USD 491

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe D(AU), page 340, et n° 29/2002, page 14283]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **dollars de Singapour (SGD)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 15 octobre 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) :	SGD 1.660	USD 936
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SE Suède

L'**Office suédois des brevets** a notifié au Bureau international un nouveau montant de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 octobre 2002, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office suédois des brevets) :	USD 936
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002(F), annexe D(SE), page 348]

¹ Ce montant remplace le montant équivalent de l'ancienne taxe de recherche publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 29/2002, page 14283.

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CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****SC Seychelles**

On 7 August 2002, **Seychelles** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Seychelles will become the 117th Contracting State of the PCT on 7 November 2002.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 7 November 2002, Seychelles (country code: SC) may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Seychelles will be entitled from 7 November 2002 to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex A, page 7]

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)****SC Seychelles**

Le 7 août 2002, les **Seychelles** ont déposé leur instrument d'adhésion au PCT. Les Seychelles deviendront le 117^e État contractant du PCT le 7 novembre 2002.

En conséquence, les Seychelles pourront être désignées (code pour le pays : SC) dans toute demande internationale déposée le 7 novembre 2002 ou ultérieurement et, étant liées par le chapitre II du PCT, pourront aussi être élues. En outre, à partir du 7 novembre 2002, les nationaux des Seychelles et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe A, page 8]

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FILING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING LARGE NUCLEOTIDE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES RELATING THERETO**Note prepared by the International Bureau**

From 6 September 2002, it will be possible for applicants—who have been able, since 11 January 2001, to file the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings part of the description of their international applications in computer readable form under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions (for background information, see PCT Gazette No. 02/2001 dated 11 January 2001)—to also file tables relating to those sequence listings in computer readable form. Part 8 of the Administrative Instructions has been modified to extend its scope to such tables and Sections 801 to 806 have all been modified so as to introduce, where appropriate, a reference to such tables.

Section 803 has been modified to clarify that the current fee incentive will apply also to international applications containing tables, regardless of the length of such tables and regardless of the fact that the tables may be filed in addition to sequence listings, noting that all such sequence listings and tables would have had to be filed under modified Section 801(a).

Section 806 has been further modified to clarify that any designated Office is entitled, for the purposes of the national phase, to require from the applicant in certain cases a translation of any text matter contained in tables.

Furthermore, because Annex C of the Administrative Instructions (“Standard for the Presentation of nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings in international patent applications under the PCT”) deals only with the presentation of sequence listings themselves and does not cover sequence listing-related tables, a new Annex *C-bis* has been introduced, which contains the technical requirements with which such tables must comply.

Finally, the French version of Section 802(c)(iii) has been corrected so as to remove inconsistencies compared with the English version.

Modification of the Administrative Instructions

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to Rule 89.2(b), a modified Part 8 of the Administrative Instructions, comprising Sections 801 to 806, and a new Annex *C-bis*, as set out on the following pages, are promulgated, pursuant to Rules 89*bis* and 89*ter*, with effect from 6 September 2002.

The present text of the Administrative Instructions is set out in PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-03/2001 dated 30 August 2001, with subsequent modifications relating to new Part 7 and new Annex F, as set out in PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-04/2001 dated 27 December 2001 and relating to Section 404 in PCT Gazette No. 47/2001 dated 22 November 2001, page 21586.

DÉPÔT DE DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT DE VOLUMINEUX LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES DE NUCLÉOTIDES OU D'ACIDES AMINÉS, OU DES TABLEAUX Y RELATIFS**Note du Bureau international**

À compter du 6 septembre 2002, les personnes qui ont pu, depuis le 11 janvier 2001, déposer la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés de leurs demandes internationales sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801 (pour l'historique, se référer à la Gazette du PCT n° 02/2001 du 11 janvier 2001), pourront aussi déposer des tableaux relatifs à ces listages des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur. Le champ d'application de la huitième partie des instructions administratives a été élargi à de tels tableaux et les instructions 801 à 806 ont toutes été modifiées pour introduire, le cas échéant, une référence à de tels tableaux.

L'instruction 803 a été modifiée pour préciser le fait que l'avantage sur le plan des taxes s'appliquera aussi aux demandes internationales contenant des tableaux, quelle que soit la longueur de tels tableaux et sans tenir compte du fait que les tableaux peuvent être déposés en plus des listages des séquences, étant entendu que de tels listages des séquences et de tels tableaux devraient avoir été déposés en vertu de l'instruction 801.a) modifiée.

L'instruction 806 a été encore modifiée pour préciser le fait qu'un office désigné peut, aux fins de la phase nationale, exiger que le déposant lui fournisse dans certains cas une traduction de tout élément de texte contenu dans les tableaux.

En outre, en raison du fait que l'annexe C des instructions administratives ("Norme relative à la présentation du listage des séquences de nucléotides et d'acides aminés dans les demandes internationales de brevet déposées selon le PCT") ne traite que de la présentation des listages des séquences eux-mêmes et ne couvre pas les tableaux relatifs aux listages des séquences, une nouvelle annexe *C-bis* a été introduite, qui contient les exigences techniques auxquelles doivent satisfaire de tels tableaux.

Enfin, la version française de l'instruction 802.c)iii), contenant des erreurs de concordance avec la version anglaise, a été également corrigée.

Modification des instructions administratives

Après consultation des offices et des administrations intéressés, conformément à la règle 89.2.b) du PCT, une huitième partie modifiée des instructions administratives, comprenant les instructions 801 à 806 et une nouvelle annexe *C-bis*, telles qu'elles figurent sur les pages suivantes, sont promulguées, conformément aux règles 89*bis* et 89*ter*, avec effet au 6 septembre 2002.

Le texte actuel des instructions administratives figure dans le numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2001 du 30 août 2001, avec modifications ultérieures relatives à la nouvelle septième partie et à la nouvelle annexe F dans le numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT n° S-04/2001 du 27 décembre 2001, et relatives à l'instruction 404 dans la Gazette du PCT n° 47/2001 du 22 novembre 2001, page 21587.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**PART 8
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING
LARGE NUCLEOTIDE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS
AND/OR TABLES RELATING THERETO****Section 801
Filing of International Applications
Containing Sequence Listings and/or Tables**

(a) Pursuant to Rules 89*bis* and 89*ter*, where an international application contains disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings (“sequence listings”), the receiving Office may, if it is prepared to do so, accept that the sequence listing part of the description, as referred to in Rule 5.2(a) and/or any table related to the sequence listing(s) (“sequence listings and/or tables”), be filed, at the option of the applicant:

- (i) only on an electronic medium in the computer readable form referred to in Section 802; or
- (ii) both on an electronic medium in that computer readable form and on paper in the written form referred to in Section 802;

provided that the other elements of the international application are filed as otherwise provided for under the Regulations and these Instructions.

(b) Any receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing in computer readable form of the sequence listings and/or tables under paragraph (a) shall notify the International Bureau accordingly. The notification shall specify the electronic media on which the receiving Office will accept such filings. The International Bureau shall promptly publish any such information in the Gazette.

(c) A receiving Office which has not made a notification under paragraph (b) may nevertheless decide in a particular case to accept an international application the sequence listings and/or tables of which are filed with it under paragraph (a).

(d) Where the sequence listings and/or tables are filed in computer readable form under paragraph (a) but not on an electronic medium specified by the receiving Office under paragraph (b), that Office shall, under Article 14(1)(a)(v), invite the applicant to furnish to it replacement sequence listings and/or tables on an electronic medium specified under paragraph (b).

(e) Where an international application containing sequence listings and/or tables in computer readable form is filed under paragraph (a) with a receiving Office which is not prepared, under paragraph (b) or (c), to accept such filings, Section 333(b) and (c) shall apply.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES

HUITIÈME PARTIE INSTRUCTIONS RELATIVES AUX DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT DE VOLUMINEUX LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES DE NUCLÉOTIDES OU D'ACIDES AMINÉS, OU DES TABLEAUX Y RELATIFS

Instruction 801 **Dépôt de demandes internationales** **contenant des listages des séquences ou des tableaux**

a) Conformément aux règles 89*bis* et 89*ter*, lorsqu'une demande internationale contient la divulgation d'un ou plusieurs listages des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés ("listages des séquences"), l'office récepteur peut, s'il est disposé à le faire, accepter que la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences visée à la règle 5.2.a), ou que tout tableau relatif au(x) listage(s) des séquences ("listages des séquences ou tableaux"), soit déposé, au choix du déposant,

- i) seulement sur un support électronique sous la forme déchiffrable par ordinateur visée à l'instruction 802, ou
- ii) à la fois sur un support électronique sous ladite forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et sur papier sous la forme écrite visée à l'instruction 802,

à condition que les autres éléments de la demande internationale soient déposés comme prévu normalement dans le règlement d'exécution et les présentes instructions.

b) Tout office récepteur qui est disposé à accepter le dépôt sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, en vertu de l'alinéa a), de listages des séquences ou de tableaux doit notifier ce fait au Bureau international. La notification doit spécifier les supports électroniques sur lesquels l'office récepteur accepte de tels dépôts. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai les informations de ce type dans la gazette.

c) Un office récepteur qui n'a pas fait de notification selon l'alinéa b) peut néanmoins décider dans un cas précis d'accepter une demande internationale dont les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sont déposés auprès de lui selon l'alinéa a).

d) Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sont déposés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'alinéa a) mais pas sur un support électronique spécifié par l'office récepteur selon l'alinéa b), l'office invite le déposant, en vertu de l'article 14.1)a)v), à lui remettre sur un support électronique spécifié selon l'alinéa b) des listages des séquences ou des tableaux de remplacement.

e) Lorsqu'une demande internationale contenant des listages des séquences ou des tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur est déposée en vertu de l'alinéa a) auprès d'un office récepteur qui n'est pas disposé, selon l'alinéa b) ou c), à accepter de tels dépôts, l'instruction 333.b) et c) s'applique.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**Section 802**
Format and Identification Requirements Relating to
International Applications Containing Sequence Listings and/or Tables

(a) Paragraphs 40 to 45 of Annex C shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the sequence listing part of an international application filed in computer readable form.

(b) Tables filed in computer readable form under Section 801(a) shall comply with Annex C-*bis*.

(b-*bis*) Any International Searching Authority which requires that sequence listings be furnished in computer readable form shall select from the technical requirements contained in Annex C-*bis* those which it will apply and it shall notify the International Bureau accordingly. The International Bureau shall promptly publish any such information in the Gazette.

(b-*ter*) Where sequence listings and tables are both filed in computer readable form under Section 801(a), such listings and tables shall, respectively, be contained on separate electronic carriers which shall contain no other programs or files.

(b-*quater*) Rule 13*ter*.1 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any tables not complying with Annex C-*bis* and paragraph (b-*ter*).

(c) The label provided for in paragraph 44 of Annex C shall, in respect of the sequence listings and/or tables, also include, as the case may be, the following indications:

(i) that the sequence listings and/or tables are filed under Section 801(a);

(ii) where the sequence listings and/or tables in computer readable form are contained on more than one electronic carrier, the numbering of each such carrier (for example, “DISK 1/3,” “DISK 2/3,” “DISK 3/3”);

(iii) where more than one copy of the sequence listings and/or tables in computer readable form has been filed, the numbering of each copy (for example, “COPY 1,” “COPY 2,” “COPY 3”).

(d) Where any correction under Rule 26.3, any rectification of an obvious error under Rule 91, or any amendment under Article 34 is submitted in respect of the sequence listings and/or tables filed, under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii), in computer readable form, replacement sequence listings and/or tables in computer readable form containing the entirety of the sequence listings and/or tables with the relevant correction, rectification or amendment shall be furnished and the label referred to in paragraph (c) shall be marked accordingly (for example, “SUBMITTED FOR CORRECTION,” “SUBMITTED FOR RECTIFICATION,” “SUBMITTED FOR AMENDMENT”). Where the sequence listings and/or tables were filed both in computer readable form and in written form under Section 801(a)(ii), replacement sheets containing the correction, rectification or amendment in question shall also be submitted in written form.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**Instruction 802****Exigences relatives au format et à l'identification
des demandes internationales contenant des listages des séquences ou des tableaux**

a) Les paragraphes 40 à 45 de l'annexe C s'appliquent *mutatis mutandis* à la partie réservée au listage des séquences d'une demande internationale déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

b) Les tableaux déposés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a) doivent respecter l'annexe C-bis.

b-bis) Une administration chargée de la recherche internationale qui exige que les listages des séquences soient fournis sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur choisit parmi les exigences techniques figurant dans l'annexe C-bis celles qu'elle applique et notifie ce fait au Bureau international. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai les informations de ce type dans la gazette.

b-ter) Lorsque les listages des séquences et les tableaux sont tous les deux déposés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a), lesdits listages et lesdits tableaux doivent figurer, respectivement, sur des supports électroniques séparés qui ne doivent contenir aucun autre programme ou fichier.

b-quater) La règle 13ter.1 s'applique *mutatis mutandis* à tout tableau qui n'est pas conforme à l'annexe C-bis et l'alinéa b-ter).

c) L'étiquette visée au paragraphe 44 de l'annexe C doit, en ce qui concerne les listages des séquences ou les tableaux, aussi comporter, selon le cas, les indications relatives aux points suivants :

i) le fait que les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sont déposés en vertu de l'instruction 801.a);

ii) lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur figurent sur plus d'un support électronique, la numérotation de chacun des supports (par exemple, "DISQUE 1/3", "DISQUE 2/3", "DISQUE 3/3");

iii) lorsque plus d'un exemplaire des listages des séquences ou des tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur est déposé, la numérotation de chacun des exemplaires (par exemple, "EXEMPLAIRE 1", "EXEMPLAIRE 2", "EXEMPLAIRE 3").

d) Pour toute correction en vertu de la règle 26.3, toute rectification d'une erreur évidente en vertu de la règle 91 ou toute modification en vertu de l'article 34 concernant les listages des séquences ou les tableaux, déposés en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i) ou ii) sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, le déposant doit remettre des listages des séquences ou des tableaux de remplacement sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur comportant la totalité des listages ou des tableaux avec la correction, la rectification ou la modification pertinente; l'étiquette visée à l'alinéa c) doit porter les indications correspondantes (par exemple, "REMIS AUX FINS DE CORRECTION", "REMIS AUX FINS DE RECTIFICATION", "REMIS AUX FINS DE MODIFICATION"). Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux ont été déposés à la fois sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et sous forme écrite en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), des feuilles de remplacement contenant la correction, la rectification ou la modification en question doivent aussi être remises sous forme écrite.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (*continued*)

Section 803
Calculation of Basic Fee for
International Applications Containing Sequence Listings and/or Tables

Where sequence listings and/or tables are filed in electronic form under Section 801(a), the basic fee payable in respect of that application shall comprise the following two components:

(i) a basic component calculated as provided in the Schedule of Fees in respect of all pages filed on paper (that is, all pages of the request, description (excluding sequence listings and/or tables if also filed on paper), claims, abstract and drawings), and

(ii) an additional component, in respect of sequence listings and/or tables, equal to 400 times the fee per sheet as referred to in item 1(b) of the Schedule of Fees, regardless of the actual length of the sequence listings and/or tables filed in computer readable form and regardless of the fact that sequence listings and/or tables may have been filed both in written form and in computer readable form.

Section 804
Preparation, Identification and Transmittal of Copies
of International Applications Containing Sequence Listings and/or Tables

(a) Where sequence listings and/or tables are filed only in computer readable form under Section 801(a)(i), the record copy for the purposes of Article 12 shall consist of those elements of the international application filed on paper together with the sequence listings and/or tables filed in computer readable form.

(b) Where sequence listings and/or tables are filed both in computer readable form and in written form under Section 801(a)(ii), the record copy for the purposes of Article 12 shall consist of all the elements of the international application filed on paper, including the sequence listings and/or tables in written form.

(c) Where sequence listings and/or tables are filed in computer readable form under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii) in less than the number of copies required for the purposes of this Section, the receiving Office shall either:

- (i) promptly prepare any additional copies required, in which case it shall have the right to fix a fee for performing that task and to collect such fee from the applicant; or
- (ii) invite the applicant to promptly furnish the additional number of copies required, accompanied by a statement that the sequence listings and/or tables in computer readable form contained in those copies are identical to the sequence listings and/or tables in computer readable form as filed;

provided that, where those sequence listings and/or tables were also filed in written form under Section 801(a)(ii), the receiving Office shall not, notwithstanding Rule 11.1(b), require the applicant to file additional copies of the sequence listings and/or tables in written form.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**Instruction 803****Calcul de la taxe de base pour les demandes internationales
contenant des listages des séquences ou des tableaux**

Lorsque des listages des séquences ou des tableaux sont déposés sous forme électronique en vertu de l'instruction 801.a), la taxe de base à acquitter en ce qui concerne cette demande comprend les deux composantes suivantes :

i) une composante de base calculée comme prévu dans le barème de taxes en ce qui concerne toutes les pages déposées sur papier (c'est-à-dire toutes les pages de la requête, de la description (autre que les listages des séquences ou les tableaux si ceux-ci sont également déposés sur papier), des revendications, de l'abrégié et des dessins), et

ii) une composante supplémentaire correspondant aux listages des séquences ou aux tableaux, égale à 400 fois la taxe par feuille visée au point 1.b) du barème de taxes, quelle que soit la longueur proprement dite des listages des séquences ou des tableaux déposés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et sans tenir compte du fait que les listages des séquences ou les tableaux aient pu être déposés à la fois sous forme écrite et sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

Instruction 804**Préparation, identification et transmission des copies
de demandes internationales contenant des listages des séquences ou des tableaux**

a) Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sont déposés seulement sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), l'exemplaire original aux fins de l'article 12 est constitué des éléments de la demande internationale déposés sur papier ainsi que des listages des séquences ou des tableaux déposés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

b) Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sont déposés à la fois sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et sous forme écrite en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), l'exemplaire original aux fins de l'article 12 est constitué de tous les éléments de la demande internationale déposés sur papier, y compris les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sous forme écrite.

c) Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sont déposés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i) ou ii) dans un nombre d'exemplaires inférieur à celui requis aux fins de la présente instruction,

- i) soit l'office récepteur prépare à bref délai toute copie supplémentaire qui est requise, auquel cas il a le droit de fixer une taxe pour l'exécution de cette tâche et de percevoir cette taxe du déposant,
- ii) soit il invite le déposant à remettre à bref délai le nombre supplémentaire de copies requis, accompagnées d'une déclaration aux termes de laquelle les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur contenus dans ces copies sont identiques à ceux qui ont été déposés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur;

étant entendu que, lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux avaient aussi été déposés sous forme écrite en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), l'office récepteur ne peut exiger du déposant, nonobstant la règle 11.1.b), qu'il dépose des exemplaires additionnels desdits listages ou tableaux sous forme écrite.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (*continued*)

[Section 804, continued]

(d) Where the sequence listings and/or tables are filed under Section 801(a)(i), the receiving Office shall, in addition to proceeding under Section 305 with respect to the parts of the international application filed on paper:

(i) mark the words “RECORD COPY—SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES” on the original electronic medium containing the sequence listings and/or tables in computer readable form and transmit that part of the record copy to the International Bureau together with the paper part of the record copy;

(ii) mark the words “SEARCH COPY—SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES” on one additional copy of the electronic medium containing the sequence listings and/or tables in computer readable form and transmit that part of the search copy to the International Searching Authority, for the purposes of Rule 13^{ter}.1, together with the paper part of the search copy;

(iii) mark the words “HOME COPY—SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES” on the other such copy of the electronic medium containing the sequence listings and/or tables in computer readable form and keep that part of the home copy in its files together with the paper part of the home copy.

(e) Where the sequence listings and/or tables are filed under Section 801(a)(ii), the receiving Office shall, in addition to proceeding under Section 305 with respect to the parts of the international application filed on paper:

(i) mark the words “RECORD COPY—SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES” in the upper left-hand corner of the first page of the first sequence listing and of the first page of the first table in written form and transmit that part of the record copy to the International Bureau together with the paper part of the record copy; it shall also mark the words “COPY FOR INTERNATIONAL BUREAU—SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES” on one copy of the electronic medium containing the sequence listings and/or tables in computer readable form and transmit that copy with the record copy;

(ii) mark the words “SEARCH COPY—SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES” on one additional copy of the electronic medium containing the sequence listings and/or tables in computer readable form and transmit that part of the search copy to the International Searching Authority, for the purposes of Rule 13^{ter}.1, together with the paper part of the search copy;

(iii) mark the words “HOME COPY—SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES” on the other such copy of the electronic medium containing the sequence listings and/or tables in computer readable form and keep that part of the home copy in its files together with the paper part of the home copy.

(f) The receiving Office may, when marking the copies referred to in paragraphs (d) and (e), use, instead of the words referred to in those paragraphs, the equivalent of those words in the language of publication of the international application.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)

[Instruction 804, suite]

d) Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sont déposés en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), et tout en procédant comme prévu à l'instruction 305 pour ce qui concerne tous les éléments de la demande internationale déposés sur papier, l'office récepteur

i) appose la mention "EXEMPLAIRE ORIGINAL – LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU TABLEAUX" sur le support électronique original contenant les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et transmet cette partie de l'exemplaire original au Bureau international avec la partie sur papier de l'exemplaire original;

ii) appose la mention "COPIE DE RECHERCHE – LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU TABLEAUX" sur un exemplaire supplémentaire du support électronique contenant les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et transmet cette partie de la copie de recherche à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, aux fins de la règle 13ter.1, avec la partie sur papier de la copie de recherche;

iii) appose la mention "COPIE POUR L'OFFICE RÉCEPTEUR – LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU TABLEAUX" sur l'exemplaire restant du support électronique contenant les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et conserve cette partie de la copie pour l'office récepteur dans ses dossiers avec la partie sur papier de la copie pour l'office récepteur.

e) Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sont déposés en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), et tout en procédant comme prévu à l'instruction 305 pour ce qui concerne tous les éléments de la demande internationale déposés sur papier, l'office récepteur

i) appose la mention "EXEMPLAIRE ORIGINAL – LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU TABLEAUX" dans le coin supérieur gauche de la première page du premier listage des séquences et de la première page du premier tableau sous forme écrite et transmet cette partie de l'exemplaire original au Bureau international avec la partie sur papier de l'exemplaire original; de plus, il appose la mention "COPIE POUR LE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL – LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU TABLEAUX" sur un exemplaire du support électronique contenant les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et transmet ladite copie avec l'exemplaire original;

ii) appose la mention "COPIE DE RECHERCHE – LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU TABLEAUX" sur un exemplaire supplémentaire du support électronique contenant les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et transmet cette partie de la copie de recherche à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, aux fins de la règle 13ter.1, avec la partie sur papier de la copie de recherche;

iii) appose la mention "COPIE POUR L'OFFICE RÉCEPTEUR – LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU TABLEAUX" sur l'exemplaire restant du support électronique contenant les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et conserve cette partie de la copie pour l'office récepteur dans ses dossiers avec la partie sur papier de la copie pour l'office récepteur.

f) Lorsqu'il appose une mention sur les exemplaires visés en vertu des alinéas d) et e), l'office récepteur peut utiliser, au lieu des mots mentionnés dans ces alinéas, leur équivalent dans la langue de publication de la demande internationale.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**Section 805****Publication and Communication of International Applications Containing Sequence Listings and/or Tables; Copies; Priority Documents**

- (a) Notwithstanding Section 406, an international application containing sequence listings and/or tables may be published under Article 21, in whole or in part, in electronic form as determined by the Director General.
- (b) Paragraph (a) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in relation to:
- (i) the communication of an international application under Article 20;
 - (ii) the furnishing of copies of an international application under Rules 87 and 94.1;
 - (iii) the furnishing under Rule 17.1, as a priority document, of a copy of an international application containing sequence listings and/or tables filed under Section 801(a);
 - (iv) the furnishing under Rules 17.2 and 66.7 of copies of a priority document.

Section 806**Sequence Listings and/or Tables for Designated Office**

- (a) Where sequence listings and/or tables were filed only in computer readable form under Section 801(a)(i), any designated Office which does not accept the filing of sequence listings and/or tables in computer readable form may require that the applicant furnish to it, for the purposes of the national phase, a copy on paper of such sequence listings in written form complying with Annex C and a copy on paper of such tables in written form, accompanied by a statement that the sequence listings and/or tables in written form are identical to the sequence listings and/or tables in computer readable form.
- (b) Rule 13*ter*.2 shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any tables filed under Section 801(a).
- (c) For the purposes of Rule 49.5, any designated Office may require that the applicant furnish to it a translation of any text matter contained in any tables filed under Section 801(a), if that text matter is not in the language-neutral vocabulary referred to in Annex C and if it does not appear in the main part of the description in the language thereof.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)

Instruction 805

**Publication et communication des demandes internationales
contenant des listages des séquences ou des tableaux; copies; documents de priorité**

a) Nonobstant l'instruction 406, une demande internationale contenant des listages des séquences ou des tableaux peut être publiée en vertu de l'article 21 entièrement ou partiellement sous forme électronique selon les modalités déterminées par le directeur général.

b) L'alinéa a) s'applique *mutatis mutandis* aux fins

i) de la communication d'une demande internationale en vertu de l'article 20;

ii) de la remise de copies d'une demande internationale en vertu des règles 87 et 94.1;

iii) de la remise en vertu de la règle 17.1, en tant que document de priorité, d'une copie d'une demande internationale contenant des listages des séquences ou des tableaux déposés en vertu de l'instruction 801.a);

iv) de la remise en vertu des règles 17.2 et 66.7 de copies d'un document de priorité.

Instruction 806

Listages des séquences ou tableaux pour l'office désigné

a) Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux ont été déposés seulement sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), tout office désigné qui n'accepte pas le dépôt des listages des séquences ou des tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur peut exiger que le déposant lui fournisse, aux fins de la phase nationale, une copie sur papier sous forme écrite conforme à l'annexe C des listages des séquences et une copie sur papier sous forme écrite des tableaux, accompagnées d'une déclaration selon laquelle les listages des séquences ou les tableaux sous forme écrite sont identiques aux listages des séquences ou aux tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

b) La règle 13^{ter}.2 s'applique *mutatis mutandis* à tout tableau déposé en vertu de l'instruction 801.a).

c) Aux fins de la règle 49.5, tout office désigné peut exiger que le déposant lui fournisse la traduction d'un élément de texte figurant dans tout tableau déposé en vertu de l'instruction 801.a), si cet élément de texte n'est pas dans le vocabulaire non connoté visé à l'annexe C et s'il ne figure pas dans la partie principale de la description, dans la langue de celle-ci.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (*continued*)

ANNEX C-bis
TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS
FOR THE PRESENTATION OF TABLES RELATED TO
NUCLEOTIDE AND AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS
IN INTERNATIONAL PATENT APPLICATIONS UNDER THE PCT

Introduction

1. These technical requirements have been elaborated so as to provide standardization of the presentation of tables related to nucleotide and amino acid sequence listings in international patent applications. These technical requirements are intended to allow the applicant to draw up such tables in a manner which is acceptable to all receiving Offices, International Searching Authorities, International Preliminary Examining Authorities and to the International Bureau for the purposes of the international phase and to all designated and elected Offices for the purposes of the national phase.

Definition

2. For the purposes of these technical requirements, “competent Authority” is the International Searching Authority that is to carry out the international search on the international application, or the International Preliminary Examining Authority that is to carry out the international preliminary examination on the international application, or the designated/elected Office before which the processing of the international application has started.

Tables related to sequence listings

3. Tables filed in computer readable form under Section 801(a) shall comply with one of the following character formats:

- (i) UTF-8-encoded Unicode 3.0; or
- (ii) XML format conforming to the “Application-Body” Document Type Definition referred to in Appendix I of Annex F;

at the option of the competent Authority.

4. The spatial relationships (e.g., columns and rows) of the table elements shall be maintained.

5. At the option of the competent Authority, file compression is acceptable, so long as the compressed file is in a self-extracting format that will decompress on a Personal Computer Operating system that is acceptable to the competent Authority and to the International Bureau.

6. Each table shall be contained within a separate electronic file on any electronic medium that is acceptable to the competent Authority. The file recorded on the electronic medium that is acceptable to the competent Authority shall be encoded using IBM Code Page 437, IBM Code Page 932 or a compatible code page. A compatible code page, as would be required for, for example, Japanese, Chinese, Cyrillic, Arabic, Greek or Hebrew characters, is one that assigns the Roman alphabet and numerals to the same hexadecimal positions as do the specified code pages.

7. Tables filed in computer readable form may be created by any means, as long as the table on an electronic medium that is acceptable to the competent Authority is readable under a Personal Computer Operating system that is acceptable to the competent Authority and to the International Bureau.

8. If the electronic medium that is acceptable to the competent Authority is submitted after the date of filing of an application, the labels shall also include the filing date of the application and the application number.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)

ANNEXE C-bis
EXIGENCES TECHNIQUES RELATIVES À
LA PRÉSENTATION DES TABLEAUX RELATIFS AUX
LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES DE NUCLÉOTIDES ET D'ACIDES AMINÉS
DANS LES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES DE BREVET DÉPOSÉES SELON LE PCT

Introduction

1. Les présentes exigences techniques ont été élaborées pour normaliser la présentation des tableaux relatifs aux listages des séquences de nucléotides et d'acides aminés dans les demandes internationales de brevet. Elles visent à permettre au déposant d'établir des tableaux d'une manière qui soit acceptable pour tous les offices récepteurs, toutes les administrations chargées de la recherche internationale et les administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international et pour le Bureau international aux fins de la phase internationale, ainsi que pour tous les offices désignés et élus aux fins de la phase nationale.

Définition

2. Aux fins des présentes exigences techniques, l'expression "administration compétente" désigne l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international pour la demande internationale en question, ou encore l'office désigné ou élu au sein duquel le traitement de la demande internationale a commencé.

Tableaux relatifs aux listages des séquences

3. Les tableaux déposés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a) doivent respecter l'un des formats de caractères suivants :

- i) format de caractères Unicode 3.0, codage UTF-8; ou
- ii) format XML conforme à la définition de type de document "corps de la demande" visé à l'appendice I de l'annexe F;

au choix de l'administration compétente.

4. L'agencement (par exemple, colonnes et rangées) entre les éléments d'un tableau doit être maintenu.

5. Au choix de l'administration compétente, la compression d'un fichier est admise, dans la mesure où le fichier compressé se présente sous un format auto-extractible qui se décompressera sur un système d'exploitation d'ordinateur personnel admis par l'administration compétente et par le Bureau international.

6. Chaque tableau doit figurer dans un seul fichier électronique sur un support électronique admis par l'administration compétente. Le fichier enregistré sur le support électronique admis par l'administration compétente doit être codé selon la page de code IBM 437, la page de code IBM 932 ou une page de code compatible. Une page de code compatible (requis pour les caractères japonais, chinois, cyrilliques, arabes, grecs, hébraïques, etc.) est une page de code qui attribue les lettres de l'alphabet romain et les chiffres aux mêmes positions hexadécimales que les pages de code indiquées.

7. Les tableaux déposés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur peuvent être créés par tout moyen dans la mesure où le tableau figurant sur le support électronique qui est admis par l'administration compétente est déchiffrable sous un système d'exploitation d'ordinateur individuel lui aussi admis par l'administration compétente et par le Bureau international.

8. Si le support électronique admis par l'administration compétente est fourni après la date de dépôt de la demande, cette date et le numéro de la demande doivent aussi figurer sur les étiquettes.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the deletion of the additional fee for each sheet in excess of 30 as well as a change in the amount of the filing fee in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The new amount, applicable as from 1 September 2002, is as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee: AUD 320

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Summary (AU), page 377]

ES Spain

The Director General of the **World Intellectual Property Organization** has established, for the purposes of the International Bureau as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount of the search fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable for an international search by the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office. The new amount, applicable as from 15 October 2002, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Spanish Patent and
Trademark Office):

USD 936

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex D(ES), page 334]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**IL Israel**

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a change in one of its e-mail addresses; the consolidated list is as follows:

E-mail: igjppelt@trendline.co.il
michaelb@justice.gov.il

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(IL), page 95]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

L'**Office australien des brevets** a notifié la suppression de la taxe additionnelle pour chaque feuille à compter de la 31^e ainsi qu'un changement dans le montant de la taxe de dépôt, exprimé en **dollars australiens (AUD)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2002, est le suivant :

Taxe nationale :
Taxe de dépôt : AUD 320

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), résumé (AU), page 391]

ES Espagne

Le Directeur général de l'**Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** a établi, aux fins du Bureau international agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, le montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 octobre 2002, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques) : USD 936

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002(F), annexe D(ES), page 344]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**IL Israël**

L'**Office des brevets d'Israël** a notifié un changement dans l'une de ses adresses électroniques; la liste récapitulative est la suivante :

Courrier électronique :
igjppelt@trendline.co.il
michaelb@justice.gov.il

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SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Canadian dollars (CAD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the **European Patent Office (EPO)**. The new amount, applicable as from 1 November 2002, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	CAD 1,440
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex D(EP), page 332]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars canadiens (CAD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)**. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} novembre 2002, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) :	CAD 1.440
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SECTION IV

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BG Bulgaria	19844	BG Bulgarie	19845
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RECEIVING OFFICES**BG Bulgaria**

The **Bulgarian Patent Office** has notified a change in its requirements concerning the language in which international applications may be filed, with effect from 9 July 2002. The consolidated list of languages accepted by the receiving Office for the filing of international applications is as follows:

Language in which international applications may be filed: Bulgarian, English or Russian¹

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(BG), page 236]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF MODIFIED PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS; NOTIFICATION UNDER PCT ARTICLE 22(3)**BG Bulgaria**

Further to its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **Bulgarian Patent Office** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 9 July 2002.

Furthermore, the **Bulgarian Patent Office**, pursuant to PCT Article 22(3), has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase, with effect from the same date. The new time limit is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase: Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date
Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): [No change]

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IL Israel

Further to its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **Israel Patent Office** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 4 October 2002. The new time limit is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase: Under PCT Article 22(1): 30 months from the priority date
Under PCT Article 39(1)(a): [No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Summary (IL), page 431]

¹ If the language in which the international application is filed is not accepted by the International Searching Authority (see Annex D), the applicant will have to furnish a translation (PCT Rule 12.3).

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**BG Bulgarie**

L'**Office bulgare des brevets** a notifié un changement dans ses exigences concernant la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée, avec effet à compter du 9 juillet 2002. La liste récapitulative des langues acceptées par l'office récepteur pour le dépôt de demandes internationales est la suivante :

Langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée : Anglais, bulgare ou russe¹

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RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT MODIFIÉ; NOTIFICATION EN VERTU DE L'ARTICLE 22.3) DU PCT**BG Bulgarie**

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de l'article 22.1) du PCT modifié (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 08/2002, page 3887), l'**Office bulgare des brevets** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 9 juillet 2002.

De plus, l'**Office bulgare des brevets**, conformément à l'article 22.3) du PCT, a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, avec effet à compter de la même date. Le nouveau délai est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale : En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT : 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité

En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), résumé (BG), page 396]

IL Israël

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de l'article 22.1) du PCT modifié (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 08/2002, page 3887), l'**Office des brevets d'Israël** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 4 octobre 2002. Le nouveau délai est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale : En vertu de l'article 22.1) du PCT : 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité

En vertu de l'article 39.1)a) du PCT : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), résumé (IL), page 451]

¹ Si la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée n'est pas acceptée par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (voir l'annexe D), le déposant devra remettre une traduction (règle 12.3 du PCT).

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**IB International Bureau**

Further to the introduction in 2002 by a large number of receiving Offices of the **euro (EUR)** as a “prescribed currency”, the euro has, under PCT Rule 15.2, also been introduced, as from 1 November 2002, as a “prescribed currency” for payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, and new amounts in euro have been established as from the same date. This new “prescribed currency” applies only to international applications filed on or after 1 November 2002. The consolidated table of currencies and amounts applicable to the International Bureau as receiving Office (except for the search fee—see below) is as follows:

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Swiss franc (CHF), euro (EUR) and US dollar (USD)					
Transmittal fee:	CHF 100	or	EUR 68	or	USD 60	
International fee:						
Basic fee:	CHF 650	or	EUR 444	or	USD 407	
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	CHF 15	or	EUR 10	or	USD 9	
Designation fee:	CHF 140	or	EUR 96	or	USD 88	
PCT-EASY fee reduction:	CHF 200	or	EUR 137	or	USD 125	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rules 17.1(b) and 20.9):	CHF 50	or	EUR 34	or	USD 30	
	Supplement for airmail:					
	CHF 10	or	EUR 7	or	USD 6	

In respect of the search fee payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office, amounts in **euro (EUR)** have been established, under PCT Rule 16, for all International Searching Authorities. Note that the amounts in euro for an international search by the Australian Patent Office, the China Intellectual Property Office, the Japan Patent Office, the Korean Intellectual Property Office, the Russian Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office have been newly established and are applicable as from 1 November 2002, whereas the amounts in euro for an international search by the Austrian Patent Office, the European Patent Office, the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the Swedish Patent Office are those already established by those Offices. The consolidated list of amounts in euro is as follows:

Search fee for an international search by:

AT Austrian Patent Office	EUR 159
AU Australian Patent Office	EUR 560
CN China Intellectual Property Office	EUR 185
EP European Patent Office	EUR 945
ES Spanish Patent And Trademark Office	EUR 945
JP Japan Patent Office	EUR 620
KR Korean Intellectual Property Office	EUR 130
RU Russian Patent Office	EUR 306
SE Swedish Patent Office	EUR 945
US United States Patent and Trademark Office	EUR 714 (459)*

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* The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee has been paid.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**IB Bureau international**

Suite à l'introduction en 2002 par un grand nombre d'offices récepteurs de l'euro (EUR) en tant que "monnaie prescrite", l'euro a été, selon la règle 15.2 du PCT, aussi introduit, à compter du 1^{er} novembre 2002, en tant que "monnaie prescrite", pour le paiement des taxes au Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, et de nouveaux montants, exprimés en euros, ont été établis à compter de la même date. Cette nouvelle "monnaie prescrite" s'applique seulement aux demandes internationales déposées le 1^{er} novembre 2002 ou ultérieurement. Le tableau récapitulatif des monnaies et montants applicables au Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur (à l'exception de la taxe de recherche – voir ci-dessous) est le suivant :

Taxes payables à l'office récepteur :	Monnaie : Franc suisse (CHF), euro (EUR) et dollar des États-Unis (USD)					
Taxe de transmission :	CHF 100	ou	EUR 68	ou	USD 60	
Taxe internationale :						
Taxe de base :	CHF 650	ou	EUR 444	ou	USD 407	
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	CHF 15	ou	EUR 10	ou	USD 9	
Taxe de désignation :	CHF 140	ou	EUR 96	ou	USD 88	
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY :	CHF 200	ou	EUR 137	ou	USD 125	
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règles 17.1.b) et 20.9 du PCT) :	CHF 50	ou	EUR 34	ou	USD 30	
	Supplément pour expédition par voie aérienne :					
	CHF 10	ou	EUR 7	ou	USD 6	

En ce qui concerne la taxe de recherche payable au Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, des montants exprimés en euros (EUR), ont été établis, en vertu de la règle 16 du PCT, pour toutes les administrations chargées de la recherche internationale. Il convient de noter que les montants exprimés en euros pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office australien des brevets, l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle, l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine, l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis, l'Office des brevets du Japon et par l'Office russe des brevets ont été nouvellement établis et sont applicables à compter du 1^{er} novembre 2002, alors que les montants exprimés en euros pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office autrichien des brevets, l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques, l'Office européen des brevets et par l'Office suédois des brevets sont ceux déjà établis par ces offices. La liste récapitulative des montants en euros est la suivante :

Taxe de recherche pour une recherche internationale effectuée par :

AT Office autrichien des brevets	EUR 159	
AU Office australien des brevets	EUR 560	
CN Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine	EUR 185	
EP Office européen des brevets	EUR 945	
ES Office espagnol des brevets et des marques	EUR 945	
JP Office des brevets du Japon	EUR 620	
KR Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle	EUR 130	
RU Office russe des brevets	EUR 306	
SE Office suédois des brevets	EUR 945	
US Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis	EUR 714	(459)*

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* Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon le paragraphe 111.a) du titre 35 USC et que la taxe de dépôt de base a été payée.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**JP Japan**

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a reduction—referred to under point 5 of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations under the PCT—of the handling fee payable to it as an International Preliminary Examining Authority. Only the text appearing as a new footnote relating to the handling fee is reproduced hereafter:

“This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in any of the States mentioned in the footnote to Annex C(IB) relating to the basic and designation fees.”

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex E(JP), page 345]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**JP Japon**

L'**Office des brevets du Japon** a notifié une réduction – visée au point 5 du barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT – de la taxe de traitement payable à l'office agissant en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international. Seul le texte de la nouvelle note de bas de page relative à la taxe de traitement est reproduit ci-après.

“Taxe à verser à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international. Cette taxe est réduite de 75 % lorsque le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux, est une personne physique ressortissante de l'un des États – et domiciliée dans l'un des États – mentionnés dans la note de bas de page de l'annexe C(IB) relative aux taxes de base et de désignation.”

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe E(JP), page 355]

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**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY
(THIRTY-FIRST (18TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)¹—FIRST PART****Reduction of the International Fee for International Applications Filed in Electronic Form:
Note prepared by the International Bureau**

The Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held its thirty-first (18th extraordinary) session in Geneva from 23 September to 1 October 2002, in conjunction with the thirty-seventh series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). All documents discussed during the session are available from WIPO free of charge and can also be found on WIPO's Internet site, at the following address:

http://www.wipo.int/eng/document/govbody/wo_pct/index_31.htm

Note that the final report (document PCT/A/31/10) generally becomes available in the weeks following the closure of the meetings.

Amendment of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations

The Assembly decided, with effect from 17 October 2002, to amend item 4 of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations by including a new sub-item (b) to provide a basis for the reduction of the total amount of the international fee (that is, the basic fee and designation fee) by 200 Swiss francs if the international application, in accordance with and to the extent provided for in the Administrative Instructions, is filed in electronic form. The Assembly also decided that the amended Schedule of Fees, as in force from 17 October 2002, will apply only in respect of international applications whose date of receipt is on or after 17 October 2002.

The text of the amended Schedule of Fees, as in force from 17 October 2002, is reproduced on page 21000.

It is recalled that, following the coming into effect on 7 January 2002 of new Part 7 and new Annex F of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of electronic filing and processing of international applications under the PCT, as provided for by Rule 89bis.1 (see PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-04/2001 (E) (27 December 2001)), any receiving Office having the necessary technical systems in place may decide to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F. The receiving Office must, under the provisions of Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, notify the International Bureau of its requirements, and any such notification must then be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

While no receiving Office has yet made such a notification, and it is therefore not yet possible for international applications to be filed in electronic form with any receiving Office pursuant to the new provisions, it is expected that certain receiving Offices will soon make such a notification and that it will therefore soon be possible for international applications to be filed in electronic form with such receiving Offices.

Modifications of the Administrative Instructions

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to Rule 89.2(a), Sections 102bis and 707 of the Administrative Instructions have been modified as set out on page 21002 and are promulgated, pursuant to Rule 89bis and item 4 of the Schedule of Fees, with effect from 17 October 2002. Modified Section 102bis(c) now contains an express reference to renumbered item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees (rather than item 4 as previously); modified Section 707 now contains a new paragraph (b) which refers to new item 4(b) of the Schedule of Fees and the title of the Section includes a reference to fee reduction.

The present text of the Administrative Instructions is as set out in PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-03/2001 (E) dated 30 August 2001, with subsequent modifications relating to new Part 7 and new Annex F, as set out in PCT Gazette No. S-04/2001 dated 27 December 2001, relating to Section 404 as set out in PCT Gazette No. 47/2001 dated 22 November 2001, page 21586, and relating to modified Sections 801 to 806 and to new Annex C-bis as set out in PCT Gazette No. 36/2002 dated 6 September 2002, page 17632.

¹ A comprehensive note prepared by the International Bureau relating to all the matters that were on the agenda of the session of the Assembly will be published in due course in the PCT Gazette.

RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS – ASSEMBLÉE (TRENTE-ET-UNIÈME SESSION (18^e SESSION EXTRAORDINAIRE))¹ – PREMIÈRE PARTIE

**Réduction de la taxe internationale pour les demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique :
Note du Bureau international**

L'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a tenu sa trente-et-unième session (18^e session extraordinaire) à Genève, du 23 septembre au 1^{er} octobre 2002, dans le cadre de la trente-septième série de réunions des Assemblées des États membres de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle (OMPI). Tous les documents qui ont fait l'objet de discussions durant la session sont disponibles gratuitement auprès de l'OMPI et peuvent être également consultés sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : http://www.wipo.int/fre/document/govbody/wo_pct/index_31.htm

Il convient de noter que le rapport final (document PCT/A/31/10) est, en règle générale, disponible dans les semaines qui suivent la clôture des réunions.

Modification du barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT

L'assemblée a décidé, avec effet à compter du 17 octobre 2002, de modifier le point 4 du barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT en incluant un nouvel alinéa b) pour fournir une base à la réduction du montant total de la taxe internationale (c'est-à-dire la taxe de base et la taxe de désignation) de 200 francs suisses si la demande internationale, conformément aux instructions administratives et dans la mesure prévue par celles-ci, est déposée sous forme électronique. L'assemblée a également décidé que le barème révisé de taxes, en vigueur à compter du 17 octobre 2002, s'appliquera uniquement en ce qui concerne les demandes internationales dont la date de réception est le 17 octobre 2002 ou une date ultérieure.

Le texte du barème révisé de taxes, tel qu'il entre en vigueur à compter du 17 octobre 2002, est reproduit à la page 21001.

Il est rappelé que, suite à l'entrée en vigueur, le 7 janvier 2002, de la nouvelle septième partie et de la nouvelle annexe F des instructions administratives du PCT contenant respectivement le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires pour la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement électroniques des demandes internationales selon le PCT, tel que prévu à la règle 89bis.1 (voir le numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT n° S-04/2001 (F) (27 décembre 2001)), tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques nécessaires peut décider d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F. L'office récepteur doit, selon les dispositions de l'instruction administrative 710, notifier au Bureau international ses exigences et toute notification de ce type est publiée à bref délai dans la gazette par le Bureau international.

A ce jour, aucun office récepteur n'a fait une telle notification, et il n'est donc pas encore possible de déposer des demandes internationales sous forme électronique auprès d'un office récepteur conformément aux nouvelles dispositions. Il est cependant prévu que certains offices récepteurs enverront d'ici peu une telle notification et il sera alors possible de déposer auprès d'eux des demandes internationales sous forme électronique.

Modification des instructions administratives

Après consultation des offices et des administrations intéressés conformément à la règle 89.2.a), les instructions administratives 102bis et 707 ont été modifiées, telles qu'elles figurent à la page 21003, et sont promulguées, conformément à la règle 89bis et au point 4 du barème de taxes, avec effet à compter du 17 octobre 2002. L'instruction 102bis.c) modifiée contient désormais une référence expresse au point 4.a) renuméroté du barème de taxes (plutôt qu'au point 4 comme précédemment); l'instruction 707 modifiée contient désormais un nouvel alinéa b) qui se réfère au nouveau point 4.b) du barème de taxes et le titre de l'instruction inclut une référence à la réduction de taxe.

Le texte actuel des instructions administratives figure dans le numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2001 (F) du 30 août 2001, avec modifications ultérieures relatives à la nouvelle septième partie et à la nouvelle annexe F dans le numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT n° S-04/2001 (F) du 27 décembre 2001, relatives à l'instruction 404 dans la Gazette du PCT n° 47/2001 du 22 novembre 2001, page 21587, et relatives aux instructions modifiées 801 à 806 et à la nouvelle annexe C-bis dans la Gazette du PCT n° 36/2002 du 6 septembre 2002, page 17633.

¹ Une note exhaustive du Bureau international relative à toutes les questions qui étaient à l'ordre du jour de la session de l'assemblée sera publiée en temps voulu dans la Gazette.

AMENDMENTS OF
THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT

SCHEDULE OF FEES
(with effect from October 17, 2002)

Fees	Amounts
1. Basic Fee: (Rule 15.2(a))	
(a) if the international application contains not more than 30 sheets	650 Swiss francs
(b) if the international application contains more than 30 sheets	650 Swiss francs plus 15 Swiss francs for each sheet in excess of 30 sheets
2. Designation Fee: (Rule 15.2(a))	
(a) for designations made under Rule 4.9(a)	140 Swiss francs per designation provided that any designation made under Rule 4.9(a) in excess of 5 shall not require the payment of a designation fee
(b) for designations made under Rule 4.9(b) and confirmed under Rule 4.9(c)	140 Swiss francs per designation
3. Handling Fee: (Rule 57.2(a))	233 Swiss francs

Reductions

4. The total amount of the fees payable under items 1 and 2(a) is reduced by 200 Swiss francs if the international application is, in accordance with and to the extent provided for in the Administrative Instructions, filed:
 - (a) on paper together with a copy thereof in electronic form; or
 - (b) in electronic form.

5. All fees payable (where applicable, as reduced under item 4) are reduced by 75% for international applications filed by any applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below US\$3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997); if there are several applicants, each must satisfy those criteria.

MODIFICATIONS
DU RÈGLEMENT D'EXÉCUTION DU PCT

BARÈME DE TAXES
(avec effet au 17 octobre 2002)

Taxes	Montants
1. Taxe de base : (Règle 15.2.a))	
a) si la demande internationale ne comporte pas plus de 30 feuilles	650 francs suisses
b) si la demande internationale comporte plus de 30 feuilles	650 francs suisses plus 15 francs suisses par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e
2. Taxe de désignation : (Règle 15.2.a))	
a) pour les désignations faites selon la règle 4.9.a)	140 francs suisses par désignation, étant entendu que toute désignation, à compter de la 6 ^e , faite selon la règle 4.9.a) n'est soumise au paiement d'aucune taxe de désignation
b) pour les désignations faites selon la règle 4.9.b) et confirmées selon la règle 4.9.c)	140 francs suisses par désignation
3. Taxe de traitement : (Règle 57.2.a))	233 francs suisses

Réductions

- Le montant total des taxes payables en vertu des points 1 et 2.a) est réduit de 200 francs suisses si la demande internationale est, conformément aux instructions administratives et dans la mesure prévue par celles-ci, déposée :
 - sur papier avec une copie de la demande sous forme électronique; ou
 - sous forme électronique.
- Toutes les taxes payables (compte tenu, le cas échéant, de la réduction prévue au point 4) sont réduites de 75% pour les demandes internationales dont le déposant est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et est domiciliée dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3000 dollars des États-Unis; s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire à ces critères.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**Section 102bis****Filing of Request in PCT-EASY Format Together with
PCT-EASY Diskette Containing Request Data and Abstract**

(a) [No change]

(b) [No change]

(c) Item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations shall apply to reduce the fees payable in respect of an international application containing the request in PCT-EASY format filed, together with a PCT-EASY diskette, with a receiving Office which, under paragraph (a), accepts the filing of such international applications.

Section 707**Basic Fee; Fee Reduction**

(a) Where an international application is filed in electronic form, the basic fee shall be calculated on the basis of the number of sheets that the application would contain if presented as a print-out on paper complying with the physical requirements prescribed in Rule 11.

(b) Item 4(b) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations shall apply to reduce the fees payable in respect of an international application filed in electronic form with a receiving Office which has notified the International Bureau under Section 710 that it is prepared to receive international applications in electronic form.

MODIFICATION DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES

Instruction 102bis

**Dépôt de la requête en mode de présentation PCT-EASY
avec une disquette PCT-EASY contenant les données relatives à la requête et l'abrégé**

a) [Sans changement]

b) [Sans changement]

c) Le point 4.a) du barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution s'applique aux fins de réduire les taxes payables pour une demande internationale contenant la requête en mode de présentation PCT-EASY, déposée avec une disquette PCT-EASY auprès d'un office récepteur qui, en vertu de l'alinéa a), accepte le dépôt de telles demandes internationales.

Instruction 707

Taxe de base; réduction de taxes

a) Lorsqu'une demande internationale est déposée sous forme électronique, la taxe de base est calculée sur la base du nombre de pages que la demande aurait contenu si elle avait été présentée sous la forme d'une impression sur papier conforme aux exigences prescrites dans la règle 11.

b) Le point 4.b) du barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution s'applique aux fins de réduire les taxes payables pour une demande internationale déposée sous forme électronique auprès d'un office récepteur qui a notifié au Bureau international, conformément à l'instruction 710, qu'il est disposé à recevoir des demandes internationales sous forme électronique.

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EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)
JP Japan
US United States of America

On 7 January 2002, new Part 7 and Annex F to the Administrative Instructions under the PCT relating to, respectively, the legal framework and the technical standard for the electronic filing and processing of international applications came into force. In April 2002, the Offices of Australia, Canada, Japan and the United States of America notified the International Bureau under Section 703(f) of the incompatibility of their applicable national law and technical systems with some of the requirements of Annex F under items (ii) to (iv) of Section 703(b) (for further details, see PCT Gazette No. 18/2002 dated 2 May 2002, page 8974).

In order to clarify their position, the Trilateral Offices (European Patent Office, Japan Patent Office and United States Patent and Trademark Office) have requested the publication of the following statement in the Gazette:

“In PCT Gazette No. 18/2002 of May 2, 2002, on page 8974, a notice was published entitled ‘Filing of international applications in electronic form: notifications by receiving Offices of incompatibility with national laws and technical systems (Section 703(f) of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT)’. The notice indicated that Australia, Canada, Japan and the United States notified the International Bureau under Administrative Instruction Section 703(f) concerning their current systems being incompatible with the International E-Filing Standard. This document is a further clarification of that notice.

Part 7 of the Administrative Instructions and Annex F established a new standard for electronic filing and processing of international applications, including provisions concerning document formatting, signal packaging, transmission protocols, electronic records management, electronic signatures, security and many other issues. The new International E-Filing Standard, promulgated December 27, 2001, was discussed for over two years, and benefited from the experiences of the Trilateral Offices (EPO, JPO and USPTO) and other automated Intellectual Property Offices throughout the world. It appears that it will be a much-needed and workable standard, and help advance practical electronic communications among Applicants, Offices, Authorities and the International Bureau. The provisions of the standard will maintain the authenticity, integrity and confidentiality of records filed and transferred in electronic form or by electronic means. The Standard also contains a deliberative change procedure that will keep the standard up-to-date as technology and laws evolve over time.

The provisions of the International E-Filing Standard are different and incompatible with some electronic submission systems currently being used by some Offices in their day-to-day activities. Those operational systems are essential for the work of their respective Offices; they cannot simply be turned off. Rather they must be carefully replaced by Standard-compatible substitute systems. In appreciation of the fact that complicated electronic systems cannot be modified overnight, Section 703(f) of the Administrative Instructions was promulgated as part of the Standard. This “grandfather clause” grants a temporary waiver from many provisions of the E-Filing Standard so Offices may continue using their legacy electronic filing systems until new systems, compatible with the Standard, can be developed.

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)****JP Japon****US États-Unis d'Amérique**

Le 7 janvier 2002, la nouvelle septième partie et la nouvelle annexe F des Instructions administratives du PCT relatives, respectivement, au cadre juridique et à la norme technique pour le dépôt et le traitement électroniques des demandes internationales sont entrées en vigueur. En avril 2002, les offices de l'Australie, du Canada, du Japon et des États-Unis d'Amérique ont notifié au Bureau international, conformément à l'instruction administrative 703.f), l'incompatibilité de leur droit national applicable et de leurs systèmes techniques avec certaines des exigences de l'annexe F en vertu des points ii) à iv) de l'instruction 703.b) (pour plus de précisions, voir la Gazette du PCT n° 18/2002 du 2 mai 2002, page 8975).

Afin de préciser leur position, les offices engagés dans la coopération tripartite (Office européen des brevets, Office des brevets du Japon et Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis d'Amérique) ont demandé la publication dans la Gazette d'une déclaration dont le texte original anglais figure à la page 21568 et dont la traduction française, établie par le Bureau international, figure ci-après :

“Dans la Gazette du PCT n° 18/2002 du 2 mai 2002, à la page 8975, a été publiée une notification intitulée ‘Dépôt de demandes internationales sous forme électronique : notifications des offices récepteurs relatives à l'incompatibilité de leur droit national et de leurs systèmes techniques (instruction 703.f) des Instructions administratives du PCT)’. Cette notification indique que l'Australie, le Canada, le Japon et les États-Unis d'Amérique ont informé le Bureau international, conformément à l'instruction administrative 703.f), que les systèmes actuellement en place dans leurs offices ne sont pas compatibles avec la norme internationale de dépôt électronique. La présente déclaration vise à préciser cette notification.

La septième partie des instructions administratives et l'annexe F ont mis en place une nouvelle norme de dépôt et de traitement électroniques des demandes internationales, y compris des dispositions concernant le format des documents, leur emballage, les protocoles de transmission, la gestion électronique des dossiers, les signatures électroniques, la sécurité et de nombreuses autres questions. La nouvelle norme internationale de dépôt électronique, promulguée le 27 décembre 2001, a fait l'objet de plus de deux années de discussions et a bénéficié de l'expérience acquise par les offices engagés dans la coopération tripartite (Office européen des brevets, Office des brevets du Japon et Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis d'Amérique) et par d'autres offices de propriété intellectuelle dans le monde dont les systèmes sont automatisés. Il semble que cette norme sera réellement nécessaire et utile et qu'elle aidera les déposants, les offices, les administrations et le Bureau international à utiliser davantage en pratique la communication par voie électronique. Les dispositions de la norme permettront de préserver l'authenticité, l'intégrité et le caractère confidentiel des dossiers déposés et communiqués sous forme électronique ou par des moyens électroniques. De plus, la norme contient une procédure de modification ouverte à discussion qui permettra une mise à jour en fonction de l'évolution de la technologie et des législations.

Les dispositions de la norme internationale de dépôt électronique sont différentes et incompatibles avec certains systèmes de dépôt électronique utilisés actuellement par certains offices dans leurs activités de tous les jours. Ces systèmes opérationnels sont essentiels pour le travail des offices qui les utilisent et ne peuvent donc pas être facilement arrêtés. Il convient plutôt de les remplacer, en prenant toutes les précautions voulues, par des systèmes de substitution qui soient compatibles avec la norme. Tenant compte du fait que des systèmes électroniques complexes ne peuvent pas être modifiés du jour au lendemain, l'instruction administrative 703.f) a été promulguée comme partie intégrante de la norme. Cette “clause de l'antériorité” accorde une dérogation temporaire vis-à-vis de nombreuses dispositions de la norme internationale de dépôt électronique afin que les offices puissent continuer à utiliser leurs anciens systèmes de dépôt électronique jusqu'à ce que de nouveaux systèmes, compatibles avec la norme, soient mis au point.

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The Trilateral Offices support the International E-Filing Standard, and share an intention to build their newer systems to comply with its requirements. Although some of the Trilateral Offices have submitted notifications under Section 703(f) to allow continued use of their present e-filing systems, the Trilateral Offices all have plans for future implementations of electronic filing consistent with the Standard. The notifications submitted under Section 703(f) allow this transition to be performed in an orderly and business-like manner.

Electronic filing systems are seen as critical to address increasing workloads of the international applications. The International E-Filing Standard will foster the smooth transfer of documents throughout the PCT offices. As the Patent Law Treaty comes into effect, any national application compliant with the Standard should be received as well. The Trilateral Offices support this increasing standardization, and welcome the ability to transfer electronic documents in seamless and secure electronic communications.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**IB International Bureau**

The **International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization** notifies details of the modes of payment of fees and charges payable to the International Bureau in particular circumstances. The text of footnote 3 in Annex B2(IB) relating to the fees payable to the International Bureau of WIPO should now read as follows:

Fees may be paid in the following ways:

- by debit of a current account established with WIPO (Swiss francs only);
- by bank transfer to WIPO bank account CH35 0425 1048 7080 8100 0 (Swiss francs only), SWIFT code: CRESCH ZZ12A at the Swiss Credit Bank, 1211 Geneva 70, Switzerland;
- by transfer to WIPO postal account No. 12-5000-8, Geneva, Switzerland (Swiss francs only);
- by check made payable to the World Intellectual Property Organization (Swiss francs only);
- in cash (only if payment is made in person) (Swiss francs only).

The **International Bureau** as receiving Office has notified changes relating to the WIPO bank account numbers to be used for the payment of fees, and to payment by check in euro. The text of footnote 10 in Annex C(IB) relating to the fees payable to the International Bureau as receiving Office should now read as follows:

Fees may be paid in the following ways:

- by debit of a current account established with WIPO (Swiss francs only);
- by bank transfer to WIPO bank account CH35 0425 1048 7080 8100 0 (Swiss francs), CH17 0425 1048 7080 8200 3 (euro) or CH98 0425 1048 7080 8200 0 (US dollars), SWIFT code: CRESCH ZZ12A at the Swiss Credit Bank, 1211 Geneva 70, Switzerland;
- by transfer to WIPO postal account No. 12-5000-8, Geneva, Switzerland (Swiss francs only);
- by check made payable to the World Intellectual Property Organization (Swiss francs, euro or US dollars);
- in cash (only if payment is made in person) (Swiss francs only).

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002(E), Annex B2(IB), page 221, and Annex C(IB), page 271]

DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES (suite)

Les offices engagés dans la coopération tripartite soutiennent la norme internationale de dépôt électronique et ont tous l'intention de développer leurs nouveaux systèmes pour les mettre en conformité avec les exigences de cette norme. Bien que certains de ces offices aient présenté des notifications conformément à l'instruction 703.f) afin de continuer à utiliser leurs systèmes de dépôt électronique actuels, les offices engagés dans la coopération tripartite ont tous des projets de mise en œuvre du dépôt électronique qui sont en conformité avec la norme. Les notifications présentées conformément à l'instruction 703.f) permettent d'organiser une transition ordonnée et cohérente.

Les systèmes de dépôt électronique sont perçus comme étant un élément de réponse adéquat à l'accroissement de la charge de travail due aux demandes internationales. La norme internationale de dépôt électronique favorisera un échange en douceur des documents dans tous les offices du PCT. Lorsque le traité sur le droit des brevets entrera en vigueur, toute demande nationale en conformité avec la norme devrait également pouvoir être reçue ainsi sous forme électronique. Les offices engagés dans la coopération tripartite soutiennent la présente tendance à la normalisation et se réjouissent de la possibilité d'échanger des documents électroniques par des voies de communication directes et sécurisées."

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**IB Bureau international**

Le **Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** donne des précisions sur les modes de paiement des taxes et droits payables au Bureau international dans certains cas particuliers. Le texte de la note de bas de page 3 de l'annexe B2(IB) relative aux taxes payables au Bureau international de l'OMPI a désormais la teneur suivante :

Les taxes peuvent être payées de la façon suivante :

- par débit d'un compte courant auprès de l'OMPI (francs suisses seulement);
- par virement bancaire sur le compte bancaire de l'OMPI CH35 0425 1048 7080 8100 0 (francs suisses seulement), code SWIFT : CRESCH ZZ12A auprès du Crédit Suisse, 1211 Genève 70, Suisse;
- par virement sur le compte postal de l'OMPI n° 12-5000-8, Genève, Suisse (francs suisses seulement);
- par chèque payable à l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle (francs suisses seulement);
- en espèces (uniquement si le paiement est effectué en personne) (francs suisses seulement).

Le **Bureau international** agissant en qualité d'office récepteur a notifié des changements relatifs aux numéros de comptes bancaires de l'OMPI à utiliser pour le paiement des taxes, et au paiement par chèque en euros. Le texte de la note de bas de page 10 de l'annexe C(IB) relative aux taxes payables au Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur a désormais la teneur suivante :

Les taxes peuvent être payées de la façon suivante :

- par débit d'un compte courant auprès de l'OMPI (francs suisses seulement);
- par virement bancaire sur le compte bancaire de l'OMPI CH35 0425 1048 7080 8100 0 (francs suisses), CH17 0425 1048 7080 8200 3 (euros) ou CH98 0425 1048 7080 8200 0 (dollars des États-Unis), code SWIFT : CRESCH ZZ12A auprès du Crédit Suisse, 1211 Genève 70, Suisse;
- par virement sur le compte postal de l'OMPI n° 12-5000-8, Genève, Suisse (francs suisses seulement);
- par chèque payable à l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle (francs suisses, euros ou dollars des États-Unis);
- en espèces (uniquement si le paiement est effectué en personne) (francs suisses seulement).

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002(F), annexe B2(IB), page 223, et annexe C(IB), page 277]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified a change in the amount of a fee in **Australian dollars (AUD)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): AUD 50

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(AU), page 231]

KR Republic of Korea

The reduction—referred to under point 5 of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations under the PCT—of the handling fee payable to the **Korean Intellectual Property Office** applies to international applications for which a demand is filed with that Office as an International Preliminary Examining Authority. Only the text appearing as a new footnote relating to the handling fee is reproduced hereafter:

“This fee is payable to the International Preliminary Examining Authority. It is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in any of the States mentioned in the footnote to Annex C(IB) relating to the basic and designation fees.”

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex E(KR), page 346]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**JP Japan**

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a change in the time limit for the furnishing of the translation of the international application into Japanese. Only the text appearing as a new footnote relating to the translation of international application is reproduced hereafter:

“The time limit for submission of the Japanese translation of the international application is two months from the date of submission of Form 53 (see *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, Annex JP.II) or 30 months from the priority date (under PCT Article 22(1) or 39(1)(a)), whichever expires later.”

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Summary (JP), page 436]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

L'**Office australien des brevets** a notifié un changement dans le montant d'une taxe, exprimé en **dollars australiens (AUD)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe pour le document de priorité
(règle 17.1.b) du PCT) : AUD 50

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe C(AU), page 234]

KR République de Corée

La réduction – visée au point 5 du barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT – de la taxe de traitement payable à l'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle** s'applique aux demandes internationales pour lesquelles une demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée auprès de cet office agissant en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international. Seul le texte de la nouvelle note de bas de page relative à la taxe de traitement est reproduit ci-après.

“Taxe à verser à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international. Cette taxe est réduite de 75 % lorsque le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux, est une personne physique ressortissante de l'un des États – et domiciliée dans l'un des États – mentionnés dans la note de bas de page de l'annexe C(IB) relative aux taxes de base et de désignation.”

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe E(KR), page 356]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**JP Japon**

L'**Office des brevets du Japon** a notifié un changement dans le délai relatif à la remise de la traduction de la demande internationale en japonais. Seul le texte de la nouvelle note de bas de page relative à la traduction de la demande internationale est reproduit ci-après :

“Le délai de remise de la traduction en japonais de la demande internationale est de deux mois à compter de la date de remise du formulaire 53 (voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume II, annexe JP.II) ou de 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité (selon l'article 22.1) ou 39.1a)), le délai expirant le plus tard étant applicable.”

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), résumé (JP), page 457]

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FILING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL BUREAU AS RECEIVING OFFICE UNDER THE “PCT-SAFE” PILOT TESTING PROGRAM

An extended version of the PCT-EASY software made available by the International Bureau is, as indicated in Annex F, Section 6, of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT (see PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-04/2001 (E) (27 December 2001)), being developed by the International Bureau. The new software, known as “PCT-SAFE” (Secure Applications Filed Electronically), when fully deployed, will enable the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Rule 89*bis* of the Regulations under the PCT and Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions. It will support all requirements of the basic common standard for electronic filing of international applications under Sections 701(v) and 703(b) and (c) and Annex F, Appendix III, of the Administrative Instructions, and will also support certain alternatives available under Annex F. The software will enable applicants to file international applications in electronic form if the receiving Office is prepared to accept such filings. Under the PCT-SAFE high-level project plan, the software is expected to be available for deployment in March 2003.

The use of PCT-EASY for preparing international applications has been possible, where the receiving Office is prepared to accept such applications, since 1 January 1999, following a pilot program conducted in 1998 (see PCT Gazette No. 08/1998, page 4849, No. 48/1998, page 16556 and No. 51/1998, page 17330). PCT-EASY produces the request part of the international application as a computer print-out which is filed together with the rest of the application on paper and with a diskette, also prepared using PCT-EASY, containing a copy in electronic form of the request and the abstract. Use of PCT-EASY has increased to the point where 68 receiving Offices, including the International Bureau as receiving Office, now accept the filing of international applications prepared using it, and it has been used in the preparation of nearly 40% of all international applications filed so far during 2002.

A limited pilot testing program for the PCT-SAFE software is expected to commence in November 2002. During the pilot program, applicants who have been registered by the International Bureau as participants in the program will be entitled to file, with the International Bureau as receiving Office, international applications prepared using the software. Such applications will be prepared as computer print-outs using PCT-SAFE and filed together with a copy of the application in electronic form, also prepared using PCT-SAFE, on a computer diskette or CD-R or transmitted online. The format of the print-out of the request prepared using PCT-SAFE is the same as that produced by the existing version of PCT-EASY, and in general the processing of international applications filed under the pilot program will be the same as is presently the case for PCT-EASY filings. However, the print-out prepared using PCT-SAFE will consist of the entire international application, and not just the request as in the case of PCT-EASY.

The PCT-SAFE pilot testing program provides only for the filing of an international application on paper together with a copy in electronic form; the application on paper will be the legally determinative version of the application, and the date of receipt of the application on paper will be the basis for according an international filing date. The International Bureau as receiving Office does not, as yet, accept the filing of international applications in (fully) electronic form. Only pilot participants registered as such by the International Bureau as receiving Office will be able to take part in the pilot program, and it will not be possible under the program to file international applications with any receiving Office other than the International Bureau as receiving Office.

DÉPÔT DE DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES AUPRÈS DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL AGISSANT EN TANT QU'OFFICE RÉCEPTEUR DANS LE CADRE DU PROJET PILOTE DU LOGICIEL "PCT-SAFE"

Comme indiqué dans la section 6 de l'annexe F des Instructions administratives du PCT (voir le numéro spécial S-04/2001 (F) de la Gazette du PCT (27 décembre 2001)), le Bureau international développe actuellement une version avancée du logiciel PCT-EASY – mis à disposition des utilisateurs par le Bureau international. Dans sa version définitive, le nouveau logiciel, connu sous le nom de "PCT-SAFE" (Secure Applications Filed Electronically), permettra de déposer des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la règle 89*bis* du règlement d'exécution du PCT et à la septième partie et à l'annexe F des instructions administratives. Il répondra à toutes les exigences de la norme commune de base relative au dépôt électronique des demandes internationales, conformément aux instructions 701.v) et 703.b) et c) et à l'appendice III de l'annexe F des instructions administratives. Il sera également conforme à certaines des options répertoriées dans l'annexe F. Le logiciel permettra aux déposants de déposer des demandes internationales sous forme électronique lorsque l'office récepteur est disposé à accepter de tels dépôts. Selon le projet de haut niveau du logiciel PCT-SAFE, le logiciel devrait pouvoir être utilisé en mars 2003.

Après qu'un projet pilote ait été mené en 1998 (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 08/1998, page 4859, n° 48/1998, page 16557 et n° 51/1998, page 17331), le logiciel PCT-EASY, qui sert à préparer les demandes internationales, a pu être utilisé depuis le 1^{er} janvier 1999 lorsque l'office récepteur est disposé à accepter de telles demandes. Le logiciel PCT-EASY permet de préparer la partie requête de la demande internationale sous la forme d'un imprimé d'ordinateur qui est remis avec le reste de la demande sous forme papier et avec une disquette, également produite à l'aide de ce logiciel, qui contient une copie sous forme électronique de la requête et de l'abrégé. L'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY s'est tellement étendue que 68 offices récepteurs, y compris le Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, acceptent maintenant le dépôt de demandes internationales préparées à l'aide de ce logiciel. Celui-ci a été utilisé dans la préparation de près de 40% des demandes internationales déposées depuis le début de l'année 2002.

Un projet pilote restreint du logiciel PCT-SAFE devrait débuter en novembre 2002. Pendant la durée du projet pilote, les déposants enregistrés auprès du Bureau international en tant que participants au projet pourront déposer auprès du Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur des demandes internationales préparées à l'aide de ce logiciel. Ces demandes seront préparées sous forme d'imprimés d'ordinateur à l'aide du logiciel PCT-SAFE et déposées avec une copie de la demande sous forme électronique, également préparée à l'aide du logiciel PCT-SAFE, sur une disquette d'ordinateur ou sur un CD-R, ou transmises en ligne. Le format de l'imprimé de la requête préparé à l'aide du logiciel PCT-SAFE est le même que celui qui est préparé à l'aide de la version actuelle du logiciel PCT-EASY et, d'une façon générale, le traitement des demandes internationales déposées dans le cadre du projet pilote sera le même que celui des dépôts PCT-EASY actuels. Cependant, l'imprimé préparé à l'aide du logiciel PCT-SAFE contiendra l'ensemble de la demande internationale, et non pas seulement la requête comme c'est le cas pour les dépôts PCT-EASY.

Le projet pilote du logiciel PCT-SAFE concerne uniquement le dépôt de demandes internationales sous forme papier avec une copie sous forme électronique; la demande sous forme papier sera la copie de la demande qui fait foi, et c'est la date de réception de la demande sous forme papier qui sera déterminante aux fins de l'attribution d'une date de dépôt international. Le Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur n'accepte pas encore le dépôt de demandes internationales (entièrement) sous forme électronique. Seuls les participants au projet pilote enregistrés auprès du Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur pourront prendre part à l'exercice et il ne sera pas possible, dans le cadre de ce projet, de déposer des demandes internationales auprès d'autres offices que le Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur.

FILING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS WITH INTERNATIONAL BUREAU AS RECEIVING OFFICE UNDER THE “PCT-SAFE” PILOT TESTING PROGRAM (Cont’d)

The presentation of the request as a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-SAFE software, where the application concerned is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office by a participant registered under the pilot program, is permitted under Section 102(i) of the Administrative Instructions. The following arrangements will apply in such cases in respect of the fees payable for the benefit of the International Bureau:

- (i) the international fee will be subject to a reduction of 200 Swiss francs (or 137 euros or 125 US dollars), as under item 4(a) of the Schedule of Fees annexed to the Regulations and Section 102*bis*(c) of the Administrative Instructions; and
- (ii) no transmittal fee will be payable under Rule 14 to the International Bureau as receiving Office.

Further developments in relation to the use of the PCT-SAFE software and, in particular, to the introduction of the possibility of (fully) electronic filing of international applications with the International Bureau as receiving Office are expected to be notified in the Gazette in the coming months.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 08/1998, page 4849, No. 48/1998, page 16556, No. 51/1998, page 17330, and No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(IB), page 269]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**KZ Kazakhstan**

The **Kazakh Patent Office** has notified the discontinuance of one of its Internet addresses. The Internet address to be used is as follows:

Internet: www.kazpatent.org

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(KZ), page 113]

UZ Uzbekistan

The **Uzbek Patent Office** has notified a change in the name of the Office and the discontinuance of one of its telephone numbers. The Office has also informed the International Bureau that provisional patents are no longer available via the PCT. The new indications are as follows:

Name of Office: O'zbekiston Respublikasi Davlat Patent Idorasi
State Patent Office of Uzbekistan

Telephone: (998-71) 132 00 13

Types of protection available via the PCT: Patents, utility models

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(UZ), page 203]

DÉPÔT DE DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES AUPRÈS DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL AGISSANT EN TANT QU'OFFICE RÉCEPTEUR DANS LE CADRE DU PROJET PILOTE DU LOGICIEL "PCT-SAFE" (suite)

Lorsque la demande en question est déposée auprès du Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur par un participant enregistré dans le cadre du projet pilote, la présentation de la requête sous la forme d'un imprimé d'ordinateur préparé à l'aide du logiciel PCT-SAFE est autorisée en vertu de l'instruction administrative 102.i). Les aménagements suivants concernant les taxes perçues par le Bureau international s'appliqueront :

- i) la taxe internationale fera l'objet d'une réduction de 200 francs suisses (ou 137 euros ou 125 dollars des États-Unis d'Amérique), conformément au point 4.a) du barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution et à l'instruction administrative 102*bis.c*); et
- ii) aucune taxe de transmission ne sera perçue en vertu de la règle 14 par le Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur.

Il est prévu, dans les prochains mois, de notifier dans la Gazette du PCT d'autres informations relatives aux évolutions liées à l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-SAFE et, en particulier, à la possibilité de déposer auprès du Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur des demandes internationales (entièrement) sous forme électronique.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° 08/1998, page 4859, n° 48/1998, page 16557, n° 51/1998, page 17331, et n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe C(IB), page 275]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

KZ Kazakhstan

L'**Office kazakh des brevets** a notifié l'arrêt de l'utilisation de l'une de ses adresses Internet. L'adresse Internet à utiliser est la suivante :

Internet : www.kazpatent.org

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(KZ), page 115]

UZ Ouzbékistan

L'**Office ouzbek des brevets** a notifié un changement relatif au nom de son office et l'arrêt de l'utilisation de l'un de ses numéros de téléphone. L'office a également informé le Bureau international que les brevets provisoires ne sont plus disponibles par la voie PCT. Les nouvelles indications sont les suivantes :

Nom de l'office : O'zbekiston Respublikasi Davlat Patent Idorasi
Office d'État des brevets de l'Ouzbékistan

Téléphone : (998-71) 132 00 13

Types de protection disponibles
par la voie PCT : Brevets, modèles d'utilité

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(UZ), page 205]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

JP Japan
IB International Bureau

For the purposes of payment of fees to the International Bureau as receiving Office, a new equivalent amount in **Swiss francs (CHF)** of the search fee payable in respect of an international search carried out by the Japan Patent Office, has been established. The new amount, applicable as from 1 January 2003, is as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16): CHF 870

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex D(JP), page 335]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE**

IN India

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Patent Office (India)** has notified the International Bureau of a depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

Microbial Type Culture Collection & Gene Bank (MTCC)¹
Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH)
Sector 39 A
Chandigarh 160 036 (Union Territory)
India

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex L, page 365]

¹ Depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**JP Japon****IB Bureau international**

Aux fins du paiement des taxes au Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, un nouveau montant équivalent en **francs suisses (CHF)** de la taxe de recherche, payable pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets du Japon, a été établi. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) : CHF 870

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe D(JP), page 345]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
INSTITUTIONS AUPRÈS DESQUELLES DES DÉPÔTS PEUVENT ÊTRE EFFECTUÉS****IN Inde**

Conformément à la règle 13*bis*.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office des brevets (Inde)** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à la désignation d'une institution de dépôt ayant acquis le statut d'institution de dépôt internationale reconnue en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès desquelles des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, comme suit :

Microbial Type Culture Collection & Gene Bank (MTCC)¹
Institute of Microbial Technology (IMTECH)
Sector 39 A
Chandigarh 160 036 (Union Territory)
Inde

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe L, page 378]

¹ Institution de dépôt ayant acquis le statut d'autorité de dépôt internationale en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets.

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**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES****EP European Patent Office (EPO)**

Following the promulgation at the end of 2001 of the necessary legal and technical standards to enable the electronic filing of international applications under the PCT, the Trilateral Offices (the European Patent Office (EPO), the Japan Patent Office and the United States Patent and Trademark Office) and the International Bureau of WIPO have been working on creating compliant implementations. With effect from 1 November 2002, the EPO has launched its PCT service for European applicants who wish to use the EPO as receiving Office. As a result of the cooperation between the Trilateral Offices and the International Bureau, the possibility for users to be able to file applications with different receiving Offices using the same software (such as *epoline*® or PCT-SAFE) is becoming a reality. While the EPO is the only receiving Office to presently accept PCT filings in electronic form, further possibilities are expected to be announced in the Gazette in the near future.

Following the coming into effect on 7 January 2002, of new Part 7 and new Annex F of the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the legal framework and technical standard necessary to enable the implementation of electronic filing and processing of international applications under the PCT, as provided for by Rule 89*bis*.1, any receiving Office having the necessary technical systems in place is able to decide to accept the filing of international applications in electronic form in accordance with Part 7 and Annex F.

Pursuant to PCT Rule 89.1(d), no national Office or intergovernmental organization is obliged to receive or process international applications filed in electronic form or by electronic means unless it has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to do so in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Administrative Instructions. Any such notification shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette, including information on the receiving Offices' requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form (see Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions).

On 31 October 2002, the European Patent Office, in its capacity as a receiving Office, notified the International Bureau under Rule 89*bis*.1(d) that it is prepared to receive and process international applications in electronic form with effect from 1 November 2002. The European Patent Office transmitted the following "Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 29 October 2002 on the electronic filing of patent applications and other documents" and the following "Notice dated 29 October 2002 concerning the electronic filing of patent applications and other documents" to the International Bureau:

"Decision of the President of the European Patent Office dated 29 October 2002 on the electronic filing of patent applications and other documents"

The President of the European Patent Office (EPO), having regard to Rule 24(1) and Rule 36(5) EPC and Rule 89*bis*.1 and 2 PCT, has decided as follows:

**Article 1
Filing of patent applications**

(1) European patent applications and international (PCT) applications may be filed with the EPO in electronic form.

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****EP Office européen des brevets (OEB)**

Suite à la promulgation, à la fin de l'année 2001, du cadre juridique et de la norme technique nécessaires à la mise en œuvre du dépôt électronique des demandes internationales selon le PCT, les offices engagés dans la coopération tripartite (l'Office européen des brevets (OEB), l'Office des brevets du Japon et l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis d'Amérique) et le Bureau international de l'OMPI ont travaillé ensemble à mettre en place des mesures qui respectent ce cadre et cette norme. Avec effet à compter du 1^{er} novembre 2002, l'OEB a lancé son service PCT à l'attention des déposants européens qui souhaitent utiliser l'OEB en qualité d'office récepteur. Grâce à la coopération des offices engagés dans la coopération tripartite et du Bureau international, le dépôt des demandes par les utilisateurs auprès de différents offices récepteurs en utilisant le même logiciel (tel que epoline® ou PCT-SAFE) est devenu une réalité. Bien que l'OEB soit le seul office récepteur actuellement en mesure de recevoir des dépôts PCT sous forme électronique, d'autres possibilités de dépôt feront l'objet d'ici peu de notifications dans la Gazette.

Suite à l'entrée en vigueur, le 7 janvier 2002, de la nouvelle septième partie et de la nouvelle annexe F des instructions administratives contenant respectivement le cadre juridique et la norme technique nécessaires pour la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement électroniques des demandes internationales selon le PCT, tel que prévu à la règle 89*bis*.1, tout office récepteur ayant mis en place les systèmes techniques nécessaires est en mesure d'accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F.

Conformément à la règle 89.1.d) du PCT, aucun office national ni aucune organisation internationale ne doit recevoir ou procéder au traitement des demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique ou par des moyens électroniques à moins qu'il ait notifié au Bureau international qu'il est prêt à le faire conformément aux instructions administratives applicables. Toute notification de ce type est publiée à bref délai par le Bureau international dans la gazette, y compris les informations relatives aux exigences et à la pratique suivie par les offices récepteurs en matière de dépôt des demandes internationales sous forme électronique (voir l'instruction 710).

Le 31 octobre 2002, l'Office européen des brevets, agissant en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a notifié au Bureau international selon la règle 89*bis*.1.d) qu'il était prêt à recevoir et à procéder au traitement des demandes internationales sous forme électronique à compter du 1^{er} novembre 2002. L'Office européen des brevets a transmis au Bureau international la "Décision du Président de l'Office européen des brevets en date du 29 octobre 2002, relative au dépôt électronique de demandes de brevet et de documents produits ultérieurement" et le "Communiqué du 29 octobre 2002, relatif au dépôt électronique de demandes de brevet et de documents produits ultérieurement" suivants:

"Décision du Président de l'Office européen des brevets en date du 29 octobre 2002, relative au dépôt électronique de demandes de brevet et de documents produits ultérieurement"

Le Président de l'Office européen des brevets (OEB), vu les règles 24(1) et 36(5) CBE ainsi que la règle 89*bis*.1 et 2 PCT, décide :

Article premier**Dépôt de demandes de brevet**

(1) Les demandes de brevet européen et les demandes internationales (demandes PCT) peuvent être déposées sous forme électronique auprès de l'OEB.

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****EP European Patent Office (EPO) (Cont'd)**

(2) European patent applications may also be filed in electronic form with the competent national authorities of those contracting states which so permit.

(3) Electronic filing may be effected online or on electronic data carriers in accordance with the notice¹ issued in connection with the present decision.

Article 2**Filing of other documents**

The EPO may decide that, after a European or international application has been filed, documents within the meaning of Rule 36 EPC or Rule 89*bis*.1 and 2 PCT may be filed in electronic form in accordance with the notice¹ issued in connection with the present decision.

Article 3**Preparation of documents**

The documents referred to in Articles 1 and 2 shall be prepared using the software provided free of charge by the EPO, unless the use of other software is permitted.

Article 4**Illegible or incomplete documents; infected files**

(1) Where a filed document is illegible or incomplete, that part of it which is illegible or incomplete shall be regarded as not having been received.

(2) If a filed document is infected with a computer virus or contains other malicious software, it shall be deemed to be illegible. The Office shall not be obliged to either open it or process it.

(3) Where a filed document is found to be deficient within the meaning of paragraphs 1 or 2, the sender, provided that he can be identified, shall be notified promptly.

Article 5**Paper confirmation**

No confirmation on paper is required for documents filed in accordance with Articles 1 and 2.

Article 6**Cancellation of previous decisions**

The decision dated 7 December 2000 on the electronic filing of European patent applications and subsequent documents (supplement to Official Journal 4/2001) shall cease to have effect when the present decision enters into force.

¹ OJ EPO 2002, 545.

**DÉPÔT ET TRAITEMENT ÉLECTRONIQUES DES DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES :
NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****EP Office européen des brevets (OEB) (suite)**

(2) Les demandes de brevet européen peuvent également être déposées sous forme électronique auprès des administrations nationales compétentes des États contractants qui autorisent cette forme de dépôt.

(3) Le dépôt sous forme électronique peut être effectué en ligne ou sur des supports de données électroniques, conformément au communiqué¹ relatif à la présente décision.

Article 2**Dépôt d'autres pièces**

L'OEB peut décider que les documents postérieurs au dépôt de la demande de brevet européen ou de la demande internationale au sens de la règle 36 CBE ou de la règle 89*bis*.1 et 2 PCT, peuvent être déposés sous forme électronique, conformément au communiqué¹ relatif à la présente décision.

Article 3**Établissement des pièces**

Les pièces citées aux articles premier et 2 doivent être établies à l'aide du logiciel fourni gratuitement par l'OEB, dans la mesure où l'utilisation d'un autre logiciel n'est pas autorisée.

Article 4**Documents illisibles ou incomplets et fichiers infectés**

(1) Si les documents déposés ont été transmis sous une forme illisible ou incomplète, la partie des documents qui a été transmise sous forme illisible ou incomplète est réputée ne pas avoir été déposée.

(2) Si les documents déposés sont infectés par un virus informatique ou qu'ils contiennent d'autres logiciels nuisibles, ils sont réputés illisibles. L'Office n'est pas tenu d'ouvrir ni de traiter ces documents.

(3) S'il s'avère que les documents déposés présentent les défauts visés aux paragraphes 1 ou 2, l'expéditeur en est immédiatement avisé, dans la mesure où il peut être identifié.

Article 5**Confirmation sur papier**

Il n'est pas exigé de confirmation sur papier pour les documents déposés conformément aux articles premier et 2.

Article 6**Annulation de décisions antérieures**

La présente décision annule et remplace la décision en date du 7 décembre 2000, relative au dépôt électronique de demandes de brevet européen et de documents produits ultérieurement (Supplément au Journal officiel OEB n° 4/2001).

¹ JO OEB 2002, 545.

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****EP European Patent Office (EPO) (Cont'd)****Article 7****Entry into force**

This decision shall enter into force on 1 November 2002.

Done at Munich, 29 October 2002

Ingo KOBER
President”

“Notice dated 29 October 2002 concerning the electronic filing of patent applications and other documents

The present notice is issued in connection with the decision of the President of the European Patent Office (EPO) dated 29 October 2002 on the electronic filing of patent applications and other documents.

1. Filing European and international patent applications and other documents

1.1 European patent applications may be filed in electronic form with the EPO or with the competent national authorities of the contracting states which so permit.

1.2 International patent applications and other documents specified by the EPO within the meaning of Article 2 of the decision of the President dated 29 October 2002 may also be filed in electronic form with the EPO.

1.3 The current addresses for Online Filing can be found on the EPO’s Website under [epoline®](http://www.european-patent-office.org/epoline) (www.european-patent-office.org/epoline)².

2. Other documents

2.1 Other documents within the meaning of Article 2 of the Decision of the President dated 29 October 2002 which may currently be filed in electronic form are the designation of the inventor, the authorisation, and the form for entry into the European phase (Form 1200).

2.2 Where the filing of other documents in electronic form is permitted in future, this will be announced on the EPO Website under [epoline®](http://www.european-patent-office.org/epoline) (www.european-patent-office.org/epoline).

3. Form of the documents for European and international patent applications

3.1 Documents pertaining to European and international patent applications and filed in accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of the Decision of the President dated 29 October 2002, including all drawings, should preferably be prepared using the software issued by the EPO ([epoline®](http://www.european-patent-office.org/epoline) Online Filing software).

3.2 Subject to prior approval by the EPO, other software may also be used, in particular for filing European patent applications.

3.3 The Administrative Instructions under the PCT, Part 7 and Annex F³ apply to the filing of international applications and other documents within the meaning of Rule 89*bis* PCT.

² The current addresses for the online filing of European and international patent applications are: <https://secure.epoline.org> and <https://securetemp.epoline.org>

³ PCT Gazette - Special Issue, S-04/2001, dated 27 December 2001; see also <http://www.wipo.int>

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NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****EP Office européen des brevets (OEB) (suite)****Article 7****Entrée en vigueur**

La présente décision prend effet le 1^{er} novembre 2002.

Fait à Munich, le 29 octobre 2002

Ingo KOBER
Président²

“Communiqué du 29 octobre 2002, relatif au dépôt électronique de demandes de brevet et de documents produits ultérieurement

Le présent communiqué fait suite à la décision du Président de l'Office européen des brevets (OEB) en date du 29 octobre 2002, relative au dépôt électronique de demandes de brevet et de documents produits ultérieurement.

1. Dépôt de demandes de brevet européen et de demandes internationales ainsi que de documents produits ultérieurement

1.1 Les demandes de brevet européen peuvent être déposées sous forme électronique à l'OEB ou auprès des administrations nationales compétentes des États contractants qui autorisent cette forme de dépôt.

1.2 Les demandes internationales et les autres pièces déterminées par l'OEB au sens de l'article 2 de la décision du Président en date du 29 octobre 2002, peuvent être déposées à l'OEB sous forme électronique.

1.3 Les adresses actuelles pour le dépôt en ligne peuvent être consultées sur le site Internet de l'OEB, à la rubrique *epoline*[®] (www.european-patent-office.org/epoline)².

2. Autres pièces

2.1 Les autres pièces au sens de l'article 2 de la décision du Président en date du 29 octobre 2002, qui peuvent actuellement être déposées sous forme électronique, sont la désignation de l'inventeur, le pouvoir et le formulaire d'entrée dans la phase européenne (formulaire 1200).

2.2 Si, à l'avenir, le dépôt d'autres pièces est autorisé sous forme électronique, un avis à ce sujet sera publié sur le site Internet de l'OEB, à la rubrique *epoline*[®] (www.european-patent-office.org/epoline).

3. Présentation des pièces des demandes de brevet européen et des demandes internationales

3.1 Les pièces des demandes de brevet européen et des demandes internationales, y compris les dessins, déposées conformément aux articles premier et 2 de la décision du Président en date du 29 octobre 2002, doivent être établies de préférence à l'aide du logiciel fourni par l'OEB (logiciel de dépôt en ligne *epoline*[®]).

3.2 Avec l'accord préalable de l'OEB, un autre logiciel peut également être utilisé, notamment pour le dépôt des demandes de brevet européen.

3.3 Les instructions administratives du PCT, partie 7 et annexe F³, s'appliquent au dépôt des demandes internationales et des autres documents au sens de la règle 89*bis* PCT.

² Les adresses actuellement valables pour le dépôt en ligne de demandes de brevet européen et de demandes internationales sont les suivantes : <https://secure.epoline.org> ou <https://securetemp.epoline.org>

³ Gazette du PCT - Edition spéciale, S-04/2001 du 27 décembre 2001; voir aussi : <http://www.wipo.int>

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NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****EP European Patent Office (EPO) (Cont'd)**

3.4 For applications containing a sequence listing, the provisions governing the filing of sequence listings⁴ are applied *mutatis mutandis*.

3.5 The technical documents relating to European and international patent applications may be attached in their original format, provided that format is one of those listed on the EPO Website under epoline® (www.european-patent-office.org/epoline).⁵ Technical documents may be attached in a different data format provided that the applicant informs the EPO, when filing the application, where it can within reason acquire the corresponding software.

4. Signature

4.1 Where documents filed in accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of the Decision of the President of 29 October 2002 require signature, the signature may take the form of a facsimile signature, a text string signature or an enhanced electronic signature.

4.2 A facsimile signature is a facsimile reproduction of the signer's signature.

4.3 A text string signature is a string of characters, preceded and followed by a forward slash (/), selected by the signatory to provide evidence of his identity and of his intent to sign the message in question.

4.4 Enhanced electronic signatures are created using electronic PKI-based signatures either issued by the EPO or recognised by it. A list of recognised electronic signatures can be found on the EPO Website under epoline® (www.european-patent-office.org/epoline)⁶.

5. Filing on electronic data carriers

5.1 Documents to be filed in accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of the Decision of the President dated 29 October 2002 may be filed on electronic data carriers using the epoline® Online Filing software. A list of admissible data carriers and data formats is published on the EPO's Website under epoline® (www.european-patent-office.org/epoline)⁷.

5.2 These documents must be accompanied by a paper document identifying the applicant and/or his representative, indicating an address for correspondence and listing the files stored on the data carrier.

⁴ Supplement No. 2 to OJ EPO 11/1998.

⁵ Data formats for pre-conversion files
Word-processing programs:
Microsoft Word 97, 2000 and 2002
Corel WordPerfect 6.1, 8 and 10
Lotus WordPro 9.5 and 9.6
Programs which can be embedded in a word-processed text:
Microsoft Excel 97, 2000 and 2002
Microsoft Visio 97, 2000 and 2002
ISIS Draw V2.2
AutoCAD R14, 2000 and 2002
AutoCAD Lite 98 and 2002

⁶ The following electronic signatures are currently recognised:
D-Trust <https://www.d-trust.net/>
VRK-FINSIGN <http://www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi/>
CERES <http://www.cert.fnmt.es/>

⁷ Filing is currently permitted on CD-R conformant to ISO 9660.

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EP Office européen des brevets (OEB) (suite)

3.4 Les règles en vigueur pour le dépôt de listes de séquences s'appliquent *mutatis mutandis* aux demandes comprenant des listes de séquences.⁴

3.5 Il est possible de joindre à la demande les documents techniques des demandes de brevet européen et des demandes internationales dans le format dans lequel ils ont été établis, à condition que le format des données choisi soit mentionné sur le site Internet de l'OEB, à la rubrique *epoline*® (www.european-patent-office.org/epoline).⁵ Si les documents techniques ont été établis dans un autre format de données, ils ne peuvent être joints dans ce format que si le demandeur indique à l'Office, lors du dépôt de sa demande, où l'Office peut se procurer le logiciel correspondant dans des conditions acceptables.

4. Signature

4.1 Dans la mesure où les pièces déposées conformément aux articles premier et 2 de la décision du Président en date du 29 octobre 2002 doivent être signées, la signature peut figurer sous forme d'une image en facsimilé ("facsimile signature"), d'une série de caractères ("text string signature") ou d'une signature électronique avancée ("enhanced electronic signature").

4.2 Une "facsimile signature" est la reproduction sous forme d'image de la signature du signataire.

4.3 Une "text string signature" est constituée d'une série de caractères qui a été choisie par le signataire pour exprimer son identité et signifier son intention de signer le message électronique en question; cette série de caractères est précédée et suivie d'une barre oblique (/).

4.4 Pour produire une "enhanced electronic signature", il convient d'utiliser les signatures électroniques qui sont reconnues ou éditées par l'OEB, et qui sont basées sur la technologie PKI (infrastructure à clé publique). Une liste actualisée des signatures électroniques reconnues peut être consultée sur le site Internet de l'OEB, à la rubrique *epoline*® (www.european-patent-office.org/epoline)⁶.

5. Dépôt sur des supports de données électroniques

5.1 Les pièces à déposer conformément aux articles premier et 2 de la décision du Président en date du 29 octobre 2002, peuvent être déposées sur des supports de données électroniques à l'aide du logiciel de dépôt en ligne *epoline*®. Les supports de données et formats de données autorisés sont publiés sur le site Internet de l'OEB, à la rubrique *epoline*® (www.european-patent-office.org/epoline)⁷.

5.2 Ces pièces doivent être accompagnées d'une lettre sur papier qui doit permettre l'identification du demandeur et/ou de son mandataire et comporter également une adresse pour la correspondance et une liste des fichiers contenus sur le support de données.

⁴ Supplément n° 2 au JO OEB 11/1998.

⁵ Format des données pour des fichiers devant encore être convertis
Programmes de traitement de texte :
Microsoft Word 97, 2000 et 2002
Corel WordPerfect 6.1, 8 et 10
Lotus WordPro 9.5 et 9.6
Programmes pouvant être intégrés dans un texte rédigé avec un traitement de texte :
Microsoft Excel 97, 2000 et 2002
Microsoft Visio 97, 2000 et 2002
ISIS Draw V2.2
AutoCAD R14, 2000 et 2002
AutoCAD Lite 98 et 2002

⁶ A l'heure actuelle, les signatures électroniques du :
D-Trust <https://www.d-trust.net/>
VRK-FINSIGN <http://www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi/>
CERES <http://www.cert.fnmt.es/>
sont reconnues.

⁷ Le dépôt sur CD-R conformément à ISO 9660 est actuellement autorisé.

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****EP European Patent Office (EPO) (Cont'd)****6. Encryption**

Documents filed in accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of the Decision of the President dated 29 October 2002 must be wrapped and encrypted using the software made available by the EPO.

7. Date of receipt of electronically filed patent applications

Electronically filed patent applications are accorded as the date of filing the date on which the application documents are received by the EPO or the competent national authority, provided these documents satisfy the requirements of Article 80 EPC or Article 11(1) PCT.

8. Acknowledgment of receipt

8.1 The receipt of documents filed in accordance with Articles 1 and 2 of the Decision of the President dated 29 October 2002 is acknowledged electronically by the EPO or the competent national authority during the submission session.

8.2 Where the acknowledgment is not successfully transmitted, the EPO or national authority concerned will transmit it without delay by other means, where the information at its disposal so permits.

8.3 The acknowledgment includes the identity of the EPO or national authority concerned, the date and time of receipt, a reference or application number allocated by the EPO or national authority, a list of the files transmitted and a message digest, ie the message in compressed form.

8.4 Acknowledgment of receipt does not imply the accordance of a filing date.

9. Cancellation of previous notices

This notice replaces the notice dated 1 June 2002⁸.”

In accordance with Section 710(a) of the Administrative Instructions, the European Patent Office has further notified the International Bureau of the following requirements and practices with regard to the filing of international applications in electronic form with the European Patent Office as receiving Office:

As to electronic document formats (Section 710(a)(i)):

- XML (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.1)
- Annex C of the Administrative Instructions (WIPO Standard ST.25) (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.2)
- ASCII (7- and 8-bit) (see Annex F, section 3.1.1.3)
- PDF (see Annex F, section 3.1.2)
- TIFF (for drawings and, in exceptional cases, description and claims; see Annex F, section 3.1.3.1)

⁸ OJ EPO 2002, 372.

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NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****EP Office européen des brevets (OEB) (suite)****6. Chiffrement des pièces**

Les pièces à déposer conformément aux articles premier et 2 de la décision du Président en date du 29 octobre 2002, doivent par principe être compactées en un paquet de données et chiffrées à l'aide du logiciel fourni par l'OEB.

7. Date de réception des demandes de brevet déposées sous forme électronique

Une demande de brevet déposée sous forme électronique se voit attribuer comme date de dépôt la date à laquelle les pièces de la demande ainsi transmises sont parvenues à l'OEB ou à l'administration nationale compétente de l'État contractant, à condition que ces pièces répondent aux exigences visées à l'article 80 CBE ou à l'article 11(1) PCT.

8. Accusé de réception

8.1 La réception des pièces déposées conformément aux articles premier et 2 de la décision du Président en date du 29 octobre 2002 est confirmée électroniquement pendant la session de transmission par l'OEB ou l'administration nationale compétente de l'État contractant.

8.2 Si cette confirmation n'a pas été transmise avec succès, l'Office transmet rapidement cette confirmation par d'autres moyens, s'il dispose des informations voulues pour ce faire.

8.3 L'accusé de réception indique l'identité de l'Office, la date et l'heure de la réception du document, un numéro de référence ou de dépôt attribué par l'Office ainsi que la liste des fichiers transmis et la valeur de hachage ("message digest"), c'est-à-dire un condensé numérique des documents transmis.

8.4 L'accusé de réception n'équivaut pas à l'attribution d'une date de dépôt.

9. Remplacement des communiqués antérieurs

Le présent communiqué remplace le communiqué du 1^{er} juin 2002⁸.

Conformément à l'instruction 710.a), l'Office européen des brevets a par ailleurs notifié au Bureau international les informations suivantes relatives aux exigences et à la pratique suivie par l'Office européen des brevets en matière de dépôt de demandes internationales sous forme électronique lorsqu'il agit en sa qualité d'office récepteur :

En ce qui concerne les formats électroniques des documents (instruction 710.a)i) :

- XML (voir la section 3.1.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- Annexe C des instructions administratives (norme OMPI ST.25) (voir la section 3.1.1.2 de l'annexe F)
- ASCII (7 et 8 bits) (voir la section 3.1.1.3 de l'annexe F)
- PDF (voir la section 3.1.2 de l'annexe F)
- TIFF (pour les dessins et, dans des cas exceptionnels, la description et les revendications; voir la section 3.1.3.1 de l'annexe F)

⁸ JO OEB 2002, 372.

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****EP European Patent Office (EPO) (Cont'd)****As to means of transmittal (Section 710(a)(i)):**

- on-line filing (see Annex F, section 5)
- CD-R filing (see Annex F, section 5 and Appendix III, sections 2(d) and (e))

As to electronic document packaging:

- WAD (Wrapped Application Documents; see Annex F, section 4.1.1)
- WASP (Wrapped and Signed Package; see Annex F, section 4.2.1)

SEP (Signed and Encrypted Package; see Annex F, 4.2.2) is not accepted

As to electronic filing software (Section 710(a)(i)):

- epoline® Online Filing software
- PCT-SAFE and any electronic filing software that complies with the basic common standard (see Annex F, Appendix III)

As to types of electronic signatures (Section 710(a)(i)):

- facsimile signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.1)
- text string signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.2)
- enhanced electronic signature (see Annex F, section 3.3.4)
- any other signature that complies with the basic common standard (see Annex F, Appendix III)

As to conditions, rules and procedures relating to electronic receipt (Section 710(a)(ii)):

The notification of receipt of any purported international application filed with the European Patent Office as receiving Office in electronic form will contain, in addition to the mandatory information required under Section 704(a)(i) to (iv), the names of the electronic files received (see Section 704(a)(v)).

The EPO will make every effort to accept an international application in electronic form. Only if the application is not sent in accordance with the E-filing interoperability protocol (see Annex F, section 5.1) or if the package submitted does not contain any files, will a notification or confirmation of receipt not be generated. Other errors, such as the use of outdated certificates (see Annex F, Appendix II, section 4.4.7), applications infected by viruses or other forms of malicious logic (see Section 708(b)) or missing files are notified to the applicant by inclusion in the notification of receipt.

Where it appears that the notification of receipt sent to the applicant by electronic means of transmittal was not successfully transmitted, the European Patent Office will promptly retransmit the notification of receipt by mail (see Section 709(b)).

As to kinds of documents transmitted to the Office on-line (Section 710(a)(iii)):

- international application

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NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****EP Office européen des brevets (OEB) (suite)****En ce qui concerne les moyens de transmission (instruction 710.a)i) :**

- dépôt en ligne (voir la section 5 de l'annexe F)
- dépôt sur CD-R (voir la section 5 de l'annexe F et les sections 2.d) et e) de l'appendice III de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne l'emballage électronique des documents :

- WAD (paquet contenant les documents constitutifs de la demande compactés; voir la section 4.1.1 de l'annexe F)
- WASP (paquet compacté et signé; voir la section 4.2.1 de l'annexe F)

Le SEP (paquet signé et chiffré; voir la section 4.2.2 de l'annexe F) n'est pas accepté.

En ce qui concerne le logiciel de dépôt électronique (instruction 710.a)i) :

- logiciel epoline® de dépôt en ligne
- logiciel PCT-SAFE et tout autre logiciel de dépôt électronique conforme à la norme commune de base (voir l'appendice III de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les types de signatures (instruction 710.a)i) :

- signature en fac-similé (voir la section 3.3.1 de l'annexe F)
- signature composée d'une chaîne de caractères (voir la section 3.3.2 de l'annexe F)
- signature électronique renforcée (voir la section 3.3.4 de l'annexe F)
- toute autre signature conforme à la norme commune de base (voir l'appendice III de l'annexe F)

En ce qui concerne les conditions, règles et procédures concernant la réception électronique (instruction 710.a)ii) :

L'accusé de réception de toute demande internationale présumée déposée auprès de l'Office européen des brevets agissant en qualité d'office récepteur contient, outre les éléments d'information exigés au titre de l'instruction 704.a)i) à iv), les noms des fichiers électroniques reçus (voir l'instruction 704.a)v)).

L'OEB fera tout son possible pour accepter une demande électronique sous forme électronique. Ce n'est que dans le cas où la demande n'est pas envoyée conformément au protocole sur l'interopérabilité en matière de dépôt électronique (voir la section 5.1 de l'annexe F) ou dans le cas où le paquet envoyé ne contient aucun fichier que la confirmation ou l'accusé de réception n'est pas généré. D'autres erreurs, telles que l'utilisation de certificats caduques (voir la section 4.4.7 de l'appendice II de l'annexe F), des demandes contaminées par des virus et d'autres formes d'éléments malveillants (voir l'instruction 708.b)) ou des fichiers manquants, sont notifiées au déposant dans l'accusé de réception.

Lorsqu'il semble que l'accusé de réception envoyé au déposant par des moyens de transmission électroniques n'est pas reçu, l'Office européen des brevets envoie à nouveau, à bref délai, l'accusé de réception par courrier (voir l'instruction 709.b)).

En ce qui concerne les types de documents transmis en ligne à l'office (instruction 710.a)iii) :

- demande internationale

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS:
NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)****EP European Patent Office (EPO) (Cont'd)****As to the filing of backup copies (Section 710(a)(iv)):**

The EPO will not accept the filing of a backup copy of the international application on paper (see Section 706(a)). On request of the applicant, the EPO will prepare a backup copy of the international application on paper (see Section 706(b)). The technical documents relating to European and international patent applications may be attached in a ZIP file in their original format, provided that format is one of those listed on the EPO Website under epoline® (www.european-patent-office.org/epoline).⁹ Technical documents may be attached as a ZIP file containing different data format provided that the applicant informs the EPO, when filing the application, where it can within reason acquire the corresponding software.

As to procedures for notification of applicants and procedures which applicants may follow as alternatives when electronic systems of the Office are not available as (see Section 710(a)(v)):

- the European Patent Office will use the Internet to communicate with applicants
- the EPO Website will inform applicants when electronic filing systems are unavailable

As to certification authorities accepted by the Office, and the electronic address of a listing of the certificate policies under which the certificates are issued (Section 710(a)(vi)):

- D-Trust (<https://www.d-trust.net>)
- VRK-FINSIGN (<http://www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi>)
- CERES (<http://www.cert.fnmt.es>).

As to procedures relating to access to files of international applications filed or stored in electronic form (Section 710(a)(vii)):

- epoline® File Inspection (see <http://www.epoline.org>)

⁹ Data formats for pre-conversion files

Word-processing programs:

Microsoft Word 97, 2000 and 2002

Corel WordPerfect 6.1, 8 and 10

Lotus WordPro 9.5 and 9.6

Programs which can be embedded in a word-processed text:

Microsoft Excel 97, 2000 and 2002

Microsoft Visio 97, 2000 and 2002

ISIS Draw V2.2

AutoCAD R14, 2000 and 2002

AutoCAD Lite 98 and 2002

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NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)****EP Office européen des brevets (OEB) (suite)****En ce qui concerne le dépôt de copies de sauvegarde (instruction 710.a)iv) :**

L'OEB n'acceptera pas le dépôt d'une copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sous forme papier (voir l'instruction 706.a)). À la demande du déposant, l'OEB prépare une copie de sauvegarde de la demande internationale sous forme papier (voir l'instruction 706.b)). Les documents techniques se rapportant aux demandes de brevet européen et aux demandes internationales peuvent être joints, dans le format dans lequel ils ont été établis, sous la forme d'un fichier ZIP, à condition que le format des données choisi soit mentionné sur le site Internet de l'OEB à la rubrique epoline® (www.european-patent-office.org/epoline).⁹ Si les documents techniques ont été établis dans un autre format de données, il ne peuvent être joints sous la forme d'un fichier ZIP dans ce format que si le demandeur indique à l'Office, lors du dépôt de sa demande, où l'Office peut se procurer le logiciel correspondant dans des conditions acceptables.

En ce qui concerne les procédures de notification aux déposants et les procédures de remplacement à utiliser par les déposants lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne sont pas accessibles (instruction 710.a)v) :

- l'Office européen des brevets utilisera l'Internet pour communiquer avec les déposants
- le site Web de l'OEB tiendra les déposants informés lorsque les systèmes électroniques de l'office ne seront pas accessibles

En ce qui concerne les autorités de certification acceptées par l'office, et l'adresse électronique de la liste des politiques de certification sur la base desquelles les certificats sont délivrés (instruction 710.a)vi) :

- D-Trust (<https://www.d-trust.net>)
- VRK-FINSIGN (<http://www.vaestorekisterikeskus.fi>)
- CERES (<http://www.cert.fnmt.es>).

En ce qui concerne les procédures relatives à l'accès aux dossiers des demandes internationales déposées ou conservées sous forme électronique (instruction 710.a)vii) :

- accès aux dossiers par epoline® (voir l'adresse suivante: <http://www.epoline.org>)

⁹ Format des données pour des fichiers devant encore être convertis
Programmes de traitement de texte :
Microsoft Word 97, 2000 et 2002
Corel WordPerfect 6.1, 8 et 10
Lotus WordPro 9.5 et 9.6
Programmes pouvant être intégrés dans un texte rédigé avec un traitement de texte :
Microsoft Excel 97, 2000 et 2002
Microsoft Visio 97, 2000 et 2002
ISIS Draw V2.2
AutoCAD R14, 2000 et 2002
AutoCAD Lite 98 et 2002

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**LT Lithuania**

The **Lithuanian Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as well as in its Internet address, as follows:

Telephone: (370-5) 278 02 50

Facsimile machine: (370-5) 275 07 23

Internet: <http://www.vpb.lt/engl>

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(LT), page 125]

TM Turkmenistan

The **Patent Department, Ministry of Economy and Finance of Turkmenistan**, has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (993-12) 51 14 50, 51 01 99

Facsimile machine: (993-12) 51 14 50

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(TM), page 187]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**LK Sri Lanka**

The **National Intellectual Property Office (Sri Lanka)** has notified a change in the amount of the application fee in **Sri Lanka rupees (LKR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

Application fee: LKR 2,650

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Summary (LK), page 447]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**LT Lituanie**

L'**Office lituanien des brevets** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur ainsi que dans son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Téléphone : (370-5) 278 02 50

Télécopieur : (370-5) 275 07 23

Internet: <http://www.vpb.lt/engl>

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(LT), page 127]

TM Turkménistan

Le **Département des brevets, Ministère de l'économie et des finances du Turkménistan**, a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Téléphone : (993-12) 51 14 50, 51 01 99

Télécopieur : (993-12) 51 14 50

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(TM), page 189]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**LK Sri Lanka**

L'**Office national de la propriété intellectuelle (Sri Lanka)** a notifié un changement dans le montant de la taxe de dépôt, exprimé en **roupies de Sri Lanka (LKR)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Taxe de dépôt : LKR 2.650

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), résumé (LK), page 469]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**LT Lithuania**

The **Lithuanian Patent Office** has notified a change in the currency of payment of the international fee. The consolidated list of currencies accepted by, and of all amounts of fees payable to, the Office as receiving Office, is as follows:

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Lithuanian litas (LTL) and euro (EUR)
Transmittal fee:	LTL 320
International fee:	
Basic fee:	EUR 444
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	EUR 10
Designation fee:	EUR 96
PCT-EASY fee reduction:	EUR 137
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (RU)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	LTL 80

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(LT), page 289]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**LT Lituanie**

L'Office lituanien des brevets a notifié un changement dans la monnaie de paiement de la taxe internationale. La liste récapitulative des monnaies acceptées par l'office, et de tous les montants de taxes payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, est la suivante :

Taxes payables à l'office récepteur :	Monnaie : Litas lituanien (LTL) ou euro (EUR)
Taxe de transmission :	LTL 320
Taxe internationale :	
Taxe de base :	EUR 444
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	EUR 10
Taxe de désignation :	EUR 96
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY :	EUR 137
Taxe de recherche :	Voir l'annexe D(EP) ou (RU)
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	LTL 80

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe C(LT), page 297]

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**SI Slovenia****EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Slovenia deposited, on 18 September 2002, its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and will therefore become bound by that Convention on **1 December 2002**. Moreover, it will no longer be possible in an international application to designate Slovenia for a national patent. Therefore, in international applications filed on or after 1 December 2002, Slovenia—like Belgium, Cyprus, France, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Monaco and the Netherlands—may be designated only for a European patent and not for a national patent. In addition, the extension of European patents to Slovenia will cease to be available as from the same date.

A purported designation of Slovenia for a national patent in an international application filed on or after 1 December 2002, will be corrected *ex officio* by the receiving Office to indicate a designation of Slovenia for a European patent. Where Slovenia is designated both for a European patent and a national patent in an international application filed on or after 1 December 2002, the purported designation for a national patent will be deleted *ex officio*.

As from 1 December 2002, nationals and residents of **Slovenia** will be able to file international applications with the European Patent Office as receiving Office.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002(E), Annex B1(SI), page 175, Annex B2(EP), page 218, Annex C(EP), page 257, Summary (EP), page 413, and Summary (SI), page 488]

BZ Belize

The **Intellectual Property Office of Belize** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, as well as additional telephone and facsimile numbers and an additional Internet address. The consolidated list is as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Attorney General's Ministry Solicitor General's Office East Block, Ground floor, Belmopan, Belize
Telephone:	(501-8) 23 195, 22 21 54
Facsimile machine:	(501-8) 23 198, 22 33 90
Internet:	www.belize.gov.bz www.belizelaw.org

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(BZ), page 36]

HR Croatia

The **Croatian Intellectual Property Office** has notified an additional e-mail address. The e-mail addresses to be used are now as follows:

E-mail:	ipo.croatia@patent.tel.hr idc@patent.tel.hr
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(HR), page 88]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES**SI Slovénie****EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

La **Slovénie** a déposé, le 18 septembre 2002, son instrument d'adhésion à la Convention sur le brevet européen (CBE) et deviendra ainsi liée par cette convention le **1^{er} décembre 2002**. De plus, il ne sera plus possible de désigner la Slovénie dans une demande internationale en vue de la délivrance d'un brevet national. Par conséquent, la Slovénie – à l'instar de la Belgique, de Chypre, de la France, de la Grèce, de l'Irlande, de l'Italie, de Monaco et des Pays-Bas – ne pourra être désignée dans les demandes internationales déposées le 1^{er} décembre 2002 ou après cette date qu'en vue de la délivrance d'un brevet européen, à l'exclusion d'un brevet national. De plus, l'extension de brevets européens à la Slovénie cessera d'être possible à compter de la même date.

Si la Slovénie est désignée en vue de la délivrance d'un brevet national dans une demande internationale déposée le 1^{er} décembre 2002 ou après cette date, l'office récepteur procédera d'office à la correction nécessaire pour indiquer que cette désignation vise la délivrance d'un brevet européen. Si la Slovénie est désignée en vue de la délivrance d'un brevet européen ainsi que d'un brevet national dans une demande internationale déposée le 1^{er} décembre 2002 ou après cette date, la désignation visant la délivrance d'un brevet national sera supprimée d'office.

À compter du 1^{er} décembre 2002, les nationaux de la **Slovénie**, et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays, pourront déposer des demandes internationales auprès de l'Office européen des brevets agissant en qualité d'office récepteur.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002(F), annexe B1(SI), page 177, annexe B2(EP), page 220, annexe C(EP), page 262, résumé (EP), page 431, et résumé (SI), page 517]

BZ Belize

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Belize** a notifié un changement dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, ainsi que des numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur et une adresse Internet supplémentaires. La liste récapitulative est la suivante :

Siège et adresse postale :	Attorney General's Ministry Solicitor General's Office East Block, Ground floor, Belmopan, Belize
Téléphone :	(501-8) 23 195, 22 21 54
Télécopieur :	(501-8) 23 198, 22 33 90
Internet :	www.belize.gov.bz www.belizelaw.org

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(BZ), page 36]

HR Croatie

L'**Office croate de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié une adresse électronique supplémentaire. Les adresses électroniques à utiliser sont désormais les suivantes :

Courrier électronique :	ipo.croatia@patent.tel.hr idc@patent.tel.hr
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**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
(Cont'd)****MG Madagascar**

The **Industrial Property Office of Madagascar** has notified an additional telephone number. The telephone numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (261-20) 22 335 02, 22 659 75, 22 335 06

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(MG), page 137]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (Portugal)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as well as in its e-mail address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Campo das Cebolas, 1149-035 Lisboa, Portugal

E-mail: cadm@inpi.pt

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(PT), page 163]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**JP Japan**

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the basic fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30, the designation fee and the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), as well as for the reduction of the international fee where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2003, are specified below:

Basic fee:	JPY 54,000
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	JPY 1,200
Designation fee:	JPY 11,600
PCT-EASY fee reduction:	JPY 16,600
Handling fee:	JPY 19,200

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2002 (E), Annex C(JP), page 281, and Annex E(JP), page 345]

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET LES ORGANISATIONS
INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES (suite)****MG Madagascar**

L'**Office malgache de la propriété industrielle** a notifié un numéro de téléphone supplémentaire. Les numéros de téléphone à utiliser sont désormais les suivants :

Téléphone : (261-20) 22 335 02, 22 659 75, 22 335 06

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(MG), page 139]

PT Portugal

L'**Institut national de la propriété industrielle (Portugal)** a notifié des changements dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, ainsi que dans son adresse électronique, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale : Campo das Cebolas, 1149-035 Lisboa, Portugal

Courrier électronique : cadm@inpi.pt

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(PT), page 165]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**JP Japon**

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **yen japonais (JPY)**, ont été établis pour la taxe de base, la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e, la taxe de désignation et la taxe de traitement, conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2003, sont les suivants :

Taxe de base :	JPY 54.000
Supplément par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	JPY 1.200
Taxe de désignation :	JPY 11.600
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY :	JPY 16.600
Taxe de traitement :	JPY 19.200

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2002 (F), annexe C(JP), page 287, et annexe E(JP), page 355]

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT
MODIFICATION OF ANNEX A—FORMS****Form PCT/RO/101 (Request)**

The Request Form has been modified to take into account the following:

- the PCT entered into force for **Saint Vincent and the Grenadines** on 6 August 2002 and for **Seychelles** on 7 November 2002 (Box No. V);
- from 1 December 2002, **Slovenia** may be designated for the purposes of obtaining a European patent and no longer for the purposes of obtaining a national patent (Box No. V); and
- from 6 September 2002, it has become possible for applicants to file tables in computer readable form related to sequence listings (Box No. IX).

The Notes to the request form have been modified to take into account the following:

- the accession of Slovenia to the European Patent Convention with the simultaneous closing of the national route, the fact that the extension of European patents ceases to be available and that patents of addition also cease to be available (Notes to Box No. V);
- “patents for utility solutions” (which replace utility models) are available in Viet Nam (Notes to Box No. V);
- provisional patents are no longer available in Uzbekistan (Notes to Box No. V);
- a clarification has been added concerning the declaration of inventorship where there are more than two inventors (Notes to Box No. VIII (iv));
- the possibility for applicants to file tables in computer readable form related to sequence listings (Notes to Box No. IX); and
- an erroneous reference to Rule 12.3(c) has been corrected to read Rule 12.1(c) (language of filing of the international application) (Notes to Box No. IX).

The Fee Calculation Sheet has been modified to take into account, for the purposes of calculating the additional component, the possibility for applicants to file tables in computer readable form related to sequence listings.

The Notes to the fee calculation sheet have been modified to take into account the following:

- the reduction of the international fee where the international application is filed in electronic form;
- the reduction of the international fee for applicants from Saint Vincent and the Grenadines; and
- the calculation of the basic fee where the international application contains tables in computer readable format relating to sequence listings.

All the sheets of the Request Form, including the Notes to the request form, the Fee Calculation Sheet (annex to the Request Form) and the Notes thereto, are dated January 2003 (the date of issuance or of reprinting of the sheet) and are reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction).

Only the updated version of the Request Form should be used for international applications filed as from 1 January 2003. Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices and the International Bureau, and will also be available on the Internet as from the beginning of January 2003 at the following address: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/index.htm>

**INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT
MODIFICATION DE L'ANNEXE A – FORMULAIRES****Formulaire PCT/RO/101 (requête)**

Le formulaire de requête a été modifié pour tenir compte des faits suivants :

- le PCT est entré en vigueur pour **Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines** le 6 août 2002 et pour les **Seychelles** le 7 novembre 2002 (cadre n° V);
- à partir du 1^{er} décembre 2002, la **Slovénie** pourra être désignée aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet européen et non plus aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet national (cadre n° V); et
- depuis le 6 septembre 2002, il est devenu possible pour les déposants de déposer des tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur relatifs aux listages des séquences (cadre n° IX).

Les notes du formulaire de requête ont été modifiées pour tenir compte des faits suivants :

- l'accession de la Slovaquie à la Convention sur le brevet européen avec la fermeture simultanée de la voie nationale, le fait que l'extension de brevets européens cesse d'être possible et que des brevets d'addition cessent également d'être disponibles (notes du cadre n° V);
- les "brevets pour solutions d'utilité" (qui remplacent les modèles d'utilité) sont disponibles au Viet Nam (notes du cadre n° V);
- les brevets provisoires ne sont plus disponibles en Ouzbékistan (notes du cadre n° V);
- des précisions ont été ajoutées en ce qui concerne la déclaration de l'inventeur lorsqu'il y a plusieurs inventeurs (notes du cadre n° VIII.iv);
- la possibilité pour les déposants de déposer des tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur relatifs aux listages des séquences (notes du cadre n° IX); et
- une référence erronée à la règle 12.3.c) a été corrigée pour devenir 12.1.c) (langue de dépôt de la demande internationale) (notes du cadre n° IX).

La feuille de calcul des taxes a été modifiée pour tenir compte, aux fins du calcul de la composante supplémentaire, de la possibilité pour les déposants de déposer des tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur relatifs aux listages des séquences.

Les notes de la feuille de calcul des taxes ont été modifiées pour tenir compte des faits suivants :

- la réduction de la taxe internationale lorsque la demande internationale est déposée sous forme électronique;
- la réduction de la taxe internationale pour les déposants de Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines; et
- le calcul de la taxe de base lorsque la demande internationale contient des tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur relatifs aux listages des séquences.

Toutes les feuilles du formulaire de requête, y compris les notes y relatives, la feuille de calcul des taxes (annexe de la requête) et les notes y relatives, ont été datées de janvier 2003 (date d'émission ou de réimpression de la feuille) et sont reproduites sur les pages suivantes (sans pagination pour qu'il soit possible de les reproduire aisément).

Seule la version mise à jour du formulaire de requête devrait être utilisée pour les demandes internationales déposées à partir du 1^{er} janvier 2003. Des exemplaires peuvent être obtenus gratuitement auprès des offices récepteurs et du Bureau international et seront également disponibles sur l'Internet au début de janvier 2003 à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/index.htm>

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT
MODIFICATION OF ANNEX A—FORMS (Cont'd)****Form PCT/IPEA/401 (Demand)**

The Demand Form itself (Box No. VI) has been modified to take into account the possibility for applicants to file tables in computer readable form related to sequence listings.

The Notes to the Demand Form relating to Box No. VI have been modified accordingly.

The Notes to the Fee Calculation Sheet (annex to the Demand Form) relating to the reduction of the handling fee for qualifying applicants from certain States have been modified to take into account the entry into force of the PCT for Saint Vincent and the Grenadines.

All the sheets of the Demand Form, including the Notes to the demand form, the Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes thereto, are dated January 2003 (the date of issuance or of reprinting of the sheet) and are reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction). Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices, International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau, and will also be available on the Internet as from the beginning of January 2003 at the following address: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/forms/index.htm>

**INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT
MODIFICATION DE L'ANNEXE A – FORMULAIRES (suite)**

Formulaire PCT/IPEA/401 (demande d'examen préliminaire international)

Le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international lui-même (cadre n° VI) a été modifié, pour tenir compte de la possibilité pour les déposants de déposer des tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur relatifs aux listages des séquences.

Les notes relatives au formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international concernant le cadre n° VI ont été modifiées en conséquence.

Les notes relatives à la feuille de calcul des taxes (annexe de la demande d'examen préliminaire international) concernant la réduction de la taxe de traitement pour les déposants de certains États qui y ont droit ont été modifiées pour tenir compte de l'entrée en vigueur du PCT pour Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines.

Toutes les feuilles du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international, y compris les notes y relatives, la feuille de calcul des taxes et les notes y relatives ont été datées de janvier 2003 (date d'émission ou de réimpression de la feuille) et sont reproduites sur les pages suivantes (sans pagination pour qu'il soit possible de les reproduire aisément). Des exemplaires peuvent être obtenus gratuitement auprès des offices récepteurs, des administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international et du Bureau international et seront également disponibles sur l'Internet au début de janvier 2003 à l'adresse suivante :

<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/forms/index.htm>

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

For receiving Office use only

International Application No.

International Filing Date

Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum)

Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION	
Box No. II APPLICANT <input type="checkbox"/> This person is also inventor	
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)	Telephone No.
	Facsimile No.
	Teleprinter No.
	Applicant's registration No. with the Office
State (that is, country) of nationality:	State (that is, country) of residence:
This person is applicant for the purposes of: <input type="checkbox"/> all designated States <input type="checkbox"/> all designated States except the United States of America <input type="checkbox"/> the United States of America only <input type="checkbox"/> the States indicated in the Supplemental Box	
Box No. III FURTHER APPLICANT(S) AND/OR (FURTHER) INVENTOR(S)	
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)	This person is: <input type="checkbox"/> applicant only <input type="checkbox"/> applicant and inventor <input type="checkbox"/> inventor only (If this check-box is marked, do not fill in below.)
	Applicant's registration No. with the Office
State (that is, country) of nationality:	State (that is, country) of residence:
This person is applicant for the purposes of: <input type="checkbox"/> all designated States <input type="checkbox"/> all designated States except the United States of America <input type="checkbox"/> the United States of America only <input type="checkbox"/> the States indicated in the Supplemental Box	
<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on a continuation sheet.	
Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	
The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as: <input type="checkbox"/> agent <input type="checkbox"/> common representative	
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)	Telephone No.
	Facsimile No.
	Teleprinter No.
	Agent's registration No. with the Office
<input type="checkbox"/> Address for correspondence: Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special address to which correspondence should be sent.	

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REQUÊTE

Le soussigné requiert que la présente demande internationale soit traitée conformément au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets.

Réservé à l'office récepteur

Demande internationale n°

Date du dépôt international

Nom de l'office récepteur et "Demande internationale PCT"

Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire (*facultatif*)
(12 caractères au maximum)

Cadre n° I TITRE DE L'INVENTION	
Cadre n° II DÉPOSANT <input type="checkbox"/> Cette personne est aussi inventeur	
Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays. Le pays de l'adresse indiquée dans ce cadre est l'État où le déposant a son domicile si aucun domicile n'est indiqué ci-dessous.</i>)	n° de téléphone
	n° de télécopieur
	n° de téléimprimeur
	n° sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office
Nationalité (<i>nom de l'État</i>) :	Domicile (<i>nom de l'État</i>) :
Cette personne est déposant pour : <input type="checkbox"/> tous les États désignés <input type="checkbox"/> tous les États désignés sauf les États-Unis d'Amérique <input type="checkbox"/> les États-Unis d'Amérique seulement <input type="checkbox"/> les États indiqués dans le cadre supplémentaire	
Cadre n° III AUTRE(S) DÉPOSANT(S) OU (AUTRE(S)) INVENTEUR(S)	
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	n° sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office
Nationalité (<i>nom de l'État</i>) :	Domicile (<i>nom de l'État</i>) :
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<input type="checkbox"/> D'autres déposants ou inventeurs sont indiqués sur une feuille annexe.	
Cadre n° IV MANDATAIRE OU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN; OU ADRESSE POUR LA CORRESPONDANCE	
La personne dont l'identité est donnée ci-dessous est/a été désignée pour agir au nom du ou des déposants auprès des autorités internationales compétentes, comme:	<input type="checkbox"/> mandataire <input type="checkbox"/> représentant commun
Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.</i>)	n° de téléphone
	n° de télécopieur
	n° de téléimprimeur
	n° sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office
<input type="checkbox"/> Adresse pour la correspondance : cocher cette case lorsque aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est/n'a été désigné et que l'espace ci-dessus est utilisé pour indiquer une adresse spéciale à laquelle la correspondance doit être envoyée.	

Continuation of Box No. III FURTHER APPLICANT(S) AND/OR (FURTHER) INVENTOR(S)

If none of the following sub-boxes is used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Name and address: <i>(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)</i>	This person is: <input type="checkbox"/> applicant only <input type="checkbox"/> applicant and inventor <input type="checkbox"/> inventor only <i>(If this check-box is marked, do not fill in below.)</i>
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Suite du cadre n° III AUTRE(S) DÉPOSANT(S) OU (AUTRE(S)) INVENTEUR(S)

Si aucun des sous-cadres suivants n'est utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Nom et adresse : <i>(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays. Le pays de l'adresse indiquée dans ce cadre est l'État où le déposant a son domicile si aucun domicile n'est indiqué ci-dessous.)</i>		Cette personne est : <input type="checkbox"/> déposant seulement <input type="checkbox"/> déposant et inventeur <input type="checkbox"/> inventeur seulement <i>(Si cette case est cochée, ne pas remplir la suite.)</i>
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Nom et adresse : <i>(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays. Le pays de l'adresse indiquée dans ce cadre est l'État où le déposant a son domicile si aucun domicile n'est indiqué ci-dessous.)</i>		Cette personne est : <input type="checkbox"/> déposant seulement <input type="checkbox"/> déposant et inventeur <input type="checkbox"/> inventeur seulement <i>(Si cette case est cochée, ne pas remplir la suite.)</i>
		n° sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office
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<input type="checkbox"/> D'autres déposants ou inventeurs sont indiqués sur une feuille annexe.		

Box No. V DESIGNATION OF STATES *Mark the applicable check-boxes below; at least one must be marked.*

The following designations are hereby made under Rule 4.9(a):

Regional Patent

- AP ARIPO Patent:** **GH** Ghana, **GM** Gambia, **KE** Kenya, **LS** Lesotho, **MW** Malawi, **MZ** Mozambique, **SD** Sudan, **SL** Sierra Leone, **SZ** Swaziland, **TZ** United Republic of Tanzania, **UG** Uganda, **ZM** Zambia, **ZW** Zimbabwe, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Harare Protocol and of the PCT (*if other kind of protection or treatment desired, specify on dotted line*)
- EA Eurasian Patent:** **AM** Armenia, **AZ** Azerbaijan, **BY** Belarus, **KG** Kyrgyzstan, **KZ** Kazakhstan, **MD** Republic of Moldova, **RU** Russian Federation, **TJ** Tajikistan, **TM** Turkmenistan, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Eurasian Patent Convention and of the PCT
- EP European Patent:** **AT** Austria, **BE** Belgium, **BG** Bulgaria, **CH & LI** Switzerland and Liechtenstein, **CY** Cyprus, **CZ** Czech Republic, **DE** Germany, **DK** Denmark, **EE** Estonia, **ES** Spain, **FI** Finland, **FR** France, **GB** United Kingdom, **GR** Greece, **IE** Ireland, **IT** Italy, **LU** Luxembourg, **MC** Monaco, **NL** Netherlands, **PT** Portugal, **SE** Sweden, **SI** Slovenia, **SK** Slovakia, **TR** Turkey, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention and of the PCT
- OA OAPI Patent:** **BF** Burkina Faso, **BJ** Benin, **CF** Central African Republic, **CG** Congo, **CI** Côte d'Ivoire, **CM** Cameroon, **GA** Gabon, **GN** Guinea, **GQ** Equatorial Guinea, **GW** Guinea-Bissau, **ML** Mali, **MR** Mauritania, **NE** Niger, **SN** Senegal, **TD** Chad, **TG** Togo, and any other State which is a member State of OAPI and a Contracting State of the PCT (*if other kind of protection or treatment desired, specify on dotted line*)

National Patent (*if other kind of protection or treatment desired, specify on dotted line*):

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Precautionary Designation Statement: In addition to the designations made above, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all other designations which would be permitted under the PCT except any designation(s) indicated in the Supplemental Box as being excluded from the scope of this statement. The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit. (*Confirmation (including fees) must reach the receiving Office within the 15-month time limit.*)

Cadre n° V DÉSIGNATION D'ÉTATS*Cocher les cases appropriées; une au moins doit être cochée.*

Les désignations suivantes sont faites conformément à la règle 4.9.a) :

Brevet régional

- AP Brevet ARIPO** : **GH** Ghana, **GM** Gambie, **KE** Kenya, **LS** Lesotho, **MW** Malawi, **MZ** Mozambique, **SD** Soudan, **SL** Sierra Leone, **SZ** Swaziland, **TZ** République-Unie de Tanzanie, **UG** Ouganda, **ZM** Zambie, **ZW** Zimbabwe et tout autre État qui est un État contractant du Protocole de Harare et du PCT (*si une autre forme de protection ou de traitement est souhaitée, le préciser sur la ligne pointillée*).....
- EA Brevet eurasién** : **AM** Arménie, **AZ** Azerbaïdjan, **BY** Bélarus, **KG** Kirghizistan, **KZ** Kazakhstan, **MD** République de Moldova, **RU** Fédération de Russie, **TJ** Tadjikistan, **TM** Turkménistan et tout autre État qui est un État contractant de la Convention sur le brevet eurasién et du PCT
- EP Brevet européen** : **AT** Autriche, **BE** Belgique, **BG** Bulgarie, **CH & LI** Suisse et Liechtenstein, **CY** Chypre, **CZ** République tchèque, **DE** Allemagne, **DK** Danemark, **EE** Estonie, **ES** Espagne, **FI** Finlande, **FR** France, **GB** Royaume-Uni, **GR** Grèce, **IE** Irlande, **IT** Italie, **LU** Luxembourg, **MC** Monaco, **NL** Pays-Bas, **PT** Portugal, **SE** Suède, **SI** Slovénie, **SK** Slovaquie, **TR** Turquie et tout autre État qui est un État contractant de la Convention sur le brevet européen et du PCT
- OA Brevet OAPI** : **BF** Burkina Faso, **BJ** Bénin, **CF** République centrafricaine, **CG** Congo, **CI** Côte d'Ivoire, **CM** Cameroun, **GA** Gabon, **GN** Guinée, **GQ** Guinée équatoriale, **GW** Guinée-Bissau, **ML** Mali, **MR** Mauritanie, **NE** Niger, **SN** Sénégal, **TD** Tchad, **TG** Togo et tout autre État qui est un État membre de l'OAPI et un État contractant du PCT (*si une autre forme de protection ou de traitement est souhaitée, le préciser sur la ligne pointillée*).....

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Les cases ci-dessous sont réservées à la désignation d'États qui sont devenus parties au PCT après la publication de la présente feuille :

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Déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution : outre les désignations faites ci-dessus, le déposant fait aussi conformément à la règle 4.9.b) toutes les désignations qui seraient autorisées en vertu du PCT, à l'exception de toute désignation indiquée dans le cadre supplémentaire comme étant exclue de la portée de cette déclaration. Le déposant déclare que ces désignations additionnelles sont faites sous réserve de confirmation et que toute désignation qui n'est pas confirmée avant l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité doit être considérée comme retirée par le déposant à l'expiration de ce délai. (*La confirmation (y compris les taxes) doit parvenir à l'office récepteur dans le délai de 15 mois.*)

Supplemental Box

If the Supplemental Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

1. If, in any of the Boxes, except Boxes Nos. VIII(i) to (v) for which a special continuation box is provided, **the space is insufficient** to furnish all the information: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No...." (indicate the number of the Box) and furnish the information in the same manner as required according to the captions of the Box in which the space was insufficient, in particular:
 - (i) **if more than two persons are to be indicated as applicants and/or inventors** and no "continuation sheet" is available: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. III" and indicate for each additional person the same type of information as required in Box No. III. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below;
 - (ii) if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the indication "**the States indicated in the Supplemental Box**" is checked: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the applicant(s) involved and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is applicant;
 - (iii) if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, **the inventor or the inventor/applicant is not inventor for the purposes of all designated States or for the purposes of the United States of America**: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the inventor(s) and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is inventor;
 - (iv) if, in addition to the agent(s) indicated in Box No. IV, there are **further agents**: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. IV" and indicate for each further agent the same type of information as required in Box No. IV;
 - (v) if, in Box No. V, the name of any State (or OAPI) is accompanied by the indication "**patent of addition**," or "**certificate of addition**," or if, in Box No. V, the name of the United States of America is accompanied by an indication "**continuation**" or "**continuation-in-part**": in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. V" and the name of each State involved (or OAPI), and after the name of each such State (or OAPI), the number of the parent title or parent application and the date of grant of the parent title or filing of the parent application;
 - (vi) if, in Box No. VI, there are **more than five earlier applications whose priority is claimed**: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VI" and indicate for each additional earlier application the same type of information as required in Box No. VI.
2. If, with regard to the **precautionary designation statement** contained in Box No. V, the applicant wishes to exclude any State(s) from the scope of that statement: in such case, write "Designation(s) excluded from precautionary designation statement" and indicate the name or two-letter code of each State so excluded.

Cadre supplémentaire Si le cadre supplémentaire n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

1. Si l'un des cadres du présent formulaire – à l'exception des cadres n^{os} VIII.i) à v) pour lesquels une feuille annexe spéciale est prévue – **ne suffit pas** à contenir tous les renseignements : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o..." (préciser le numéro du cadre) et fournir les renseignements conformément aux instructions données dans le cadre dans lequel la place était insuffisante; en particulier :
 - i) si plus de deux personnes doivent être indiquées comme **déposants ou inventeurs** et que l'on ne dispose d'aucune "feuille annexe" : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o III" et fournir pour chaque personne supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n^o III. Le pays de l'adresse indiquée dans ce cadre est l'État où le déposant a son domicile si aucun domicile n'est indiqué ci-dessous;
 - ii) si, dans le cadre n^o II ou dans l'un des sous-cadres du cadre n^o III, la case "**les États indiqués dans le cadre supplémentaire**" est cochée : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o II" ou "Suite du cadre n^o III" ou "Suite des cadres n^{os} II et III" (selon le cas), ainsi que le nom du ou des déposants en cause et, à côté de chaque nom, le ou les États pour lesquels la personne mentionnée a la qualité de déposant (ou, le cas échéant, la mention "brevet ARIPO", "brevet eurasién", "brevet européen" ou "brevet OAPI");
 - iii) si, dans le cadre n^o II ou dans l'un des sous-cadres du cadre n^o III, l'inventeur ou l'inventeur/déposant n'a pas la qualité d'inventeur pour tous les États désignés ou pour les États-Unis d'Amérique : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o II" ou "Suite du cadre n^o III" ou "Suite des cadres n^{os} II et III" (selon le cas), ainsi que le nom du ou des inventeurs et, à côté de chaque nom, le ou les États pour lesquels la personne mentionnée a la qualité d'inventeur (ou, le cas échéant, la mention "brevet ARIPO", "brevet eurasién", "brevet européen" ou "brevet OAPI");
 - iv) si, en plus du ou des mandataires indiqués dans le cadre n^o IV, il y a d'autres mandataires : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o IV" et fournir pour chaque mandataire supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n^o IV;
 - v) si, dans le cadre n^o V, le nom d'un État (ou de l'OAPI) est assorti de la mention "**brevet d'addition**" ou "**certificat d'addition**" ou si, dans le cadre n^o V le nom des États-Unis d'Amérique est assorti de la mention "**continuation**" ou "**continuation-in-part**" : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o V" ainsi que le nom de chaque État en cause (ou de l'OAPI) en précisant après chaque nom le numéro du titre principal ou de la demande principale ainsi que la date de délivrance du titre principal ou la date de dépôt de la demande principale;
 - vi) si, dans le cadre n^o VI, la **priorité de plus de cinq demandes antérieures est revendiquée** : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o VI" et fournir pour chaque demande antérieure supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n^o VI.
2. Si, en ce qui concerne la **déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution** contenue dans le cadre n^o V, le déposant souhaite exclure un ou plusieurs États de la portée de cette déclaration : dans ce cas, indiquer "Désignations exclues de la portée de la déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution" et fournir le nom ou le code à deux lettres de chaque État concerné.

Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM				
The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:				
Filing date of earlier application <i>(day/month/year)</i>	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country or Member of WTO	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1)				
item (2)				
item (3)				
item (4)				
item (5)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.				
The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) <i>(only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office)</i> identified above as:				
<input type="checkbox"/> all items <input type="checkbox"/> item (1) <input type="checkbox"/> item (2) <input type="checkbox"/> item (3) <input type="checkbox"/> item (4) <input type="checkbox"/> item (5) <input type="checkbox"/> other, see Supplemental Box				
* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)):				
Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY				
Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) <i>(if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):</i>				
ISA /				
Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search <i>(if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):</i>				
Date <i>(day/month/year)</i>	Number	Country <i>(or regional Office)</i>		
Box No. VIII DECLARATIONS				
The following declarations are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) <i>(mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration):</i>				Number of declarations
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (i)	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor			:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (ii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent			:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application			:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iv)	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)			:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (v)	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty			:

Cadre n° VI REVENDICATION DE PRIORITÉ				
La priorité de la ou des demandes antérieures suivantes est revendiquée :				
Date de dépôt de la demande antérieure (jour/mois/année)	Numéro de la demande antérieure	Lorsque la demande antérieure est une :		
		demande nationale : pays ou membre de l'OMC	demande régionale :* office régional	demande internationale : office récepteur
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point 3)				
point 4)				
point 5)				
<input type="checkbox"/> D'autres revendications de priorité sont indiquées dans le cadre supplémentaire.				
L'office récepteur est prié de préparer et de transmettre au Bureau international une copie certifiée conforme de la ou des demandes antérieures (<i>seulement si la demande antérieure a été déposée auprès de l'office qui, aux fins de la présente demande internationale, est l'office récepteur</i>) indiquées ci-dessus sous : <input type="checkbox"/> tous les points <input type="checkbox"/> point 1) <input type="checkbox"/> point 2) <input type="checkbox"/> point 3) <input type="checkbox"/> point 4) <input type="checkbox"/> point 5) <input type="checkbox"/> autre, voir le cadre supplémentaire				
<i>* Si la demande antérieure est une demande ARIPO, indiquer au moins un pays partie à la Convention de Paris pour la protection de la propriété industrielle ou un membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce pour lequel cette demande antérieure a été déposée (règle 4.10.b)ii) :</i>				
Cadre n° VII ADMINISTRATION CHARGÉE DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE				
Choix de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (ISA) (<i>si plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes pour procéder à la recherche internationale, indiquer l'administration choisie; le code à deux lettres peut être utilisé</i>) : ISA /				
Demande d'utilisation des résultats d'une recherche antérieure; mention de cette recherche (<i>si une recherche antérieure a été effectuée par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou demandée à cette dernière</i>) : Date (jour/mois/année) Numéro Pays (ou office régional)				
Cadre n° VIII DÉCLARATIONS				
Les déclarations suivantes figurent dans les cadres n° VIII.i) à v) (<i>cocher ci-dessous la ou les cases appropriées et indiquer dans la colonne de droite le nombre de chaque type de déclaration</i>) :				Nombre de déclarations
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.i)	déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.ii)	déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.iii)	déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité d'une demande antérieure	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.iv)	déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique)	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.v)	déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté	:	

Box No. VIII (i) DECLARATION: IDENTITY OF THE INVENTOR

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 211; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (i). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (i)".

Cadre n° VIII.i) DÉCLARATION : IDENTITÉ DE L'INVENTEUR

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 211; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.i). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)i) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.i)".

Box No. VIII (ii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO APPLY FOR AND BE GRANTED A PATENT

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 212; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (ii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (ii)".

Cadre n° VIII.ii) DÉCLARATION : DROIT DE DEMANDER ET D'OBTENIR UN BREVET

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 212; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.ii). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n'est pas appropriée :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.ii)".

Box No. VIII (iii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO CLAIM PRIORITY

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 213; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iii)".

Cadre n° VIII.iii) DÉCLARATION : DROIT DE REVENDIQUER LA PRIORITÉ

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 213; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.iii). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure indiquée ci-dessous si le déposant n'est pas celui qui a déposé la demande antérieure ou si son nom a changé depuis le dépôt de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51bis.1.a)iii) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.iii)".

Box No. VIII (iv) DECLARATION: INVENTORSHIP (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)

The declaration must conform to the following standardized wording provided for in Section 214; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iv). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

**Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))
for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:**

I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/ (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26ter).

I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified international application, including the claims of said application. I have identified in the request of said application, in compliance with PCT Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading "Prior Applications," by application number, country or Member of the World Trade Organization, day, month and year of filing, any application for a patent or inventor's certificate filed in a country other than the United States of America, including any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed.

Prior Applications:
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I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Name:

Residence:
(city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address:
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Citizenship:

Inventor's Signature:
(if not contained in the request, or if declaration is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application. The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

Date:
(of signature which is not contained in the request, or of the declaration that is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application)

Name:

Residence:
(city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address:
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Citizenship:

Inventor's Signature:
(if not contained in the request, or if declaration is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application. The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

Date:
(of signature which is not contained in the request, or of the declaration that is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application)

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iv)".

**Cadre n° VIII.iv) DÉCLARATION : QUALITÉ D'INVENTEUR
(seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique)**

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 214; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.iv). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

**Déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (règles 4.17.iv) et 51bis.1.a)iv))
aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique :**

Par la présente, je déclare que je crois être le premier inventeur original et unique (si un seul inventeur est mentionné ci-dessous) ou l'un des premiers coinventeurs (si plusieurs inventeurs sont mentionnés ci-dessous) de l'objet revendiqué pour lequel un brevet est demandé.

La présente déclaration a trait à la demande internationale dont elle fait partie (si la déclaration est déposée avec la demande).

La présente déclaration a trait à la demande internationale n° PCT/..... (si la déclaration est remise en vertu de la règle 26ter).

Par la présente, je déclare que mon domicile, mon adresse postale et ma nationalité sont tels qu'indiqués près de mon nom.

Par la présente, je déclare avoir passé en revue et compris le contenu de la demande internationale à laquelle il est fait référence ci-dessus, y compris les revendications de ladite demande. J'ai indiqué dans la requête de ladite demande, conformément à la règle 4.10 du PCT, toute revendication de priorité d'une demande étrangère et j'ai identifié ci-dessous, sous l'intitulé "Demandes antérieures", au moyen du numéro de demande, du pays ou du membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce, du jour, du mois et de l'année du dépôt, toute demande de brevet ou de certificat d'auteur d'invention déposée dans un pays autre que les États-Unis d'Amérique, y compris toute demande internationale selon le PCT désignant au moins un pays autre que les États-Unis d'Amérique, dont la date de dépôt est antérieure à celle de la demande étrangère dont la priorité est revendiquée.

Demandes antérieures :

Par la présente, je reconnais l'obligation qui m'est faite de divulguer les renseignements dont j'ai connaissance et qui sont pertinents quant à la brevetabilité de l'invention, tels qu'ils sont définis dans le Titre 37, § 1.56, du Code fédéral des réglementations, y compris, en ce qui concerne les demandes de continuation-in-part les renseignements pertinents qui sont devenus accessibles entre la date de dépôt de la demande antérieure et la date du dépôt international de la demande de continuation-in-part.

Je déclare par la présente que toute déclaration ci-incluse est, à ma connaissance, véridique et que toute déclaration formulée à partir de renseignements ou de suppositions est tenue pour véridique; et de plus, que toutes ces déclarations ont été formulées en sachant que toute fausse déclaration volontaire ou son équivalent est passible d'une amende ou d'une incarcération, ou des deux, en vertu de la Section 1001 du Titre 18 du Code des États-Unis, et que de telles déclarations volontairement fausses risquent de compromettre la validité de la demande de brevet ou du brevet délivré à partir de celle-ci.

Nom :

Domicile :
(ville et État (des États-Unis d'Amérique), le cas échéant, ou pays)

Adresse postale :

Nationalité :

Signature de l'inventeur :	Date :
(si elle ne figure pas dans la requête, ou si la déclaration a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale. La signature doit être celle de l'inventeur, il ne peut s'agir de celle du mandataire)	(de la signature qui ne figure pas dans la requête, ou de la déclaration qui a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale)

Nom :

Domicile :
(ville et État (des États-Unis d'Amérique), le cas échéant, ou pays)

Adresse postale :

Nationalité :

Signature de l'inventeur :	Date :
(si elle ne figure pas dans la requête, ou si la déclaration a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale. La signature doit être celle de l'inventeur, il ne peut s'agir de celle du mandataire)	(de la signature qui ne figure pas dans la requête, ou de la déclaration qui a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale)

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.iv)".

Box No. VIII (v) DECLARATION: NON-PREJUDICIAL DISCLOSURES OR EXCEPTIONS TO LACK OF NOVELTY

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 215; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (v). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty (Rules 4.17(v) and 51bis.1(a)(v)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (v)".

Cadre n° VIII.v) DÉCLARATION : DIVULGATIONS NON OPPOSABLES OU EXCEPTIONS AU DÉFAUT DE NOUVEAUTÉ

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 215; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n^{os} VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.v). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règles 4.17.v) et 51bis.1.a)v) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.v)".

Continuation of Box No. VIII (i) to (v) DECLARATION

*If the space is insufficient in any of Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) to furnish all the information, including in the case where **more than two inventors are to be named** in Box No. VIII (iv), in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VIII ..." (indicate the item number of the Box) and furnish the information in the same manner as required for the purposes of the Box in which the space was insufficient. If additional space is needed in respect of two or more declarations, a separate continuation box must be used for each such declaration. If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.*

Suite du Cadre n° VIII.i) à v) DÉCLARATION

Si l'un des cadres n° VIII.i) à v) ne suffit pas à contenir tous les renseignements, y compris dans le cas où plus de deux inventeurs doivent être nommés dans le cadre n° VIII.iv), dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n° VIII ..." (compléter le numéro du cadre en précisant le point) et fournir les renseignements conformément aux instructions données dans le cadre dans lequel la place était insuffisante. Si on a besoin de place supplémentaire dans deux ou plusieurs cadres, il faut utiliser le cadre "Suite" du cadre correspondant pour continuer chacune des déclarations. Si le présent cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Box No. IX CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING		
<p>This international application contains:</p> <p>(a) in paper form, the following number of sheets :</p> <p>request (including declaration sheets) : _____</p> <p>description (excluding sequence listings and/or tables related thereto) : _____</p> <p>claims : _____</p> <p>abstract : _____</p> <p>drawings : _____</p> <p>Sub-total number of sheets : _____</p> <p>sequence listings : _____</p> <p>tables related thereto : _____</p> <p><i>(for both, actual number of sheets if filed in paper form, whether or not also filed in computer readable form; see (c) below)</i></p> <p>Total number of sheets : _____</p> <p>(b) <input type="checkbox"/> only in computer readable form (Section 801(a)(i))</p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listings</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> tables related thereto</p> <p>(c) <input type="checkbox"/> also in computer readable form (Section 801(a)(ii))</p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listings</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> tables related thereto</p> <p>Type and number of carriers (diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R or other) on which are contained the</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> sequence listings:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> tables related thereto:</p> <p><i>(additional copies to be indicated under items 9(ii) and/or 10(ii), in right column)</i></p>	<p>This international application is accompanied by the following item(s) <i>(mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in right column the number of each item)</i>:</p> <p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet : _____</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney : _____</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney : _____</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any: : _____</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature : _____</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s): : _____</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> translation of international application into <i>(language)</i>: : _____</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> separate indications concerning deposited microorganism or other biological material : _____</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listings in computer readable form <i>(indicate type and number of carriers)</i></p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> copy submitted for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter only (and not as part of the international application) : _____</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(only where check-box (b)(i) or (c)(i) is marked in left column)</i> additional copies including, where applicable, the copy for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter : _____</p> <p>(iii) <input type="checkbox"/> together with relevant statement as to the identity of the copy or copies with the sequence listings mentioned in left column : _____</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> tables in computer readable form related to sequence listings <i>(indicate type and number of carriers)</i></p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> copy submitted for the purposes of international search under Section 802(b-quater) only (and not as part of the international application) : _____</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> <i>(only where check-box (b)(ii) or (c)(ii) is marked in left column)</i> additional copies including, where applicable, the copy for the purposes of international search under Section 802(b-quater) : _____</p> <p>(iii) <input type="checkbox"/> together with relevant statement as to the identity of the copy or copies with the tables mentioned in left column : _____</p> <p>11. <input type="checkbox"/> other <i>(specify)</i>: : _____</p>	<p>Number of items</p>
<p>Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract:</p>	<p>Language of filing of the international application:</p>	
<p>Box No. X SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE</p> <p><i>Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request).</i></p>		

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<p>1. Date of actual receipt of the purported international application:</p>	<p>2. Drawings:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> received:</p>	
<p>3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application:</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> not received:</p>	
<p>4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2):</p>	<p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid</p>	
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Cadre n° IX BORDEREAU; LANGUE DE DÉPÔT		
La présente demande internationale contient :	Le ou les éléments suivants sont joint s à la présente demande internationale (<i>cocher la ou les cases appropriées et indiquer dans la colonne de droite le nombre de chaque élément</i>)	Nombre d'éléments
a) sous forme papier le nombre de feuilles suivant :		
requête (y compris la ou les feuilles pour déclaration) :	1. <input type="checkbox"/> feuille de calcul des taxes :	
description (à l'exception des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs) :	2. <input type="checkbox"/> pouvoir distinct original :	
revendications :	3. <input type="checkbox"/> original du pouvoir général :	
abrégé :	4. <input type="checkbox"/> copie du pouvoir général; le cas échéant, numéro de référence :	
dessins : _____	5. <input type="checkbox"/> explication de l'absence d'une signature :	
Sous-total de feuilles :	6. <input type="checkbox"/> document(s) de priorité indiqué(s) dans le cadre n° VI au(x) point(s) :	
listages des séquences :	7. <input type="checkbox"/> traduction de la demande internationale en (<i>langue</i>) :	
tableaux y relatifs :	8. <input type="checkbox"/> indications séparées concernant des micro-organismes ou autre matériel biologique déposés :	
(pour les deux éléments, nombre réel de feuilles s'ils sont déposés sous forme papier, qu'ils soient ou non également déposés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur; voir c) ci-après)	9. <input type="checkbox"/> listages des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (<i>indiquer type et nombre de supports</i>)	
Nombre total de feuilles :	i) <input type="checkbox"/> copie remise aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13ter seulement (et non en tant que partie de la demande internationale) :	
	ii) <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>seulement lorsque la case b) i) ou c) i) de la colonne de gauche est cochée</i>) exemplaires supplémentaires, y compris, le cas échéant, copie remise aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13ter :	
	iii) <input type="checkbox"/> avec la déclaration pertinente quant à l'identité entre la copie – ou les exemplaires supplémentaires – et les listages des séquences mentionnés dans la colonne de gauche :	
b) <input type="checkbox"/> seulement sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (instruction 801.a)i))	10. <input type="checkbox"/> tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur relatifs aux listages des séquences (<i>indiquer type et nombre de supports</i>)	
i) <input type="checkbox"/> listages des séquences	i) <input type="checkbox"/> copie remise aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de l'instruction 802.b- <i>quater</i> seulement (et non en tant que partie de la demande internationale) :	
ii) <input type="checkbox"/> tableaux y relatifs	ii) <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>seulement lorsque la case b) ii) ou c) ii) de la colonne de gauche est cochée</i>) exemplaires supplémentaires, y compris, le cas échéant, copie remise aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de l'instruction 802.b- <i>quater</i>) :	
c) <input type="checkbox"/> également sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (instruction 801.a)ii))	iii) <input type="checkbox"/> avec la déclaration pertinente quant à l'identité entre la copie – ou les exemplaires supplémentaires – et les tableaux mentionnés dans la colonne de gauche :	
i) <input type="checkbox"/> listages des séquences	11. <input type="checkbox"/> autres éléments (<i>préciser</i>) :	
ii) <input type="checkbox"/> tableaux y relatifs :		
Type et nombre de supports (disquette, CD-ROM, CD-R ou autre) sur lesquels figurent les		
i) <input type="checkbox"/> listages des séquences :		
ii) <input type="checkbox"/> tableaux y relatifs :		
(<i>exemplaires supplémentaires à indiquer aux points 9.ii) ou 10.ii), dans la colonne de droite</i>)		
Figure des dessins qui doit accompagner l'abrégé :	Langue de dépôt de la demande internationale :	
Cadre n° X SIGNATURE DU DÉPOSANT, DU MANDATAIRE OU DU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN		
À côté de chaque signature, indiquer le nom du signataire et à quel titre l'intéressé signe (si cela n'apparaît pas clairement à la lecture de la requête).		

Réservé à l'office récepteur		
1. Date effective de réception des pièces supposées constituer la demande internationale :		2. Dessins :
3. Date effective de réception, rectifiée en raison de la réception ultérieure, mais dans les délais, de documents ou de dessins complétant ce qui est supposé constituer la demande internationale :		<input type="checkbox"/> reçus :
4. Date de réception, dans les délais, des corrections demandées selon l'article 11.2) du PCT :		<input type="checkbox"/> non reçus :
5. Administration chargée de la recherche internationale (si plusieurs sont compétentes) : ISA /	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmission de la copie de recherche différée jusqu'au paiement de la taxe de recherche	

Réservé au Bureau international	
Date de réception de l'exemplaire original par le Bureau international :	

NOTES TO THE REQUEST FORM (PCT/RO/101)

These Notes are intended to facilitate the filling in of the request form. For more detailed information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a WIPO publication, which is available, together with other PCT related documents, at WIPO's Website: www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. In case of any discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable.

In the request form and these Notes, "Article", "Rule" and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions, respectively.

Please use a typewriter; check-boxes may be marked by hand with black ink (Rule 11.9(a) and (b)).

The request form and these Notes may be downloaded from WIPO's Website at the address given above.

WHERE TO FILE THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

The international application (request, description, claims, abstract and drawings, if any) must be filed with a competent receiving Office (Article 11(1)(i))—that is, subject to any applicable prescriptions concerning national security, at the choice of the applicant, either:

(i) the receiving Office of, or acting for, a PCT Contracting State of which the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, at least one of them, is a resident or national (Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii) or (b)), or

(ii) the International Bureau of WIPO in Geneva, Switzerland, if the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, at least one of the applicants is a resident or national of any PCT Contracting State (Rule 19.1(a)(iii)).

APPLICANT'S OR AGENT'S FILE REFERENCE

A **file reference** may be indicated, if desired. It should not exceed 12 characters. Characters in excess of 12 may be disregarded by the receiving Office or any International Authority (Rule 11.6(f) and Section 109).

BOX No. I

Title of Invention (Rules 4.3 and 5.1(a)): The title must be short (preferably two to seven words when in English or translated into English) and precise. It must be identical with the title heading the description.

BOXES Nos. II AND III

General: At least one of the applicants named must be a resident or national of a PCT Contracting State for which the receiving Office acts (Articles 9 and 11(1)(i) and Rules 18 and 19). If the international application is filed with the International Bureau under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), at least one of the applicants must be a resident or national of any PCT Contracting State.

If the United States of America is designated, all of the inventors must be named also as applicants for the purposes of that designation (see "Different Applicants for Different Designated States", below).

Indication Whether a Person is Applicant and/or Inventor (Rules 4.5(a) and 4.6(a) and (b)):

Check-box "This person is also inventor" (Box No. II): Mark this check-box if the applicant named is also the inventor or one of the inventors; do not mark this check-box if the applicant is a legal entity.

Check-box "applicant and inventor" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is both applicant and inventor; do not mark this check-box if the person is a legal entity.

Check-box "applicant only" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is a legal entity or if the person named is not also inventor.

Check-box "inventor only" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is inventor but not also applicant; do not mark this check-box if the person is a legal entity.

In Box No. III, one of the three check-boxes must always be marked for each person named.

A person must not be named more than once in Boxes Nos. II and III, even where that person is both applicant and inventor.

Names and Addresses (Rule 4.4): The family name (preferably in capital letters) must be indicated before the given name(s). Titles and academic degrees must be omitted. Names of legal entities must be indicated by their full official designations.

The address must be indicated in such a way that it allows prompt postal delivery; it must consist of all the relevant administrative units (up to and including the indication of the house number, if any), the postal code (if any), and the name of the country.

Only one address may be indicated per person. For the indication of a special "address for correspondence", see the notes to Box No. IV.

Telephone, Facsimile and/or Teleprinter Numbers should be indicated for the person named in Box No. II in order to allow rapid communication with the applicant. Any such number should include the applicable country and area codes.

Applicant's registration number with the Office (Rule 4.5(e)): Where the applicant is registered with the national or regional Office acting as receiving Office, the request may indicate the number or other indication under which the applicant is so registered.

Nationality (Rules 4.5(a) and (b) and 18.1): For each applicant, the nationality must be indicated by the name or two-letter code of the State (that is, country) of which the person is a national. A legal entity constituted according to the national law of a State is considered a national of that State. The indication of the nationality is not required where a person is inventor only.

Residence (Rules 4.5(a) and (c) and 18.1): For each applicant, the residence must be indicated by the name or two-letter code of the State (that is, country) of which the person is a resident. If the State of residence is not indicated, it will be assumed to be the same as the State indicated in the address. Possession of a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in a State is considered residence in that State. The indication of the residence is not required where a person is inventor only.

NOTES RELATIVES AU FORMULAIRE DE REQUÊTE (PCT/RO/101)

Ces notes sont destinées à faciliter l'utilisation du formulaire de requête. On peut aussi trouver de plus amples renseignements dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, publié par l'OMPI, qui est disponible, de même que d'autres documents relatifs au PCT, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/index.html. Les notes sont fondées sur les exigences du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT), du règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT. En cas de divergence entre les présentes notes et ces exigences, ce sont ces dernières qui priment.

Dans le formulaire de requête et dans les présentes notes, les termes "article", "règle" et "instruction" renvoient aux dispositions du traité, de son règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT, respectivement.

Prière de remplir le formulaire à la machine à écrire; les cases appropriées peuvent être cochées à la main, à l'encre noire (règle 11.9.a) et b)).

Le formulaire de requête et les présentes notes peuvent être téléchargés depuis le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse donnée ci-dessus.

OÙ DÉPOSER LA DEMANDE INTERNATIONALE

Il faut que la demande internationale (requête, description, revendications, abrégé et, le cas échéant, dessins) soit déposée auprès d'un office récepteur compétent (article 11.1)i)), c'est-à-dire sous réserve des dispositions applicables en matière de défense nationale et au choix du déposant,

i) l'office récepteur d'un État contractant du PCT ou l'office agissant pour un tel État, dans lequel le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux au moins, est domicilié ou dont il a la nationalité (règle 19.1.a)i) ou ii) ou b)), ou

ii) le Bureau international de l'OMPI à Genève (Suisse) si le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux au moins, est domicilié dans l'un quelconque des États contractants du PCT ou a la nationalité d'un tel État (règle 19.1.a)iii)).

RÉFÉRENCE DU DOSSIER DU DÉPOSANT OU DU MANDATAIRE

Il est possible d'indiquer, à titre facultatif, une telle **référence de dossier**. Celle-ci ne devrait pas dépasser 12 caractères. L'office récepteur ou toute administration internationale peut ne pas tenir compte des caractères en sus du douzième (règle 11.6.f) et instruction 109).

CADRE N° I

Titre de l'invention (règles 4.3 et 5.1.a)) : le titre doit être bref (de préférence de deux à sept mots lorsqu'il est établi ou traduit en anglais) et précis. Il doit être identique à celui qui figure en tête de la description.

CADRES N°s II ET III

Remarques générales : l'un au moins des déposants mentionnés doit être domicilié dans un État contractant du PCT pour lequel l'office récepteur agit, ou avoir la nationalité d'un tel État (articles 9 et 11.1)i) et règles 18 et 19). Si la demande internationale est déposée auprès du Bureau international en vertu de la règle 19.1.a)iii)), l'un au moins des déposants doit être domicilié dans un État contractant du PCT ou avoir la nationalité d'un tel État.

Si les États-Unis d'Amérique sont désignés, tous les inventeurs doivent être mentionnés également comme déposants pour cette désignation (voir, ci-après, "Déposants différents pour différents États désignés").

Indication visant à établir si une personne est déposant ou inventeur, ou les deux à la fois (règles 4.5.a) et 4.6.a) et b)) :

Case "Cette personne est aussi inventeur" (cadre n° II) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée est aussi l'inventeur ou l'un des inventeurs; ne pas la cocher si le déposant est une personne morale.

Case "déposant et inventeur" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée a les deux qualités, celle de déposant et celle d'inventeur; ne pas la cocher si cette personne est une personne morale.

Case "déposant seulement" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée est une personne morale ou si elle n'a pas aussi la qualité d'inventeur.

Case "inventeur seulement" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée a la qualité d'inventeur mais pas celle de déposant; ne pas la cocher si cette personne est une personne morale.

Dans le cadre n° III, il faut que l'une des trois cases soit cochée pour chaque personne mentionnée.

Une personne ne doit être mentionnée qu'une seule fois dans les cadres n° II et III, même si elle est à la fois déposant et inventeur.

Noms et adresses (règle 4.4) : le nom de famille (de préférence en lettres majuscules) doit précéder le ou les prénoms. Les titres et les diplômes universitaires ne doivent pas être mentionnés. Les personnes morales doivent être nommées par leurs désignations officielles complètes.

L'adresse doit être indiquée de manière à permettre une distribution postale rapide; elle doit comprendre toutes les unités administratives pertinentes (jusques et y compris le numéro de la maison, s'il y en a un), le code postal, s'il y en a un, et le nom du pays.

Il ne peut être indiqué qu'une seule adresse par personne. En ce qui concerne l'indication d'une adresse spéciale pour la correspondance, voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV.

Pour permettre une communication rapide avec le déposant, il y a lieu d'indiquer les **numéros de téléphone, de télécopieur ou de téléimprimeur** de la personne mentionnée dans le cadre n° II. Tout numéro de ce type doit comporter les indicatifs de pays et de zone en vigueur.

Numéro sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 4.5.e)) : lorsque le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, la requête peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Nationalité (règles 4.5.a) et b) et 18.1) : la nationalité de chaque déposant doit être indiquée au moyen du nom ou du code à deux lettres de l'État (c'est-à-dire, pays) dont l'intéressé

Names of States (Section 115): For the indication of names of States, the two-letter codes appearing in WIPO Standard ST.3 and in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex K, may be used.

Different Applicants for Different Designated States (Rules 4.5(d), 18.3 and 19.2): It is possible to indicate different applicants for the purposes of different designated States. At least one of all the applicants named must be a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State for which the receiving Office acts, irrespective of the designated State(s) for the purposes of which that applicant is named. *Where the United States of America is one of the designated States, all of the inventors must be named also as applicants for the United States of America and the check-boxes "This person is also inventor" (in Box No. II) and/or "applicant and inventor" (in Box No. III) must be marked.*

For the indication of the designated States for which a person is applicant, mark the applicable check-box (only one for each person). The check-box "the States indicated in the Supplemental Box" must be marked where none of the other three check-boxes fits the circumstances; in such a case, the name of the person must be repeated in the Supplemental Box with an indication of the States for which that person is applicant (see item 1(ii) in that Box).

Naming of Inventor (Rule 4.1(a)(v) and (c)(i)): The inventor's name and address must be indicated where the national law of at least one of the designated States requires that the name of the inventor be furnished at the time of filing; for details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, Annexes B1 and B2. It is strongly recommended to always name the inventor.

Different Inventors for Different Designated States (Rule 4.6(c)): Different persons may be indicated as inventors for different designated States (for example, where, in this respect, the requirements of the national laws of the designated States are not the same); in such a case, the Supplemental Box must be used (see item 1(iii) in that Box). In the absence of any indication, it will be assumed that the inventor(s) named is (are) inventor(s) for all designated States.

BOX No. IV

Who Can Act as Agent (Article 49 and Rule 83.1bis): For each of the receiving Offices, information as to who can act as agent is given in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Agent or Common Representative (Rules 4.7, 4.8, 90.1 and 90.2 and Section 108): Mark the applicable check-box in order to indicate whether the person named is (or has been) appointed as "agent" or "common representative" (the "common representative" must be one of the applicants). For the manner in which name(s) and address(es) (including names of States) must be indicated, see the notes to Boxes Nos. II and III. Where several agents are listed, the agent to whom correspondence should be addressed is to be listed first. If there are two or more applicants but no common agent is appointed to represent all of them, one of the applicants who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State may be appointed by the other applicants as their common representative. If this is not done, the applicant first named in the request who is entitled to file an international application with the receiving Office concerned will automatically be considered to be the common representative.

Manner of Appointment of Agent or Common Representative (Rules 90.4 and 90.5 and Section 106): Any such appointment may be made by designating the agent(s) or the common representative in the request or in one or more separate powers of attorney. Each applicant must sign either the request or a separate power of attorney. Where the

international application is filed with reference to a general power of attorney, a copy thereof must be attached to the request. Any applicant who did not sign the general power of attorney must sign either the request or a separate power of attorney.

Agent's registration number with the Office (Rule 4.7(b)): Where the agent is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as receiving Office, the request may indicate the number or other indication under which the agent is so registered.

Address for Correspondence (Rule 4.4(d) and Section 108): Where an agent is appointed, any correspondence intended for the applicant will be sent to the address indicated for that agent (or for the first-mentioned agent, if more than one is appointed). Where one of two or more applicants is appointed as common representative, the address indicated for that applicant in Box No. IV will be used.

Where no agent or common representative is appointed, any correspondence will be sent to the address, indicated in Box No. II or III, of the applicant (if only one person is named as applicant) or of the applicant who is considered to be common representative (if there are two or more persons named as applicants). However, if the applicant wishes correspondence to be sent to a different address in such a case, that address must be indicated in Box No. IV instead of the designation of an agent or common representative. In this case, and only in this case, the last check-box of Box No. IV must be marked (that is, the last check-box must not be marked if either of the check-boxes "agent" or "common representative" has been marked).

BOX No. V

Designation of States (Rules 4.1(a)(iv) and 4.9(a)): The Contracting States in which protection is desired must be designated under Rule 4.9(a) in the request by marking the applicable check-boxes. At least one check-box effecting a specific designation must be marked. *While the general rule is that designations cannot be added after the filing of the international application, it is possible to make a precautionary designation under Rule 4.9(b) covering all other designations which would, as at the international filing date, be permitted under the PCT (see "Precautionary Designation of States Subject to Confirmation", below).*

Where regional (ARIPO, Eurasian, European and/or OAPI) patents are desired, only one PCT designation fee must be paid for each regional designation made, independently of how many States are covered by each such designation.

AP ARIPO Patent: Note that **SZ Swaziland** can only be designated for the purposes of an ARIPO patent and not for the purposes of a national patent. All other PCT Contracting States which are also party to the Harare Protocol can be designated either for a national or an ARIPO patent, or both a national and an ARIPO patent.

EA Eurasian Patent: All PCT Contracting States which are also party to the Eurasian Patent Convention can be designated either for a national or a Eurasian patent, or both a national and a Eurasian patent. Note, however, that it is not possible to designate only some of these States for a Eurasian patent and that any designation of one or more States for a Eurasian patent will be treated as a designation of all the States which are party to both the Convention and the PCT for a Eurasian patent.

EP European Patent: Note that **BE Belgium, CY Cyprus, FR France, GR Greece, IE Ireland, IT Italy, MC Monaco, NL Netherlands and SI Slovenia** can only be designated for the purposes of a European patent and not for the purposes of a national patent. All other PCT Contracting States which are

est ressortissant. Une personne morale constituée conformément à la législation d'un État contractant est considérée comme ayant la nationalité de cet État. L'indication de la nationalité n'est pas exigée lorsqu'une personne est inventeur seulement.

Domicile (règles 4.5.a) et c) et 18.1) : le domicile de chaque déposant doit être indiqué au moyen du nom ou du code à deux lettres de l'État (c'est-à-dire, pays) où l'intéressé a son domicile. Si, cependant, le domicile n'est pas indiqué, l'État du domicile sera présumé être le même que celui qui est indiqué dans l'adresse. La possession d'un établissement industriel ou commercial effectif et sérieux dans un État est considérée comme constituant domicile dans cet État. L'indication du domicile n'est pas exigée lorsqu'une personne est inventeur seulement.

Nom des États (instruction 115) : pour indiquer le nom des États, on peut utiliser le code à deux lettres qui figure dans la norme ST.3 de l'OMPI et dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe K.

Dépôts différents pour différents États désignés (règles 4.5.d), 18.3 et 19.2) : il est possible d'indiquer des dépôts différents pour différents États désignés. L'un au moins des déposants indiqués – quels que soient l'État ou les États désignés pour lesquels il est indiqué – doit être ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT pour lequel l'office récepteur agit ou avoir son domicile dans un tel État. *Lorsque les États-Unis d'Amérique sont l'un des États désignés, tous les inventeurs doivent être indiqués comme déposants pour les États-Unis d'Amérique et les cases "Cette personne est aussi inventeur" (dans le cadre n° II) ou "déposant et inventeur" (dans le cadre n° III) doivent être cochées.*

Afin d'indiquer les États désignés pour lesquels une personne est déposant, il y a lieu de cocher la case appropriée (une seule case par personne). La case "les États indiqués dans le cadre supplémentaire" doit être cochée lorsque aucune des trois autres cases ne convient; en pareil cas, le nom de la personne doit être repris dans le cadre supplémentaire et assorti de l'indication des États pour lesquels cette personne est déposant (voir le point 1.ii) de ce cadre).

Mention de l'inventeur (règle 4.1.a)v) et c)i) : le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être indiqués lorsque la législation nationale d'un État désigné au moins exige la communication du nom de celui-ci lors du dépôt; pour plus de précisions, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, annexes B1 et B2. Il est vivement recommandé de toujours indiquer le nom de l'inventeur.

Inventeurs différents pour différents États désignés (règle 4.6.c) : des personnes différentes peuvent être indiquées en tant qu'inventeurs pour différents États désignés (par exemple, lorsque, en la matière, les exigences des législations nationales des États désignés diffèrent); en pareil cas, il y a lieu d'utiliser le cadre supplémentaire (voir le point 1.iii) de ce cadre). En l'absence d'indication, il sera supposé que l'inventeur ou les inventeurs mentionnés ont la qualité d'inventeur pour tous les États désignés.

CADRE N° IV

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ? (article 49 et règle 83.1bis) : pour chacun des office récepteurs, on trouvera, dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C, des informations sur le point de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire.

Mandataire ou représentant commun (règles 4.7, 4.8, 90.1 et 90.2 et instruction 108) : cocher la case appropriée pour indiquer si la personne mentionnée est (ou a été) désignée comme "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" (le

"représentant commun" doit être l'un des déposants). Pour ce qui est de la façon d'indiquer les noms et adresses (y compris le nom des États), il convient de se reporter aux notes relatives aux cadres n°s II et III. Lorsque plusieurs mandataires sont indiqués, il faut mentionner en premier lieu celui à qui la correspondance doit être adressée. S'il y a plusieurs déposants mais aucun mandataire commun désigné pour les représenter tous, l'un des déposants qui est ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT ou qui a son domicile dans un tel État peut être désigné par les autres comme leur représentant commun. A défaut, le déposant nommé en premier lieu dans la requête qui est autorisé à déposer une demande internationale auprès de l'office récepteur en question sera automatiquement considéré comme le représentant commun.

Mode de désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun (règles 90.4 et 90.5 et instruction 106) : la désignation du ou des mandataires ou du représentant commun peut être effectuée dans la requête ou dans un ou plusieurs pouvoirs distincts. Chaque déposant doit signer la requête ou un pouvoir distinct. Si la demande internationale déposée fait état d'un pouvoir général, une copie de celui-ci doit être jointe à la requête. Tout déposant n'ayant pas signé le pouvoir général doit signer soit la requête soit un pouvoir distinct.

Numéro sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 4.7.b) : lorsque le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, la requête peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Adresse pour la correspondance (règle 4.4.d) et instruction 108) : si un mandataire est désigné, toute correspondance destinée au déposant sera envoyée à l'adresse indiquée pour ce mandataire (ou pour le mandataire mentionné en premier, si plusieurs mandataires ont été désignés). Lorsque, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux est désigné comme représentant commun, l'adresse indiquée pour ce déposant dans le cadre n° IV sera utilisée.

Si aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est désigné, la correspondance sera envoyée à l'adresse – indiquée dans le cadre n° II ou III – du déposant (s'il n'y a qu'une seule personne indiquée comme déposant) ou du déposant considéré comme le représentant commun (s'il y a plusieurs personnes indiquées comme déposants). Cependant, si le ou les déposants souhaitent dans ce cas que la correspondance soit envoyée à une adresse différente, cette adresse doit être indiquée dans le cadre n° IV, en lieu et place de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun. C'est dans ce cas, et seulement dans ce cas, qu'il y a lieu de cocher la dernière case du cadre n° IV (c'est-à-dire que la dernière case ne doit pas être cochée si l'une des cases "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" a été cochée).

CADRE N° V

Désignation d'États (règles 4.1.a)iv) et 4.9.a) : pour désigner conformément à la règle 4.9.a), dans la requête, les États contractants où la protection est demandée, il faut cocher les cases appropriées. Il faut qu'au moins une case, correspondant à une désignation expresse, soit cochée. *Bien que la règle générale soit qu'aucune désignation ne peut être ajoutée après le dépôt de la demande internationale, il est possible d'effectuer une désignation de précaution conformément à la règle 4.9.b) pour couvrir toutes les autres désignations qui, à la date du dépôt international, seraient autorisées selon le PCT (voir ci-après la rubrique "Désignation d'États à titre de précaution sous réserve de confirmation").*

Lorsque des brevets régionaux (ARIPO, eurasiatique, européen ou OAPI) sont demandés, une seule taxe de désignation du PCT est due pour chaque désignation régionale effectuée, quel que soit le nombre d'États couverts par celle-ci.

also party to the European Patent Convention can be designated either for a national or a European patent, or both a national and a European patent.

If an ARIPO or a European patent is desired for only some of the Contracting States of the Harare Protocol or the European Patent Convention, respectively, the names of those States for which a regional patent is not desired may be deleted by striking them out. However, it is recommended that the applicant always designate for the purposes of a regional patent all PCT Contracting States which are also Contracting States of the Protocol or the Convention, respectively. A decision to proceed with only some of those designations need not be made until entry into the regional phase, at which stage the corresponding regional designation fees must be paid.

Where any of the Contracting States of the Harare Protocol, the Eurasian Patent Convention or the European Patent Convention and the PCT is designated twice, namely *both* for the purposes of an ARIPO, a Eurasian or a European patent *and* for the purposes of national protection, the applicant must pay one designation fee in respect of the regional patent and as many designation fees as there are national patents or other titles of protection sought (Rule 15.1(ii) and Section 210).

Extension of EP European Patent to Certain States: If it is intended, at the time of entry into the European regional phase, to request the extension of the subsequently granted European patent to AL Albania, LT Lithuania, LV Latvia, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and/or RO Romania (and/or to any other PCT Contracting State for which, on the date of filing of the international application, an extension agreement with the European Patent Organisation is in force), Box No. V must contain *both* a designation of the State concerned for the purposes of a national patent and *also* a designation, for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, of at least one PCT Contracting State party to the European Patent Convention.

OA OAPI Patent: The designation of States members of OAPI and party to the PCT can only be made for the purposes of an OAPI patent (no national protection is available); furthermore, it is not possible to designate only some of them.

Choice of Certain Kinds of Protection or Treatment (Rules 4.12 to 4.14 and Section 202): Where, in any country where it is possible, a kind of protection other than a patent is desired, write the name or two-letter code of that country followed by the name of the title; that is, “patent for utility solution” (available in VN Viet Nam), “petty patent” (available in YU Yugoslavia), “provisional patent” (available in AM Armenia, KG Kyrgyzstan, KZ Kazakhstan, TM Turkmenistan), “utility model” (available in AE United Arab Emirates, AL Albania, AM Armenia, AP ARIPO, AT Austria, AZ Azerbaijan, BG Bulgaria, BR Brazil, BY Belarus, BZ Belize, CN China, CR Costa Rica, CZ Czech Republic, DE Germany, DK Denmark, EC Ecuador, EE Estonia, ES Spain, FI Finland, GE Georgia, HU Hungary, JP Japan, KE Kenya, KG Kyrgyzstan, KR Republic of Korea, KZ Kazakhstan, LS Lesotho, MD Republic of Moldova, MX Mexico, MZ Mozambique, PH Philippines, PL Poland, PT Portugal, RU Russian Federation, SK Slovakia, SL Sierra Leone, TJ Tajikistan, TR Turkey, UA Ukraine, UZ Uzbekistan, OA OAPI), “consensual patent” (available in HR Croatia), “utility certificate” (available in GH Ghana, TT Trinidad and Tobago, UG Uganda) or “inventor’s certificate” (available in CU Cuba and KP Democratic People’s Republic of Korea). Where, in AP ARIPO, AT Austria, CZ Czech Republic, DE Germany, DK Denmark, EE Estonia, FI Finland or SK Slovakia (the only countries in which this possibility exists), in addition to a patent, a utility model is also desired, write after the name of that country “and utility model”.

Where, in respect of any country where it is possible, it is desired that the international application be treated as an application for a certain title “of addition” or as an application for a “continuation” or a “continuation-in-part”, write after the

name of that country the appropriate words; that is, “patent of addition” (available in AE United Arab Emirates, AT Austria, AU Australia, BA Bosnia and Herzegovina, CU Cuba, DE Germany, ES Spain, IL Israel, IN India, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, MW Malawi, NZ New Zealand, PL Poland, TR Turkey, YU Yugoslavia, ZA South Africa, ZW Zimbabwe), “certificate of addition” (available in BR Brazil, DZ Algeria, MA Morocco, MG Madagascar, OA OAPI), “inventor’s certificate of addition” (available in CU Cuba), “continuation” or “continuation-in-part” (both available in US United States of America). If any of these indications is used, also indicate in the Supplemental Box the State for which such treatment is desired, the number of the parent title or parent application, and the date of the grant of the parent title or the date of filing of the parent application, as the case may be (see item 1(v) in that Box).

If, in Box No. V, the check-boxes for making designations are marked with consecutive Arabic numerals, those indications will be taken to express the applicant’s *choice of the order of the designations*; if another form of marking is used, the order will be taken as that in which the marked check-boxes appear on the form. This order will only have any significance if the amount received for the designation fees is insufficient to cover all the designations and remains insufficient after the applicant has been invited to pay the balance due; in that case, the amount received will be applied in payment of the fees for the designations following the said order (Rule 16bis.1(c) and Section 321).

The check-boxes located towards the bottom of Box No. V are reserved for designating, for the purposes of a national patent, States which have become party to the PCT after the date appearing at the bottom of the second sheet of the request form; in such a case, the name of the State, preferably preceded by the two-letter code, must be indicated on the dotted line and the corresponding check-box must be marked (together with an indication, where applicable, whether a special kind of protection or treatment is desired).

Precautionary Designation of States Subject to Confirmation (Rules 4.9(b) and (c) and 15.5): For the applicant’s safeguard, the lower part of Box No. V contains a statement (“Precautionary Designation Statement”) indicating the applicant’s wish to make, as a matter of precaution, in addition to the specific designations made by marking the check-boxes in the upper part of Box No. V (at least one such designation must be made), a precautionary designation of all other PCT Contracting States which are not specifically designated.

If the applicant does not wish to avail himself of this safeguard and does not want to make any such precautionary designations, the statement must be crossed out.

If the applicant wishes to expressly exclude a certain State from such precautionary designation so that the international application does not have any effect in that State, the name or two-letter code of that State should be indicated in the Supplemental Box. In no other case is it necessary to make use of this possibility.

If, after filing the international application, the applicant notices that there are any omissions and/or mistakes in respect of the specific designations made, it will be possible to rectify the situation by confirming the precautionary designations concerned. The confirmation of any precautionary designation is possible before the expiration of 15 months from the (earliest) priority date indicated in Box No. VI or, where no priority is claimed, the international filing date. To effect such confirmation, the applicant must file with the receiving Office a written notice specifying the name of each State the designation of which is confirmed (with, where applicable, an indication of the kind of treatment or protection desired) and pay to the receiving Office, for each such designation, a designation fee (even where five designation fees have already been paid) together with a confirmation fee

AP brevet ARIPO : il est à noter que **SZ Swaziland** ne peut être désigné que pour un brevet ARIPO et non aux fins d'un brevet national. Tous les autres États contractants du PCT qui sont aussi parties au Protocole de Harare peuvent être désignés soit aux fins d'un brevet national ou d'un brevet ARIPO, soit à la fois aux fins d'un brevet national et d'un brevet ARIPO.

EA brevet eurasien : tous les États contractants du PCT qui sont aussi parties à la Convention sur le brevet eurasien peuvent être désignés soit aux fins d'un brevet national ou d'un brevet eurasien, soit à la fois aux fins d'un brevet national et d'un brevet eurasien. Cependant, il est à noter qu'il n'est pas possible de désigner seulement certains de ces États aux fins d'un brevet eurasien et que toute désignation d'un ou de plusieurs États aux fins d'un brevet eurasien sera traitée comme une désignation aux fins d'un brevet eurasien de tous les États qui sont parties à la fois à la Convention et au PCT.

EP brevet européen : il est à noter que **BE Belgique, CY Chypre, FR France, GR Grèce, IE Irlande, IT Italie, MC Monaco, NL Pays-Bas et SI Slovénie** ne peuvent être désignés que pour un brevet européen et non aux fins d'un brevet national. Tous les autres États contractants du PCT qui sont aussi parties à la Convention sur le brevet européen peuvent être désignés soit aux fins d'un brevet national ou d'un brevet européen, soit à la fois aux fins d'un brevet national et d'un brevet européen.

Si un brevet ARIPO ou un brevet européen est demandé pour certains seulement des États contractants du Protocole de Harare ou de la Convention sur le brevet européen, respectivement, le nom des États pour lesquels un brevet régional n'est pas demandé peut être biffé. Il est cependant recommandé de toujours désigner aux fins d'un brevet régional tous les États contractants du Protocole ou de la Convention, respectivement. Ce n'est que lorsqu'il s'agira d'aborder la phase régionale et de payer les taxes de désignation régionales que la décision de ne poursuivre la procédure d'obtention de brevet que pour certaines des désignations devra être prise.

Lorsqu'un ou plusieurs États parties au Protocole de Harare, à la Convention sur le brevet eurasien ou à la Convention sur le brevet européen et au PCT sont désignés deux fois, une fois aux fins d'un brevet ARIPO, d'un brevet eurasien ou d'un brevet européen et une autre fois aux fins d'une protection nationale, le déposant doit acquitter une taxe de désignation pour le brevet régional et autant de taxes de désignation qu'il y a de brevets ou autres titres de protection nationaux demandés (règle 15.1.ii) et instruction 210).

Extension du brevet européen (EP) à certains États : s'il est envisagé de demander, au moment de l'ouverture de la phase régionale européenne, l'extension du brevet européen qui sera obtenu ultérieurement à AL Albanie, LT Lituanie, LV Lettonie, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine ou RO Roumanie (ou à tout autre État contractant du PCT pour lequel, à la date du dépôt de la demande internationale, un accord d'extension conclu avec l'Organisation européenne des brevets est en vigueur), le cadre n° V doit contenir **à la fois** la désignation de l'État concerné en vue de l'obtention d'un brevet national *et* la désignation, en vue de l'obtention d'un brevet européen, d'au moins un État contractant du PCT partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen.

OA brevet OAPI : la désignation des États membres de l'OAPI qui sont parties au PCT ne peut être effectuée qu'aux fins d'un brevet OAPI (aucune protection nationale n'est offerte); de plus, il n'est pas possible de ne désigner que certains de ces États.

Choix de certaines formes de protection ou de traitement (règles 4.12 à 4.14 et instruction 202) : si, dans un pays, il est possible de demander une forme de protection autre qu'un brevet, écrire le nom de ce pays, ou le code à deux lettres, suivi du nom du titre en question, c'est-à-dire "brevet pour solution

d'utilité" (pour VN Viet Nam), "petty patent" (pour YU Yougoslavie), "brevet provisoire" (pour AM Arménie, KG Kirghizistan, KZ Kazakhstan, TM Turkménistan), "modèle d'utilité" (pour AE Émirats arabes unis, AL Albanie, AM Arménie, AP ARIPO, AT Autriche, AZ Azerbaïdjan, BG Bulgarie, BR Brésil, BY Bélarus, BZ Belize, CN Chine, CR Costa Rica, CZ République tchèque, DE Allemagne, DK Danemark, EC Équateur, EE Estonie, ES Espagne, FI Finlande, GE Géorgie, HU Hongrie, JP Japon, KE Kenya, KG Kirghizistan, KR République de Corée, KZ Kazakhstan, LS Lesotho, MD République de Moldova, MX Mexique, MZ Mozambique, PH Philippines, PL Pologne, PT Portugal, RU Fédération de Russie, SK Slovaquie, SL Sierra Leone, TJ Tadjikistan, TR Turquie, UA Ukraine, UZ Ouzbékistan, OA OAPI), "brevet consensuel" (pour HR Croatie), "certificat d'utilité" (pour GH Ghana, TT Trinité-et-Tobago, UG Ouganda), ou "certificat d'auteur d'invention" (pour CU Cuba et KP République populaire démocratique de Corée). Si, pour AP ARIPO, AT Autriche, CZ République tchèque, DE Allemagne, DK Danemark, EE Estonie, FI Finlande ou SK Slovaquie (seuls pays où cela est possible), un modèle d'utilité est demandé en plus d'un brevet, écrire après le nom de ce pays "et modèle d'utilité".

Si, pour un pays où cela est possible, il est souhaité que la demande internationale soit traitée comme une demande d'obtention d'un certain titre "d'addition" ou comme une demande de "continuation" ou de "continuation-in-part", écrire après le nom de ce pays la mention appropriée, c'est-à-dire "brevet d'addition" (pour AE Émirats arabes unis, AT Autriche, AU Australie, BA Bosnie-Herzégovine, CU Cuba, DE Allemagne, ES Espagne, IL Israël, IN Inde, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, MW Malawi, NZ Nouvelle-Zélande, PL Pologne, TR Turquie, YU Yougoslavie, ZA Afrique du Sud, ZW Zimbabwe), "certificat d'addition" (pour BR Brésil, DZ Algérie, MA Maroc, MG Madagascar, OA OAPI), "certificat d'auteur d'invention additionnel" (pour CU Cuba), "continuation" ou "continuation-in-part" (pour US États-Unis d'Amérique). Si l'une de ces mentions est utilisée, indiquer également dans le cadre supplémentaire l'État pour lequel ce traitement est demandé, le numéro du titre principal ou de la demande principale et la date de délivrance du titre principal ou du dépôt de la demande principale, selon le cas (voir le point 1.v) de ce cadre).

L'indication, dans les cases du cadre n° V correspondant aux désignations, de numéros d'ordre en chiffres arabes sera considérée comme reflétant l'ordre des désignations choisi par le déposant; si les cases sont cochées d'une autre manière, l'ordre considéré sera celui dans lequel les cases cochées apparaissent sur le formulaire. Cet ordre n'aura de signification que si le montant reçu pour les taxes de désignation n'est pas suffisant pour couvrir l'ensemble des désignations et reste insuffisant après que le déposant a été invité à acquitter le solde débiteur; dans ce cas, le montant reçu sera affecté au paiement des taxes pour les désignations dans l'ordre en question (règle 16bis.1.c) et instruction 321).

Les cases situées en bas des colonnes sont réservées à la désignation, aux fins d'un brevet national, d'États qui sont devenus parties au PCT après la date qui figure au bas de la deuxième feuille du formulaire de requête; dans ce cas, il faut mentionner sur la ligne pointillée le nom de l'État, précédé de préférence du code à deux lettres, et cocher la case correspondante (en indiquant, le cas échéant, si une forme particulière de protection ou de traitement est souhaitée).

Désignation d'États à titre de précaution sous réserve de confirmation (règles 4.9.b) et c) et 15.5) : dans l'intérêt du déposant, le cadre n° V comporte, en bas, une déclaration ("Déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution") indiquant que le déposant souhaite, en sus des désignations expresses effectuées en cochant les cases de la première partie de ce cadre (il doit y avoir au moins une désignation de ce type), désigner à titre de précaution tous les autres États contractants du PCT qui n'ont pas été désignés expressément.

corresponding to 50% of the designation fee.

The receiving Office will not send to the applicant any reminder or invitation to confirm precautionary designations.

If no precautionary designation is to be confirmed, no action is required by the applicant, and the precautionary designations will then be automatically regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of 15 months from the priority date.

BOX No. VI

Priority Claim(s) (Rule 4.10): If the priority of an earlier application is claimed, the declaration containing the priority claim must be made in the request.

The request must indicate the *date* on which the earlier application from which priority is claimed was filed and the *number* it was assigned. Note that that date must fall within the period of 12 months preceding the international filing date.

Where the earlier application is a national application, the *country* party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or the *Member* of the World Trade Organization that is not a party to that Convention, in which that earlier application was filed must be indicated. Where the earlier application is a regional application, the *regional Office* concerned must be indicated. Where the earlier application is an international application, the *receiving Office* with which that earlier application was filed must be indicated.

Where the earlier application is a regional application (other than an ARIPO application), or an international application, the priority claim may also, if the applicant so wishes, indicate one or more countries party to the Paris Convention for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(i)); such an indication is not, however, mandatory. Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, at least one country party to the Paris Convention or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed must be indicated (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)).

As to the possibility of correcting or adding a priority claim, see Rule 26*bis* and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part.

Certified Copy of Earlier Application (Rule 17.1): A certified copy of each earlier application the priority of which is claimed (priority document) must be submitted by the applicant, irrespective of whether that earlier application is a national, regional or international application. The priority document must be submitted to the receiving Office or to the International Bureau before the expiration of 16 months from the (earliest) priority date or, where an early start of the national phase is requested, not later than at the time such request is made. Any priority document received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the 16-month time limit but before the date of international publication shall be considered to have been received on the last day of that time limit (Rule 17.1(a)).

Where the priority document is issued by the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the receiving Office (not later than 16 months after the priority date) to prepare and transmit the priority document to the International Bureau (Rule 4.1(c)(ii)). Such request may be made by marking the applicable check-boxes which identify the respective documents. *Attention:* where such a request is made, the applicant must, where applicable, pay to the receiving Office the *fee for priority document*, otherwise, the request will be considered not to have been made (see Rule 17.1(b)).

Dates (Section 110): Dates must be indicated by the Arabic number of the day, the name of the month and the Arabic number of the year—in that order; after, below or above such

indication, the date should be repeated in parentheses, using two-digit Arabic numerals for the number of the day, the number of the month and the last two digits of the year, in that order and separated by periods, slants or hyphens, for example, “20 March 2001 (20.03.01)”, “20 March 2001 (20/03/01)” or “20 March 2001 (20-03-01)”.

BOX No. VII

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (Rules 4.1(b)(vi) and 4.14*bis*): If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent for carrying out the international search in relation to the international application—depending on the language in which that application is filed and the receiving Office with which it is filed—the name of the competent Authority chosen by the applicant must be indicated in the space provided, either by its full name or two-letter code.

Request to Use Results of Earlier Search; Reference to that Search (Rules 4.11 and 4.1): The earlier search, if any, must be identified in such a manner that the ISA can retrieve the results easily. Where those results can be used, the ISA may refund the international search fee or a portion thereof.

BOX No. VIII

Declarations Containing Standardized Wording (Rules 4.1(c)(iii) and 4.17): At the option of the applicant, the request may, for the purposes of the national law applicable in one or more designated States, contain one or more of the following declarations:

- (i) declaration as to the identity of the inventor;
- (ii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent;
- (iii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application;
- (iv) declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America);
- (v) declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty;

which must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Sections 211 to 215, respectively, and which must be set forth in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v), as detailed below. Where any such declarations are included, the appropriate check-boxes in Box No. VIII should be marked and the number of each type of declaration should be indicated in the right-hand column. As to the possibility of correcting or adding a declaration, see Rule 26*ter*, Section 216 and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part.

If the circumstances of a particular case are such that the standardized wordings are not applicable, the applicant should not attempt to make use of the declarations provided for in Rule 4.17 but rather will have to comply with the national requirements concerned upon entry into the national phase.

The fact that a declaration is made under Rule 4.17 does not of itself establish the matters declared; the effect of those matters in the designated States concerned will be determined by the designated Offices in accordance with the applicable national law.

Even if the wording of a declaration does not conform to the standardized wording provided for in the Administrative Instructions pursuant to Rule 4.17, any designated Office may accept that declaration for the purposes of the applicable national law, but is not required to do so.

Details as to National Law Requirements: For information on the declarations required by each designated Office, see the

Si le déposant ne souhaite pas faire usage de cette mesure de sécurité ni ne veut faire de désignations de précaution, la déclaration doit être biffée.

Si le déposant souhaite expressément exclure tel ou tel État d'une telle désignation faite à titre de précaution afin que la demande internationale ne produise aucun effet dans cet État, il y aura lieu d'indiquer le nom ou le code à deux lettres de cet État dans le cadre supplémentaire. Cette mention n'est nécessaire dans aucun autre cas.

Si le déposant constate, après le dépôt de la demande internationale, qu'il y a des erreurs ou des omissions en ce qui concerne les désignations faites expressément, il pourra rectifier les erreurs ou corriger les omissions en confirmant les désignations de précaution en question. Il est possible de confirmer une désignation de précaution jusqu'à l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité (la plus ancienne) indiquée dans le cadre n° VI ou, si aucune priorité n'est revendiquée, de la date du dépôt international. Pour confirmer une telle désignation, il faut déposer auprès de l'office récepteur une déclaration écrite contenant l'indication du nom de chaque État dont la désignation est confirmée (avec, le cas échéant, une indication de la forme de traitement ou de protection souhaitée) et payer à l'office récepteur, pour chaque désignation ainsi confirmée, une taxe de désignation (même lorsque cinq taxes de désignation ont déjà été payées) ainsi qu'une taxe de confirmation correspondant à 50 % de la taxe de désignation.

L'office récepteur n'enverra au déposant aucun rappel ni invitation à confirmer des désignations de précaution.

Le déposant ne doit rien faire s'il ne veut confirmer aucune désignation de précaution; les désignations de précaution seront alors automatiquement considérées comme retirées par le déposant à l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité.

CADRE N° VI

Revendication(s) de priorité (règle 4.10) : si la priorité d'une demande antérieure est revendiquée, la déclaration contenant la revendication de priorité doit figurer dans la requête.

La requête doit indiquer la *date* du dépôt de la demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée et son *numéro*. Cette date doit tomber dans la période de 12 mois précédant la date du dépôt international.

Lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande nationale, il faut indiquer le *pays* partie à la Convention de Paris pour la protection de la propriété industrielle, ou le *membre* de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce qui n'est pas partie à ladite convention, où elle a été déposée; lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande régionale, l'*office régional* concerné; et lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande internationale, l'*office récepteur* auprès duquel elle a été déposée.

Lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande régionale (autre qu'une demande ARIPO) ou une demande internationale, la revendication de priorité peut aussi, si le déposant le souhaite, indiquer un ou plusieurs pays parties à la Convention de Paris pour lesquels cette demande a été déposée (règle 4.10.b)i); cette indication n'est cependant pas obligatoire. Lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande ARIPO, il faut indiquer au moins un pays partie à la Convention de Paris ou un membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce pour lequel cette demande a été déposée (règle 4.10.b)ii).

En ce qui concerne les possibilités de correction ou d'adjonction d'une revendication de priorité, voir la règle 26*bis* et le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale.

Copie certifiée conforme de la demande antérieure (règle 17.1) : le déposant doit présenter une copie certifiée conforme de chaque demande antérieure dont la priorité est

revendiquée (document de priorité), que la demande antérieure soit une demande nationale, régionale ou internationale. Le document de priorité doit être présenté à l'office récepteur ou au Bureau international avant l'expiration d'un délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité (la plus ancienne) ou, lorsque l'ouverture anticipée de la phase nationale est demandée, au plus tard à la date à laquelle est faite cette demande. Tout document de priorité qui parvient au Bureau international après l'expiration du délai de 16 mois mais avant la date de publication internationale est réputé avoir été reçu le dernier jour de ce délai (règle 17.1.a)).

Lorsque le document de priorité est délivré par l'office récepteur, le déposant peut, au lieu de présenter ce document, demander à l'office récepteur (au plus tard dans le délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité) de l'établir et de le transmettre au Bureau international (règle 4.1.c)ii). Pour effectuer une requête à cet effet, il faut cocher la case appropriée comportant les indications qui permettent d'identifier le document. **Important** : lorsqu'une telle requête est présentée, le déposant doit, le cas échéant, verser à l'office récepteur la *taxe afférente au document de priorité*; à défaut, cette requête sera considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée (voir la règle 17.1.b)).

Dates (instruction 110) : les dates doivent être indiquées au moyen du quantième, en chiffres arabes, suivi du nom du mois puis de l'année en chiffres arabes, dans cet ordre; à côté, au-dessous ou au-dessus de cette indication, il y a lieu de répéter la date, mais entre parenthèses, sous la forme de numéros à deux chiffres arabes, séparés par un point, une barre oblique ou un tiret, et dans l'ordre suivant : quantième, mois et année (celle-ci étant indiquée au moyen des deux derniers chiffres); exemples : "20 mars 2001 (20.03.01)", "20 mars 2001 (20/03/01)" ou "20 mars 2001 (20-03-01)".

CADRE N° VII

Choix de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (ISA) (règles 4.1.b)vi) et 4.14*bis*) : si plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes pour procéder à la recherche internationale concernant la demande internationale – en fonction de la langue dans laquelle cette demande est déposée et de l'office récepteur auprès duquel elle est déposée – le nom de l'administration compétente choisie par le déposant doit être indiqué dans l'espace prévu, soit en clair soit au moyen du code à deux lettres correspondant.

Demande d'utilisation des résultats d'une recherche antérieure; mention de cette recherche (règles 4.11 et 41.1) : la mention de la recherche antérieure éventuelle doit comporter des indications qui permettent à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale d'en retrouver aisément les résultats. Si ces résultats sont utilisables, l'administration en question pourra rembourser la taxe de recherche internationale ou une fraction de celle-ci.

CADRE N° VIII

Déclarations comportant un libellé standard (règles 4.1.c)iii) et 4.17) : au choix du déposant, la requête peut, aux fins de la législation nationale applicable dans un ou plusieurs États désignés, contenir une ou plusieurs des déclarations suivantes :

- i) une déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur;
- ii) une déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet;
- iii) une déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure;
- iv) une déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique);
- v) une déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté;

PCT Applicant's Guide, Volume II, in the relevant National Chapter.

Effect in Designated Offices (Rule 51bis.2): Where the applicant submits any of the declarations provided for in Rule 4.17(i) to (iv) containing the required standardized wording (either with the international application, or to the International Bureau within the relevant time limit under Rule 26ter, or directly to the designated Office during the national phase), the designated Office may not, in the national phase, require further documents or evidence on the matter to which the declaration relates, unless that designated Office may reasonably doubt the veracity of the declaration concerned.

Incompatibility of Certain Items of Rule 51bis.2(a) with National Laws (Rule 51bis.2(c)): The designated Offices listed below have informed the International Bureau that the applicable national law is not compatible in respect of the following declarations provided in Rule 4.17(i), (ii) and (iii). Those designated Offices are therefore entitled to require further documents or evidence on the matters to which those declarations relate.

Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)): The respective national laws of CH Switzerland, DK Denmark and SE Sweden are not compatible with Rule 51bis.2(a)(i).

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)): The respective national laws of CA Canada, CH Switzerland, DK Denmark, HU Hungary and SE Sweden are not compatible with Rule 51bis.2(a)(ii).

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)): The respective national laws of CH Switzerland and DK Denmark are not compatible with Rule 51bis.2(a)(iii).

BOXES Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (IN GENERAL)

Different Declaration Boxes: There are six different declaration boxes in the pre-printed request form—one box for each of the five different types of declarations provided for in Rule 4.17 (Box No. VIII (i) to Box No. VIII (v)) and a continuation sheet (Continuation of Box No. VIII (i) to (v)) to be used in case any single declaration does not fit in the corresponding box. The title of each type of declaration which is found in the standardized wording provided for in the Administrative Instructions is pre-printed on the appropriate sheet of the request.

Separate Sheet for Each Declaration: Each declaration must start on a separate sheet of the request form in the appropriate Declaration Box.

Titles, Items, Item Numbers, Dotted Lines, Words in Parentheses and Words in Brackets: The prescribed standardized wording of the declarations includes titles, various items, item numbers, dotted lines, words in parentheses and words in brackets. Except for Box No. VIII (iv) which contains the pre-printed standardized wording, only those items which are applicable should be included in a declaration where necessary to support the statements in that declaration (that is, omit those items which do not apply) and item numbers need not be included. Dotted lines indicate where information is required to be inserted. Words in parentheses are instructions to applicants as to the information which may be included in the declaration depending upon the factual circumstances. Words in brackets are optional and should appear in the declaration without the brackets if they apply; if they do not apply, they should be omitted together with the corresponding brackets.

Naming of Several Persons: More than one person may be named in a single declaration. In the alternative, with one exception, a separate declaration may be made for each person. With respect to the declaration of inventorship set forth in Box No. VIII (iv), which is applicable only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, all inventors must be indicated in a single declaration (see Notes to Box No. VIII (iv), below). The wording of declarations to be set forth in Boxes Nos. VIII (i), (ii), (iii) and (v) may be adapted from the singular to the plural as necessary.

Designated States to Which the Declarations Apply: Each declaration must indicate the designated States to which it applies. In this regard, the standardized wording of the declaration of inventorship (Box No. VIII (iv); see also Rule 4.17(iv) and Section 214) indicates in the title that it is for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America. The other declarations include prescribed wording to indicate whether the declaration is made for all designations or specific designations; one of these choices should always be included in the declaration. Where the declaration is for more than one person, the declaration may include separate statements indicating whether the declaration is made for all designations or specific designations with respect to each separate applicant. For example, this may be expected to occur where the request indicates different applicants for different States in accordance with Rule 4.5(d). However, in such a case, it is advisable to include a separate declaration for each person.

BOX No. VIII (i)

Declaration as to the Identity of the Inventor (Rule 4.17(i) and Section 211): The declaration must be worded as follows:

“Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

- (i) ... (*name*) of ... (*address*) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application
- (ii) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations [except the designation of the United States of America]
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ...”

Such a declaration is not necessary in respect of any inventor who is indicated as such (either as inventor only or applicant and inventor) in Box No. II or No. III in accordance with Rule 4.5 or 4.6. However, where the inventor is indicated as applicant in Box No. II or No. III in accordance with Rule 4.5, a declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent (Rule 4.17(ii)) may be appropriate for the purposes of all designated States except the United States of America. Where indications regarding the inventor in accordance with Rule 4.5 or 4.6 are not included in Box No. II or No. III, this declaration may be combined with the prescribed wording of the declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent (Rule 4.17(ii)). For details on such a combined declaration, see Notes to Box No. VIII (ii), below. For details as to the declaration of inventorship for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, see Notes to Box No. VIII (iv), below.

BOX No. VIII (ii)

Declaration as to the Applicant's Entitlement to Apply for and Be Granted a Patent (Rule 4.17(ii) and Section 212): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement:

qui doivent être conformes au libellé standard fixé dans les instructions 211 à 215, respectivement, et qui doivent être présentées dans les cadres n^{os} VIII.i) à v), comme précisé ci-après. Lorsque de telles déclarations sont incluses, il convient de cocher les cases appropriées dans le cadre n^o VIII et d'indiquer dans la colonne de droite le nombre de déclarations de chaque type. En ce qui concerne les possibilités de correction ou d'adjonction d'une déclaration, voir la règle 26ter, l'instruction 216 et le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale.

Si les circonstances d'un cas particulier sont telles que les libellés standard ne sont pas applicables, le déposant s'abstiendra de faire les déclarations prévues à la règle 4.17, mais il devra satisfaire aux exigences de la législation nationale concernée lors de l'entrée dans la phase nationale.

Le fait qu'une déclaration soit faite en vertu de la règle 4.17 ne suffit pas à prouver les points sur lesquels elle porte; il appartient aux offices désignés de statuer sur l'effet de ces points dans les États désignés en fonction de la législation nationale applicable.

Même si le texte d'une déclaration ne respecte pas le libellé standard fixé dans les instructions administratives en vertu de la règle 4.17, tout office désigné est libre d'accepter ou non cette déclaration aux fins de la législation nationale applicable.

Précisions quant aux exigences des législations nationales : pour des précisions concernant les déclarations qui sont exigées par chaque office désigné, voir les chapitres nationaux pertinents dans le volume II du *Guide du déposant du PCT*.

Effets dans les offices désignés (règle 51bis.2) : lorsqu'un déposant remet l'une des déclarations visées à la règle 4.17.i) à iv) comportant le libellé standard exigé (soit avec la demande internationale, soit au Bureau international dans le délai applicable en vertu de la règle 26ter, ou directement à l'office désigné durant la phase nationale), l'office désigné ne peut, pendant la phase nationale, exiger d'autres documents ou preuves relatifs à l'objet auquel se rapporte la déclaration, à moins qu'il puisse raisonnablement douter de la véracité de la déclaration en question.

Incompatibilité de certains points de la règle 51bis.2.a) avec les législations nationales (règle 51bis.2.c) : les offices désignés dont la liste figure ci-après ont informé le Bureau international que la législation nationale qui leur est applicable n'est pas compatible en ce qui concerne les déclarations suivantes visées à la règle 4.17.i), ii) et iii). Ces offices désignés pourront donc exiger des documents ou des preuves supplémentaires relatifs aux objets auxquels se rapportent ces déclarations.

Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)i) : les législations nationales respectives de CH Suisse, DK Danemark et SE Suède ne sont pas compatibles avec la règle 51bis.2.a)i).

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii) : les législations nationales respectives de CA Canada, CH Suisse, DK Danemark, HU Hongrie et SE Suède ne sont pas compatibles avec la règle 51bis.2.a)ii).

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51bis.1.a)iii) : les législations nationales respectives de CH Suisse et DK Danemark ne sont pas compatibles avec la règle 51bis.2.a)iii).

CADRES N^{os} VIII i) à v) (GÉNÉRALITÉS)

Différent cadres pour déclarations : le formulaire pré-imprimé contient six cadres différents pour déclarations, un pour chacun des cinq types de déclarations prévues selon la règle 4.17 (du cadre n^o VIII.i) au cadre n^o VIII.v)) et une feuille annexe (Suite du cadre n^o VIII.i) à v)) à utiliser dans le cas où une des déclarations ne tient pas dans le cadre approprié. Le titre de chaque déclaration qui figure dans le libellé standard prévu dans les instructions administratives est pré-imprimé sur la feuille correspondante de la requête.

Feuille distincte pour chaque déclaration : chaque déclaration doit commencer sur une feuille distincte de la requête et dans le cadre pour déclaration approprié.

Titres, éléments, numéros d'éléments, lignes pointillées, mots entre parenthèses et mots entre crochets : le libellé standard fixé pour les déclarations comporte un titre, différents éléments, des numéros d'éléments, des lignes pointillées, des mots entre parenthèses et des mots entre crochets. Sauf en ce qui concerne le cadre n^o VIII.iv) dans lequel le libellé standard est pré-imprimé, seuls les éléments pertinents doivent figurer dans une déclaration lorsque cela est nécessaire à l'énoncé des faits invoqués dans cette déclaration (en d'autres termes, il y a lieu d'omettre les éléments non pertinents) et il n'est pas nécessaire d'inclure les numéros d'éléments. Les lignes pointillées signalent les endroits où il y a lieu d'indiquer les renseignements demandés. Les mots entre parenthèses indiquent au déposant quels renseignements peuvent être inclus dans la déclaration selon la situation de fait. Les mots entre crochets sont facultatifs; s'ils sont applicables, ils doivent figurer dans la déclaration sans les crochets; s'ils ne sont pas applicables, il convient de les omettre ainsi que les crochets.

Mention de plusieurs personnes : plusieurs personnes peuvent être mentionnées dans une même déclaration. Il est aussi possible, sauf dans un cas, de faire une déclaration distincte par personne. Pour la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur, figurant dans le cadre n^o VIII.iv), qui est applicable seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique, tous les inventeurs doivent être indiqués dans une même déclaration (voir les notes du cadre n^o VIII.iv), ci-après). Dans les déclarations devant figurer dans les cadres n^{os} VIII.i), ii), iii) et v), le libellé au singulier peut être mis au pluriel si cela s'avère nécessaire.

États désignés auxquels les déclarations s'appliquent : chaque déclaration doit comporter l'indication des États désignés auxquels elle s'applique. À cet égard, le libellé standard pour la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (cadre n^o VIII.iv); voir également la règle 4.17.iv) et l'instruction 214) indique dans le titre que la déclaration est faite aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique. Les autres déclarations comportent des libellés prescrits pour indiquer si la déclaration est faite aux fins de toutes les désignations ou aux fins de désignations particulières. Une de ces options doit toujours figurer dans la déclaration. Lorsque la déclaration est faite en ce qui concerne plusieurs personnes, elle peut comporter des mentions distinctes indiquant si elle est faite aux fins de toutes les désignations ou aux fins de désignations particulières en ce qui concerne chacun des déposants. Le cas peut par exemple se présenter si la requête indique des déposants différents pour différents États, conformément à la règle 4.5.d). Dans une telle situation, toutefois, il est conseillé d'inclure une déclaration distincte par personne.

CADRE N^o VIII.i)

Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règle 4.17.i) et instruction 211) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit:

“Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) is entitled to apply for and be granted a patent by virtue of the following:

- (i) ... (*name*) of ... (*address*) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application
- (ii) ... (*name*) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (*inventor’s name*)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (*name*) and ... (*name*), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (*name*) in favor of ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vi) a court order issued by ... (*name of court*), effecting a transfer from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) by way of ... (*specify kind of transfer*), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant’s name changed from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) on ... (*date*)
- (ix) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations [except the designation of the United States of America]
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ...”

Either (a) or (b) of item (ix) should always be included in the declaration. The remainder of the items may be incorporated as is necessary to explain the applicant’s entitlement. ***This declaration is only applicable to those events which have occurred prior to the international filing date.*** The possible kinds of transfer of entitlement in item (vii) include merger, acquisition, inheritance, donation, etc. Where there has been a succession of transfers from the inventor, the order in which transfers are listed should follow the actual succession of transfers, and items may be included more than once, as necessary to explain the applicant’s entitlement. Where the inventor is not indicated in Box No. II or No. III, this declaration may be presented as a combined declaration explaining the applicant’s entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent and identifying the inventor. In such a case, the introductory phrase of the declaration must be as follows:

“Combined declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(ii)) and as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51*bis*.1(a)(i)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:”

The remainder of the combined declaration must be worded as indicated in the preceding paragraphs.

For details as to the declaration as to the identity of the inventor, see the Notes to Box No. VIII (i), above.

BOX No. VIII (iii)

Declaration as to the Applicant’s Entitlement to Claim Priority of the Earlier Application (Rule 4.17(iii) and Section 213): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant’s entitlement:

“Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier

application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant’s name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(iii)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) is entitled to claim priority of earlier application No. ... by virtue of the following:

- (i) the applicant is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection was sought by way of the earlier application
- (ii) ... (*name*) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (*inventor’s name*)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (*name*) and ... (*name*), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (*name*) in favor of ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vi) a court order, issued by ... (*name of court*), effecting a transfer from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) by way of ... (*specify kind of transfer*), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant’s name changed from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) on ... (*date*)
- (ix) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ...”

Either (a) or (b) of item (ix) should always be included in the declaration. The remainder of the items may be incorporated as is necessary to explain the applicant’s entitlement. ***This declaration is only applicable to those events which have occurred prior to the international filing date.*** In addition, this declaration is only applicable where the person or name of the applicant is different from that of the applicant who filed the earlier application from which priority is claimed. For example, this declaration may be applicable where only one applicant out of five is different from the applicants indicated in respect of an earlier application. The possible kinds of transfer of entitlement in item (vii) include merger, acquisition, inheritance, donation, etc. Where there has been a succession of transfers from the applicant in respect of the earlier application, the order in which transfers are listed should follow the actual succession of transfers, and items may be included more than once, as necessary to explain the applicant’s entitlement.

BOX No. VIII (iv)

Declaration of Inventorship (Rule 4.17(iv) and Section 214): The standardized wording for the declaration is pre-printed in Box No. VIII (iv).

All inventors must be named in the declaration, even if they do not all sign the same (copy of) the declaration (Section 214(b)). Bibliographic data, such as address of residence and citizenship, must be included for each inventor. Where the declaration is included in the request, the inventor(s) need not sign and date the declaration if they have signed in Box No. X of the request. If there are more than two inventors, those other inventors must be indicated on the “continuation sheet for declaration.” In such a case, write “Continuation of Box No. VIII (iv),” and indicate only the bibliographical data in respect of each inventor. The text of the declaration itself should not be repeated on that continuation sheet. The inventor(s) identified on the continuation sheet must sign and date such sheet, unless the declaration, including the continuation sheet, is included with the request and the inventor(s) has (have) signed in Box No. X of the request.

“Déclaration relative à l’identité de l’inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51*bis*.1.a)i) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

- i) ... (*nom*), ... (*adresse*), est l’inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection est demandée dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale
- ii) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations [sauf la désignation des États-Unis d’Amérique]
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

Une déclaration de cette nature n’est pas nécessaire en ce qui concerne tout inventeur qui est indiqué comme tel (que ce soit comme inventeur seulement ou en qualité à la fois de déposant et d’inventeur) dans le cadre n° II ou le cadre n° III en application de la règle 4.5 ou 4.6. Toutefois, lorsque l’inventeur est indiqué comme étant le déposant dans le cadre n° II ou n° III en application de la règle 4.5, une déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d’obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii) peut être appropriée aux fins de tous les États désignés sauf des États-Unis d’Amérique. Lorsque les indications concernant l’inventeur qui sont à fournir en application de la règle 4.5 ou 4.6 ne sont pas portées dans le cadre n° II ou n° III, cette déclaration peut être combinée avec le libellé standard pour la déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d’obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii). Pour des précisions concernant cette déclaration combinée, voir les notes du cadre n° VIII.ii), ci-après. Pour des précisions quant à la déclaration relative à la qualité d’inventeur aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d’Amérique, voir les notes du cadre n° VIII.iv), ci-après.

CADRE N° VIII.ii)

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d’obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii) et instruction 212) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à viii) nécessaires aux fins de motiver le droit du déposant :

“Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d’obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51*bis*.1.a)ii)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n’est pas appropriée :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*) a le droit de demander et d’obtenir un brevet en vertu :

- i) du fait que ... (*nom*), ... (*adresse*), est l’inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection est demandée dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale
- ii) du fait que... (*nom*) [possède] [possédait] ce droit en qualité d’employeur de l’inventeur, ... (*nom de l’inventeur*)
- iii) d’un contrat conclu entre ... (*nom*) et ... (*nom*), daté du ...
- iv) d’une cession de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- v) d’une autorisation consentie par ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vi) d’une décision de justice rendue par ... (*nom du tribunal*), ordonnant un transfert de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vii) d’un transfert de droits de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), sous la forme de ... (*préciser le type de transfert*), daté du ...
- viii) du changement de nom du déposant de ... (*nom*) en ... (*nom*), le ... (*date*)

ix) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)

- a) de toutes les désignations [sauf la désignation des États-Unis d’Amérique]
- b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

L’une ou l’autre des variantes a) et b) du point ix) doit toujours être incluse dans la déclaration. On ne retiendra parmi les autres éléments que ceux qui sont nécessaires pour motiver le droit du déposant. **Cette déclaration est exclusivement applicable à des faits qui se sont produits avant la date du dépôt international.** Les types possibles de transfert de droits visés au point vii) comprennent la fusion, l’acquisition, l’héritage, la donation, etc. Lorsqu’il y a eu succession de transferts des droits de l’inventeur, l’ordre dans lequel les transferts sont énumérés doit suivre l’ordre effectif de ces transferts successifs et certains points peuvent être cités plus d’une fois si cela s’avère nécessaire pour motiver le droit du déposant. Lorsque l’inventeur n’est pas indiqué dans le cadre n° II ou le cadre n° III, cette déclaration peut être présentée sous la forme d’une déclaration combinée motivant le droit du déposant de demander et d’obtenir un brevet et permettant d’identifier l’inventeur. Dans un tel cas, la phrase introductive de la déclaration est libellée comme suit :

“Déclaration combinée relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d’obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51*bis*.1.a)ii)) et relative à l’identité de l’inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51*bis*.1.a)i)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n’est pas appropriée :”

Le reste de la déclaration combinée est libellé comme indiqué aux paragraphes précédents.

Pour des précisions concernant la déclaration permettant d’identifier l’inventeur, voir les notes relatives au cadre n° VIII.i), ci-dessus.

CADRE N° VIII.iii)

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure (règle 4.17.iii) et instruction 213) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à viii) nécessaires aux fins de motiver le droit du déposant :

“Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande indiquée ci-dessous si le déposant n’est pas celui qui a déposé la demande antérieure ou si son nom a changé depuis le dépôt de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51*bis*.1.a)iii)) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*) a le droit de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure n° ... en vertu :

- i) du fait que le déposant est l’inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection a été demandée dans la demande antérieure
- ii) du fait que ... (*nom*) [possède] [possédait] ce droit en qualité d’employeur de l’inventeur, ... (*nom de l’inventeur*)
- iii) d’un contrat conclu entre ... (*nom*) et ... (*nom*), daté du ...
- iv) d’une cession de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- v) d’une autorisation consentie par ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vi) d’une décision de justice rendue par ... (*nom du tribunal*), ordonnant un transfert de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vii) d’un transfert de droits de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), sous la forme de ... (*préciser le type de transfert*), daté du ...

BOX No. VIII (v)

Declaration as to Non-prejudicial Disclosures or Exceptions to Lack of Novelty (Rule 4.17(v) and Section 215): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (iv) as is necessary:

“Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty (Rules 4.17(v) and 51*bis*.1(a)(v)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) declares that the subject matter claimed in [the] [this] international application was disclosed as follows:

- (i) kind of disclosure (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) international exhibition
 - (b) publication
 - (c) abuse
 - (d) other: ... (*specify*)
- (ii) date of disclosure: ...
- (iii) title of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...
- (iv) place of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...
- (v) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ...”

Either (a), (b), (c) or (d) of item (i) should always be included in the declaration. Item (ii) should also always be included in the declaration. Either (a) or (b) of item (v) should always be included in the declaration. Items (iii) and (iv) may be incorporated depending upon the circumstances.

BOX No. IX

Items Constituting the International Application: The number of sheets of the various parts of the international application must be given in the check list in Arabic numerals. Sheets containing any of Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) must be counted as part of the request.

Where the application contains disclosure of one or more *nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences*, the applicant has the following three options.

First, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listings and/or tables related thereto *in paper form only* (“option (a)”), in which case the number of sheets of the listings and/or tables, respectively, must be indicated under item (a) in the left column of Box No. IX (and therefore included in the total number of sheets), noting that a copy of the sequence listings and/or a copy of the tables, in computer readable form, may accompany the international application but only for the purposes of international search under Rule 13*ter* and/or Section 802(b-*quater*); in such a case, check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(i) and/or 10(i) and, where applicable, 9(iii) and/or 10(iii) must be marked in the right column of Box No. IX.

Second, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listings and/or tables related thereto *in computer readable form only*, under Section 801(a)(i) (“option (b)”), in which case check-boxes b(i) and/or b(ii) must be marked but the spaces for the number of sheets of the sequence listings and/or tables, respectively, under item (a) must be left blank; the type and number of carriers must also be indicated on the dotted lines at the bottom of the left column; in addition, check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and/or 10(ii) and, where applicable, 9(iii) and/or 10(iii) must be marked if additional copies of the sequence listings and/or tables in computer readable form are furnished.

Third, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listings and/or tables related thereto *both in computer readable form and in paper form*, under Section 801(a)(ii) (“option (c)”), in which case the number of sheets (in paper form) of the sequence listings and/or tables, respectively, must be indicated under item (a) in the left column of Box No. IX (although those numbers of sheets will not be taken into account for calculation of the basic fee) and check-boxes c(i) and/or c(ii), respectively, must be marked; the type and number of carriers must also be indicated on the dotted lines at the bottom of the left column; in addition, check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and/or 10(ii) and, where applicable, 9(iii) and/or 10(iii) must be marked if additional copies of the sequence listings and/or tables in computer readable form are furnished.

Under all three options described above, the sequence listings must be presented as a separate part of the description (“sequence listing part of description”) in accordance with the standard contained in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions. Also, tables related to sequence listings must be presented in accordance with the standard contained in Annex C-*bis* of the Administrative Instructions.

Items Accompanying the International Application:

Where the international application is accompanied by certain items, the applicable check-boxes must be marked, any applicable indication must be made on the dotted line after the applicable item, and the number of such items should be indicated at the end of the relevant line; detailed explanations are provided below only in respect of those items which so require.

Check-box No. 4: Mark this checkbox where a copy of a general power of attorney is filed with the international application; where the general power of attorney has been deposited with the receiving Office, and that Office has accorded to it a reference number, that number may be indicated.

Check-box No. 5: Mark this check-box where a statement explaining the lack of signature of an inventor/applicant for the purposes of the United States of America is furnished together with the international application (see also Notes to Box No. X).

Check-box No. 7: Mark this check-box where a translation of the international application for the purposes of international search (Rule 12.3) is filed together with the international application and indicate the language of that translation.

Check-box No. 8: Mark this check-box where a filled-in Form PCT/RO/134 or any separate sheet containing indications concerning deposited microorganisms and/or other biological material is filed with the international application. If Form PCT/RO/134 or any sheet containing the said indications is included as one of the sheets of the description (as required by certain designated States (see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex L)), do not mark this check-box (for further information, see Rule 13*bis* and Section 209).

Check-box No. 9: Where the international application contains sequence listings and a copy thereof in computer readable form is required by the ISA under Rule 13*ter*, the applicant may furnish the listings in computer readable form (together with the required statement) to the receiving Office with the international application, in which case check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(i) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked. Where the applicant has chosen option (b) or option (c) mentioned above, and an additional copy or copies of the sequence listings in computer readable form are required under Section 804, the applicant may furnish such additional copies together with the international application, in which case check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked. In all cases mentioned above, the applicant should indicate at the end of each applicable entry the type and number of diskettes, CD-ROMs, CD-Rs, or other data carriers furnished.

- viii) du changement de nom du déposant de ... (*nom*) en ... (*nom*), le ... (*date*)
- ix) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”
- ii) date de la divulgation : ...
- iii) intitulé de la divulgation (*s’il y a lieu*) : ...
- iv) lieu de la divulgation (*s’il y a lieu*) : ...
- v) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

L’une ou l’autre des variantes a) et b) du point ix) doit toujours être incluse dans la déclaration. On ne retiendra parmi les autres éléments que ceux qui sont nécessaires pour motiver le droit du déposant. ***Cette déclaration est exclusivement applicable à des faits qui se sont produits avant la date du dépôt international.*** En outre, cette déclaration n’est applicable que si la personne du déposant est différente de celle du déposant qui a déposé la demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée, ou si le nom du déposant a changé. Si par exemple un seul déposant sur cinq est différent de ceux qui étaient indiqués pour une demande antérieure, cette déclaration pourra être applicable. Les types possibles de transferts de droits visés au point vii) comprennent la fusion, l’acquisition, l’héritage, la donation, etc. Lorsqu’il y a eu succession de transferts des droits du déposant sur la demande antérieure, l’ordre dans lequel les points sont énumérés doit suivre l’ordre effectif de ces transferts successifs et certains points peuvent être cités plus d’une fois si cela s’avère nécessaire pour motiver le droit du déposant.

CADRE N° VIII.iv)

Déclaration relative à la qualité d’inventeur (règle 4.17.iv) et instruction 214) : le libellé standard pour la déclaration est pré-imprimé au cadre n° VIII.iv).

Tous les inventeurs doivent être mentionnés dans la déclaration même s’ils ne signent pas tous la même (copie de la) déclaration (instruction 214.b)). Les données bibliographiques, telles que l’adresse du domicile et la nationalité, doivent être fournies pour chaque inventeur. Dans le cas d’une déclaration incluse dans la requête, il n’est pas nécessaire que le ou les inventeurs signent ou datent la déclaration s’ils ont signé eux-mêmes dans le cadre n° X de la requête. S’il y a plusieurs inventeurs, les autres inventeurs doivent être indiqués sur la “feuille annexe de déclaration”. Dans ce cas, on écrira “suite du cadre n° VIII.iv)” et on fournira uniquement les données bibliographiques concernant chaque inventeur. Le texte de la déclaration ne doit pas être répété sur cette feuille annexe. Le ou les inventeurs indiqués sur la feuille annexe doivent signer et dater cette feuille, à moins que la déclaration, y compris la feuille annexe, soit incluse dans la requête et que le ou les inventeurs aient signé dans le cadre n° X de la requête.

CADRE N° VIII.v)

Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règle 4.17.v) et instruction 215) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à iv), qui s’avérerait nécessaire :

“Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règles 4.17.v) et 51*bis*.1.a)v)) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*) déclare que l’objet revendiqué dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale a été divulgué comme suit :

- i) nature de la divulgation (*préciser selon le cas*) :
 - a) exposition internationale
 - b) publication
 - c) utilisation abusive
 - d) autre : ... (*préciser*)

L’un des éléments a), b), c) ou d) du point i) doit toujours être inclus dans la déclaration. Le point ii) doit aussi toujours être inclus dans la déclaration. L’un ou l’autre des éléments a) et b) du point v) doit toujours figurer dans la déclaration. Les points iii) et iv) peuvent être incorporés s’il y a lieu.

CADRE N° IX

Éléments constituant la demande internationale : Il faut indiquer en chiffres arabes, dans le bordereau, le nombre de feuilles des différentes parties de la demande internationale. Toute feuille sur laquelle figure l’un quelconque des cadres n°s VIII.i) à v) doit être comptée comme faisant partie de la requête.

Lorsque la demande internationale contient la divulgation d’une ou de plusieurs *séquences de nucléotides ou d’acides aminés*, le déposant dispose des trois options suivantes.

Premièrement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs *sous forme papier seulement* (“option a”), auquel cas le nombre de feuilles des listages ou des tableaux, respectivement, doit être indiqué au point a) de la colonne de gauche du cadre n° IX (et par conséquent compris dans le nombre total de feuilles); on notera dans ce cas qu’une copie des listages des séquences ou une copie des tableaux, sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, peuvent être remises avec la demande internationale mais seulement aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13*ter* ou de l’instruction 802.b-*quater*); dans ce cas, les cases n°s 9, 9.i) ou 10.i) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) ou 10.iii), doivent être cochées dans la colonne de droite du cadre n° IX.

Deuxièmement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs *sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur seulement*, en vertu de l’instruction 801.a)i) (“option b”), auquel cas la case b)i) ou b)ii) doit être cochée mais l’endroit réservé au nombre de feuilles des listages des séquences ou des tableaux, respectivement, sous le point a) doit être laissé en blanc; le type et le nombre de supports doivent également être indiqués sur les lignes pointillées en bas de la colonne de gauche. De plus, les cases n°s 9, 9.ii) ou 10.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) ou 10.iii), doivent être cochées si on joint des exemplaires supplémentaires des listages des séquences ou des tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

Troisièmement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs *à la fois sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et sous forme papier*, en vertu de l’instruction 801.a)ii) (“option c”), auquel cas le nombre de feuilles (sous forme papier) des listages ou des tableaux, respectivement, doit être indiqué sous le point a) dans la colonne de gauche du cadre n° IX (bien que ces nombres de feuilles ne soient pas utilisés aux fins du calcul de la taxe de base) et la case c)i) ou c)ii), respectivement, doit être cochée; le type et le nombre de supports doivent également être indiqués sur les lignes pointillées en bas de la colonne de gauche. De plus, les cases n°s 9, 9.ii) ou 10.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) ou 10.iii), doivent être cochées si on joint des exemplaires supplémentaires des listages des séquences ou des tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

Dans le cadre des trois options décrites ci-dessus, les listages des séquences doivent être présentés dans une partie distincte de la description (“partie de la description réservée au listage

Check-box No. 10: Where the international application contains tables related to sequence listings and a copy thereof in computer readable form is required by the ISA under Section 802(b-*quater*), the applicant may furnish the tables in computer readable form (together with the required statement) to the receiving Office with the international application, in which case check-boxes Nos. 10, 10(i) and, where applicable, 10(iii) must be marked. Where the applicant has chosen option (b) or option (c) mentioned above, and an additional copy or copies of the tables in computer readable form are required under Section 804, the applicant may furnish such additional copies together with the international application, in which case check-boxes Nos. 10, 10(ii) and, where applicable, 10(iii) must be marked. In all cases mentioned above, the applicant should indicate at the end of each applicable entry the type and number of diskettes, CD-ROMs, CD-Rs, or other data carriers furnished.

Language of Filing of the International Application (Rules 12.1(a) and 20.4(c) and (d)): With regard to the language in which the international application is filed, for the purposes of according an international filing date, it is, subject to the following sentence, sufficient that the description and the claims are in the language, or one of the languages, accepted by the receiving Office for the filing of international applications; that language should be indicated in that check-box (as regards the language of the abstract and any text matter in the drawings, see Rule 26.3*ter*(a) and (b); as regards the language of the request, see Rules 12.1(c) and 26.3*ter*(c) and (d)). Note that where the international application is filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, all elements of the international application (request, description, claims, abstract, text matter of drawings) must, for the purposes of according an international filing date, be in English except that the free text in any sequence listing part of the description, complying with the standard set out in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, may be in a language other than English.

BOX No. X

Signature (Rules 4.1(d), 4.15 and 90): The signature must be that of the applicant (if there are several applicants, all must sign); however, the signature may be that of the agent, or the common representative, where a separate power of attorney appointing the agent or the common representative, respectively, or a copy of a general power of attorney already in the possession of the receiving Office, is furnished. If the power is not filed with the request, the receiving Office will invite the applicant to furnish it.

If the United States of America is designated and an inventor/applicant for that State refused to sign the request or could not be found or reached after diligent effort, a statement explaining the lack of signature may be furnished. It should be noted that this applies only where there are two or more applicants and the international application has been signed by at least one other applicant. The statement must satisfy the receiving Office. If such a statement is furnished

with the international application, check-box No. 5 in Box No. IX should be marked.

SUPPLEMENTAL BOX

The cases in which the Supplemental Box may be used and the manner of making indications in it are explained in the left column of that Box.

GENERAL REMARKS

Language of Correspondence (Rule 92.2 and Section 104): Any letter from the applicant to the receiving Office must be in the language of filing of the international application provided that, where the international application is to be published in the language of a translation required under Rule 12.3, such letter should be in the language of that translation; however, the receiving Office may authorize the use of another language.

Any letter from the applicant to the International Bureau must be in the same language as the international application if that language is English or French; otherwise, it must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant.

Any letter from the applicant to the ISA must be in the same language as the international application, provided that, where a translation of the international application for the purposes of international search has been transmitted under Rule 23.1(b), such letter is in the language of that translation. However, the ISA may authorize the use of another language.

Arrangement of Elements and Numbering of Sheets of the International Application (Rule 11.7 and Section 207): The elements of the international application must be placed in the following order: the request, the description (excluding the sequence listing part, if any), the claim(s), the abstract, the drawings (if any), the sequence listing part of the description (if any).

All sheets of the description (excluding the sequence listing part), claims and abstract must be numbered in consecutive Arabic numerals, which must be placed at the top or bottom of the sheet, in the middle, but not in the margin which must remain blank. The number of each sheet of the drawings must consist of two Arabic numerals separated by an oblique stroke, the first being the sheet number and the second being the total number of sheets of drawings (for example, 1/3, 2/3, 3/3). For numbering of the sheets of the sequence listing part of the description, see Section 207.

Indication of the Applicant's or Agent's File Reference on the sheets of the description (excluding the sequence listing part, if any), claim(s), abstract, drawings and sequence listing part of the description (Rule 11.6(f)): The file reference indicated on the request may also be indicated in the left-hand corner of the top margin, within 1.5 cm from the top of any sheet of the international application.

des séquences”) conformément à la norme figurant dans l’annexe C des instructions administratives. De même, les tableaux relatifs aux listages des séquences doivent être présentés conformément à la norme figurant dans l’annexe C-bis des instructions administratives.

Éléments joints à la demande internationale : lorsque des éléments sont joints à la demande internationale, les cases appropriées doivent être cochées et toute indication pertinente doit être portée sur la ligne pointillée correspondante, le nombre de chacun de ces éléments devant être indiqué dans la colonne, en fin de ligne; on trouvera ci-après des explications détaillées concernant uniquement les éléments qui le nécessitent.

Case n° 4 : cocher cette case si la copie d’un pouvoir général est déposée avec la demande internationale; lorsque le pouvoir général a été déposé auprès de l’office récepteur, et que celui-ci lui a attribué un numéro de référence, ce dernier peut être indiqué.

Case n° 5 : cocher cette case si une explication de l’absence de signature d’un inventeur/déposant pour les États-Unis d’Amérique est fournie conjointement avec la demande internationale (voir aussi les notes du cadre n° X).

Case n° 7 : cocher cette case si une traduction de la demande internationale aux fins de la recherche internationale (règle 12.3) est fournie conjointement avec cette demande et indiquer la langue de la traduction.

Case n° 8 : cocher cette case si, avec la demande internationale, est déposé un formulaire PCT/RO/134 rempli ou une ou plusieurs feuilles séparées comportant des indications relatives à des micro-organismes ou autre matériel biologique déposés. Si le formulaire PCT/RO/134 ou toute autre feuille comportant les indications en question figurent en tant que feuilles de la description (comme le prescrivent certains États désignés (voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe L), ne pas cocher cette case (pour de plus amples renseignements, voir la règle 13bis et l’instruction 209).

Case n° 9 : lorsque la demande internationale contient des listages des séquences et qu’une copie de ces derniers, sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, est requise par l’administration chargée de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13ter, le déposant peut fournir, conjointement avec la demande internationale, les listages en question sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (ainsi que la déclaration requise) à l’office récepteur. Si tel est le cas, les cases n° 9, 9.i) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) doivent être cochées. Lorsque le déposant a choisi l’option b) ou l’option c) mentionnée ci-dessus, et qu’un ou plusieurs exemplaires supplémentaires des listages des séquences sont requis en vertu de l’instruction 804, le déposant peut remettre de tels exemplaires supplémentaires, conjointement avec la demande internationale, auquel cas les cases n° 9, 9.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) doivent être cochées. Dans tous les cas mentionnés ci-dessus, le déposant doit indiquer à la fin de chaque rubrique applicable le type et le nombre de disquettes, CD-ROM, CD-R ou autres supports de données qu’il a remis.

Case n° 10 : lorsque la demande internationale contient des tableaux relatifs aux listages des séquences et qu’une copie de ces derniers, sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, est requise par l’administration chargée de la recherche internationale en vertu de l’instruction 802.b-quater), le déposant peut fournir, conjointement avec la demande internationale, les tableaux en question sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (ainsi que la déclaration requise) à l’office récepteur. Si tel est le cas, les cases n° 10, 10.i) et, le cas échéant, 10.iii) doivent être cochées. Lorsque le déposant a choisi l’option b) ou l’option c) mentionnée ci-dessus, et qu’un ou plusieurs exemplaires supplémentaires des tableaux sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur sont requis en vertu de l’instruction 804, le déposant peut remettre de tels exemplaires supplémentaires, conjointement avec la demande internationale, auquel cas les cases n° 10, 10.ii) et, le cas échéant, 10.iii) doivent être cochées. Dans tous les cas

mentionnés ci-dessus, le déposant doit indiquer à la fin de chaque rubrique applicable le type et le nombre de disquettes, CD-ROM, CD-R ou autres supports de données qu’il a remis.

Langue de dépôt de la demande internationale (règles 12.1.a) et 20.4.c) et d)) : en ce qui concerne la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée, il suffit, aux fins de l’attribution d’une date de dépôt international, et sous réserve de la phrase suivante, que la description et les revendications soient rédigées dans la langue ou l’une des langues acceptées par l’office récepteur pour le dépôt de demandes internationales; cette langue doit être indiquée dans cette case (en ce qui concerne la langue de l’abrégé et de tout texte des dessins, voir la règle 26.3ter.a) et b); en ce qui concerne la langue de la requête, voir les règles 12.1.c) et 26.3ter.c) et d)). On notera que, lorsque la demande internationale est déposée auprès de l’Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis d’Amérique en sa qualité d’office récepteur, tous les éléments de la demande internationale (requête, description, revendications, abrégé, texte des dessins) doivent, aux fins de l’attribution d’une date de dépôt international, être rédigés en anglais, hormis tout texte libre contenu dans la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences conforme à la norme figurant dans l’annexe C des instructions administratives, qui peut être rédigé dans une langue autre que l’anglais.

CADRE N° X

Signature (règles 4.1.d), 4.15 et 90) : la signature doit être celle du déposant (s’il y a plusieurs déposants, tous doivent signer); il peut toutefois s’agir de la signature du mandataire ou du représentant commun, si un pouvoir distinct désignant le mandataire ou le représentant commun, respectivement, ou une copie du pouvoir général déjà détenu par l’office récepteur est fourni. Si la requête n’est pas déposée avec le pouvoir, l’office récepteur invitera le déposant à le remettre.

Si les États-Unis d’Amérique sont désignés et qu’un déposant pour cet État qui a la qualité d’inventeur a refusé de signer la requête ou que des efforts diligents n’ont pas permis de le trouver ou d’entrer en rapport avec lui, il est possible de fournir une explication de l’absence de signature. Cela vaut uniquement lorsqu’il y a plusieurs déposants et que la demande internationale a été signée par au moins un autre déposant. L’explication doit être jugée satisfaisante par l’office récepteur. Si cette explication est remise conjointement avec la demande internationale, il y a lieu de cocher la case n° 5 du cadre n° IX.

CADRE SUPPLÉMENTAIRE

Les cas dans lesquels le cadre supplémentaire peut être utilisé et la manière de fournir les indications prévues dans ce cadre sont expliqués dans la colonne de gauche de celui-ci.

REMARQUES GÉNÉRALES

Langue de la correspondance (règle 92.2 et instruction 104) : toute lettre du déposant à l’office récepteur doit être rédigée dans la langue de dépôt de la demande internationale étant entendu que, lorsque la demande internationale doit être publiée dans la langue d’une traduction remise en vertu de la règle 12.3, cette lettre doit être rédigée dans la langue de cette traduction; l’office récepteur peut cependant autoriser l’emploi d’une autre langue.

Toute lettre du déposant au Bureau international doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale si celle-ci est établie en français ou en anglais; sinon, elle doit être rédigée en français ou en anglais, au choix du déposant.

Toute lettre du déposant à l’administration chargée de la recherche internationale doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale étant entendu que, lorsqu’une traduction de la demande internationale aux fins de la recherche internationale a été transmise en vertu de la règle 23.1.b), cette lettre doit être rédigée dans la langue de cette traduction.

*[There is no page 9 of the Notes
to the Request Form in English]*

Cependant, l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale peut autoriser l'emploi d'une autre langue.

Disposition des éléments et numérotation des feuilles de la demande internationale (règle 11.7 et instruction 207) : les éléments de la demande internationale doivent être présentés dans l'ordre suivant : requête, description (sauf la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant), revendication(s), abrégé, dessins (le cas échéant), partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant.

Toutes les feuilles de la description (sauf la partie réservée au listage des séquences), les revendications et l'abrégé doivent être numérotés consécutivement, en chiffres arabes qui doivent être inscrits, en milieu de ligne, en haut ou en bas de la feuille mais non dans la marge, qui doit rester vierge. Le numéro de chaque feuille des dessins doit consister en deux nombres en

chiffres arabes séparés par une barre oblique, le premier indiquant le numéro de la feuille et le second le nombre total des feuilles de dessins (par exemple : 1/3, 2/3, 3/3). Pour la numérotation des feuilles de la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, se référer à l'instruction 207.

Indication de la référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire sur les feuilles de la description (sauf la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant), de la ou des revendications, de l'abrégé, des dessins et de la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences (règle 11.6.f) : la référence de dossier indiquée sur la requête peut l'être également sur chaque feuille de la demande internationale, dans le coin gauche de la marge du haut, sans toutefois apparaître au-delà de 1,5 cm à partir du haut.

This sheet is not part of and does not count as a sheet of the international application.

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FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Request

For receiving Office use only

International Application No. _____

Date stamp of the receiving Office _____

Applicant's or agent's
file reference _____

Applicant _____

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

1. TRANSMITTAL FEE T

2. SEARCH FEE S

International search to be carried out by _____
(If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the name of the Authority which is chosen to carry out the international search.)

3. INTERNATIONAL FEE

Basic Fee

Where items (b) and/or (c) of Box No. IX apply, enter **Sub-total number of sheets** } _____
Where items (b) and (c) of Box No. IX do not apply, enter **Total number of sheets** }

b1 first 30 sheets b1

b2 _____ x _____ = b2
number of sheets in excess of 30 fee per sheet

b3 additional component (only if sequence listings and/or tables related thereto are filed in computer readable form under Section 801(a)(i), or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801(a)(ii):
400 x _____ = b3
fee per sheet

Add amounts entered at b1, b2 and b3 and enter total at B B

Designation Fees

The international application contains _____ designations.

_____ x _____ = D
number of designation fees payable (maximum 5) amount of designation fee

Add amounts entered at B and D and enter total at I I

(Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the international fee. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the total to be entered at I is 25% of the sum of the amounts entered at B and D.)

4. FEE FOR PRIORITY DOCUMENT (if applicable) P

5. TOTAL FEES PAYABLE TOTAL
Add amounts entered at T, S, I and P, and enter total in the TOTAL box

The designation fees are not paid at this time.

MODE OF PAYMENT

- authorization to charge deposit account (see below) postal money order cash coupons
 cheque bank draft revenue stamps other (specify): _____

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

(This mode of payment may not be available at all receiving Offices)

- Authorization to charge the total fees indicated above.
 (This check-box may be marked only if the conditions for deposit accounts of the receiving Office so permit) Authorization to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the total fees indicated above.
 Authorization to charge the fee for priority document.

Receiving Office: RO/ _____
Deposit Account No.: _____
Date: _____
Name: _____
Signature: _____

PCT

FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES

Annexe de la requête

Réservé à l'office récepteur

Demande internationale n°

Timbre à date de l'office récepteur

Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire

Déposant

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

1. TAXE DE TRANSMISSION T

2. TAXE DE RECHERCHE S

Recherche internationale à effectuer par _____
(Si plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes pour effectuer la recherche internationale, inscrire le nom de celle qui est choisie pour l'effectuer.)

3. TAXE INTERNATIONALE

Taxe de base

Lorsque les points b) ou c) du cadre n° IX s'appliquent, reporter le **sous-total des feuilles** }
 Lorsque les points b) et c) du cadre n° IX ne s'appliquent pas, reporter le **nombre total de feuilles** }

b1 30 premières feuilles b1

b2 _____ x _____ = b2
 nombre de feuilles au-delà de 30 taxe par feuille

b3 composante supplémentaire (seulement si les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs sont déposés sous forme déchiffirable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), ou à la fois sous cette forme et sur papier, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii)) :
 400 x _____ = b3
 taxe par feuille

Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres b1, b2 et b3 et inscrire le total dans le cadre B B

Taxes de désignation

La demande internationale contient _____ désignations.

_____ x _____ = D
 nombre de taxes de désignation dues (maximum 5) montant de la taxe de désignation

Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres B et D et inscrire le total dans le cadre I I

(Les déposants de certains États ont droit à une réduction de 75 % de la taxe internationale. Lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à cette réduction, la somme devant figurer sous I est égale à 25 % de la somme des montants portés dans les cadres B et D.)

4. TAXE AFFÉRENTE AU DOCUMENT DE PRIORITÉ (le cas échéant) P

5. TOTAL DES TAXES DUES
 Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres T, S, I et P et inscrire le résultat dans le cadre TOTAL TOTAL

Les taxes de désignation seront payées ultérieurement.

MODE DE PAIEMENT

- autorisation de débiter un compte de dépôt (voir ci-dessous) mandat postal espèces coupons
 chèque traite bancaire timbres fiscaux autre (préciser) :

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

(Les offices récepteurs ne permettent pas tous l'utilisation de ce mode de paiement)

- Autorisation de débiter le total des taxes indiqué ci-dessus.
 (Cette case ne peut être cochée que si les conditions relatives aux comptes de dépôt établies par l'office récepteur le permettent) Autorisation de débiter tout montant manquant – ou de créditer tout excédent – dans le paiement du total des taxes indiqué ci-dessus.
 Autorisation de débiter le montant de la taxe afférente à l'établissement du document de priorité.

Office récepteur : RO/ _____

N° du compte de dépôt : _____

Date : _____

Nom : _____

Signature : _____

**NOTES TO THE FEE CALCULATION SHEET
(ANNEX TO FORM PCT/RO/101)**

The purpose of the fee calculation sheet is to help the applicant to identify the prescribed fees and to calculate the amounts to be paid. It is strongly recommended that the applicant complete the sheet by entering the appropriate amounts in the boxes provided and submit the fee calculation sheet at the time of filing the international application. This will help the receiving Office to verify the calculations and to identify any error in them.

Information about the applicable fees payable can be obtained from the receiving Office. The amounts of the international and search fees may change due to currency fluctuations. Applicants are advised to check what are the latest applicable amounts. All fees, except in some cases the designation fee, must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application. See below for further details concerning the possibility of later payment of the designation fee.

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

Box T: Transmittal Fee for the benefit of the receiving Office (Rule 14.1): The amount of the transmittal fee, if any, is fixed by the receiving Office. It must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office. Information about this fee is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Box S: Search Fee for the benefit of the International Searching Authority (ISA) (Rule 16.1): The amount of the search fee is fixed by the ISA. It must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office. Information about this fee is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex D.

Where two or more ISAs are competent, the applicant must indicate his choice in the space provided for this purpose and pay the amount of the international search fee fixed by the ISA chosen. Information on the competent ISA and whether the applicant has a choice between two or more ISAs is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Box I: International Fee for the benefit of the International Bureau (Rule 15): The international fee consists of a basic fee and as many designation fees as there are specific designations under Rule 4.9(a) in Box No. V of the request. The amounts of the basic fee and of the designation fee are as set out in Swiss francs in the Schedule of Fees and the applicable amounts of those fees in other currencies are as published in the *PCT Gazette* (Rule 15.2). Information about those fees is also contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Reduction of the International Fee Where PCT-EASY Software Is Used: A fee reduction of 200 Swiss francs (or the equivalent in the currency in which the international fee is paid to the receiving Office) is available in certain cases where the PCT-EASY software is used to prepare the request, provided that the necessary conditions are met. For further details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part, and Volume I/B, Annex C, as well as information published in the *PCT Gazette* and the *PCT Newsletter*. Since applicants using the PCT-EASY software will file the Request Form and Fee Calculation Sheet in the form of a printout prepared using that software, no provision is made for this fee reduction in the Fee Calculation Sheet annexed to Form PCT/RO/101.

Reduction of the International Fee Where the International Application Is Filed in Electronic Form: A fee reduction of 200 Swiss francs (or the equivalent in the currency in which the international fee is paid to the receiving Office) is available in certain cases where the international application is filed in electronic form, in accordance with and to the extent provided for in Part 7 and Annex F of the Administrative Instructions. For further details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part, and Volume I/B, Annex C, as well as information published in the *PCT Gazette* and the *PCT Newsletter*. Since international applications filed in electronic form will contain the Request Form and Fee Calculation Sheet in such electronic form, no provision is

made for this fee reduction in the Fee Calculation Sheet annexed to Form PCT/RO/101.

Reduction of the International Fee for Applicants from Certain States: An applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997) is entitled, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees, to a reduction of 75% of certain PCT fees including the international fee. If there are several applicants, each must satisfy the above-mentioned criteria. The reduction of the international fee (basic fee and designation fees) is automatically available to any applicant (or applicants) who is (or are) so entitled on the basis of the indications of name, nationality and residence given in Boxes Nos. II and III of the request.

The fee reduction is available even if one or more of the applicants are not from PCT Contracting States, provided that each of them is a national and resident of a State that meets the above-mentioned requirements and that at least one of the applicants is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State and thus is entitled to file an international application.

Natural persons who are nationals of and reside in the following PCT Contracting States are eligible: AL Albania, AM Armenia, AZ Azerbaijan, BA Bosnia and Herzegovina, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgaria, BJ Benin, BR Brazil, BY Belarus, BZ Belize, CF Central African Republic, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroon, CN China, CO Colombia, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ Czech Republic, DM Dominica, DZ Algeria, EC Ecuador, EE Estonia, GA Gabon, GD Grenada, GE Georgia, GH Ghana, GM Gambia, GN Guinea, GQ Equatorial Guinea, GW Guinea-Bissau, HR Croatia, HU Hungary, ID Indonesia, IN India, KE Kenya, KG Kyrgyzstan, KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Saint Lucia, LK Sri Lanka, LR Liberia, LS Lesotho, LT Lithuania, LV Latvia, MA Morocco, MD Republic of Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, ML Mali, MN Mongolia, MR Mauritania, MW Malawi, MX Mexico, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, PH Philippines, PL Poland, RO Romania, RU Russian Federation, SD Sudan, SK Slovakia, SL Sierra Leone, SN Senegal, SZ Swaziland, TD Chad, TG Togo, TJ Tajikistan, TM Turkmenistan, TN Tunisia, TR Turkey, TZ United Republic of Tanzania, UA Ukraine, UG Uganda, UZ Uzbekistan, VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, VN Viet Nam, YU Yugoslavia, ZA South Africa, ZM Zambia and ZW Zimbabwe. As far as other States are concerned, inquiries should be addressed to the International Bureau.

Calculation of the International Fee (Basic Fee and Designation Fees) in Case of Fee Reduction: Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) entitled to a reduction of the international fee, the total to be entered at box I is 25% of the sum of the amounts entered at boxes B and D (see below).

NOTES RELATIVES A LA FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES (ANNEXE DU FORMULAIRE PCT/RO/101)

La feuille de calcul des taxes a pour objet d'aider le déposant à recenser les taxes prescrites et à calculer les montants à payer. Il lui est vivement recommandé de remplir cette feuille en portant les montants appropriés dans les cadres prévus et de la joindre au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale, ce qui permettra à l'office récepteur de vérifier les calculs et d'y déceler d'éventuelles erreurs.

Des renseignements sur le montant en vigueur des taxes à payer peuvent être obtenus auprès de l'office récepteur. Les montants de la taxe internationale et de la taxe de recherche peuvent varier en raison de fluctuations monétaires. Il est recommandé aux déposants de vérifier quels sont les tout derniers montants en vigueur. Toutes les taxes sauf, dans certains cas, la taxe de désignation doivent être payées dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de réception de la demande internationale. On trouvera ci-après quelques précisions supplémentaires relatives à un éventuel paiement différé de la taxe de désignation.

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

Cadre T : Taxe de transmission au profit de l'office récepteur (règle 14.1) : l'office récepteur fixe le montant de la taxe de transmission, s'il y en a une. Celui-ci doit être payé dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale. On peut trouver des renseignements sur cette taxe dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C.

Cadre S : Taxe de recherche au profit de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (règle 16.1) : le montant de la taxe de recherche est fixé par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale. Il doit être payé dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale. On peut trouver des renseignements sur cette taxe dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe D.

Lorsque plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes, le déposant doit indiquer son choix à l'emplacement prévu à cet effet et payer le montant de la taxe de recherche internationale fixé par l'administration qu'il a choisie. Le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C, donne des renseignements sur l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale qui est compétente et sur la question de savoir si le déposant a le choix entre plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale.

Cadre I : Taxe internationale au profit du Bureau international (règle 15) : la taxe internationale comprend une taxe de base et autant de taxes de désignation qu'il y a de désignations faites expressément selon la règle 4.9.a) dans le cadre n° V de la requête. Les montants de la taxe de base et de la taxe de désignation sont fixés en francs suisses dans le barème des taxes et les montants correspondants de ces taxes dans d'autres monnaies sont publiés dans la *Gazette du PCT* (règle 15.2). On peut trouver des renseignements sur ces taxes dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C.

Réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY : une réduction de 200 francs suisses (ou l'équivalent dans la monnaie dans laquelle la taxe internationale est payée à l'office récepteur) peut être obtenue dans certains cas où le logiciel PCT-EASY est utilisé pour la préparation de la requête, à condition que les conditions nécessaires soient remplies. On peut trouver des précisions sur cette réduction dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale, et volume I/B, annexe C, ainsi que dans les informations publiées dans la *Gazette du PCT* et le bulletin *PCT Newsletter*. Étant donné que les déposants qui utilisent le logiciel PCT-EASY déposeront le formulaire de requête et la feuille de calcul des taxes sous la forme d'un imprimé produit par ordinateur à l'aide de ce logiciel, la feuille de calcul des taxes annexée au formulaire PCT/RO/101 ne prévoit pas cette réduction de taxe.

Réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas où la demande internationale est déposée sous forme électronique : une réduction de 200 francs suisses (ou l'équivalent dans la monnaie dans laquelle la taxe internationale est payée à l'office récepteur) peut être obtenue dans certains cas où la demande internationale est, conformément à la septième partie et à l'annexe F des instructions administratives et dans la mesure prévue par celles-ci, déposée sous forme électronique. On peut trouver des précisions sur cette réduction dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale, et volume I/B, annexe C, ainsi que dans les informations publiées dans la *Gazette du PCT* et dans le bulletin *PCT Newsletter*. Étant donné que les demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique contiendront le formulaire de requête et la feuille de calcul des taxes sous forme électronique, la feuille de calcul des taxes annexée au formulaire PCT/RO/101 ne prévoit pas cette réduction de taxe.

Réduction de la taxe internationale pour les déposants de certains États : un déposant qui est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et est domiciliée dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3 000 dollars des États-Unis a droit, conformément au barème de taxes, à une réduction de 75 % de certaines taxes du PCT, dont la taxe internationale. S'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire à ces critères. La réduction de la taxe internationale (taxe de base et taxe de désignation) s'applique automatiquement à tout déposant qui y a droit (ou à tous les déposants qui y ont droit) au vu des indications de nom, de nationalité et de domicile données dans les cadres n°s II et III de la requête.

La réduction de la taxe s'applique même si l'un ou plusieurs des déposants ne viennent pas d'États contractants du PCT, à condition que chacun d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État, et domicilié dans un État, qui répond aux critères mentionnés ci-dessus et qu'au moins l'un d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT, et domicilié dans un tel État, et ait donc le droit de déposer une demande internationale.

Les personnes physiques qui sont ressortissantes des États contractants du PCT suivants, et qui sont domiciliées dans ces États, peuvent bénéficier de cette réduction : AL Albanie, AM Arménie, AZ Azerbaïdjan, BA Bosnie-Herzégovine, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgarie, BJ Bénin, BR Brésil, BY Bélarus, BZ Belize, CF République centrafricaine, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroun, CN Chine, CO Colombie, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ République tchèque, DM Dominique, DZ Algérie, EC Équateur, EE Estonie, GA Gabon, GD Grenade, GE Géorgie, GH Ghana, GM Gambie, GN Guinée, GQ Guinée équatoriale, GW Guinée-Bissau, HR Croatie, HU Hongrie, ID Indonésie, IN Inde, KE Kenya, KG Kirghizistan, KP République populaire démocratique de Corée, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Sainte-Lucie,

Box B: Basic Fee. The amount of the basic fee depends on the number of sheets of the international application indicated under item (a) of Box No. IX of the request as explained below.

That number is the **Total number of sheets** where items (b) and (c) of Box No. IX of the request do not apply (that is, where the international application either does not contain sequence listings and/or tables related thereto or where it contains such listings and/or tables but not filed in computer readable form under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii)); in such a case, item "b3" must not be filled in.

Otherwise, where items (b) and/or (c) of Box No. IX of the request apply (that is, where the international application contains sequence listings and/or tables related thereto which are filed in computer readable form only, under Section 801(a)(i), or both in that form and in paper form under Section 801(a)(ii)), the number of sheets to be used for the purpose of calculating the amount of the basic fee is the **Sub-total number of sheets**. In such a case, item "b3" must be filled in on the basis that the sequence listings and/or tables related thereto in computer readable form are considered to be equal to 400 sheets (see Section 803).

The basic fee must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office.

Box D: Designation Fees. Subject to what is said below, the number of designation fees due corresponds to the number of check-boxes marked in Box No. V of the request.

The number of designation fees which are due is the same as the number of national patents and regional patents in respect of which specific designations under Rule 4.9(a) are made. Only one designation fee is due for the designation AP, the designation EA, the designation EP or the designation OA, irrespective of the number of States for which an ARIPO patent, a Eurasian patent, a European patent or an OAPI patent, respectively, is sought.

Where any States are designated twice (once for the purposes of an ARIPO patent, a Eurasian patent or a European patent and once for the purposes of national protection), the applicant must pay one designation fee in respect of the ARIPO patent, the Eurasian patent or the European patent and a further designation fee in respect of each national patent or other kind of protection sought (Rule 15.1(ii) and Section 210).

Any designation, in excess of five designations for which the fee is due, is free of charge. Therefore, the

maximum amount to be indicated in box D is five times the amount of the designation fee. If, for example, 15 national patents and four regional patents (an ARIPO patent, a Eurasian patent, a European patent and an OAPI patent) are sought (totalling 19 designations), the figure to be indicated in box D is five times the amount of the designation fee.

The designation fees must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office or one year from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later.

Box P: Fee for Priority Document (Rule 17.1(b)): Where the applicant has requested, by marking the applicable check-box in Box No. VI of the request, that the receiving Office prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application the priority of which is claimed, the amount of the fee prescribed by the receiving Office for such service may be entered (for information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C).

If that fee is not paid at the latest before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date, the receiving Office may consider the request under Rule 17.1(b) as not having been made.

Total Box: The total of the amounts entered in boxes T, S, I and P should be entered in this box. If the applicant so wishes, the currency in which the fees are paid may be indicated next to or in the total box.

Later Payment of Designation Fees: Where the time limit of one year from the priority date expires later than one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office, and the applicant wishes to delay the payment of the designation fees, it is recommended that the corresponding check-box be marked.

MODE OF PAYMENT

In order to help the receiving Office identify the mode of payment of the prescribed fees, it is recommended that the applicable check-box(es) be marked.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The receiving Office will not charge (or credit) fees to deposit accounts unless the deposit account authorization is signed and indicates the deposit account number.

LK Sri Lanka, LR Libéria, LS Lesotho, LT Lituanie, LV Lettonie, MA Maroc, MD République de Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, ML Mali, MN Mongolie, MR Mauritanie, MW Malawi, MX Mexique, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, PH Philippines, PL Pologne, RO Roumanie, RU Fédération de Russie, SD Soudan, SK Slovaquie, SL Sierra Leone, SN Sénégal, SZ Swaziland, TD Tchad, TG Togo, TJ Tadjikistan, TM Turkménistan, TN Tunisie, TR Turquie, TZ République-Unie de Tanzanie, UA Ukraine, UG Ouganda, UZ Ouzbékistan, VC Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines, VN Viet Nam, YU Yougoslavie, ZA Afrique du Sud, ZM Zambie et ZW Zimbabwe. En ce qui concerne d'autres États, il convient de s'adresser au Bureau international.

Calcul de la taxe internationale (taxe de base et taxes de désignation) en cas de réduction : lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à une réduction de la taxe internationale, la somme devant figurer sous I est égale à 25 % de la somme des montants figurant sous B et D (voir ci-dessous).

Cadre B : Taxe de base. Le montant de la taxe de base est fonction du nombre de feuilles de la demande internationale indiqué au point a) du cadre n° IX de la requête comme expliqué ci-dessous.

Ce nombre est le **nombre total de feuilles** lorsque les points b) et c) du cadre n° IX de la requête ne s'appliquent pas (c'est-à-dire, si la demande internationale ne contient pas de listages des séquences ou de tableaux y relatifs ou qu'elle en contient mais que ces derniers ne sont pas déposés sous forme déchiffirable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i) ou ii)); dans ce cas, le point "b3" ne doit pas être rempli.

Si, en revanche, les points b) et c) du cadre n° IX de la requête s'appliquent (c'est-à-dire, si la demande internationale contient des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs qui sont déposés sous forme déchiffirable par ordinateur seulement, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), ou à la fois sous cette forme et sous forme papier en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii)), le nombre de feuilles à utiliser pour le calcul du montant de la taxe de base est le **sous-total des feuilles**. Dans un tel cas, le point "b3" doit être rempli étant entendu que les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs sous forme déchiffirable par ordinateur sont considérés comporter 400 pages (voir l'instruction 803).

La taxe de base doit être payée dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de réception de la demande internationale par l'office récepteur.

Cadre D : Taxes de désignation. Sous réserve de ce qui suit, le nombre de taxes de désignation dues correspond au nombre de cases cochées dans le cadre n° V de la requête.

Sont dues autant de taxes de désignation qu'il y a de brevets nationaux et de brevets régionaux pour lesquels une désignation expresse a été faite en vertu de la règle 4.9.a). Une seule taxe de désignation est due pour la désignation AP, la désignation EA, la désignation EP ou la désignation OA, quel que soit le nombre d'États pour lesquels un brevet ARIPO, un brevet eurasiatique, un brevet européen ou un brevet OAPI, respectivement, est demandé.

Si un ou plusieurs États sont désignés deux fois (une fois aux fins d'un brevet ARIPO, d'un brevet eurasiatique ou d'un brevet européen et une fois aux fins d'une protection nationale), le déposant doit payer une taxe de désignation pour le brevet ARIPO, le brevet eurasiatique ou le brevet européen et une autre taxe de désignation pour chaque brevet ou autre forme de protection nationale demandé (règle 15.1.ii) et instruction 210).

Toute désignation faite au-delà de cinq désignations soumises à la taxe est gratuite. Le montant maximum à indiquer dans le cadre D est donc de cinq fois le montant de la taxe de désignation. Si, par exemple, 15 brevets nationaux et quatre brevets régionaux (un brevet ARIPO, un brevet eurasiatique, un brevet européen et un brevet OAPI) sont demandés (soit un total de 19 désignations), la somme à indiquer dans le cadre D est de cinq fois le montant de la taxe de désignation.

Les taxes de désignation doivent être payées dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale ou d'un an à compter de la date de priorité, le délai applicable étant celui des deux qui arrive à expiration le plus tard.

Cadre P : Taxe afférente au document de priorité (règle 17.1.b)) : si, en cochant la case appropriée dans le cadre n° VI de la requête, le déposant a demandé que l'office récepteur prépare et transmette au Bureau international une copie certifiée conforme de la demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée, il peut indiquer le montant de la taxe prescrite par l'office récepteur pour ce service (pour plus de renseignements, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C).

Si cette taxe n'est pas payée au plus tard avant l'expiration d'un délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, l'office récepteur peut considérer la requête selon la règle 17.1.b) comme n'ayant pas été présentée.

Total : le total des montants inscrits dans les cadres T, S, I et P doit être porté dans ce cadre. Le déposant peut, s'il le souhaite, indiquer à proximité ou à l'intérieur du cadre "Total" la monnaie dans laquelle il paie les taxes.

Paiement différé des taxes de désignation : si le délai d'un an à compter de la date de priorité arrive à expiration plus d'un mois après la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale, et que le déposant souhaite différer le paiement des taxes de désignation, il est recommandé de cocher la case appropriée.

MODE DE PAIEMENT

Pour aider l'office récepteur à déterminer le mode de paiement des taxes prescrites qui a été utilisé, il est recommandé de cocher la ou les cases appropriées.

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

L'office récepteur ne débitera (ou ne créditera) un compte de dépôt du montant des taxes que si l'autorisation correspondante est signée et qu'elle indique le numéro du compte de dépôt.

The demand must be filed directly with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority or, if two or more Authorities are competent, with the one chosen by the applicant. The full name or two-letter code of that Authority may be indicated by the applicant on the line below:

IPEA/ _____

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CHAPTER II

DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:
 The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only

Identification of IPEA		Date of receipt of DEMAND
Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION		Applicant's or agent's file reference
International application No.	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>)	(Earliest) Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>)
Title of invention		
Box No. II APPLICANT(S)		
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		Telephone No.
		Facsimile No.
		Teleprinter No.
		Applicant's registration No. with the Office
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants are indicated on a continuation sheet.		

La demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être présentée directement à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui est compétente ou, si plusieurs administrations sont compétentes, à l'une d'entre elles, au choix du déposant. Le déposant peut indiquer le nom complet ou le code à deux lettres de cette administration au-dessus de la ligne qui suit :

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CHAPITRE II

DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL

selon l'article 31 du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets :
Le soussigné requiert que la demande internationale spécifiée ci-après fasse l'objet d'un examen préliminaire international conformément au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets et fait élection de tous les États éligibles sauf indication contraire.

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

Administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international	Date de réception de la demande d'examen préliminaire international
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Cadre n° I IDENTIFICATION DE LA DEMANDE INTERNATIONALE		Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire	
Demande internationale n°	Date du dépôt international (<i>jour/mois/année</i>)	Date de priorité (la plus ancienne) (<i>jour/mois/année</i>)	
Titre de l'invention			
Cadre n° II DÉPOSANT(S)			
Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.</i>)		n° de téléphone	
		n° de télécopieur	
		n° de téléimprimeur	
		n° sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office	
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :		Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.</i>)			
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :		Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.</i>)			
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :		Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
<input type="checkbox"/> D'autres déposants sont indiqués sur une feuille annexe.			

Continuation of Box No. II APPLICANT(S)

If none of the following sub-boxes is used, this sheet should not be included in the demand.

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Further applicants are indicated on another continuation sheet.

Suite du cadre n° II DÉPOSANT(S)

Si aucun des sous-cadres suivants n'est utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

D'autres déposants sont indiqués sur une autre feuille annexe.

Box No. III AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The following person is agent common representative

and has been appointed earlier and represents the applicant(s) also for international preliminary examination.

is hereby appointed and any earlier appointment of (an) agent(s)/common representative is hereby revoked.

is hereby appointed, specifically for the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority, in addition to the agent(s)/common representative appointed earlier.

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

Telephone No.

Facsimile No.

Teleprinter No.

Agent's registration No. with the Office

Address for correspondence: Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special address to which correspondence should be sent.

Box No. IV BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION**Statement concerning amendments:***

1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination **to start on the basis of:**

the international application as originally filed

the description as originally filed

as amended under Article 34

the claims as originally filed

as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)

as amended under Article 34

the drawings as originally filed

as amended under Article 34

2. The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.

3. The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination **to be postponed** until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)). *(This check-box may be marked only where the time limit under Article 19 has not yet expired.)*

* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

which is the language in which the international application was filed.

which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.

which is the language of publication of the international application.

which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES

The applicant hereby **elects all eligible States** *(that is, all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT)*

excluding the following States which the applicant wishes **not to elect:**

Cadre n° III MANDATAIRE OU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN; OU ADRESSE POUR LA CORRESPONDANCE

La personne indiquée ci-dessous est mandataire représentant commun
 et a été désignée à une date antérieure; elle représente aussi le ou les déposants pour l'examen préliminaire international.
 est désignée par la présente; toute désignation antérieure de mandataires ou d'un représentant commun est de ce fait révoquée.
 est désignée par la présente, spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, en sus du ou des mandataires ou du représentant commun désignés antérieurement.

Nom et adresse : (Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)

n° de téléphone

n° de télécopieur

n° de téléimprimeur

n° sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office

Adresse pour la correspondance : cocher cette case lorsque aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est ou n'a été désigné et que l'espace ci-dessus est utilisé pour indiquer une adresse spéciale à laquelle la correspondance doit être envoyée.

Cadre n° IV BASE DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**Déclaration concernant les modifications :***

1. Le déposant souhaite que l'examen préliminaire international **commence sur la base suivante** :

la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement

la description

 telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement telle qu'elle a été modifiée en vertu de l'article 34

les revendications

 telles qu'elles ont été déposées initialement telles qu'elles ont été modifiées en vertu de l'article 19 (avec, le cas échéant, la déclaration jointe aux modifications) telles qu'elles ont été modifiées en vertu de l'article 34

les dessins

 tels qu'ils ont été déposés initialement tels qu'ils ont été modifiés en vertu de l'article 34

2. Le déposant souhaite que les modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 soient considérées comme écartées.

3. Le déposant souhaite que le commencement de l'examen préliminaire international **soit différé** jusqu'à l'expiration d'un délai de 20 mois à compter de la date de priorité, à moins que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ne reçoive une copie des modifications effectuées en vertu de l'article 19 ou une déclaration du déposant, aux termes de laquelle celui-ci ne souhaite pas effectuer de modifications en vertu de l'article 19 (règle 69.1.d). (Ne pas cocher cette case lorsque le délai visé à l'article 19 a expiré.)

* Lorsque aucune case n'est cochée, l'examen préliminaire international commencera sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement ou, si l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international reçoit copie des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 ou des modifications apportées à la demande internationale en vertu de l'article 34 avant d'avoir commencé à rédiger une opinion écrite ou le rapport d'examen préliminaire international, sur la base de la demande internationale ainsi modifiée.

Langue : l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué en, **qui est**

 la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale a été déposée. la langue d'une traduction remise aux fins de la recherche internationale. la langue de publication de la demande internationale. la langue de la traduction (qui sera) remise aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international.**Cadre n° V ÉLECTION D'ÉTATS**

Le déposant **élit tous les États éligibles** (c'est-à-dire tous les États qui ont été désignés et qui sont liés par le chapitre II du PCT) à l'exclusion des États ci-après que le déposant souhaite **ne pas élire** :

Box No. VI CHECK LIST

The demand is accompanied by the following elements, in the language referred to in Box No. IV, for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

- | | | |
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| 1. translation of international application | : | sheets |
| 2. amendments under Article 34 | : | sheets |
| 3. copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19 | : | sheets |
| 4. copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19 | : | sheets |
| 5. letter | : | sheets |
| 6. other (<i>specify</i>) | : | sheets |

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received	not received
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The demand is also accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

- | | |
|--|---|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listings in computer readable form |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> tables in computer readable form related to sequence listings |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any: | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> other (<i>specify</i>): |

Box No. VII SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the demand).

For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only

1. Date of actual receipt of DEMAND:

2. Adjusted date of receipt of demand due to CORRECTIONS under Rule 60.1(b):

3. The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and item 4 or 5, below, does not apply. The applicant has been informed accordingly.

4. The date of receipt of the demand is WITHIN the period of 19 months from the priority date as extended by virtue of Rule 80.5.

5. Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82.

For International Bureau use only

Demand received from IPEA on:

Cadre n° VI BORDEREAU

Aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international, les éléments suivants, établis dans la langue indiquée au cadre n° IV, sont joints à la présente demande d'examen :

- | | | |
|--|---|----------|
| 1. traduction de la demande internationale | : | feuilles |
| 2. modifications selon l'article 34 | : | feuilles |
| 3. copie (ou, si elle est exigée, traduction) des modifications selon l'article 19 | : | feuilles |
| 4. copie (ou, si elle est exigée, traduction) de la déclaration selon l'article 19 | : | feuilles |
| 5. lettre | : | feuilles |
| 6. autres pièces (<i>préciser</i>) | : | feuilles |

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

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Le ou les éléments cochés ci-après sont aussi joints à la demande d'examen préliminaire international :

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> feuille de calcul des taxes | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> explication de l'absence d'une signature |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> pouvoir distinct original | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> listages des séquences sous forme déchiffable par ordinateur |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> original du pouvoir général | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> tableaux relatifs aux listages des séquences sous forme déchiffable par ordinateur |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> copie du pouvoir général; le cas échéant, numéro de référence : | 8. <input type="checkbox"/> autres éléments (<i>préciser</i>) : |

Cadre n° VII SIGNATURE DU DÉPOSANT, DU MANDATAIRE OU DU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN

À côté de chaque signature, indiquer le nom du signataire et, si cela n'apparaît pas clairement à la lecture de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, à quel titre l'intéressé signe.

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

1. Date effective de réception de la DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL :

2. Date modifiée de réception de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, en cas de CORRECTIONS apportées en vertu de la règle 60.1.b) :

3. La demande d'examen préliminaire international a été reçue PLUS DE 19 mois après la date de priorité et les points 4 et 5 ne sont pas applicables. Le déposant a été informé en conséquence.

4. La demande d'examen préliminaire international a été reçue dans le délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité, prorogé en vertu de la règle 80.5.

5. Bien que la demande d'examen préliminaire international ait été reçue plus de 19 mois après la date de priorité, le retard à l'arrivée est EXCUSÉ en vertu de la règle 82.

Réservé au Bureau international

Demande d'examen préliminaire international reçue de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international le :

NOTES TO THE DEMAND FORM (PCT/IPEA/401)

These Notes are intended to facilitate the filling in of the demand form and to give some information concerning international preliminary examination under Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). For more detailed information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a WIPO publication, which is available, together with other PCT related documents, at WIPO's Website: www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html. The Notes are based on the requirements of the PCT, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. In case of any discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable.

In the demand form and these Notes, "Article", "Rule" and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the Administrative Instructions, respectively.

Please use a typewriter; check-boxes may be marked by hand with dark ink (Rules 11.9(a) and (b) and 11.14).

The demand form and these Notes may be downloaded from WIPO's Website at the address given above.

IMPORTANT GENERAL INFORMATION

Who May File a Demand? (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54):

A demand (for international preliminary examination) may only be filed by an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II of the PCT; furthermore, the international application must have been filed with a receiving Office of, or acting for, a State bound by Chapter II. Where there are two or more applicants (for the same or different elected States) at least one of them must qualify.

Where Must the Demand Be Filed? (Article 31(6)(a)):

The demand must be filed with a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA). The receiving Office with which the international application was filed will, upon request, give information about the competent IPEA (or see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C). If several IPEAs are competent, the applicant has the choice and the demand must be filed with (and the fees must be paid to) the IPEA chosen by the applicant. The IPEA chosen by the applicant may be identified, preferably by an indication of the name or two-letter code of the IPEA, at the top of the first sheet of the demand in the space provided for that purpose.

When Must the Demand Be Filed? (Article 39(1)): The demand must be filed within 19 months from the priority date, but **only in respect of some designated Offices**, if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later); otherwise, the applicant must, within 20 months from the priority date, perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before those designated Offices. **In respect of other designated Offices, the time limit of 30 months (in some Offices even later) will apply** even if no demand is filed within 19 months. See the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 and, for details about the applicable time limits, Office by Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, National Chapters.

In Which Language Must the Demand Be Filed?

(Rule 55.1): The demand must be filed in the language in which international preliminary examination will be carried out (see Notes to Box No. IV).

What is the Language of Correspondence? (Rules 66.9 and 92.2 and Section 104): Any letter from the applicant to the IPEA must be in the same language as the international application to which it relates. However, where the international preliminary examination will be carried out on the basis of a translation (see Notes to Box No. IV), any letter from the applicant to the IPEA must be in the language of the translation. The IPEA may authorize the use of other languages for letters which do not contain or relate to amendments of the international application. Any letter from the applicant to the International Bureau must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international

application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

Which Fees Must Be Paid and When? (Rules 57 and 58):

Two fees are due in respect of the international preliminary examination: the preliminary examination fee and the handling fee. Both fees must be paid to the IPEA within one month from the date on which the demand is submitted. The Fee Calculation Sheet should be used for that purpose. For details concerning the payment of the fees, see the Notes to that Sheet.

BOX No. I

Applicant's or Agent's File Reference: A file reference may be indicated, if desired. It should not exceed 12 characters. Characters in excess of 12 may be disregarded (Section 109).

Identification of the International Application (Rule 53.6): The international application number must be indicated in Box No. I. Where the demand is filed at a time when the international application number has not yet been notified by the receiving Office, the name of that Office must be indicated instead of the international application number.

International Filing Date and (Earliest) Priority Date (Section 110): Dates must be indicated by the Arabic number of the day, the name of the month and the Arabic number of the year—in that order; after, below or above such indication, the date should be repeated in parentheses, using two-digit Arabic numerals for each of the number of the day, the number of the month and the last two digits of the year, in that order, and separated by periods, slants or hyphens, for example, "20 March 2001 (20.03.01)", "20 March 2001 (20/03/01)" or "20 March 2001 (20-03-01)". Where the international application claims the priority of several earlier applications, the filing date of the earliest application whose priority is claimed must be indicated as the priority date.

Title of the Invention: If a new title has been established by the International Searching Authority, that title must be indicated in Box No. I.

BOX No. II

Applicant(s) (Rule 53.4): All the applicants for the elected States must be indicated in the demand; an applicant named in the request (Form PCT/RO/101) for a State which is not elected need not be named in the demand. It should be noted that the persons named as "inventor only" in the request need not be named in the demand.

Make in Box No. II of the demand the required indications as appearing in Boxes Nos. II and III of the request. The Notes

NOTES RELATIVES AU FORMULAIRE DE DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL (PCT/IPEA/401)

Ces notes sont destinées à faciliter l'utilisation du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et à donner certains renseignements concernant l'examen préliminaire international prévu au chapitre II du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT). On peut aussi trouver de plus amples renseignements dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, publié par l'OMPI, qui est disponible, de même que d'autres documents relatifs au PCT, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/index.html. Les notes sont fondées sur les exigences du traité, du règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT. En cas de divergence entre les présentes notes et ces exigences, ce sont ces dernières qui priment.

Dans le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et dans les présentes notes, les termes "article", "règle" et "instruction" renvoient aux dispositions du traité, de son règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT, respectivement.

Prière de remplir le formulaire à la machine à écrire. Les cases appropriées peuvent être cochées à la main, à l'encre foncée (règles 11.9.a) et b) et 11.14).

Le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et les présentes notes peuvent être téléchargés depuis le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse donnée ci-dessus.

RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS D'ORDRE GÉNÉRAL

Qui peut présenter une demande d'examen préliminaire international ? (article 31.2a) et règle 54) : une demande d'examen préliminaire international ne peut être présentée que par un déposant qui est ressortissant d'un État contractant lié par le chapitre II du PCT ou qui a son domicile dans un tel État; en outre, la demande internationale doit avoir été déposée auprès de l'office récepteur d'un État lié par le chapitre II, ou agissant pour un tel État. S'il y a plusieurs déposants (pour les mêmes États élus ou pour des États élus différents), au moins l'un d'entre eux doit remplir les conditions requises.

Où la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (article 31.6a)) : la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être présentée à une administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (IPEA) compétente. L'office récepteur auprès duquel la demande internationale a été déposée donnera, sur demande, des renseignements au sujet de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui est compétente (voir aussi le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C). Si plusieurs administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international sont compétentes, le déposant doit présenter la demande d'examen préliminaire international à l'administration de son choix (et lui payer les taxes). Cette administration peut être indiquée, de préférence au moyen de son nom ou de son code à deux lettres, en haut de la première feuille de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, dans l'espace prévu à cet effet.

Quand la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (article 39.1)) : la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être présentée avant l'expiration d'un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité, **mais seulement en ce qui concerne certains offices désignés**, si le déposant souhaite le report de la phase nationale jusqu'à 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité (ou plus dans certains offices); sinon, le déposant doit, dans le délai de 20 mois à compter de la date de priorité, accomplir les actes requis pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de ces offices. **En ce qui concerne d'autres offices désignés, le délai de 30 mois (dans certains offices, même plus tard) s'appliquera** même si aucune demande d'examen préliminaire international n'est présentée dans les 19 mois. Voir l'annexe du formulaire PCT/IB/301 et les chapitres nationaux du volume II du *Guide du déposant du PCT*.

En quelle langue la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (règle 55.1) : la

demande d'examen doit être présentée dans la langue dans laquelle l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué (voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV).

Quelle est la langue à utiliser dans la correspondance ? (règles 66.9 et 92.2 et instruction 104) : toute lettre adressée par le déposant à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale qu'elle concerne. Cependant, lorsque l'examen préliminaire international doit être effectué sur la base d'une traduction (voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV), toute lettre adressée par le déposant à l'administration chargée de cet examen doit être rédigée dans la langue de la traduction. L'administration chargée de l'examen peut autoriser l'utilisation d'autres langues pour des lettres qui ne contiennent pas de modifications de la demande internationale ou qui ne se rapportent pas à des modifications. Toute lettre adressée par le déposant au Bureau international doit être rédigée en anglais ou en français, au choix du déposant. Toutefois, si la langue de la demande internationale est l'anglais, la lettre doit être rédigée en anglais; si la langue de la demande internationale est le français, la lettre doit être rédigée en français.

Quelles taxes doivent être payées et quand ? (règles 57 et 58) : l'examen préliminaire international donne lieu au paiement de deux taxes : la taxe d'examen préliminaire et la taxe de traitement. Ces deux taxes doivent être acquittées auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de présentation de la demande d'examen. La feuille de calcul des taxes devrait être utilisée à cette fin. Pour de plus amples renseignements concernant le paiement des taxes, voir les notes relatives à cette feuille.

CADRE N° I

Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire : il est possible d'indiquer, à titre facultatif, une telle référence de dossier. Celle-ci ne devrait pas dépasser 12 caractères. L'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international peut ne pas tenir compte des caractères en sus du douzième (instruction 109).

Identification de la demande internationale (règle 53.6) : le numéro de la demande internationale doit être indiqué dans le cadre n° I. Si la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée alors même que le numéro de la demande

to the request apply *mutatis mutandis*. If there are two or more applicants for the States elected in the demand, give the required indications for each of them; if there are more than three applicants, make the required indications on the "Continuation Sheet".

If different applicants are indicated in the request for different designated States, indicate in Box No. II of the demand only the applicants for the States elected in Box No. V (no indication of the States for which a person is applicant need be made, because those indications have been made in the request).

Applicant's registration number with the Office (Rule 53.4): Where the applicant is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority, the demand may indicate the number or other indication under which the applicant is so registered.

BOX No. III

Agent or Common Representative (Rules 53.5, 90.1 and 90.2): Mark the applicable check-boxes to indicate *first* whether the person named in this Box is agent or common representative, *then* whether that person *has been appointed earlier* (i.e., during the procedure under Chapter I), or *is appointed in the demand* and any earlier appointment of another person is revoked, or *is appointed specifically for the procedure before the IPEA* (without revocation of any earlier appointment), in addition to the person(s) appointed earlier.

Where an additional person is appointed specifically for the procedure before the IPEA, all notifications issued by the IPEA will be addressed only to that additional person.

A separate power of attorney must be filed with the IPEA, the International Bureau or the receiving Office, if the person appointed at the time the demand is filed (i.e., was not appointed earlier) signs the demand on behalf of the applicant (Rule 90.4).

Agent's registration number with the Office (Rule 53.5): Where the agent is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority, the demand may indicate the number or other indication under which the agent is so registered.

Address for Correspondence (Rule 4.4(d) and Section 108): Where an agent is appointed, any correspondence intended for the applicant will be sent to the address indicated for that agent (or for the first-mentioned agent, if more than one is appointed). Where one of two or more applicants is appointed as common representative, the address indicated for that applicant in Box No. III will be used.

Where no agent or common representative is appointed, any correspondence will be sent to the address, indicated in Box No. II, of the applicant (if only one person is named as applicant) or of the applicant who is considered to be common representative (if there are two or more persons named as applicants). However, if the applicant wishes correspondence to be sent to a different address in such a case, that address may be indicated in Box No. III instead of the designation of an agent or common representative. In this case, and only in this case, the last check-box of Box No. III must be marked (that is, the last check-box must not be marked if either of the check-boxes "agent" or "common representative" in Box No. III has been marked).

BOX No. IV

Statement Concerning Amendments (Rules 53.2(a)(v), 53.9, 62, 66.1 and 69.1): The international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as filed or, if amendments have been filed, as amended. Mark the appropriate check-box(es) to enable the IPEA to determine when and on what basis it can start international preliminary examination.

Mark the corresponding check-box(es) under No. 1 where the international preliminary examination should start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or where amendments are to be taken into account, as the case may be. Where amendments are to be taken into account, the applicant must submit *with the demand* a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 (Rule 53.9(a)(i)) and/or the amendments of the international application under Article 34 (Rule 53.9(c)), as the case may be. If a check-box is marked but the demand is not accompanied by the documents referred to, the start of international preliminary examination will be delayed until the IPEA receives them.

Mark check-box No. 2 if amendments of the claims under Article 19 have been filed with the International Bureau during the Chapter I procedure, but the applicant does not want these amendments to be taken into account for the purpose of international preliminary examination when the latter starts (Rule 53.9(a)(ii)).

Mark check-box No. 3 where the time limit for filing amendments of the claims under Article 19 has not expired at the time the demand is filed and the applicant wants to keep the option for the filing of such amendments open; the IPEA is thus requested to postpone the start of international preliminary examination (Rules 53.9(b) and 69.1(d)). It should be noted that the examination will start in any event after the expiration of 20 months from the priority date even where the time limit for filing amendments has not yet expired or no amendments have been received by the IPEA.

If no check-box is marked, refer to the footnote at the bottom of the Box.

Language for the Purposes of International Preliminary Examination (Rule 55.2): Where neither the language in which the international application is filed nor the language in which the international application is published is accepted by the IPEA that is to carry out the international preliminary examination, the applicant must furnish with the demand a translation of the international application into a language which is both a language accepted by that Authority and a language of publication.

Where such translation has already been furnished to the International Searching Authority for the purposes of carrying out international search and the IPEA is part of the same Office or intergovernmental organization as the International Searching Authority, the applicant need not furnish another translation. In such a case the international preliminary examination is carried out on the basis of the translation furnished for the purposes of international search.

The language for the purposes of international preliminary examination should be indicated in Box No. IV, on the dotted line, and the corresponding check-box should be marked.

internationale n'a pas encore été notifié par l'office récepteur, le nom de cet office doit être indiqué en lieu et place du numéro de la demande internationale.

Date du dépôt international et date de priorité (la plus ancienne) (instruction 110) : les dates doivent être indiquées au moyen du quantième, en chiffres arabes, suivi du nom du mois puis de l'année en chiffres arabes, dans cet ordre; à côté, au-dessous ou au-dessus de cette indication, il y a lieu de répéter la date, mais entre parenthèses, sous la forme de numéros à deux chiffres arabes, séparés par un point, une barre oblique ou un tiret, et dans l'ordre suivant : quantième, mois et année (celle-ci étant indiquée au moyen des deux derniers chiffres); exemples "20 mars 2001 (20.03.01)", "20 mars 2001 (20/03/01)" ou "20 mars 2001 (20-03-01)". Lorsque la demande internationale revendique la priorité de plusieurs demandes antérieures, la date de dépôt de la plus ancienne demande dont la priorité est revendiquée doit être indiquée en tant que date de priorité.

Titre de l'invention : si l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale a établi un nouveau titre, celui-ci doit être indiqué dans le cadre n° I.

CADRE N° II

Déposant(s) (règle 53.4) : tous les déposants qui ont cette qualité pour les États élus doivent être mentionnés dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international; un déposant mentionné dans la requête (formulaire PCT/RO/101) pour un État qui n'est pas élu n'a pas à être mentionné dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Il est à noter que les personnes mentionnées dans la requête comme "inventeur seulement" n'ont pas non plus à être mentionnées dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

Reprendre dans le cadre n° II de la demande d'examen préliminaire international les indications requises figurant dans les cadres n°s II et III de la requête. Les notes relatives à la requête s'appliquent *mutatis mutandis*. S'il y a pluralité de déposants pour les États élus dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international, fournir les indications requises sur chacun d'eux; si ces déposants sont plus de trois, porter les indications en question sur une "feuille annexe".

Si, dans la requête, des déposants différents sont indiqués pour différents États désignés, n'indiquer dans le cadre n° II de la demande d'examen préliminaire international que les déposants ayant cette qualité pour les États élus dans le cadre n° V (il n'y a pas lieu d'indiquer les États pour lesquels une personne est mentionnée comme déposant, car ces indications ont été fournies dans la requête).

Numéro sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 53.4) : lorsque le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, la demande d'examen préliminaire international peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

CADRE N° III

Mandataire ou représentant commun (règles 53.5, 90.1 et 90.2) : cocher les cases appropriées afin d'indiquer, *premièrement*, si la personne indiquée dans le cadre n° III est mandataire ou représentant commun, *deuxièmement*, si cette personne a été désignée à une date antérieure (c'est-à-dire au cours de la procédure prévue au chapitre I), *est désignée dans la demande d'examen préliminaire internationale* (toute désignation antérieure d'une autre personne étant révoquée) ou *est désignée spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire*

internationale (sans qu'il y ait révocation d'une désignation antérieure) en sus de la ou des personnes désignées antérieurement.

Lorsqu'une personne supplémentaire est désignée spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, toute la correspondance émanant de cette administration sera adressée seulement à cette personne supplémentaire.

Un pouvoir distinct doit être déposé auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, du Bureau international ou de l'office récepteur si la personne qui est désignée au moment de la présentation de la demande d'examen préliminaire international (et qui n'a donc pas été désignée antérieurement) signe cette demande d'examen au nom du déposant (règle 90.4).

Numéro sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 53.5) : lorsque le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, la demande d'examen préliminaire international peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Adresse pour la correspondance (règle 4.4.d) et instruction 108) : si un mandataire est désigné, toute correspondance destinée au déposant sera envoyée à l'adresse indiquée pour ce mandataire (ou pour le mandataire mentionné en premier, si plusieurs mandataires ont été désignés). Lorsque, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux est désigné comme représentant commun, l'adresse indiquée pour ce déposant dans le cadre n° III sera utilisée.

Si aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est désigné, la correspondance sera envoyée à l'adresse – indiquée dans le cadre n° II – du déposant (s'il n'y a qu'une seule personne indiquée comme déposant) ou du déposant considéré comme le représentant commun (s'il y a plusieurs personnes indiquées comme déposants). Cependant, si le ou les déposants souhaitent dans ce cas que la correspondance soit envoyée à une adresse différente, il est possible d'indiquer cette adresse dans le cadre n° III, en lieu et place de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun. C'est dans ce cas et seulement dans ce cas qu'il y a lieu de cocher la dernière case du cadre n° III (c'est-à-dire que la dernière case ne doit pas être cochée si l'une des cases "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" a été cochée).

CADRE N° IV

Déclaration concernant les modifications (règles 53.2.a)v), 53.9, 62, 66.1 et 69.1) : l'examen préliminaire international commencera sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée ou, si des modifications ont été déposées, telle qu'elle a été modifiée. Cocher la ou les cases appropriées pour permettre à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international de déterminer si elle peut commencer l'examen préliminaire international et sur quelle base.

Cocher la ou les cases appropriées de la rubrique n° 1 pour indiquer si l'examen préliminaire international doit commencer sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée ou s'il doit être tenu compte de modifications, selon le cas. S'il y a des modifications à prendre en compte, le déposant doit présenter *avec la demande d'examen* une copie des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 (règle 53.9.a)i) ou des modifications apportées à la demande internationale en vertu de l'article 34 (règle 53.9.c)), ou une copie des deux types de

Language of Amendments (Rules 55.3 and 66.9): Amendments and letters relating thereto must be in the same language as that in which the international preliminary examination is carried out, as explained in the preceding paragraphs.

Time Limit for Furnishing Translation of the International Application (Rule 55.2): Any required translation of the international application should be furnished (by the applicant) together with the demand. If it is not so furnished, the IPEA will invite the applicant to furnish it within a time limit which shall not be less than one month from the date of the invitation. That time limit may be extended by the IPEA.

BOX No. V

Election of States (Rule 53.7): Only States which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT *and* which have been designated in the international application (that is, States whose designations have been made under Rule 4.9(a), confirmed under Rule 4.9(c) or considered as having been made under Rule 32.2(a)(i)) can be elected. They are the “eligible States”.

For the convenience and protection of applicants, Box No. V contains a statement to the effect that all eligible States are elected. It is only where the applicant does not wish to elect certain eligible States that the name(s) or two-letter code(s) of those States must be indicated after the words “wishes not to elect:”.

The indication in the demand of the kind of protection or treatment desired for any elected State is not required since it follows the indication made when designating that State in the international application.

BOX No. VI

Check List: It is recommended that this Box be filled in carefully in order for the IPEA to determine as soon as possible whether it is in possession of the documents on the basis of which the applicant wishes international preliminary examination to start.

Where the international application contains disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences, and a copy of the sequence listings in computer readable form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions is required by the IPEA, the applicant may furnish the listings in computer readable form to the IPEA with the demand. If this is the case, check-box No. 6 must be marked.

Similarly, where such an application contains tables related to the sequence listings, and a copy of the tables in computer readable form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions is required by the IPEA, the applicant may furnish the tables in computer readable form to the IPEA with the demand. If this is the case, check-box No. 7 must be marked.

BOX No. VII

Signature (Rules 53.8, 90.3(a) and 90.4(a)): The demand must be signed by the applicant or by his agent; if there are two or more applicants, the common representative may sign the demand. If the demand is not signed by (all) the persons who are applicants for the elected States (a person who is applicant only for a State which is not elected need not sign the demand), a power of attorney signed by that (all those) applicant(s) must be filed with the IPEA, with the International Bureau or with the receiving Office unless the agent has previously been appointed.

modifications, selon le cas. Si une case est cochée et que les documents correspondants ne sont pas joints à la demande d'examen préliminaire international, le commencement de cet examen sera différé jusqu'à ce que l'administration qui en est chargée les reçoive.

Cocher la case n° 2 si des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 ont été déposées auprès du Bureau international lors de la procédure prévue au chapitre I, et que le déposant ne veut pas qu'il en soit tenu compte aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international lorsque celui-ci commencera (règle 53.9.a)ii).

Cocher la case n° 3 si le délai fixé pour le dépôt de modifications des revendications en vertu de l'article 19 n'a pas expiré au moment où la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée et que le déposant veut conserver la possibilité de déposer de telles modifications; il est ainsi demandé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international de différer le commencement de cet examen (règles 53.9.b) et 69.1.d)). Il est à noter que l'examen commencera, en tout état de cause, après l'expiration d'un délai de 20 mois à compter de la date de priorité, même si le délai pour déposer des modifications n'a pas expiré ou que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international n'a reçu aucune modification.

Si aucune case n'est cochée, la procédure décrite dans la note figurant au bas du cadre sera suivie.

Langue aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international (règle 55.2) : lorsque ni la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée ni la langue dans laquelle elle est publiée n'est acceptée par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui effectuera cet examen, le déposant doit remettre avec la demande d'examen préliminaire international une traduction de la demande internationale dans une langue qui est à la fois une langue acceptée par cette administration et une langue de publication.

Lorsqu'une traduction répondant à ces critères a déjà été remise à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale pour les besoins de cette recherche et que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international fait partie du même office ou de la même organisation intergouvernementale que l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, il n'est pas nécessaire pour le déposant de remettre une autre traduction. Dans ce cas, l'examen préliminaire international est effectué sur la base de la traduction remise aux fins de la recherche internationale.

La langue dans laquelle sera effectué l'examen préliminaire international doit être indiquée dans le cadre n° IV sur la ligne pointillée, et la case appropriée la concernant doit être cochée.

Langue des modifications (règles 55.3 et 66.9) : les modifications et les lettres qui s'y rapportent doivent être rédigées dans la langue dans laquelle l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué, comme il est expliqué aux paragraphes précédents.

Délai imparti pour remettre une traduction de la demande internationale (règle 55.2) : toute traduction de la demande internationale qui est exigée doit être remise (par le déposant) en même temps que la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Si la traduction n'est pas remise en même temps, l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international invitera le déposant à remettre cette traduction dans un délai qui sera d'au moins un mois à compter de la date de l'invitation. Ce délai peut être prorogé par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

CADRE N° V

Élection d'États (règle 53.7) : seuls peuvent être élus les États qui sont liés par le chapitre II du PCT *et* qui ont été désignés dans la demande internationale (c'est-à-dire qui ont fait l'objet de désignations faites en vertu de la règle 4.9.a), confirmées en vertu de la règle 4.9.c) ou considérées comme ayant été faites, en vertu de la règle 32.2.a)ii)). Ces États sont les "États éligibles".

Pour faciliter la tâche des déposants et les protéger, le cadre n° V contient une déclaration selon laquelle tous les États éligibles sont élus. Ce n'est que si le déposant ne souhaite pas élire certains États éligibles qu'il doit indiquer le nom ou le code à deux lettres de ces États après les mots "souhaite ne pas élire :".

Il n'est pas nécessaire d'indiquer dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international quelle forme de protection ou de traitement est souhaitée pour tel ou tel État élu puisque les indications portées dans la demande internationale lors de la désignation de cet État restent valables.

CADRE N° VI

Bordereau : il est recommandé de remplir soigneusement ce cadre pour que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international puisse déterminer le plus rapidement possible si elle est en possession de la ou des modifications ou de la ou des lettres sur la base desquelles le déposant souhaite que l'examen préliminaire international commence.

Lorsque la demande internationale contient la divulgation d'une ou plusieurs séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés, et qu'une copie des listages des séquences sous forme déchiffable par ordinateur, conforme à la norme figurant dans les instructions administratives, est requise par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, le déposant peut fournir à cette administration, conjointement avec la demande d'examen préliminaire international, les listages en question sous une forme déchiffable par ordinateur. S'il le fait, la case n° 6 doit être cochée.

De la même manière, lorsque la demande internationale contient des tableaux relatifs aux listages des séquences et qu'une copie des tableaux sous forme déchiffable par ordinateur, conforme à la norme figurant dans les instructions administratives, est requise par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, le déposant peut fournir à cette administration, conjointement avec la demande d'examen préliminaire international, les tableaux en question sous une forme déchiffable par ordinateur. S'il le fait, la case n° 7 doit être cochée.

CADRE N° VII

Signature (règles 53.8, 90.3.a) et 90.4.a) : la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être signée par le déposant ou par son mandataire; s'il y a plusieurs déposants, elle peut l'être par le représentant commun. Si elle n'est pas signée par une ou plusieurs personnes qui ont la qualité de déposant pour les États élus (une personne qui est déposant seulement pour un État non élu n'a pas besoin de signer la demande d'examen préliminaire international), un pouvoir signé par ces personnes doit être déposé auprès du Bureau international, de l'office récepteur ou de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, sauf si le mandataire a été désigné à une date antérieure.

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FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Demand

International application No.	For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only	
Applicant's or agent's file reference	Date stamp of the IPEA	
Applicant		
CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES		
1. Preliminary examination fee		P
2. Handling fee (<i>Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the handling fee. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the amount to be entered at H is 25% of the handling fee.</i>)		H
3. Total of prescribed fees Add the amounts entered at P and H and enter total in the TOTAL box	TOTAL	
MODE OF PAYMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> authorization to charge deposit account with the IPEA (see below)	<input type="checkbox"/> cash	
<input type="checkbox"/> cheque	<input type="checkbox"/> revenue stamps	
<input type="checkbox"/> postal money order	<input type="checkbox"/> coupons	
<input type="checkbox"/> bank draft	<input type="checkbox"/> other (<i>specify</i>):	
AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT <i>(This mode of payment may not be available at all IPEAs)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Authorization to charge the total fees indicated above.	IPEA/ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> (<i>This check-box may be marked only if the conditions for deposit accounts of the IPEA so permit</i>) Authorization to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the total fees indicated above.	Deposit Account No.: _____	
	Date: _____	
	Name: _____	
	Signature: _____	

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FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES

Annexe de la demande d'examen préliminaire international

Demande internationale n°	Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international										
Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire	Timbre à date de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international										
Déposant											
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NOTES TO THE FEE CALCULATION SHEET (ANNEX TO FORM PCT/IPEA/401)

The purpose of the fee calculation sheet is to help the applicant to identify the prescribed fees and to calculate the amounts to be paid. It is strongly recommended that the applicant complete, by entering the appropriate amounts in the boxes provided, and submit the fee calculation sheet at the time of filing of the demand. This will help the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) to verify the calculations and to identify any error in them.

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

Two fees must be paid for international preliminary examination:

- (i) the preliminary examination fee for the benefit of the IPEA (Rule 58.1);
- (ii) the handling fee for the benefit of the International Bureau (Rule 57).

Both fees must be paid to the IPEA within one month from the date on which the demand is submitted. The amount payable is the amount applicable on the date of submittal (Rules 57.3 and 58.1(b)). The fees must be paid in a currency acceptable to the IPEA.

Information about the amount of those fees or about equivalent amounts in other currencies can be obtained from the IPEA or the receiving Office. This information is also published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex E, and from time to time in Section IV of the *PCT Gazette*.

Box P: The amount of the preliminary examination fee must be entered in Box P.

Box H: The amount of the handling fee must be entered in Box H.

Reduction of the Handling Fee for Applicants from Certain States: An applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997) is entitled, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees, to a reduction of 75% of certain PCT fees including the handling fee. If there are several applicants, each must satisfy the above-mentioned criteria. The reduction of the handling fee will be automatically available to any applicant (or applicants) who is (or are) so entitled on the basis of the indications of name, nationality and residence given in Box No. II of the demand.

The fee reduction will be available even if one or more of the applicants are not from PCT Contracting States, provided that each of them is a national and resident of a State that meets the above-mentioned requirements and that at least one of the applicants is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State and thus is entitled to file an international application.

Natural persons who are nationals of and reside in the following PCT Contracting States are eligible: AL Albania, AM Armenia, AZ Azerbaijan, BA Bosnia and Herzegovina, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgaria, BJ Benin, BR Brazil, BY Belarus, BZ Belize, CF Central African Republic,

CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroon, CN China, CO Colombia, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ Czech Republic, DM Dominica, DZ Algeria, EC Ecuador, EE Estonia, GA Gabon, GD Grenada, GE Georgia, GH Ghana, GM Gambia, GN Guinea, GQ Equatorial Guinea, GW Guinea-Bissau, HR Croatia, HU Hungary, ID Indonesia, IN India, KE Kenya, KG Kyrgyzstan, KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Saint Lucia, LK Sri Lanka, LR Liberia, LS Lesotho, LT Lithuania, LV Latvia, MA Morocco, MD Republic of Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, ML Mali, MN Mongolia, MR Mauritania, MW Malawi, MX Mexico, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, PH Philippines, PL Poland, RO Romania, RU Russian Federation, SD Sudan, SK Slovakia, SL Sierra Leone, SN Senegal, SZ Swaziland, TD Chad, TG Togo, TJ Tajikistan, TM Turkmenistan, TN Tunisia, TR Turkey, TZ United Republic of Tanzania, UA Ukraine, UG Uganda, UZ Uzbekistan, VC Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, VN Viet Nam, YU Yugoslavia, ZA South Africa, ZM Zambia and ZW Zimbabwe. As far as other States are concerned, inquiries should be addressed to the International Bureau.

Calculation of the Handling Fee in Case of Fee Reduction: Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) entitled to a reduction of the handling fee, the total to be entered at Box H is 25% of the handling fee.

Total Box: The total of the amounts inserted in Boxes P and H is the amount which must be paid to the IPEA.

MODE OF PAYMENT

In order to help the IPEA identify the mode of payment of the prescribed fees, it is recommended to mark the applicable check-box(es).

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The applicant should check whether the IPEA allows the use of deposit accounts for payment of PCT fees. In addition, it is recommended that the applicant check what are the specific conditions applicable to the use of deposit accounts with the IPEA since not all IPEAs provide the same services.

Finally, if the IPEA is not the same national Office or intergovernmental organization as that with which the international application was filed, the deposit account with the receiving Office cannot be charged for the purpose of paying the preliminary examination and handling fees due to the IPEA.

The IPEA will not charge fees to deposit accounts unless the deposit account authorization is signed and indicates the deposit account number.

NOTES RELATIVES À LA FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES (ANNEXE DU FORMULAIRE PCT/IPEA/401)

La feuille de calcul des taxes a pour objet d'aider le déposant à recenser les taxes prescrites et à calculer les montants à payer. Il lui est vivement recommandé de remplir cette feuille en portant les montants appropriés dans les cadres prévus et de la joindre à la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Cela aidera l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (IPEA) à vérifier les calculs et à y déceler d'éventuelles erreurs.

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

L'examen préliminaire international donne lieu au paiement de deux taxes :

- i) la taxe d'examen préliminaire, au profit de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (règle 58.1);
- ii) la taxe de traitement, au profit du Bureau international (règle 57).

Ces deux taxes doivent être payées à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée. Le montant dû est le montant applicable à la date de présentation de cette demande d'examen (règles 57.3 et 58.1.b)). Les taxes doivent être payées dans une monnaie que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international accepte.

Des renseignements au sujet du montant de ces taxes ou de leur contre-valeur en d'autres monnaies peuvent être obtenus auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ou de l'office récepteur. Ces renseignements figurent également dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe E, et sont aussi publiés périodiquement dans la section IV de la *Gazette du PCT*.

Cadre P : le montant de la taxe d'examen préliminaire doit être inscrit dans le cadre P.

Cadre H : le montant de la taxe de traitement doit être inscrit dans le cadre H.

Réduction de la taxe de traitement pour les déposants de certains États : un déposant qui est une personne physique qui est ressortissant d'un État, et est domiciliée dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3 000 dollars des États-Unis a droit, conformément au barème de taxes, à une réduction de 75% de certaines taxes du PCT, dont la taxe de traitement. S'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire à ces critères. La réduction de la taxe de traitement s'appliquera automatiquement à tout déposant qui y a droit (ou à tous les déposants qui y ont droit) au vu des indications de nom, de nationalité et de domicile données dans le cadre n° II de la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

La réduction de la taxe s'appliquera même si l'un ou plusieurs des déposants ne viennent pas d'États contractants du PCT, à condition que chacun d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État, et domicilié dans un État, qui répond aux critères mentionnés ci-dessus et qu'au moins l'un d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT, et domicilié dans un tel État, et ait donc le droit de déposer une demande internationale.

Les personnes physiques qui sont ressortissantes des États contractants du PCT suivants, et qui sont domiciliées dans ces États, peuvent bénéficier de cette réduction : AL Albanie, AM Arménie, AZ Azerbaïdjan, BA Bosnie-Herzégovine, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgarie, BJ Bénin, BR Brésil, BY Bélarus, BZ Belize, CF République centrafricaine, CG Congo, CI Côte

d'Ivoire, CM Cameroun, CN Chine, CO Colombie, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ République tchèque, DM Dominique, DZ Algérie, EC Équateur, EE Estonie, GA Gabon, GD Grenade, GE Géorgie, GH Ghana, GM Gambie, GN Guinée, GQ Guinée équatoriale, GW Guinée-Bissau, HR Croatie, HU Hongrie, ID Indonésie, IN Inde, KE Kenya, KG Kirghizistan, KP République populaire démocratique de Corée, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Sainte-Lucie, LK Sri Lanka, LR Libéria, LS Lesotho, LT Lituanie, LV Lettonie, MA Maroc, MD République de Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, ML Mali, MN Mongolie, MR Mauritanie, MW Malawi, MX Mexique, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, PH Philippines, PL Pologne, RO Roumanie, RU Fédération de Russie, SD Soudan, SK Slovaquie, SL Sierra Leone, SN Sénégal, SZ Swaziland, TD Tchad, TG Togo, TJ Tadjikistan, TM Turkménistan, TN Tunisie, TR Turquie, TZ République-Unie de Tanzanie, UA Ukraine, UG Ouganda, UZ Ouzbékistan, VC Saint-Vincent-et-les-Grenadines, VN Viet Nam, YU Yougoslavie, ZA Afrique du Sud, ZM Zambie et ZW Zimbabwe. En ce qui concerne d'autres États, il conviendra de s'adresser au Bureau international.

Calcul de la taxe de traitement en cas de réduction : lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à une réduction de la taxe de traitement, le montant devant figurer dans le cadre H est égal à 25% de la taxe de traitement.

Total : le total des montants inscrits dans les cadres P et H représente la somme à verser à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

MODE DE PAIEMENT

Pour aider l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international à déterminer le mode de paiement des taxes prescrites qui a été utilisé, il est recommandé de cocher la ou les cases appropriées.

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

Le déposant devrait s'assurer que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international permet l'utilisation de comptes de dépôt pour le paiement des taxes du PCT. En outre, il est recommandé qu'il prenne connaissance des modalités particulières d'utilisation des comptes de dépôt auprès de cette administration étant donné que toutes les administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international n'offrent pas les mêmes services.

Enfin, si l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international n'est pas l'office national auprès duquel, ou l'organisation intergouvernementale auprès de laquelle, la demande internationale a été déposée, le déposant ne peut pas utiliser le compte de dépôt auprès de l'office récepteur pour payer les taxes d'examen préliminaire et de traitement dues à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

L'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ne débitera un compte de dépôt du montant des taxes que si l'autorisation correspondante est signée et qu'elle indique le numéro du compte de dépôt.

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**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY
(THIRTY-FIRST (18TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)—SECOND PART****PCT REFORM: NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

The Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held its thirty-first (18th extraordinary) session in Geneva from 23 September to 1 October 2002, in conjunction with the thirty-seventh series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

This constitutes the second part of this Note, which relates to the matters concerning reform of the PCT that were on the agenda of the session of the Assembly. Other matters on the agenda of the session include the reduction of the international fee for international applications filed in electronic form, which was the subject of the first part of this note—published in PCT Gazette No. 42/2002, page 20998 *et seq.*—and other matters which will be the subject of the third and last part of this Note, to be published in a subsequent issue of the Gazette.

All documents discussed during the session and the final report (document PCT/A/31/10) are available from WIPO free of charge and can also be found on WIPO's Internet site, at the following address:

http://www.wipo.int/eng/document/govbody/wo_pct/index_31.htm

Report of the Committee on Reform of the PCT

The Assembly noted the report of the second session of the Committee on Reform of the PCT, which was held in Geneva from 1 to 5 July 2002, and approved the Committee's recommendation that no change was needed to the PCT Regulations having regard to the language-related filing date requirements of the Patent Law Treaty (PLT), recognizing that the PCT procedure was already, in practice, consistent with those requirements. The Assembly further approved the Committee's recommendations concerning proposed amendments of certain Rules relating to the right of priority and priority claims, and recommendations concerning the work program in connection with reform of the PCT to be undertaken between the September 2002 and September 2003 sessions of the Assembly, including the matters to be considered, the convening of sessions of the Working Group and possibly the Committee, and financial assistance to enable attendance of certain delegations.

Amendments of the Regulations Under the PCT

The Assembly unanimously adopted amendments of the PCT Regulations designed to further streamline and simplify the PCT system, and decisions relating to entry into force and transitional arrangements in respect of those amendments. The amendments which will enter into force on 1 January 2003 are designed to further align certain PCT requirements with those of the PLT (see below). Amendments which will enter into force on 1 January 2004 include the introduction of an enhanced international search and preliminary examination system and of a rationalized system for designating PCT Contracting States in which protection is sought; they also include amendments concerning the availability of priority documents from digital libraries (see below).

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS –
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RÉFORME DU PCT : NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL

L'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a tenu sa trente et unième session (18^e session extraordinaire) à Genève, du 23 septembre au 1^{er} octobre 2002, dans le cadre de la trente-septième série de réunions des Assemblées des États membres de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle (OMPI).

Ceci constitue la deuxième partie de la présente note, qui concerne les points relatifs à la réforme du PCT qui étaient à l'ordre du jour de la session de l'assemblée. Les autres points à l'ordre du jour de ladite session incluent la question de la réduction de la taxe internationale pour les demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique, qui a fait l'objet de la première partie de la présente note—publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 42/2002, page 20999 et suiv.— et d'autres points qui feront l'objet de la troisième et dernière partie de la présente note, qui sera publiée dans un numéro ultérieur de la Gazette.

Tous les documents qui ont fait l'objet de discussions durant la session et le rapport final (document PCT/A/31/10) sont disponibles gratuitement auprès de l'OMPI et peuvent être également consultés sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante :

http://www.wipo.int/fre/document/govbody/wo_pct/index_31.htm

Rapport du Comité sur la réforme du PCT

L'assemblée a pris note du rapport sur la deuxième session du Comité sur la réforme du PCT, qui s'est tenue à Genève du 1^{er} au 5 juillet 2002, et a approuvé la recommandation du comité selon laquelle il n'était pas nécessaire de modifier le règlement d'exécution du PCT afin de tenir compte des prescriptions d'ordre linguistique relatives à la date de dépôt énoncées dans le Traité sur le droit des brevets (PLT), étant entendu que la procédure selon le PCT était déjà, dans la pratique, conforme à ces prescriptions. L'assemblée a aussi approuvé les recommandations du comité relatives aux propositions de modification de certaines règles concernant le droit de priorité et les revendications de priorité ainsi que les recommandations concernant le programme de travail en rapport avec la réforme du PCT à entreprendre entre les sessions de septembre 2002 et de septembre 2003 de l'assemblée, y compris les questions à examiner, la convocation des sessions du groupe de travail et, éventuellement, du comité et l'assistance financière pour permettre la participation de certaines délégations.

Modification du règlement d'exécution du PCT

L'assemblée a adopté à l'unanimité des modifications du règlement d'exécution du PCT visant à poursuivre la rationalisation et la simplification du système du PCT, ainsi que des décisions relatives à l'entrée en vigueur et aux mesures transitoires concernant ces modifications. Les modifications qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003 visent à poursuivre l'alignement de certaines exigences du PCT sur celles du PLT (voir ci-après). Les modifications qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004 incluent l'introduction d'un système renforcé de recherche internationale et d'examen préliminaire international ainsi que d'un système rationalisé pour la désignation des États contractants du PCT dans lesquels une protection est demandée; elles incluent aussi des modifications concernant l'accès aux documents de priorité auprès de bibliothèques numériques (voir ci-après).

**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY
(THIRTY-FIRST (18TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)—SECOND PART (Cont'd)****PCT REFORM: NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU (Cont'd)***Amendments which will enter into force on 1 January 2003*

Aligning certain PCT requirements with those of the PLT. The amendments relate to the following three matters:

— the furnishing by the applicant of a translation of the international application into a language of publication where the international application is filed in a language which is accepted by the receiving Office and by the International Searching Authority that is to carry out the international search, but is not a language of publication (see amended or new Rules 12.2, 12.3, 12.4, 22.1, 26.3, 29.1 and 48.3);

— the possibility for a receiving Office to require, for the purposes of processing by it, a translation of the request part of an international application, even though that Office may be prepared to accept, for the purposes of according an international filing date, the filing of an international application in any language (see amended Rule 12.1);

— the reinstatement of rights after failure to comply, within the applicable time limit, with requirements for entering the national phase (see new Rule 49.6).

Entry into force; transitional arrangements. The amendments outlined above, which will enter into force on 1 January 2003, will apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after 1 January 2003. Subject to certain transitional arrangements, the amendments will not apply to any international application whose international filing date is before 1 January 2003.

The text of the Rules, as amended, is set out on pages 24996 to 25002; the text of the decisions relating to the entry into force and the transitional arrangements in respect of those amendments is set out on page 25058.

Amendments which will enter into force on 1 January 2004

Enhanced international search and preliminary examination system (see amended or new Rules 36, 43bis, 44, 44bis, 44ter, 52, 54bis, 57, 58bis, 59, 61.4, 62, 62bis, 63, 66, 69, 70, 72, 73, 78, 92bis and 94). The “enhanced” international search and preliminary examination system is aimed at further rationalizing the international search and international preliminary examination procedures. The main feature of that enhanced system is that one of the main elements of the present international preliminary examination procedure under Chapter II, namely, the establishment of an examiner’s opinion, will in effect be advanced and incorporated into the international search procedure under Chapter I. The International Searching Authority will be responsible for establishing a preliminary and non-binding written opinion addressing the questions whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step and to be industrially applicable. That written opinion, established for the purposes of Chapter I, will be used for international preliminary examination under Chapter II, if the applicant requests such examination, the international search and international preliminary examination procedures being thus combined to a much greater extent than is the case at present.

Concept and operation of the designation system (see amended or new Rules 4, 12, 15, 16, 16bis, 19, 24, 26, 27, 29, 32, 47, 48, 49bis, 51, 51bis, 53, 56, 60, 61, 73, 76, 89bis, 90, 90bis and 93bis). Under the amended designation system, which is aimed at streamlining and rationalizing the way in which designations of PCT Contracting States may be made, all international applications will contain an automatic and all-inclusive coverage of all designations available under the Treaty; express designations of States will no longer be needed. Furthermore, the applicant will no longer be required, at the time of filing, to choose certain kinds of protection or indicate whether national or regional protection is sought in respect of one or more designated States. Such matters will only need to be dealt with in connection with entry into the national phase.

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Modifications qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003

Alignement de certaines exigences du PCT sur celles du PLT. Les modifications se rapportent aux trois points suivants :

— la remise par le déposant d'une traduction de la demande internationale dans une langue de publication lorsque la demande internationale est déposée dans une langue qui est acceptée par l'office récepteur et par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale devant effectuer ladite recherche, mais qui n'est pas une langue de publication (voir les règles – modifiées ou nouvelles – 12.2, 12.3, 12.4, 22.1, 26.3, 29.1 et 48.3);

— la possibilité pour un office récepteur d'exiger, aux fins du traitement qu'il effectue, une traduction de la partie "requête" de la demande internationale, même s'il est prêt à accepter, aux fins de l'attribution d'une date de dépôt international, le dépôt d'une demande internationale dans n'importe quelle langue (voir la règle modifiée 12.1);

— le rétablissement des droits en cas d'inaccomplissement, dans le délai applicable, des actes requis pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale (voir la nouvelle règle 49.6).

Entrée en vigueur; mesures transitoires. Les modifications résumées ci-dessus, qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003, s'appliqueront à toute demande internationale dont la date de dépôt international sera le 1^{er} janvier 2003 ou une date postérieure. Sous réserve de certaines mesures transitoires, les modifications ne s'appliqueront à aucune demande internationale dont la date de dépôt international sera antérieure au 1^{er} janvier 2003.

Le texte des règles, telles que modifiées, figure sur les pages 24997 à 25003; le texte des décisions concernant l'entrée en vigueur et les mesures transitoires relatives à ces modifications figure sur la page 25059.

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Système renforcé de recherche internationale et d'examen préliminaire international (voir les règles – modifiées ou nouvelles – 36, 43bis, 44, 44bis, 44ter, 52, 54bis, 57, 58bis, 59, 61.4, 62, 62bis, 63, 66, 69, 70, 72, 73, 78, 92bis et 94). Le système "renforcé" de recherche internationale et d'examen préliminaire international vise à poursuivre la rationalisation des procédures de recherche internationale et d'examen préliminaire international. L'aspect principal de ce système renforcé est que l'un des éléments les plus importants de la procédure actuelle d'examen préliminaire international selon le chapitre II, c'est-à-dire l'établissement d'une opinion par un examinateur, sera en fait avancé et incorporé dans la procédure de recherche internationale selon le chapitre I. L'administration chargée de la recherche internationale aura la responsabilité de l'établissement d'une opinion écrite préliminaire et sans engagement traitant des questions de savoir si l'invention revendiquée semble être nouvelle, impliquer une activité inventive et être susceptible d'application industrielle. Cette opinion écrite, établie aux fins du chapitre I, sera utilisée pour l'examen préliminaire international selon le chapitre II, si le déposant demande ledit examen, les procédures de recherche internationale et d'examen préliminaire international étant ainsi combinées dans une plus grande mesure qu'à l'heure actuelle.

Notion de désignation et fonctionnement du système des désignations (voir les règles – modifiées ou nouvelles – 4, 12, 15, 16, 16bis, 19, 24, 26, 27, 29, 32, 47, 48, 49bis, 51, 51bis, 53, 56, 60, 61, 73, 76, 89bis, 90, 90bis et 93bis). Selon le système des désignations modifié, visant à simplifier et à rationaliser la manière selon laquelle les désignations des États contractants du PCT peuvent être faites, toutes les demandes internationales contiendront une couverture automatique et générale de toutes les désignations disponibles selon le traité; les désignations expresses d'États ne seront plus nécessaires. De plus, le déposant n'aura plus, au moment du dépôt, à choisir certains types de protection ou à indiquer si une protection nationale ou régionale est demandée pour un ou plusieurs États désignés. Ces questions ne devront être réglées que lors de l'ouverture de la phase nationale.

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In this context, the Assembly also introduced a “flat” international filing fee which will replace the current basic fee and designation fees.

Furthermore, the system of systematic communication to a designated Office of all documents relating to international applications designating that Office will be replaced by a “communication on request” system. Under that system, documents will be communicated to such an Office only upon express request by it and at the time specified by it.

Availability of priority documents from digital libraries (see amended or new Rules 17.1, 66.7 and 93bis.1(b)). The applicant will, instead of submitting priority documents in paper form to the receiving Office or the International Bureau, be able to request, where applicable, that such documents be obtained from a digital library. The details of the system for making documents available via digital libraries will be governed by the Administrative Instructions, the necessary modifications of which will, under Rule 89.2(b), be the subject of consultation with interested Offices and Authorities before such digital libraries are established.

Entry into force; transitional arrangements. The amendments outlined above, which will enter into force on 1 January 2004, will, subject to certain transitional arrangements, apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after 1 January 2004 and will not apply to any international application whose international filing date is before January 1, 2004.

The text of the Rules, as amended, is set out on pages 25004 to 25056; the text of the decisions relating to the entry into force and the transitional arrangements in respect of those amendments is set out on pages 25058 and 25060.

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Dans ce contexte, l'assemblée a aussi introduit une taxe internationale de dépôt forfaitaire, qui remplacera les taxes de base et de désignation actuelles.

De plus, le système de communication automatique à un office désigné de tous les documents relatifs aux demandes internationales le désignant sera remplacé par un système de "communication sur demande". Selon ce système, les documents seront communiqués à un tel office seulement à sa demande et au moment qu'il aura choisi.

Accès aux documents de priorité auprès de bibliothèques numériques (voir les règles –modifiées ou nouvelles – 17.1, 66.7 et 93bis.1.b)). Le déposant pourra, au lieu de remettre les documents de priorité sous forme papier à l'office récepteur ou au Bureau international, demander, le cas échéant, que ces documents soit obtenus auprès d'une bibliothèque numérique. Les modalités du système qui permettra cet accès seront régies par les instructions administratives dont les modifications feront l'objet, selon la règle 89.2.b), de consultation auprès des offices et administrations intéressés, avant que ces bibliothèques numériques soient mises en place.

Entrée en vigueur; mesures transitoires. Les modifications résumées ci-dessus, qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004, s'appliqueront, sous réserve de certaines mesures transitoires, à toute demande internationale dont la date de dépôt international sera le 1^{er} janvier 2004 ou une date postérieure; elles ne s'appliqueront à aucune demande internationale dont la date de dépôt international sera antérieure au 1^{er} janvier 2004.

Le texte des règles, telles que modifiées, figure sur les pages 25005 à 25057; le texte des décisions concernant l'entrée en vigueur et les mesures transitoires relatives à ces modifications figure sur les pages 25059 et 25061.

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**AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT
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Rule 12²

**Language of the International Application and Translation
for the Purposes of International Search and International Publication**

12.1 *Languages Accepted for the Filing of International Applications*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), the request shall be filed in any language of publication which the receiving Office accepts for the purposes of this paragraph.

(d) [No change]

12.2 *Language of Changes in the International Application*

(a) [No change]

(b) Any rectification under Rule 91.1 of an obvious error in the international application shall be in the language in which the application is filed, provided that:

(i) where a translation of the international application is required under Rule 12.3(a), 12.4(a) or 55.2(a), rectifications referred to in Rule 91.1(e)(ii) and (iii) shall be filed in both the language of the application and the language of that translation;

(ii) [No change]

(c) [No change]

12.3 *Translation for the Purposes of International Search*

(a) to (d) [No change]

(e) The furnishing of a translation after the expiration of the time limit under paragraph (a) may be subjected by the receiving Office to the payment to it, for its own benefit, of a late furnishing fee equal to 50% of the basic fee referred to in item 1(a) of the Schedule of Fees.

12.4 *Translation for the Purposes of International Publication*

(a) Where the language in which the international application is filed is not a language of publication and no translation is required under Rule 12.3(a), the applicant shall, within 14 months from the priority date, furnish to the receiving Office a translation of the international application into any language of publication which the receiving Office accepts for the purposes of this paragraph.

(b) Paragraph (a) shall not apply to the request nor to any sequence listing part of the description.

¹ See page 25058 for details concerning entry into force and transitional arrangements.

² See page 25008 for further amendments entering into force on January 1, 2004.

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Règle 12²

**Langue de la demande internationale et traduction aux fins de
la recherche internationale et de la publication internationale**

12.1 *Langues acceptées pour le dépôt des demandes internationales*

a) et b) [Sans changement]

c) Nonobstant l'alinéa a), la requête doit être déposée dans toute langue de publication que l'office récepteur accepte aux fins du présent alinéa.

d) [Sans changement]

12.2 *Langue des changements apportés à la demande internationale*

a) [Sans changement]

b) Toute rectification d'une erreur évidente contenue dans la demande internationale faite en vertu de la règle 91.1 doit être rédigée dans la langue dans laquelle la demande a été déposée; toutefois,

i) lorsqu'une traduction de la demande internationale est requise en vertu des règles 12.3.a), 12.4.a) ou 55.2.a), les rectifications visées dans la règle 91.1.e)ii) et iii) doivent être déposées à la fois dans la langue de la demande et dans la langue de cette traduction;

ii) [Sans changement]

c) [Sans changement]

12.3 *Traduction aux fins de la recherche internationale*

a) à d) [Sans changement]

e) La remise d'une traduction après l'expiration du délai prescrit à l'alinéa a) peut être subordonnée par l'office récepteur au paiement, à son profit, d'une taxe pour remise tardive égale à 50 % de la taxe de base visée au point 1.a) du barème de taxes.

12.4 *Traduction aux fins de la publication internationale*

a) Si la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée n'est pas une langue de publication et qu'aucune traduction n'est exigée en vertu de la règle 12.3.a), le déposant doit, dans un délai de 14 mois à compter de la date de priorité, remettre à l'office récepteur une traduction de la demande internationale dans toute langue de publication internationale que cet office accepte aux fins du présent alinéa.

b) L'alinéa a) ne s'applique pas à la requête ni à la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences.

¹ Voir la page 25059 pour plus de précisions concernant l'entrée en vigueur et les mesures transitoires.

² Voir la page 25009 pour d'autres modifications entrant en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004.

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(c) Where the applicant has not, within the time limit referred to in paragraph (a), furnished a translation required under that paragraph, the receiving Office shall invite the applicant to furnish the required translation, and to pay, where applicable, the late furnishing fee required under paragraph (e), within 16 months from the priority date. Any translation received by the receiving Office before that Office sends the invitation under the previous sentence shall be considered to have been received before the expiration of the time limit under paragraph (a).

(d) Where the applicant has not, within the time limit under paragraph (c), furnished the required translation and paid any required late furnishing fee, the international application shall be considered withdrawn and the receiving Office shall so declare. Any translation and any payment received by the receiving Office before that Office makes the declaration under the previous sentence and before the expiration of 17 months from the priority date shall be considered to have been received before the expiration of that time limit.

(e) The furnishing of a translation after the expiration of the time limit under paragraph (a) may be subjected by the receiving Office to the payment to it, for its own benefit, of a late furnishing fee equal to 50% of the basic fee referred to in item 1(a) of the Schedule of Fees.

**Rule 22
Transmittal of the Record Copy and Translation**22.1 *Procedure*

(a) to (g) [No change]

(h) Where the international application is to be published in the language of a translation furnished under Rule 12.3 or 12.4, that translation shall be transmitted by the receiving Office to the International Bureau together with the record copy under paragraph (a) or, if the receiving Office has already transmitted the record copy to the International Bureau under that paragraph, promptly after receipt of the translation.

22.2 *[Remains deleted]*

22.3 [No change]

**Rule 26³
Checking by, and Correcting Before, the Receiving Office of
Certain Elements of the International Application**

26.1 and 26.2 [No change]

26.3 *Checking of Physical Requirements Under Article 14(1)(a)(v)*

(a) [No change]

(b) Where the international application is filed in a language which is not a language of publication, the receiving Office shall check:

(i) [No change]

(ii) any translation furnished under Rule 12.3 or 12.4 and the drawings for compliance with the physical requirements referred to in Rule 11 to the extent that compliance therewith is necessary for the purpose of reasonably uniform international publication.

³ See page 25016 for further amendments entering into force on January 1, 2004.

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c) Lorsque le déposant n'a pas, dans le délai visé à l'alinéa a), remis une traduction requise en vertu de cet alinéa, l'office récepteur invite le déposant à remettre la traduction requise et à acquitter, le cas échéant, la taxe pour remise tardive visée à l'alinéa e), dans un délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité. Toute traduction reçue par l'office récepteur avant l'envoi par celui-ci de l'invitation prévue dans la phrase précédente est considérée comme ayant été reçue avant l'expiration du délai indiqué à l'alinéa a).

d) Lorsque le déposant n'a pas, dans le délai visé à l'alinéa c), remis la traduction requise et acquitté le cas échéant la taxe pour remise tardive, la demande internationale est considérée comme retirée et l'office récepteur le déclare. Toute traduction et tout paiement reçus par l'office récepteur avant que cet office ait fait la déclaration prévue à la phrase précédente et avant l'expiration d'un délai de 17 mois à compter de la date de priorité sont considérés comme reçus avant l'expiration de ce délai.

e) La remise d'une traduction après l'expiration du délai prescrit à l'alinéa a) peut être subordonnée par l'office récepteur au paiement, à son profit, d'une taxe pour remise tardive égale à 50% de la taxe de base visée au point 1.a) du barème de taxes.

Règle 22

Transmission de l'exemplaire original et de la traduction

22.1 *Procédure*

a) à g) [Sans changement]

h) Lorsque la demande internationale doit être publiée dans la langue d'une traduction remise en vertu de la règle 12.3 ou 12.4, cette traduction est transmise par l'office récepteur au Bureau international en même temps que l'exemplaire original visé à l'alinéa a) ou, si l'office récepteur a déjà transmis l'exemplaire original au Bureau international en vertu de cet alinéa, à bref délai après réception de la traduction.

22.2 *[Reste supprimée]*

22.3 [Sans changement]

Règle 26³

**Contrôle et correction de certains éléments de
la demande internationale auprès de l'office récepteur**

26.1 et 26.2 [Sans changement]

26.3 *Contrôle des conditions matérielles au sens de l'article 14.1)a)v)*

a) [Sans changement]

b) Lorsque la demande internationale est déposée dans une langue qui n'est pas une langue de publication, l'office récepteur contrôle

i) [Sans changement]

ii) la conformité de toute traduction remise en vertu de la règle 12.3 ou 12.4 et des dessins aux conditions matérielles mentionnées à la règle 11 dans la mesure où ces conditions doivent être remplies aux fins d'une publication internationale raisonnablement uniforme.

³ Voir la page 25017 pour d'autres modifications entrant en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004.

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26.3*bis* to 26.6 [No change]

Rule 29⁴**International Applications or Designations Considered Withdrawn**29.1 *Finding by Receiving Office*

(a) If the receiving Office declares, under Article 14(1)(b) and Rule 26.5 (failure to correct certain defects), or under Article 14(3)(a) (failure to pay the prescribed fees under Rule 27.1(a)), or under Article 14(4) (later finding of non-compliance with the requirements listed in items (i) to (iii) of Article 11(1)), or under Rule 12.3(d) or 12.4(d) (failure to furnish a required translation or, where applicable, to pay a late furnishing fee), or under Rule 92.4(g)(i) (failure to furnish the original of a document), that the international application is considered withdrawn:

(i) to (iv) [No change]

(b) [No change]

29.2 [*Remains deleted*]

29.3 and 29.4 [No change]

Rule 48⁴**International Publication**

48.1 and 48.2 [No change]

48.3 *Languages of Publication*

(a) [No change]

(b) If the international application is not filed in a language of publication and a translation into a language of publication has been furnished under Rule 12.3 or 12.4, that application shall be published in the language of that translation.⁵

(c) [No change]

48.4 to 48.6 [No change]

⁴ See page 25016 for further amendments entering into force on January 1, 2004.

⁵ Paragraph (b) is deleted and paragraph (a-*bis*) is renumbered as paragraph (b).

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26.3bis à 26.6 [Sans changement]

Règle 29⁴

Demandes internationales ou désignations considérées comme retirées

29.1 *Constatations de l'office récepteur*

a) Si l'office récepteur déclare, conformément à l'article 14.1)b) et à la règle 26.5 (défaut de correction de certaines irrégularités), conformément à l'article 14.3)a) (défaut de paiement des taxes prescrites par la règle 27.1.a)), conformément à l'article 14.4) (constatation ultérieure que les conditions énumérées aux points i) à iii) de l'article 11.1) ne sont pas remplies), conformément aux règles 12.3.d) ou 12.4.d) (défaut de remise d'une traduction requise ou, le cas échéant, de paiement d'une taxe pour remise tardive) ou conformément à la règle 92.4.g)i) (défaut de remise de l'original d'un document), que la demande internationale est considérée comme retirée,

i) à iv) [Sans changement]

b) [Sans changement]

29.2 *[Reste supprimée]*

29.3 et 29.4 [Sans changement]

Règle 48⁴

Publication internationale

48.1 et 48.2 [Sans changement]

48.3 *Langues de publication*

a) [Sans changement]

b) Si la demande internationale n'est pas déposée dans une langue de publication et qu'une traduction dans une langue de publication a été remise en vertu de la règle 12.3 ou 12.4, cette demande est publiée dans la langue de cette traduction.⁵

c) [Sans changement]

48.4 à 48.6 [Sans changement]

⁴ Voir la page 25017 pour d'autres modifications entrant en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004.

⁵ L'alinéa b) est supprimé et l'alinéa a-bis) devient l'alinéa b).

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Copy, Translation and Fee Under Article 22**

49.1 to 49.5 [No change]

49.6 *Reinstatement of Rights After Failure to Perform the Acts Referred to in Article 22*

(a) Where the effect of the international application provided for in Article 11(3) has ceased because the applicant failed to perform the acts referred to in Article 22 within the applicable time limit, the designated Office shall, upon request of the applicant, and subject to paragraphs (b) to (e) of this Rule, reinstate the rights of the applicant with respect to that international application if it finds that any delay in meeting that time limit was unintentional or, at the option of the designated Office, that the failure to meet that time limit occurred in spite of due care required by the circumstances having been taken.

(b) The request under paragraph (a) shall be submitted to the designated Office, and the acts referred to in Article 22 shall be performed, within whichever of the following periods expires first:

- (i) two months from the date of removal of the cause of the failure to meet the applicable time limit under Article 22; or
- (ii) 12 months from the date of the expiration of the applicable time limit under Article 22;

provided that the applicant may submit the request at any later time if so permitted by the national law applicable by the designated Office.

(c) The request under paragraph (a) shall state the reasons for the failure to comply with the applicable time limit under Article 22.

(d) The national law applicable by the designated Office may require:

- (i) that a fee be paid in respect of a request under paragraph (a);
- (ii) that a declaration or other evidence in support of the reasons referred to in paragraph (c) be filed.

(e) The designated Office shall not refuse a request under paragraph (a) without giving the applicant the opportunity to make observations on the intended refusal within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances.

(f) If, on October 1, 2002, paragraphs (a) to (e) are not compatible with the national law applied by the designated Office, those paragraphs shall not apply in respect of that designated Office for as long as they continue not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by January 1, 2003. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

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Règle 49

Copie, traduction et taxe selon l'article 22

49.1 à 49.5 [Sans changement]

49.6 *Rétablissement des droits en cas d'inaccomplissement des actes visés à l'article 22*

a) Lorsque les effets de la demande internationale prévus à l'article 11.3) cessent parce que le déposant n'a pas accompli, dans le délai applicable, les actes visés à l'article 22, l'office désigné, sur requête du déposant, sous réserve des alinéas b) à e) de la présente règle, rétablit les droits du déposant en ce qui concerne cette demande internationale s'il constate que le retard dans l'observation de ce délai n'était pas intentionnel ou, au choix de l'office désigné, que l'inobservation du délai est intervenue bien que la diligence requise en l'espèce ait été exercée.

b) La requête en rétablissement des droits visée à l'alinéa a) doit être présentée à l'office désigné, et les actes visés à l'article 22 doivent être accomplis dans le premier des deux délais suivants à arriver à expiration :

- i) deux mois à compter de la date de la suppression de la cause de l'inobservation du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22; ou
- ii) 12 mois à compter de la date d'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22;

pour autant que le déposant puisse présenter la requête à tout moment par la suite si la législation nationale applicable par l'office désigné le permet.

c) La requête visée à l'alinéa a) doit exposer les raisons pour lesquelles le délai fixé par l'article 22 n'a pas été observé.

d) La législation nationale applicable par l'office désigné peut exiger :

- i) qu'une taxe soit payée au titre de la requête visée à l'alinéa a);
- ii) qu'une déclaration ou d'autres preuves soient fournies à l'appui des raisons visées à l'alinéa c).

e) L'office désigné ne doit pas rejeter une requête formulée en vertu de l'alinéa a) sans que soit donnée au déposant la possibilité de présenter dans un délai raisonnable en l'espèce des observations sur le refus envisagé.

f) Si, le 1^{er} octobre 2002, les alinéas a) à e) ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par l'office désigné, ils ne s'appliquent pas à celui-ci tant qu'ils restent incompatibles avec ladite législation, à condition que l'office en question en informe le Bureau international le 1^{er} janvier 2003 au plus tard. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai cette information dans la gazette.

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The Request (Contents)****4.1 Mandatory and Optional Contents; Signature**

(a) The request shall contain:

(i) to (iii) [No change]

(iv) indications concerning the inventor where the national law of at least one of the designated States requires that the name of the inventor be furnished at the time of filing a national application.

(b) The request shall, where applicable, contain:

(i) and (ii) [No change]

(iii) a reference to a parent application or parent patent,

(iv) an indication of the applicant's choice of competent International Searching Authority.

(c) and (d) [No change]

4.2 to 4.4 [No change]

4.5 The Applicant

(a) The request shall indicate:

(i) the name,

(ii) the address, and

(iii) the nationality and residence

of the applicant or, if there are several applicants, of each of them.

(b) to (e) [No change]

4.6 to 4.8 [No change]

4.9 Designation of States; Kinds of Protection; National and Regional Patents

(a) The filing of a request shall constitute:

(i) the designation of all Contracting States that are bound by the Treaty on the international filing date;

⁶ The amended provisions appearing in this part incorporate the amendments set out in PCT Gazette No. 42/2002, page 21000 (Schedule of Fees), and in this issue of the Gazette, pages 24996, 24998 and 25000 (see Rules 12, 26, 29 and 48).

⁷ See page 25058 for details concerning entry into force and transitional arrangements.

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**Règle 4
Requête (contenu)**

4.1 *Contenu obligatoire et contenu facultatif; signature*

a) La requête doit comporter :

i) à iii) [Sans changement]

iv) des indications relatives à l'inventeur, lorsque la législation nationale d'un État désigné au moins exige la communication du nom de l'inventeur lors du dépôt d'une demande nationale.

b) La requête doit comporter, le cas échéant :

i) et ii) [Sans changement]

iii) la mention d'une demande principale ou d'un brevet principal,

iv) l'indication de l'administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale choisie par le déposant.

c) et d) [Sans changement]

4.2 à 4.4 [Sans changement]

4.5 *Déposant*

a) La requête doit indiquer

i) le nom,

ii) l'adresse, et

iii) la nationalité et le domicile

du déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, de chacun d'eux.

b) à e) [Sans changement]

4.6 à 4.8 [Sans changement]

4.9 *Désignation d'États, titres de protection, brevets nationaux et régionaux*

a) Le dépôt d'une requête

i) vaut désignation de tous les États contractants qui sont liés par le traité à la date du dépôt international;

⁶ Les dispositions modifiées figurant dans la présente partie incluent les modifications contenues dans la Gazette du PCT n° 42/2002, page 21001 (barème de taxes), et dans le présent numéro de la Gazette, pages 24997, 24999 et 25001 (voir les règles 12, 26, 29 et 48).

⁷ Voir la page 25059 pour plus de précisions concernant l'entrée en vigueur et les mesures transitoires.

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(ii) an indication that the international application is, in respect of each designated State to which Article 43 or 44 applies, for the grant of every kind of protection which is available by way of the designation of that State;

(iii) an indication that the international application is, in respect of each designated State to which Article 45(1) applies, for the grant of a regional patent and also, unless Article 45(2) applies, a national patent.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a)(i), if, on October 1, 2002, the national law of a Contracting State provides that the filing of an international application which contains the designation of that State and claims the priority of an earlier national application having effect in that State shall have the result that the earlier national application ceases to have effect with the same consequences as the withdrawal of the earlier national application, any request may, for as long as that national law continues to so provide, contain an indication that the designation of that State is not made, provided that the designated Office informs the International Bureau by January 1, 2003, that this paragraph shall apply in respect of designations of that State. The information received shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

(c) *[Deleted]*

4.10 [No change]

4.11 *Reference to Earlier Search, Continuation or Continuation-in-Part, or Parent Application or Grant*

(a) If:

- (i) an international or international-type search has been requested on an application under Article 15(5);
- (ii) the applicant wishes the International Searching Authority to base the international search report wholly or in part on the results of a search, other than an international or international-type search, made by the national Office or intergovernmental organization which is the International Searching Authority competent for the international application;
- (iii) the applicant intends to make an indication under Rule 49*bis*.1(a) or (b) of the wish that the international application be treated, in any designated State, as an application for a patent of addition, certificate of addition, inventor's certificate of addition or utility certificate of addition;
or
- (iv) the applicant intends to make an indication under Rule 49*bis*.1(c) of the wish that the international application be treated, in any designated State, as an application for a continuation or a continuation-in-part of an earlier application;

the request shall so indicate and shall, as the case may be, identify the application in respect of which the earlier search was made or otherwise identify the search, or indicate the relevant parent application or parent patent or other parent grant.

(b) The inclusion in the request of an indication under paragraph (a)(iii) or (iv) shall have no effect on the operation of Rule 4.9.

4.12 *[Deleted]*

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ii) vaut indication du fait que la demande internationale doit être traitée, à l'égard de chaque État désigné auquel l'article 43 ou 44 s'applique, comme une demande tendant à la délivrance de tout titre de protection disponible au moyen de la désignation de cet État;

iii) vaut indication du fait que la demande internationale doit être traitée, à l'égard de chaque État désigné auquel l'article 45.1) s'applique, comme une demande tendant à la délivrance d'un brevet régional et, sauf si l'article 45.2) s'applique, d'un brevet national.

b) Nonobstant l'alinéa a)i), si, le 1^{er} octobre 2002, la législation nationale d'un État contractant prévoit que le dépôt d'une demande internationale qui contient la désignation de cet État et revendique la priorité d'une demande nationale antérieure produisant ses effets dans cet État a pour résultat que la demande nationale antérieure cesse de produire ses effets avec les mêmes conséquences que le retrait de ladite demande, toute requête peut, tant que la législation nationale le prévoit, contenir une indication selon laquelle la désignation de cet État n'est pas faite, à condition que l'office en question informe le Bureau international le 1^{er} janvier 2003 au plus tard que le présent alinéa s'applique aux désignations de cet État. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations reçues.

c) [*Supprimé*]

4.10 [Sans changement]

4.11 *Mention d'une recherche antérieure, d'une demande de "continuation" ou de "continuation-in-part" ou d'une demande principale ou d'un brevet principal*

a) Si

- i) une recherche internationale ou une recherche de type international a été requise pour une demande, conformément à l'article 15.5),
- ii) le déposant souhaite que l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale fonde le rapport de recherche internationale, en tout ou en partie, sur les résultats d'une recherche, autre qu'une recherche internationale ou une recherche de type international, effectuée par l'office national ou l'organisation intergouvernementale qui est l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale compétente pour la demande internationale,
- iii) le déposant a l'intention d'indiquer, conformément à la règle 49bis.1.a) ou b), qu'il souhaite que la demande internationale soit traitée, dans tout État désigné, comme une demande de brevet d'addition, de certificat d'addition, de certificat d'auteur d'invention additionnel ou de certificat d'utilité additionnel, ou
- iv) le déposant a l'intention d'indiquer, conformément à la règle 49bis.1.c), qu'il souhaite que la demande internationale soit traitée, dans tout État désigné, comme une demande de "continuation" ou de "continuation-in-part" d'une demande antérieure,

la requête doit l'indiquer et, selon le cas, permettre d'identifier la demande pour laquelle la recherche antérieure a été effectuée ou d'identifier, d'une autre manière, la recherche, ou encore indiquer la demande principale, le brevet principal ou le titre principal correspondant.

b) L'insertion dans la requête d'une indication selon l'alinéa a)iii) ou iv) est sans effet sur l'application de la règle 4.9.

4.12 [*Supprimée*]

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4.13 *[Deleted]*

4.14 *[Deleted]*

4.14bis to 4.18 [No change]

Rule 12
Language of the International Application and Translation
for the Purposes of International Search and International Publication

12.1 and 12.2 [No change]

12.3 *Translation for the Purposes of International Search*

(a) to (d) [No change]

(e) The furnishing of a translation after the expiration of the time limit under paragraph (a) may be subjected by the receiving Office to the payment to it, for its own benefit, of a late furnishing fee equal to 25% of the international filing fee referred to in item 1 of the Schedule of Fees, not taking into account any fee for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets.

12.4 *Translation for the Purposes of International Publication*

(a) to (d) [No change]

(e) The furnishing of a translation after the expiration of the time limit under paragraph (a) may be subjected by the receiving Office to the payment to it, for its own benefit, of a late furnishing fee equal to 25% of the international filing fee referred to in item 1 of the Schedule of Fees, not taking into account any fee for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets.

Rule 15
The International Filing Fee

15.1 *The International Filing Fee*

Each international application shall be subject to the payment of a fee for the benefit of the International Bureau (“international filing fee”) to be collected by the receiving Office.

15.2 *Amount*

(a) The amount of the international filing fee is as set out in the Schedule of Fees.

(b) The international filing fee shall be payable in the currency or one of the currencies prescribed by the receiving Office (“prescribed currency”), it being understood that, when transferred by the receiving Office to the International Bureau, it shall be freely convertible into Swiss currency. The amount of the international filing fee shall be established, for each receiving Office which prescribes the payment of that fee in any currency other than Swiss currency, by the Director General after consultation with the receiving Office of, or acting under Rule 19.1(b) for, the State whose official currency is the same as the prescribed currency. The amount so established shall be the equivalent, in round figures, of the amount in Swiss currency set out in the Schedule of Fees. It shall be notified by the International Bureau to each receiving Office prescribing payment in that prescribed currency and shall be published in the Gazette.

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4.13 [Supprimée]

4.14 [Supprimée]

4.14bis à 4.18 [Sans changement]

Règle 12

**Langue de la demande internationale et traduction aux fins de
la recherche internationale et de la publication internationale**

12.1 et 12.2 [Sans changement]

12.3 *Traduction aux fins de la recherche internationale*

a) à d) [Sans changement]

e) La remise d'une traduction après l'expiration du délai prescrit à l'alinéa a) peut être subordonnée par l'office récepteur au paiement, à son profit, d'une taxe pour remise tardive égale à 25% de la taxe internationale de dépôt visée au point 1 du barème de taxes, non compris toute taxe pour chaque feuille de la demande internationale à compter de la trente et unième.

12.4 *Traduction aux fins de la publication internationale*

a) à d) [Sans changement]

e) La remise d'une traduction après l'expiration du délai prescrit à l'alinéa a) peut être subordonnée par l'office récepteur au paiement, à son profit, d'une taxe pour remise tardive égale à 25% de la taxe internationale de dépôt visée au point 1 du barème de taxes, non compris toute taxe pour chaque feuille de la demande internationale à compter de la trente et unième.

Règle 15

Taxe internationale de dépôt

15.1 *Taxe internationale de dépôt*

Toute demande internationale est soumise au paiement d'une taxe perçue par l'office récepteur au profit du Bureau international ("taxe internationale de dépôt").

15.2 *Montant*

a) Le montant de la taxe internationale de dépôt est fixé dans le barème de taxes.

b) La taxe internationale de dépôt doit être payée dans l'une ou l'autre des monnaies prescrites par l'office récepteur ("monnaie prescrite"), étant entendu que cette taxe doit, lors de son transfert par l'office récepteur au Bureau international, être librement convertible en monnaie suisse. Le montant de la taxe internationale de dépôt est fixé, pour chaque office récepteur qui prescrit le paiement de cette taxe dans une monnaie autre que la monnaie suisse, par le Directeur général après consultation de l'office récepteur de l'État, ou de l'office récepteur agissant en vertu de la règle 19.1.b) pour l'État, dont la monnaie officielle est la même que la monnaie prescrite. Le montant ainsi fixé est l'équivalent, en chiffres ronds, du montant exprimé en monnaie suisse qui est indiqué dans le barème de taxes. Il est notifié par le Bureau international à chaque office récepteur prescrivant le paiement dans la monnaie prescrite et publié dans la gazette.

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(c) Where the amount of the international filing fee set out in the Schedule of Fees is changed, the corresponding amount in the prescribed currencies shall be applied from the same date as the amount set out in the amended Schedule of Fees.

(d) Where the exchange rate between Swiss currency and any prescribed currency becomes different from the exchange rate last applied, the Director General shall establish the new amount in the prescribed currency according to directives given by the Assembly. The newly established amount shall become applicable two months after the date of its publication in the Gazette, provided that the receiving Office referred to in the second sentence of paragraph (b) and the Director General may agree on a date falling during the said two-month period, in which case the said amount shall become applicable from that date.

15.3 *[Remains deleted]*

15.4 *Time Limit for Payment; Amount Payable*

The international filing fee shall be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application. The amount payable shall be the amount applicable on that date of receipt.

15.5 *[Deleted]*

15.6 *Refund*

The receiving Office shall refund the international filing fee to the applicant:

(i) to (iii) [No change]

**Rule 16
The Search Fee**

16.1 *Right to Ask for a Fee*

(a) to (e) [No change]

(f) As to the time limit for payment of the search fee and the amount payable, the provisions of Rule 15.4 relating to the international filing fee shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

16.2 and 16.3 [No change]

**Rule 16bis
Extension of Time Limits for Payment of Fees**

16bis.1 *Invitation by the Receiving Office*

(a) Where, by the time they are due under Rules 14.1(c), 15.4 and 16.1(f), the receiving Office finds that no fees were paid to it, or that the amount paid to it is insufficient to cover the transmittal fee, the international filing fee and the search fee, the receiving Office shall invite the applicant to pay to it the amount required to cover those fees, together with, where applicable, the late payment fee under Rule 16bis.2, within a time limit of one month from the date of the invitation.

(b) *[Deleted]*

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c) Lorsque le montant de la taxe internationale de dépôt indiqué dans le barème de taxes est modifié, le montant correspondant dans les monnaies prescrites est applicable à partir de la même date que le montant indiqué dans le barème de taxes modifié.

d) Lorsque le taux de change entre la monnaie suisse et toute monnaie prescrite diffère du dernier taux de change appliqué, le Directeur général établit le nouveau montant dans la monnaie prescrite conformément aux directives de l'Assemblée. Le nouveau montant établi devient applicable deux mois après la date de sa publication dans la gazette, à moins que l'office récepteur mentionné dans la deuxième phrase de l'alinéa b) et le Directeur général ne conviennent d'une date tombant au cours de cette période de deux mois, auquel cas ledit montant devient applicable à compter de cette date.

15.3 [Reste supprimée]

15.4 *Délai de paiement; montant dû*

La taxe internationale de dépôt est due dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de réception de la demande internationale. Le montant dû est le montant applicable à la date de réception de la demande internationale.

15.5 [Supprimée]

15.6 *Remboursement*

L'office récepteur rembourse la taxe internationale de dépôt au déposant :

i) à iii) [Sans changement]

**Règle 16
Taxe de recherche**

16.1 *Droit de demander une taxe*

a) à e) [Sans changement]

f) Les dispositions de la règle 15.4 concernant la taxe internationale de dépôt sont applicables *mutatis mutandis* au délai de paiement de la taxe de recherche et au montant dû.

16.2 et 16.3 [Sans changement]

**Règle 16bis
Prorogation des délais de paiement des taxes**

16bis.1 *Invitation de l'office récepteur*

a) Si, au moment où la taxe de transmission, la taxe internationale de dépôt et la taxe de recherche sont dues en vertu des règles 14.1.c), 15.4 et 16.1.f), l'office récepteur constate qu'aucune taxe ne lui a été payée ou encore que le montant acquitté auprès de lui est insuffisant pour couvrir la taxe de transmission, la taxe internationale de dépôt et la taxe de recherche, il invite le déposant à lui payer, dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de l'invitation, le montant nécessaire pour couvrir ces taxes, majoré, le cas échéant, de la taxe pour paiement tardif visée à la règle 16bis.2.

b) [Supprimé]

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(c) Where the receiving Office has sent to the applicant an invitation under paragraph (a) and the applicant has not, within the time limit referred to in that paragraph, paid in full the amount due, including, where applicable, the late payment fee under Rule 16*bis*.2, the receiving Office shall, subject to paragraph (d):

- (i) make the applicable declaration under Article 14(3), and⁸
- (ii) proceed as provided in Rule 29.⁸

(d) Any payment received by the receiving Office before that Office sends the invitation under paragraph (a) shall be considered to have been received before the expiration of the time limit under Rule 14.1(c), 15.4 or 16.1(f), as the case may be.

(e) Any payment received by the receiving Office before that Office makes the applicable declaration under Article 14(3) shall be considered to have been received before the expiration of the time limit referred to in paragraph (a).

16*bis*.2 Late Payment Fee

(a) The payment of fees in response to an invitation under Rule 16*bis*.1(a) may be subjected by the receiving Office to the payment to it, for its own benefit, of a late payment fee. The amount of that fee shall be:

- (i) 50% of the amount of unpaid fees which is specified in the invitation, or,
- (ii) if the amount calculated under item (i) is less than the transmittal fee, an amount equal to the transmittal fee.

(b) The amount of the late payment fee shall not, however, exceed the amount of 25% of the international filing fee referred to in item 1 of the Schedule of Fees, not taking into account any fee for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets.

**Rule 17
The Priority Document****17.1 Obligation to Submit Copy of Earlier National or International Application**

(a) Where the priority of an earlier national or international application is claimed under Article 8, a copy of that earlier application, certified by the authority with which it was filed (“the priority document”), shall, unless that priority document has already been filed with the receiving Office together with the international application in which the priority claim is made, and subject to paragraphs (b) and (b-*bis*), be submitted by the applicant to the International Bureau or to the receiving Office not later than 16 months after the priority date, provided that any copy of the said earlier application which is received by the International Bureau after the expiration of that time limit shall be considered to have been received by that Bureau on the last day of that time limit if it reaches it before the date of international publication of the international application.

(b) [No change]

(b-*bis*) Where the priority document is, in accordance with the Administrative Instructions, available to the receiving Office or to the International Bureau from a digital library, the applicant may, as the case may be, instead of submitting the priority document:

⁸ Item (i) is deleted and items (ii) and (iii) are renumbered as items (i) and (ii).

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c) Si l'office récepteur a adressé au déposant une invitation conformément à l'alinéa a) et si le déposant n'a pas, dans le délai mentionné dans cet alinéa, payé intégralement le montant dû, y compris, le cas échéant, la taxe pour paiement tardif visée à la règle 16bis.2, l'office récepteur, sous réserve de l'alinéa d),

i) fait la déclaration pertinente visée à l'article 14.3), et⁸

ii) procède comme prévu à la règle 29.⁸

d) Tout paiement reçu par l'office récepteur avant que cet office n'envoie l'invitation visée à l'alinéa a) est réputé avoir été reçu avant l'expiration du délai prévu à la règle 14.1.c), 15.4 ou 16.1.f), selon le cas.

e) Tout paiement reçu par l'office récepteur avant que cet office ne fasse la déclaration prévue à l'article 14.3) est réputé avoir été reçu avant l'expiration du délai mentionné à l'alinéa a).

16bis.2 Taxe pour paiement tardif

a) Le paiement des taxes en réponse à une invitation adressée en vertu de la règle 16bis.1.a) peut être soumis par l'office récepteur au versement, à son profit, d'une taxe pour paiement tardif. Cette taxe s'élève

i) à 50% du montant des taxes impayées qui est précisé dans l'invitation, ou,

ii) si le montant calculé selon le point i) est inférieur à la taxe de transmission, à un montant égal à celle-ci.

b) Cependant, le montant de la taxe pour paiement tardif n'est jamais supérieur à 25% du montant de la taxe internationale de dépôt mentionné au point 1 du barème de taxes, non compris toute taxe pour chaque feuille de la demande internationale à compter de la trente et unième.

**Règle 17
Document de priorité**

17.1 Obligation de présenter une copie d'une demande nationale ou internationale antérieure

a) Si la priorité d'une demande nationale ou internationale antérieure est revendiquée en vertu de l'article 8, une copie de cette demande antérieure, certifiée conforme par l'administration auprès de laquelle elle a été déposée ("document de priorité"), doit, si ce document de priorité n'a pas déjà été déposé auprès de l'office récepteur avec la demande internationale dans laquelle la priorité est revendiquée, et sous réserve des alinéas b) et b-bis), être présentée par le déposant au Bureau international ou à l'office récepteur au plus tard à l'expiration d'un délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité; toutefois, toute copie de cette demande antérieure qui parvient au Bureau international après l'expiration de ce délai est réputée avoir été reçue par le Bureau international le dernier jour de ce délai si elle lui parvient avant la date de publication internationale de la demande internationale.

b) [Sans changement]

b-bis) Si le document de priorité est, conformément aux instructions administratives, accessible à l'office récepteur ou au Bureau international auprès d'une bibliothèque numérique, le déposant peut, selon le cas, au lieu de remettre le document de priorité :

⁸ Le point i) est supprimé et les points ii) et iii) deviennent les points i) et ii).

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- (i) request the receiving Office to obtain the priority document from such digital library and transmit it to the International Bureau; or
- (ii) request the International Bureau to obtain the priority document from such digital library.

Such request shall be made not later than 16 months after the priority date and may be subjected by the receiving Office or the International Bureau to the payment of a fee.

(c) If the requirements of none of the three preceding paragraphs are complied with, any designated Office may, subject to paragraph (d), disregard the priority claim, provided that no designated Office shall disregard the priority claim before giving the applicant an opportunity to furnish the priority document within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances.

(d) No designated Office shall disregard the priority claim under paragraph (c) if the earlier application referred to in paragraph (a) was filed with it in its capacity as national Office or if the priority document is, in accordance with the Administrative Instructions, available to it from a digital library.

17.2 [No change]

**Rule 19
The Competent Receiving Office**

19.1 to 19.3 [No change]

19.4 *Transmittal to the International Bureau as Receiving Office*

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) For the purposes of Rules 14.1(c), 15.4 and 16.1(f), where the international application was transmitted to the International Bureau under paragraph (b), the date of receipt of the international application shall be considered to be the date on which the international application was actually received by the International Bureau. For the purposes of this paragraph, the last sentence of paragraph (b) shall not apply.

**Rule 24
Receipt of the Record Copy by the International Bureau**

24.1 [*Remains deleted*]

24.2 *Notification of Receipt of the Record Copy*

(a) The International Bureau shall promptly notify:

(i) to (iii) [No change]

of the fact and the date of receipt of the record copy. The notification shall identify the international application by its number, the international filing date and the name of the applicant, and shall indicate the filing date of any earlier application whose priority is claimed. The notification sent to the applicant shall also contain a list of the designated Offices and, in the case of a designated Office which is responsible for granting regional patents, of the Contracting States designated for such regional patent.

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- i) demander à l'office récepteur de se procurer le document de priorité auprès de la bibliothèque numérique et de le transmettre au Bureau international; ou
- ii) demander au Bureau international de se procurer le document de priorité auprès de la bibliothèque numérique.

Cette demande doit être formulée au plus tard à l'expiration d'un délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité et peut être soumise par l'office récepteur ou par le Bureau international au paiement d'une taxe.

c) Si les conditions d'aucun des trois alinéas précédents ne sont remplies, tout office désigné peut, sous réserve de l'alinéa d), ne pas tenir compte de la revendication de priorité; toutefois, aucun office désigné ne peut décider de ne pas tenir compte de la revendication de priorité avant d'avoir donné au déposant la possibilité de remettre le document de priorité dans un délai raisonnable en l'espèce.

d) Aucun office désigné ne peut décider de ne pas tenir compte de la revendication de priorité en vertu de l'alinéa c) si la demande antérieure visée à l'alinéa a) a été déposée auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office national ou si le document de priorité est, conformément aux instructions administratives, accessible à l'office auprès d'une bibliothèque numérique.

17.2 [Sans changement]

**Règle 19
Office récepteur compétent**

19.1 à 19.3 [Sans changement]

19.4 *Transmission au Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur*

a) et b) [Sans changement]

c) Aux fins des règles 14.1.c), 15.4 et 16.1.f), lorsque la demande internationale est transmise au Bureau international en vertu de l'alinéa b), la date de réception de la demande internationale est considérée comme étant la date à laquelle le Bureau international a effectivement reçu cette demande. Aux fins du présent alinéa, la dernière phrase de l'alinéa b) n'est pas applicable.

**Règle 24
Réception de l'exemplaire original par le Bureau international**

24.1 *[Reste supprimée]*

24.2 *Notification de la réception de l'exemplaire original*

a) Le Bureau international notifie à bref délai

i) à iii) [Sans changement]

la réception de l'exemplaire original et la date de cette réception. La notification doit indiquer, aux fins d'identification de la demande internationale, le numéro de celle-ci, la date du dépôt international et le nom du déposant et doit aussi indiquer la date du dépôt de toute demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée. La notification adressée au déposant doit également contenir une liste des offices désignés et, dans le cas d'un office désigné qui est chargé de la délivrance de brevets régionaux, une liste des États contractants désignés aux fins de ce brevet régional.

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(b) *[Deleted]*

(c) [No change]

**Rule 26
Checking by, and Correcting Before, the Receiving Office of
Certain Elements of the International Application**

26.1 and 26.2 [No change]

26.2bis Checking of Requirements Under Article 14(1)(a)(i) and (ii)

(a) For the purposes of Article 14(1)(a)(i), if there is more than one applicant, it shall be sufficient that the request be signed by one of them.

(b) For the purposes of Article 14(1)(a)(ii), if there is more than one applicant, it shall be sufficient that the indications required under Rule 4.5(a)(ii) and (iii) be provided in respect of one of them who is entitled according to Rule 19.1 to file the international application with the receiving Office.

26.3 to 26.6 [No change]

**Rule 27
Lack of Payment of Fees**

27.1 Fees

(a) For the purposes of Article 14(3)(a), “fees prescribed under Article 3(4)(iv)” means: the transmittal fee (Rule 14), the international filing fee (Rule 15.1), the search fee (Rule 16), and, where required, the late payment fee (Rule 16*bis*.2).

(b) For the purposes of Article 14(3)(a) and (b), “the fee prescribed under Article 4(2)” means the international filing fee (Rule 15.1) and, where required, the late payment fee (Rule 16*bis*.2).

**Rule 29
International Applications Considered Withdrawn**

29.1 Finding by Receiving Office

If the receiving Office declares, under Article 14(1)(b) and Rule 26.5 (failure to correct certain defects), or under Article 14(3)(a) (failure to pay the prescribed fees under Rule 27.1(a)), or under Article 14(4) (later finding of non-compliance with the requirements listed in items (i) to (iii) of Article 11(1)), or under Rule 12.3(d) or 12.4(d) (failure to furnish a required translation or, where applicable, to pay a late furnishing fee), or under Rule 92.4(g)(i) (failure to furnish the original of a document), that the international application is considered withdrawn:

(i) to (iv) [No change]

(b) *[Deleted]*

29.2 [Remains deleted]

29.3 and 29.4 [No change]

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b) [*Supprimé*]

c) [Sans changement]

**Règle 26
Contrôle et correction de certains éléments de la demande
internationale auprès de l'office récepteur**

26.1 et 26.2 [Sans changement]

26.2bis *Contrôle de l'observation des prescriptions visées à l'article 14.1)a)i) et ii)*

a) Aux fins de l'article 14.1)a)i), s'il y a plusieurs déposants, il suffit que la requête soit signée par l'un d'eux.

b) Aux fins de l'article 14.1)a)ii), s'il y a plusieurs déposants, il suffit que les indications exigées en vertu de la règle 4.5.a)ii) et iii) soient fournies à l'égard de l'un d'entre eux qui est habilité, conformément à la règle 19.1, à déposer la demande internationale auprès de l'office récepteur.

26.3 à 26.6 [Sans changement]

**Règle 27
Défaut de paiement de taxes**

27.1 *Taxes*

a) Aux fins de l'article 14.3)a), on entend par "taxes prescrites par l'article 3.4)iv)" la taxe de transmission (règle 14), la taxe internationale de dépôt (règle 15.1), la taxe de recherche (règle 16) et, lorsqu'elle est exigée, la taxe pour paiement tardif (règle 16bis.2).

b) Aux fins de l'article 14.3)a) et b), on entend par "taxe prescrite par l'article 4.2)" la taxe internationale de dépôt (règle 15.1) et, lorsqu'elle est exigée, la taxe pour paiement tardif (règle 16bis.2).

**Règle 29
Demandes internationales considérées comme retirées**

29.1 *Constatations de l'office récepteur*

Si l'office récepteur déclare, conformément à l'article 14.1)b) et à la règle 26.5 (défaut de correction de certaines irrégularités), conformément à l'article 14.3)a) (défaut de paiement des taxes prescrites par la règle 27.1.a)), conformément à l'article 14.4) (constatation ultérieure que les conditions énumérées aux points i) à iii) de l'article 11.1) ne sont pas remplies), conformément à la règle 12.3.d) ou 12.4.d) (défaut de remise d'une traduction requise ou, le cas échéant, de paiement d'une taxe pour remise tardive) ou conformément à la règle 92.4.g)i) (défaut de remise de l'original d'un document), que la demande internationale est considérée comme retirée,

i) à iv) [Sans changement]

b) [*Supprimé*]

29.2 [*Reste supprimée*]

29.3 et 29.4 [Sans changement]

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Extension of Effects of International Application to
Certain Successor States***32.1 Request for Extension of International Application to Successor State*

(a) The effects of any international application whose international filing date falls in the period defined in paragraph (b) are extended to a State (“the successor State”) whose territory was, before the independence of that State, part of the territory of a Contracting State designated in the international application which subsequently ceased to exist (“the predecessor State”), provided that the successor State has become a Contracting State through the deposit, with the Director General, of a declaration of continuation the effect of which is that the Treaty is applied by the successor State.

(b) [No change]

(c) Information on any international application whose filing date falls within the applicable period under paragraph (b) and whose effect is extended to the successor State shall be published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

(d) *[Deleted]*

32.2 Effects of Extension to Successor State

(a) Where the effects of the international application are extended to the successor State in accordance with Rule 32.1,

(i) [No change]

(ii) the applicable time limit under Article 22 or 39(1) in relation to that State shall be extended until the expiration of at least six months from the date of the publication of the information under Rule 32.1(c).

(b) The successor State may fix a time limit which expires later than that provided in paragraph (a)(ii). The International Bureau shall publish information on such time limits in the Gazette.⁹

**Rule 36
Minimum Requirements for International Searching Authorities***36.1 Definition of Minimum Requirements*

The minimum requirements referred to in Article 16(3)(c) shall be the following:

(i) and (ii) [No change]

(iii) that Office or organization must have a staff which is capable of searching the required technical fields and which has the language facilities to understand at least those languages in which the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34 is written or is translated;

⁹ Paragraph (b) is deleted and paragraph (c) is renumbered as paragraph (b).

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**Règle 32
Extension des effets d'une demande internationale
à certains États successeurs**

32.1 Demande d'extension d'une demande internationale à l'État successeur

a) Les effets d'une demande internationale dont la date de dépôt international se situe pendant la période définie à l'alinéa b) sont étendus à un État (dit "État successeur") dont le territoire faisait partie, avant l'indépendance de cet État, du territoire d'un État contractant désigné dans la demande internationale qui a par la suite cessé d'exister (dit "État prédécesseur"), à condition que l'État successeur soit devenu État contractant en déposant, auprès du Directeur général, une déclaration de continuation qui aura pour effet l'application du traité par l'État successeur.

b) [Sans changement]

c) Le Bureau international publie dans la gazette des informations sur toute demande internationale dont la date de dépôt se situe pendant la période applicable en vertu de l'alinéa b) et dont les effets sont étendus à l'État successeur.

d) [Supprimé]

32.2 Effets de l'extension à l'État successeur

a) Lorsque les effets de la demande internationale sont étendus à l'État successeur conformément à la règle 32.1,

i) [Sans changement]

ii) le délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1) en ce qui concerne cet État est étendu jusqu'à l'expiration d'au moins six mois à compter de la date de la publication des informations visées à la règle 32.1.c).

b) L'État successeur peut fixer un délai qui expire plus tard que celui prévu à l'alinéa a)ii). Le Bureau international publie des informations sur ce délai dans la gazette.⁹

**Règle 36
Exigences minimales pour les administrations
chargées de la recherche internationale**

36.1 Définition des exigences minimales

Les exigences minimales mentionnées à l'article 16.3)c) sont les suivantes :

i) et ii) [Sans changement]

iii) cet office ou cette organisation doit disposer d'un personnel capable de procéder à la recherche dans les domaines techniques sur lesquels la recherche doit porter et possédant les connaissances linguistiques nécessaires à la compréhension au moins des langues dans lesquelles la documentation minimale de la règle 34 est rédigée ou traduite;

⁹ L'alinéa b) est supprimé et l'alinéa c) devient l'alinéa b).

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(iv) that Office or organization must hold an appointment as an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

Rule 43bis**Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority***43bis.1 Written Opinion*

(a) Subject to Rule 69.1(b-bis), the International Searching Authority shall, at the same time as it establishes the international search report, establish a written opinion as to:

- (i) whether the claimed invention appears to be novel, to involve an inventive step (to be non-obvious), and to be industrially applicable;
- (ii) whether the international application complies with the requirements of the Treaty and these Regulations in so far as checked by the International Searching Authority.

The written opinion shall also be accompanied by such other observations as these Regulations provide for.

(b) For the purposes of establishing the written opinion, Articles 33(2) to (6), 35(2) and 35(3) and Rules 43.4, 64, 65, 66.1(e), 66.2(a), (b) and (e), 66.7, 67, 70.2(b) and (d), 70.3, 70.4(ii), 70.5(a), 70.6 to 70.10, 70.12, 70.14 and 70.15(a) shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

(c) The written opinion shall contain a notification informing the applicant that, if a demand for international preliminary examination is made, the written opinion shall, under Rule 66.1bis(a) but subject to Rule 66.1bis(b), be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority for the purposes of Rule 66.2(a), in which case the applicant is invited to submit to that Authority, before the expiration of the time limit under Rule 54bis.1(a), a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments.

Rule 44**Transmittal of the International Search Report, Written Opinion, Etc.***44.1 Copies of Report or Declaration and Written Opinion*

The International Searching Authority shall, on the same day, transmit one copy of the international search report and the written opinion established under Rule 43bis.1, or of the declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a), to the International Bureau and one copy to the applicant.

44.2 and 44.3 [No change]

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iv) cet office ou cette organisation doit être nommée en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

Règle 43bis

Opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale

43bis.1 Opinion écrite

a) Sous réserve de la règle 69.1.b-bis), l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale établit, en même temps que le rapport de recherche internationale, une opinion écrite concernant

- i) la question de savoir si l'invention semble nouvelle, impliquer une activité inventive (être non évidente) et susceptible d'application industrielle;
- ii) la question de savoir si la demande internationale remplit les conditions du traité et du présent règlement d'exécution dans la mesure où elles sont contrôlées par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale.

L'opinion écrite est accompagnée de toute autre observation prévue par le présent règlement d'exécution.

b) Aux fins de l'établissement de l'opinion écrite, les articles 33.2) à 6) et 35.2) et 3) et les règles 43.4, 64, 65, 66.1.e), 66.2.a), b) et e), 66.7, 67, 70.2.b) et d), 70.3, 70.4.ii), 70.5.a), 70.6 à 70.10, 70.12, 70.14 et 70.15.a) s'appliquent *mutatis mutandis*.

c) L'opinion écrite doit contenir une notification informant le déposant que, si une demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée, l'opinion écrite est, conformément à la règle 66.1bis.a) mais sous réserve de la règle 66.1bis.b), considérée comme une opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international aux fins de la règle 66.2.a), auquel cas le déposant est invité à communiquer à cette administration, avant l'expiration du délai visé à la règle 54bis.1.a), une réponse écrite accompagnée, le cas échéant, de modifications.

Règle 44

Transmission du rapport de recherche internationale, de l'opinion écrite, etc.

44.1 Copies du rapport ou de la déclaration et de l'opinion écrite

L'administration chargée de la recherche internationale transmet, le même jour, au Bureau international et au déposant une copie du rapport de recherche internationale et de l'opinion écrite établie en vertu de la règle 43bis.1, ou de la déclaration visée à l'article 17.2)a).

44.2 et 44.3 [Sans changement]

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International Preliminary Report on Patentability by
the International Searching Authority***44bis.1 Issuance of Report*

(a) Unless an international preliminary examination report has been or is to be established, the International Bureau shall issue a report on behalf of the International Searching Authority (in this Rule referred to as “the report”) as to the matters referred to in Rule 43bis.1(a). The report shall have the same contents as the written opinion established under Rule 43bis.1.

(b) The report shall bear the title “international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)” together with an indication that it is issued under this Rule by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority.

44bis.2 Communication to Designated Offices

(a) Where a report has been issued under Rule 44bis.1, the International Bureau shall communicate it to each designated Office in accordance with Rule 93bis.1 but not before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

(b) Where the applicant makes an express request to a designated Office under Article 23(2), the International Bureau shall communicate a copy of the written opinion established by the International Searching Authority under Rule 43bis.1 to that Office promptly upon the request of that Office or of the applicant.

44bis.3 Translation for Designated Offices

(a) Any designated State may, where a report has been issued under Rule 44bis.1 in a language other than the official language, or one of the official languages, of its national Office, require a translation of the report into English. Any such requirement shall be notified to the International Bureau, which shall promptly publish it in the Gazette.

(b) If a translation is required under paragraph (a), it shall be prepared by or under the responsibility of the International Bureau.

(c) The International Bureau shall transmit a copy of the translation to any interested designated Office and to the applicant at the same time as it communicates the report to that Office.

(d) In the case referred to in Rule 44bis.2(b), the written opinion established under Rule 43bis.1 shall, upon request of the designated Office concerned, be translated into English by or under the responsibility of the International Bureau. The International Bureau shall transmit a copy of the translation to the designated Office concerned within two months from the date of receipt of the request for translation, and shall at the same time transmit a copy to the applicant.

44bis.4 Observations on the Translation

The applicant may make written observations as to the correctness of the translation referred to in Rule 44bis.3(b) or (d) and shall send a copy of the observations to each of the interested designated Offices and to the International Bureau.

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Règle 44bis

**Rapport préliminaire international sur la brevetabilité établi
par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale**

44bis.1 Établissement du rapport

a) Si un rapport d'examen préliminaire international n'a pas été ou ne doit pas être établi, le Bureau international établit au nom de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale un rapport sur les questions indiquées à la règle 43bis.1.a) (dénommé "rapport" dans la présente règle). Le rapport a la même teneur que l'opinion écrite établie conformément à la règle 43bis.1.

b) Le rapport porte le titre de "rapport préliminaire international sur la brevetabilité (chapitre I du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets)" ainsi qu'une mention indiquant qu'il est établi en vertu de la présente règle par le Bureau international au nom de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale.

44bis.2 Communication aux offices désignés

a) Lorsqu'un rapport a été établi en vertu de la règle 44bis.1, le Bureau international le communique à chaque office désigné conformément à la règle 93bis.1 mais pas avant l'expiration d'un délai de 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité.

b) Si le déposant présente à un office désigné une requête expresse en vertu de l'article 23.2), le Bureau international, sur demande de l'office ou du déposant, communique à bref délai à cet office une copie de l'opinion écrite établie par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 43bis.1.

44bis.3 Traduction à l'intention des offices désignés

a) Tout État désigné peut, si un rapport a été établi en vertu de la règle 44bis.1 dans une autre langue que la langue officielle ou l'une des langues officielles de son office national, exiger une traduction du rapport en anglais. Cette exigence doit être notifiée au Bureau international, qui la publie à bref délai dans la gazette.

b) Toute traduction exigée en vertu de l'alinéa a) est établie par le Bureau international ou sous sa responsabilité.

c) Le Bureau international transmet à tout office désigné intéressé et au déposant une copie de la traduction en même temps qu'il transmet le rapport à cet office.

d) Dans le cas visé à la règle 44bis.2.b), l'opinion écrite établie en vertu de la règle 43bis.1 est, sur demande de l'office désigné intéressé, traduite en anglais par le Bureau international ou sous sa responsabilité. Le Bureau international transmet au déposant en même temps qu'à l'office désigné intéressé une copie de la traduction dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de réception de la demande de traduction.

44bis.4 Observations sur la traduction

Le déposant peut présenter des observations écrites sur l'exactitude de la traduction visée à la règle 44bis.3.b) ou d); dans ce cas, il doit adresser copie de ces observations à chacun des offices désignés intéressés et au Bureau international.

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(a) The International Bureau and the International Searching Authority shall not, unless requested or authorized by the applicant, allow access by any person or authority before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date:

(i) to the written opinion established under Rule 43bis.1, to any translation thereof prepared under Rule 44bis.3(d) or to any written observations on such translation sent by the applicant under Rule 44bis.4;

(ii) if a report is issued under Rule 44bis.1, to that report, to any translation of it prepared under Rule 44bis.3(b) or to any written observations on that translation sent by the applicant under Rule 44bis.4.

(b) For the purposes of paragraph (a), the term “access” covers any means by which third parties may acquire cognizance, including individual communication and general publication.

Rule 47**Communication to Designated Offices***47.1 Procedure*

(a) The communication provided for in Article 20 shall be effected by the International Bureau to each designated Office in accordance with Rule 93bis.1 but, subject to Rule 47.4, not prior to the international publication of the international application.

(a-bis) The International Bureau shall notify each designated Office, in accordance with Rule 93bis.1, of the fact and date of receipt of the record copy and of the fact and date of receipt of any priority document.

(a-ter) [No change]

(b) Any amendment received by the International Bureau within the time limit under Rule 46.1 which was not included in the communication provided for in Article 20 shall be communicated promptly to the designated Offices by the International Bureau, and the latter shall notify the applicant accordingly.

(c) The International Bureau shall, promptly after the expiration of 28 months from the priority date, send a notice to the applicant indicating:

(i) the designated Offices which have requested that the communication provided for in Article 20 be effected under Rule 93bis.1 and the date of such communication to those Offices; and

(ii) the designated Offices which have not requested that the communication provided for in Article 20 be effected under Rule 93bis.1.

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Règle 44ter

**Caractère confidentiel de l'opinion écrite, du rapport,
de la traduction et des observations**

44ter.1 Caractère confidentiel

a) Sauf requête ou autorisation du déposant, le Bureau international et l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale n'autorisent aucune personne ni administration, avant l'expiration d'un délai de 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité, à avoir accès,

i) à l'opinion écrite établie en vertu de la règle 43bis.1, à toute traduction de celle-ci établie en vertu de la règle 44bis.3.d) ou à toute observation écrite sur cette traduction envoyée par le déposant en vertu de la règle 44bis.4;

ii) si un rapport est établi en vertu de la règle 44bis.1, à ce rapport, à toute traduction de ce rapport établie en vertu de la règle 44bis.3.b) ou à toute observation écrite sur cette traduction envoyée par le déposant conformément à la règle 44bis.4.

b) Au sens de l'alinéa a), l'expression "avoir accès" désigne tout moyen par lequel des tiers peuvent prendre connaissance, et comprend donc la communication individuelle et la publication générale.

Règle 47

Communication aux offices désignés

47.1 Procédure

a) La communication prévue à l'article 20 est envoyée par le Bureau international à chaque office désigné, conformément à la règle 93bis.1, mais, sous réserve de la règle 47.4, pas avant la publication internationale de la demande internationale.

a-bis) Le Bureau international notifie à chaque office désigné, conformément à la règle 93bis.1, la réception de l'exemplaire original et la date de cette réception ainsi que la réception de tout document de priorité et la date de cette réception.

a-ter) [Sans changement]

b) Le Bureau international communique à bref délai aux offices désignés toute modification qu'il a reçue dans le délai prescrit à la règle 46.1 et qui n'était pas comprise dans la communication prévue à l'article 20, et notifie ce fait au déposant.

c) Le Bureau international adresse au déposant, à bref délai après l'expiration d'un délai de 28 mois à compter de la date de priorité, un avis indiquant

i) les offices désignés qui ont demandé que la communication prévue à l'article 20 soit effectuée en vertu de la règle 93bis.1) et la date de cette communication à ces offices; et

ii) les offices désignés qui n'ont pas demandé que la communication prévue à l'article 20 soit effectuée en vertu de la règle 93bis.1.

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(c-*bis*) The notice referred to in paragraph (c) shall be accepted by designated Offices:

(i) in the case of a designated Office referred to in paragraph (c)(i), as conclusive evidence that the communication provided for in Article 20 was effected on the date specified in the notice;

(ii) in the case of a designated Office referred to in paragraph (c)(ii), as conclusive evidence that the Contracting State for which that Office acts as designated Office does not require the furnishing, under Article 22, by the applicant of a copy of the international application.

(d) [No change]

(e) Where any designated Office has not, before the expiration of 28 months from the priority date, requested the International Bureau to effect the communication provided for in Article 20 in accordance with Rule 93*bis*.1, the Contracting State for which that Office acts as designated Office shall be considered to have notified the International Bureau, under Rule 49.1(a-*bis*), that it does not require the furnishing, under Article 22, by the applicant of a copy of the international application.

47.2 *Copies*

The copies required for communication shall be prepared by the International Bureau. Further details concerning the copies required for communication may be provided for in the Administrative Instructions.

(b) [*Deleted*]

(c) [*Deleted*]

47.3 [No change]

47.4 *Express Request Under Article 23(2) Prior to International Publication*

Where the applicant makes an express request to a designated Office under Article 23(2) prior to the international publication of the international application, the International Bureau shall, upon request of the applicant or the designated Office, promptly effect the communication provided for in Article 20 to that Office.

Rule 48 International Publication

48.1 to 48.5 [No change]

48.6 *Announcing of Certain Facts*

(a) If any notification under Rule 29.1(ii) reaches the International Bureau at a time later than that at which it was able to prevent the international publication of the international application, the International Bureau shall promptly publish a notice in the Gazette reproducing the essence of such notification.

(b) [*Remains deleted*]

(c) [No change]

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c-*bis*) L'avis visé à l'alinéa c) est accepté par les offices désignés

i) dans le cas d'un office désigné visé à l'alinéa c)i), comme preuve déterminante du fait que la communication prévue à l'article 20 a été effectuée à la date précisée dans l'avis;

ii) dans le cas d'un office désigné visé à l'alinéa c)ii), comme preuve déterminante du fait que l'État contractant pour lequel l'office agit en tant qu'office désigné n'exige pas du déposant qu'il remette une copie de la demande internationale en vertu de l'article 22.

d) [Sans changement]

e) Si un office désigné n'a pas, avant l'expiration d'un délai de 28 mois à compter de la date de priorité, demandé au Bureau international, conformément à la règle 93*bis*.1, d'effectuer la communication prévue à l'article 20, l'État contractant pour lequel cet office agit en qualité d'office désigné est considéré comme ayant notifié au Bureau international, conformément à la règle 49.1.a-*bis*), qu'il n'exige pas du déposant qu'il remette une copie de la demande internationale selon l'article 22.

47.2 *Copies*

Les copies requises pour les communications sont préparées par le Bureau international. D'autres détails relatifs aux copies requises aux fins de la communication peuvent être prévus dans les instructions administratives.

b) [*Supprimé*]

c) [*Supprimé*]

47.3 [Sans changement]

47.4 *Requête expresse selon l'article 23.2) avant la publication internationale*

Lorsque, avant la publication internationale de la demande internationale, le déposant adresse à un office désigné une requête expresse en vertu de l'article 23.2), le Bureau international envoie à bref délai à cet office, sur demande du déposant ou de l'office désigné, la communication prévue à l'article 20.

**Règle 48
Publication internationale**

48.1 à 48.5 [Sans changement]

48.6 *Publication de certains faits*

a) Si une notification selon la règle 29.1.ii) parvient au Bureau international à une date où ce dernier ne peut plus suspendre la publication internationale de la demande internationale, le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette un avis reproduisant l'essentiel de la notification.

b) [*Reste supprimé*]

c) [Sans changement]

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(a) If the applicant wishes the international application to be treated, in a designated State in respect of which Article 43 applies, as an application not for the grant of a patent but for the grant of another kind of protection referred to in that Article, the applicant, when performing the acts referred to in Article 22, shall so indicate to the designated Office.

(b) If the applicant wishes the international application to be treated, in a designated State in respect of which Article 44 applies, as an application for the grant of more than one kind of protection referred to in Article 43, the applicant, when performing the acts referred to in Article 22, shall so indicate to the designated Office and shall indicate, if applicable, which kind of protection is sought primarily and which kind is sought subsidiarily.

(c) In the cases referred to in paragraphs (a) and (b), if the applicant wishes the international application to be treated, in a designated State, as an application for a patent of addition, certificate of addition, inventor's certificate of addition or utility certificate of addition, the applicant, when performing the acts referred to in Article 22, shall indicate the relevant parent application, parent patent or other parent grant.

(d) If the applicant wishes the international application to be treated, in a designated State, as an application for a continuation or a continuation-in-part of an earlier application, the applicant, when performing the acts referred to in Article 22, shall so indicate to the designated Office and shall indicate the relevant parent application.

(e) Where no express indication under paragraph (a) is made by the applicant when performing the acts referred to in Article 22 but the national fee referred to in Article 22 paid by the applicant corresponds to the national fee for a particular kind of protection, the payment of that fee shall be considered to be an indication of the wish of the applicant that the international application is to be treated as an application for that kind of protection and the designated Office shall inform the applicant accordingly.

49bis.2 Time of Furnishing Indications

(a) No designated Office shall require the applicant to furnish, before performing the acts referred to in Article 22, any indication referred to in Rule 49bis.1 or, where applicable, any indication as to whether the applicant seeks the grant of a national patent or a regional patent.

(b) The applicant may, if so permitted by the national law applicable by the designated Office concerned, furnish such indication or, if applicable, convert from one kind of protection to another, at any later time.

Rule 51**Review by Designated Offices***51.1 Time Limit for Presenting the Request to Send Copies*

The time limit referred to in Article 25(1)(c) shall be two months computed from the date of the notification sent to the applicant under Rule 20.7(i), 24.2(c) or 29.1(ii).

51.2 and 51.3 [No change]

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Règle 49bis

Indications quant à la protection recherchée aux fins du traitement national

49bis.1 Choix de certains titres de protection

a) Si le déposant souhaite que la demande internationale soit traitée, dans un État désigné à l'égard duquel l'article 43 s'applique, non comme une demande de brevet mais comme une demande tendant à la délivrance d'un autre titre de protection mentionné dans ledit article, il doit, lorsqu'il accomplit les actes visés à l'article 22, l'indiquer à l'office désigné.

b) Si le déposant souhaite que la demande internationale soit traitée, dans un État désigné à l'égard duquel l'article 44 s'applique, comme une demande tendant à la délivrance de plusieurs titres de protection mentionnés à l'article 43, il doit, lorsqu'il accomplit les actes visés à l'article 22, l'indiquer à l'office désigné et préciser, s'il y a lieu, le titre de protection demandé comme titre principal et celui demandé comme titre subsidiaire.

c) Dans les cas visés aux alinéas a) et b), si le déposant souhaite que la demande internationale soit traitée, dans un État désigné, comme une demande de brevet ou de certificat d'addition, de certificat d'auteur d'invention additionnel ou de certificat d'utilité additionnel, il doit, lorsqu'il accomplit les actes visés à l'article 22, indiquer la demande principale, le brevet principal ou autre titre de protection principal correspondant.

d) Si le déposant souhaite que la demande internationale soit traitée, dans un État désigné, comme une demande de "continuation" ou de "continuation-in-part" d'une demande antérieure, il doit, lorsqu'il accomplit les actes visés à l'article 22, l'indiquer à l'office désigné et indiquer la demande principale correspondante.

e) Si le déposant ne donne aucune indication expresse conformément à l'alinéa a) lorsqu'il accomplit les actes visés à l'article 22 mais que la taxe nationale visée dans ce même article qui est payée par le déposant correspond à la taxe nationale applicable à un titre de protection particulier, le paiement de cette taxe est réputé valoir indication du fait que le déposant souhaite que la demande internationale soit traitée comme une demande tendant à la délivrance de ce titre de protection, et l'office désigné en informe le déposant.

49bis.2 Délai pour donner les indications

a) Aucun office désigné ne peut exiger du déposant qu'il donne, avant l'accomplissement des actes visés à l'article 22, toute indication visée à la règle 49bis.1 ni, le cas échéant, l'indication selon laquelle il souhaite obtenir un brevet national ou un brevet régional.

b) Le déposant peut, si la législation nationale applicable par l'office désigné intéressé le permet, donner cette indication ou, le cas échéant, transformer sa demande en une demande d'un autre titre de protection, à tout moment par la suite.

Règle 51

Révision par des offices désignés

51.1 Délai pour présenter la requête d'envoi de copies

Le délai visé à l'article 25.1)c) est de deux mois à compter de la date de la notification adressée au déposant conformément aux règles 20.7.i), 24.2.c) ou 29.1.ii).

51.2 et 51.3 [Sans changement]

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Certain National Requirements Allowed Under Article 27***51bis.1 Certain National Requirements Allowed*

(a) Subject to Rule 51bis.2, the national law applicable by the designated Office may, in accordance with Article 27, require the applicant to furnish, in particular:

(i) to (iv) [No change]

(v) any evidence concerning non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty, such as disclosures resulting from abuse, disclosures at certain exhibitions and disclosures by the applicant during a certain period of time;

(vi) the confirmation of the international application by the signature of any applicant for the designated State who has not signed the request;

(vii) any missing indication required under Rule 4.5(a)(ii) and (iii) in respect of any applicant for the designated State.

(b) to (f) [No change]

51bis.2 and 51bis.3 [No change]

**Rule 52
Amendment of the Claims, the Description, and the Drawings,
Before Designated Offices***52.1 Time Limit*

(a) In any designated State in which processing or examination starts without special request, the applicant shall, if he so wishes, exercise the right under Article 28 within one month from the fulfillment of the requirements under Article 22, provided that, if the communication under Rule 47.1 has not been effected by the expiration of the time limit applicable under Article 22, he shall exercise the said right not later than four months after such expiration date. In either case, the applicant may exercise the said right at any later time if so permitted by the national law of the said State.

(b) [No change]

**Rule 53
The Demand**

53.1 to 53.3 [No change]

53.4 The Applicant

As to the indications concerning the applicant, Rules 4.4 and 4.16 shall apply, and Rule 4.5 shall apply *mutatis mutandis*.

53.5 and 53.6 [No change]

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Règle 51bis

Certaines exigences nationales admises en vertu de l'article 27

51bis.1 Certaines exigences nationales admises

a) Sous réserve de la règle 51bis.2, la législation nationale applicable par l'office désigné peut, conformément à l'article 27, exiger que le déposant fournisse, en particulier :

i) à iv) [Sans changement]

v) toute justification concernant des divulgations non opposables ou des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté, telles que des divulgations résultant d'abus, des divulgations lors de certaines expositions et des divulgations par le déposant qui sont intervenues au cours d'une certaine période;

vi) la confirmation de la demande internationale au moyen de la signature de tout déposant pour l'État désigné qui n'a pas signé la requête;

vii) toute indication manquante requise en vertu de la règle 4.5.a)ii) et iii) à l'égard de tout déposant pour l'État désigné.

b) à f) [Sans changement]

51bis.2 et 51bis.3 [Sans changement]

Règle 52

**Modifications des revendications, de la description et des dessins
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[Modification concernant uniquement le texte anglais]

Règle 53

Demande d'examen préliminaire international

53.1 à 53.3 [Sans changement]

53.4 Déposant

Pour ce qui concerne les indications relatives au déposant, les règles 4.4 et 4.16 s'appliquent et la règle 4.5 s'applique *mutatis mutandis*.

53.5 et 53.6 [Sans changement]

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The filing of a demand shall constitute the election of all Contracting States which are designated and are bound by Chapter II of the Treaty.

53.8 and 53.9 [No change]

**Rule 54bis
Time Limit for Making a Demand***54bis.1 Time Limit for Making a Demand*

(a) A demand may be made at any time prior to the expiration of whichever of the following periods expires later:

(i) three months from the date of transmittal to the applicant of the international search report and the written opinion established under Rule 43bis.1, or of the declaration referred to in Article 17(2)(a); or

(ii) 22 months from the priority date.

(b) Any demand made after the expiration of the time limit applicable under paragraph (a) shall be considered as if it had not been submitted and the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall so declare.

**Rule 56
[Deleted]****Rule 57
The Handling Fee**

57.1 and 57.2 [No change]

57.3 Time Limit for Payment; Amount Payable

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) and (c), the handling fee shall be paid within one month from the date on which the demand was submitted or 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

(b) Subject to paragraph (c), where the demand was transmitted to the International Preliminary Examining Authority under Rule 59.3, the handling fee shall be paid within one month from the date of receipt by that Authority or 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

(c) Where, in accordance with Rule 69.1(b), the International Preliminary Examining Authority wishes to start the international preliminary examination at the same time as the international search, that Authority shall invite the applicant to pay the handling fee within one month from the date of the invitation.

(d) The amount of the handling fee payable shall be the amount applicable on the date of payment.

57.4 and 57.5 [Remain deleted]

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53.7 Élection d'États

Le dépôt d'une demande d'examen préliminaire international vaut élection de tous les États contractants désignés qui sont liés par le chapitre II du traité.

53.8 et 53.9 [Sans changement]

Règle 54bis

Délai pour la présentation d'une demande d'examen préliminaire international

54bis.1 Délai pour présenter une demande d'examen préliminaire international

a) Une demande d'examen préliminaire international peut être présentée à tout moment avant l'expiration de celui des délais suivants qui expire le plus tard :

i) trois mois à compter de la date de la transmission au déposant du rapport de recherche internationale et de l'opinion écrite établie en vertu de la règle 43bis.1, ou de la déclaration visée à l'article 17.2a), ou

ii) 22 mois à compter de la date de priorité.

b) Toute demande d'examen préliminaire international présentée après l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'alinéa a) est considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée et l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international le déclare.

Règle 56

[Supprimée]

Règle 57

Taxe de traitement

57.1 et 57.2 [Sans changement]

57.3 Délai de paiement; montant dû

a) Sous réserve des alinéas b) et c), la taxe de traitement doit être payée dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée ou de 22 mois à compter de la date de priorité, le délai qui expire le plus tard devant être appliqué.

b) Sous réserve de l'alinéa c), lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international est transmise à l'administration chargée de cet examen en vertu de la règle 59.3, la taxe de traitement doit être payée dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de réception de la demande d'examen par cette administration ou de 22 mois à compter de la date de priorité, le délai qui expire le plus tard devant être appliqué.

c) Lorsque, conformément à la règle 69.1.b), l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international souhaite entreprendre l'examen préliminaire international en même temps que la recherche internationale, ladite administration invite le déposant à acquitter la taxe de traitement dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de l'invitation.

d) Le montant dû au titre de la taxe de traitement est le montant applicable à la date du paiement.

57.4 et 57.5 *[Restent supprimées]*

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The International Preliminary Examining Authority shall refund the handling fee to the applicant:

- (i) [No change]
- (ii) if the demand is considered, under Rule 54.4 or 54bis.1(b), not to have been submitted.

Rule 58bis
Extension of Time Limits for Payment of Fees

58bis.1 Invitation by the International Preliminary Examining Authority

- (a) Where the International Preliminary Examining Authority finds:
 - (i) that the amount paid to it is insufficient to cover the handling fee and the preliminary examination fee; or
 - (ii) by the time they are due under Rules 57.3 and 58.1(b), that no fees were paid to it;

the Authority shall invite the applicant to pay to it the amount required to cover those fees, together with, where applicable, the late payment fee under Rule 58bis.2, within a time limit of one month from the date of the invitation.

- (b) to (d) [No change]

58bis.2 [No change]

Rule 59
The Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority

59.1 and 59.2 [No change]*59.3 Transmittal of the Demand to the Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority*

- (a) and (b) [No change]

(c) Where the demand is transmitted to the International Bureau under paragraph (a) or submitted to it under paragraph (b), the International Bureau shall promptly:

- (i) [No change]

(ii) if two or more International Preliminary Examining Authorities are competent, invite the applicant to indicate, within the time limit applicable under Rule 54bis.1(a) or 15 days from the date of the invitation, whichever is later, the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority to which the demand should be transmitted.

- (d) to (f) [No change]

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57.6 Remboursement

L'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international rembourse au déposant la taxe de traitement

i) [Sans changement]

ii) si la demande d'examen préliminaire international est considérée, en vertu de la règle 54.4 ou 54*bis*.1.b), comme n'ayant pas été présentée.

Règle 58*bis*

Prorogation des délais de paiement des taxes

*58*bis*.1 Invitation par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international*

a) Si l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international constate

i) que le montant acquitté auprès d'elle est insuffisant pour couvrir la taxe de traitement et la taxe d'examen préliminaire, ou

ii) qu'au moment où la taxe de traitement et la taxe d'examen préliminaire sont dues en vertu des règles 57.3 et 58.1.b), aucune taxe ne lui a été payée,

elle invite le déposant à lui payer, dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de l'invitation, le montant nécessaire pour couvrir ces taxes, majoré, le cas échéant, de la taxe pour paiement tardif visée à la règle 58*bis*.2.

b) à d) [Sans changement]

*58*bis*.2* [Sans changement]

Règle 59

Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

59.1 et 59.2 [Sans changement]

59.3 Transmission de la demande d'examen préliminaire international à l'administration compétente

a) et b) [Sans changement]

c) Lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international est transmise au Bureau international conformément à l'alinéa a) ou lui est présentée comme il est prévu à l'alinéa b), le Bureau international, à bref délai,

i) [Sans changement]

ii) si plusieurs administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international sont compétentes, invite le déposant à indiquer, dans le délai applicable selon la règle 54*bis*.1.a) ou dans un délai de 15 jours à compter de la date de l'invitation, le délai qui expire le plus tard devant être appliqué, l'administration compétente à laquelle la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être transmise.

d) à f) [Sans changement]

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Certain Defects in the Demand****60.1 *Defects in the Demand***

(a) Subject to paragraphs (a-bis) and (a-ter), if the demand does not comply with the requirements specified in Rules 53.1, 53.2(a)(i) to (iv), 53.2(b), 53.3 to 53.8 and 55.1, the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall invite the applicant to correct the defects within a time limit which shall be reasonable under the circumstances. That time limit shall not be less than one month from the date of the invitation. It may be extended by the International Preliminary Examining Authority at any time before a decision is taken.

(a-bis) For the purposes of Rule 53.4, if there are two or more applicants, it shall be sufficient that the indications referred to in Rule 4.5(a)(ii) and (iii) be provided in respect of one of them who has the right according to Rule 54.2 to make a demand.

(a-ter) For the purposes of Rule 53.8, if there are two or more applicants, it shall be sufficient that the demand be signed by one of them.

(b) to (g) [No change]

60.2 *[Deleted]***Rule 61
Notification of the Demand and Elections****61.1 *Notification to the International Bureau and the Applicant***

(a) and (b) [No change]

(c) *[Deleted]*

61.2 *Notification to the Elected Offices*

(a) [No change]

(b) The notification shall indicate the number and filing date of the international application, the name of the applicant, the filing date of the application whose priority is claimed (where priority is claimed) and the date of receipt by the International Preliminary Examining Authority of the demand.

(c) [No change]

(d) Where the applicant makes an express request to an elected Office under Article 40(2) prior to the international publication of the international application, the International Bureau shall, upon request of the applicant or the elected Office, promptly effect the communication provided for in Article 20 to that Office.

61.3 [No change]

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Règle 60

Irrégularités dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international

60.1 *Irrégularités dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international*

a) Sous réserve des alinéas *a-bis*) et *a-ter*), si la demande d'examen préliminaire international ne remplit pas les conditions spécifiées aux règles 53.1, 53.2.a)i) à iv), 53.2.b), 53.3 à 53.8 et 55.1, l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international invite le déposant à corriger les irrégularités dans un délai qui doit être raisonnable en l'espèce. Ce délai est d'au moins un mois à compter de la date de l'invitation. Il peut être prorogé par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international à tout moment avant qu'une décision ait été prise.

a-bis) Aux fins de la règle 53.4, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, il suffit que les indications visées à la règle 4.5.a)ii) et iii) soient fournies à l'égard de l'un d'entre eux ayant le droit, en application de la règle 54.2, de présenter une demande d'examen préliminaire international.

a-ter) Aux fins de la règle 53.8, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, il suffit que la demande d'examen préliminaire international soit signée par l'un d'eux.

b) à g) [Sans changement]

60.2 *[Supprimée]*

Règle 61

**Notification de la demande d'examen préliminaire
international et des élections**

61.1 *Notification au Bureau international et au déposant*

a) et b) [Sans changement]

c) *[Supprimé]*

61.2 *Notification aux offices élus*

a) [Sans changement]

b) Cette notification indique le numéro et la date du dépôt de la demande internationale, le nom du déposant, la date du dépôt de la demande dont la priorité est revendiquée (lorsqu'il y a revendication de priorité) et la date de réception de la demande d'examen préliminaire international par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

c) [Sans changement]

d) Lorsque, avant la publication internationale de la demande internationale, le déposant adresse à un office élu une requête expresse en vertu de l'article 40.2), le Bureau international envoie à bref délai à cet office, sur demande du déposant ou de l'office élu, la communication prévue à l'article 20.

61.3 [Sans changement]

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The International Bureau shall, promptly after the filing of the demand but not before the international publication of the international application, publish in the Gazette information on the demand and the elected States concerned, as provided in the Administrative Instructions.

Rule 62**Copy of the Written Opinion by the International Searching Authority and of Amendments Under
Article 19 for the International Preliminary Examining Authority**62.1 *Copy of Written Opinion by International Searching Authority and of Amendments Made Before the
Demand Is Filed*

Upon receipt of a demand, or a copy thereof, from the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the International Bureau shall promptly transmit to that Authority:

(i) a copy of the written opinion established under Rule 43*bis*.1, unless the national Office or intergovernmental organization that acted as International Searching Authority is also acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority; and

(ii) a copy of any amendment under Article 19, and any statement referred to in that Article, unless that Authority has indicated that it has already received such a copy.

62.2 [No change]

Rule 62*bis***Translation for the International Preliminary Examining Authority
of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority**62*bis*.1 *Translation and Observations*

(a) Upon request of the International Preliminary Examining Authority, the written opinion established under Rule 43*bis*.1 shall, when not in English or in a language accepted by that Authority, be translated into English by or under the responsibility of the International Bureau.

(b) The International Bureau shall transmit a copy of the translation to the International Preliminary Examining Authority within two months from the date of receipt of the request for translation, and shall at the same time transmit a copy to the applicant.

(c) The applicant may make written observations as to the correctness of the translation and shall send a copy of the observations to the International Preliminary Examining Authority and to the International Bureau.

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61.4 *Publication dans la gazette*

Le Bureau international publie dans la gazette, à bref délai après la présentation de la demande d'examen préliminaire international mais pas avant la publication internationale de la demande internationale, des indications relatives à la demande d'examen préliminaire international et aux États élus concernés, conformément aux instructions administratives.

Règle 62

Copie de l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et des modifications effectuées en vertu de l'article 19, destinée à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

62.1 *Copie de l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et des modifications effectuées avant la présentation de la demande d'examen préliminaire international*

À bref délai après avoir reçu une demande d'examen préliminaire international, ou la copie de celle-ci, de l'administration chargée de cet examen, le Bureau international transmet à cette administration

i) une copie de l'opinion écrite établie en vertu de la règle 43*bis*.1, sauf si l'office national ou l'organisation intergouvernementale qui a agi en tant qu'administration chargée de la recherche internationale agit également en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, et

ii) une copie de toute modification effectuée en vertu de l'article 19 et, le cas échéant, de la déclaration visée dans cet article, à moins que l'administration ait indiqué qu'elle avait déjà reçu une telle copie.

62.2 [Sans changement]

Règle 62*bis*

Traduction de l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale destinée à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

62*bis*.1 *Traduction et observations*

a) Sur requête de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, l'opinion écrite établie en vertu de la règle 43*bis*.1, lorsqu'elle n'est pas rédigée en anglais ou dans une langue acceptée par ladite administration, doit être traduite en anglais par le Bureau international ou sous sa responsabilité.

b) Le Bureau international transmet à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, en même temps qu'au déposant, dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de réception de la demande de traduction, une copie de la traduction.

c) Le déposant peut présenter des observations écrites sur l'exactitude de la traduction; dans ce cas, il doit adresser copie de ces observations à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international et au Bureau international.

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Minimum Requirements for
International Preliminary Examining Authorities****63.1 *Definition of Minimum Requirements***

The minimum requirements referred to in Article 32(3) shall be the following:

(i) and (ii) [No change]

(iii) that Office or organization must have a staff which is capable of examining in the required technical fields and which has the language facilities to understand at least those languages in which the minimum documentation referred to in Rule 34 is written or is translated;

(iv) that Office or organization must hold an appointment as an International Searching Authority.

**Rule 66
Procedure Before the International Preliminary Examining Authority****66.1 [No change]****66.1bis *Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority***

(a) Subject to paragraph (b), the written opinion established by the International Searching Authority under Rule 43*bis*.1 shall be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority for the purposes of Rule 66.2(a).

(b) An International Preliminary Examining Authority may notify the International Bureau that paragraph (a) shall not apply to the procedure before it in respect of written opinions established under Rule 43*bis*.1 by the International Searching Authority or Authorities specified in the notification, provided that such a notification shall not apply to cases where the national Office or intergovernmental organization that acted as International Searching Authority is also acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority. The International Bureau shall promptly publish any such notification in the Gazette.

(c) Where the written opinion established by the International Searching Authority under Rule 43*bis*.1 is not, by virtue of a notification under paragraph (b), considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority for the purposes of Rule 66.2(a), the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall notify the applicant accordingly in writing.

(d) A written opinion established by the International Searching Authority under Rule 43*bis*.1 which is not, by virtue of a notification under paragraph (b), considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority for the purposes of Rule 66.2(a) shall nevertheless be taken into account by the International Preliminary Examining Authority in proceeding under Rule 66.2(a).

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Règle 63
Exigences minimales pour les administrations chargées
de l'examen préliminaire international

63.1 *Définition des exigences minimales*

Les exigences minimales mentionnées à l'article 32.3) sont les suivantes :

i) et ii) [Sans changement]

iii) cet office ou cette organisation doit disposer d'un personnel capable de procéder à l'examen dans les domaines techniques sur lesquels l'examen doit porter et possédant les connaissances linguistiques nécessaires à la compréhension au moins des langues dans lesquelles la documentation minimale de la règle 34 est rédigée ou traduite;

iv) cet office ou cette organisation doit être nommée en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale.

Règle 66
Procédure au sein de l'administration chargée
de l'examen préliminaire international

66.1 [Sans changement]

66.1*bis* *Opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale*

a) Sous réserve de l'alinéa b), l'opinion écrite établie par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 43*bis*.1 est considérée comme une opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international aux fins de la règle 66.2.a).

b) Toute administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international peut notifier au Bureau international que l'alinéa a) ne s'applique pas à sa propre procédure à l'égard des opinions écrites établies en vertu de la règle 43*bis*.1 par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou les administrations indiquées dans la notification, étant entendu que cette notification ne s'applique pas dans le cas où l'office national ou l'organisation intergouvernementale qui a agi en tant qu'administration chargée de la recherche internationale agit également en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai toute notification de ce type dans la gazette.

c) Lorsque l'opinion écrite établie par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 43*bis*.1 n'est pas, en vertu d'une notification selon l'alinéa b), considérée comme une opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international aux fins de la règle 66.2.a), l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international le notifie par écrit au déposant.

d) Une opinion écrite établie par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 43*bis*.1 qui n'est pas, en vertu d'une notification selon l'alinéa b), considérée comme une opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international aux fins de la règle 66.2.a) doit néanmoins être prise en considération par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international dans la procédure visée à la règle 66.2.a).

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(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) The notification shall fix a time limit for the reply. The time limit shall be reasonable under the circumstances. It shall normally be two months after the date of notification. In no case shall it be shorter than one month after the said date. It shall be at least two months after the said date where the international search report is transmitted at the same time as the notification. It shall, subject to paragraph (e), not be more than three months after the said date.

(e) The time limit for replying to the notification may be extended if the applicant so requests before its expiration.

66.3 to 66.6 [No change]

66.7 Copy and Translation of Earlier Application Whose Priority is Claimed

(a) If the International Preliminary Examining Authority needs a copy of the earlier application whose priority is claimed in the international application, the International Bureau shall, on request, promptly furnish such copy. If that copy is not furnished to the International Preliminary Examining Authority because the applicant failed to comply with the requirements of Rule 17.1, and if that earlier application was not filed with that Authority in its capacity as a national Office or the priority document is not available to that Authority from a digital library in accordance with the Administrative Instructions, the international preliminary examination report may be established as if the priority had not been claimed.

(b) [No change]

66.8 and 66.9 [No change]

Rule 69**Start of and Time Limit for International Preliminary Examination***69.1 Start of International Preliminary Examination*

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) to (e), the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall start the international preliminary examination when it is in possession of all of the following:

- (i) the demand;
- (ii) the amount due (in full) for the handling fee and the preliminary examination fee, including, where applicable, the late payment fee under Rule 58*bis*.2; and
- (iii) either the international search report and the written opinion established under Rule 43*bis*.1 or a notice of the declaration by the International Searching Authority under Article 17(2)(a) that no international search report will be established;

provided that the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall not start the international preliminary examination before the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54*bis*.1(a) unless the applicant expressly requests an earlier start.

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a) à c) [Sans changement]

d) La notification doit fixer un délai de réponse. Ce délai doit être raisonnable, compte tenu des circonstances. Il doit être normalement de deux mois à compter de la date de la notification. Il ne doit en aucun cas être inférieur à un mois à compter de cette date. Il doit être d'au moins deux mois à compter de cette date lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale est transmis en même temps que la notification. Sous réserve de l'alinéa e), il ne doit pas être supérieur à trois mois à compter de ladite date.

e) Le délai pour répondre à la notification peut être prolongé si le déposant en fait la demande avant son expiration.

66.3 à 66.6 [Sans changement]

66.7 Copie et traduction de la demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée

a) Si une copie de la demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée dans la demande internationale est nécessaire à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, le Bureau international la lui communique à bref délai, sur requête. Si cette copie n'est pas remise à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international parce que le déposant ne s'est pas conformé aux prescriptions de la règle 17.1, et si ladite demande antérieure n'a pas été déposée auprès de cette administration en sa qualité d'office national et que le document de priorité n'est pas accessible à cette administration auprès d'une bibliothèque numérique conformément aux instructions administratives, le rapport d'examen préliminaire international peut être établi comme si la priorité n'avait pas été revendiquée.

b) [Sans changement]

66.8 et 66.9 [Sans changement]

Règle 69

Examen préliminaire international - commencement et délai

69.1 Commencement de l'examen préliminaire international

a) Sous réserve des alinéas b) à e), l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international entreprend cet examen lorsqu'elle est en possession de tous les éléments suivants :

- i) la demande d'examen préliminaire international;
- ii) le montant dû (en totalité) au titre de la taxe de traitement et de la taxe d'examen préliminaire, y compris, le cas échéant, la taxe pour paiement tardif visée à la règle 58*bis*.2; et
- iii) soit le rapport de recherche internationale et l'opinion écrite établie en vertu de la règle 43*bis*.1, soit une notification de la déclaration de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, faite en vertu de l'article 17.2)a), selon laquelle il ne sera pas établi de rapport de recherche internationale;

toutefois, l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international n'entreprend pas l'examen préliminaire international avant l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de la règle 54*bis*.1.a), sauf si le déposant a expressément demandé que cet examen soit entrepris plus tôt.

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(b) If the national Office or intergovernmental organization that acts as International Searching Authority also acts as International Preliminary Examining Authority, the international preliminary examination may, if that national Office or intergovernmental organization so wishes and subject to paragraphs (d) and (e), start at the same time as the international search.

(b-*bis*) Where, in accordance with paragraph (b), the national Office or intergovernmental organization that acts as both International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority wishes to start the international preliminary examination at the same time as the international search and considers that all of the conditions referred to in Article 34(2)(c)(i) to (iii) are fulfilled, that national Office or intergovernmental organization need not, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, establish a written opinion under Rule 43*bis*.1.

(c) [No change]

(d) Where the statement concerning amendments contains an indication that the start of the international preliminary examination is to be postponed (Rule 53.9(b)), the International Preliminary Examining Authority shall not start the international preliminary examination before whichever of the following occurs first:

(i) it has received a copy of any amendments made under Article 19;

(ii) it has received a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make amendments under Article 19; or

(iii) the expiration of the applicable time limit under Rule 54*bis*.1(a).

(e) [No change]

69.2 *Time Limit for International Preliminary Examination*

The time limit for establishing the international preliminary examination report shall be whichever of the following periods expires last:

(i) 28 months from the priority date; or

(ii) six months from the time provided under Rule 69.1 for the start of the international preliminary examination; or

(iii) six months from the date of receipt by the International Preliminary Examining Authority of the translation furnished under Rule 55.2.

Rule 70**International Preliminary Report on Patentability by
the International Preliminary Examining Authority
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70.1 to 70.14 [No change]

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b) Si l'office national ou l'organisation intergouvernementale qui agit en tant qu'administration chargée de la recherche internationale agit également en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, l'examen préliminaire international peut, si cet office national ou cette organisation intergouvernementale le souhaite et sous réserve des alinéas d) et e), être entrepris en même temps que la recherche internationale.

b-bis) Lorsque, conformément à l'alinéa b), l'office national ou l'organisation intergouvernementale qui agit à la fois en tant qu'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international souhaite entreprendre l'examen préliminaire international en même temps que la recherche internationale et considère que toutes les conditions énoncées à l'article 34.2)c)i) à iii) sont remplies, il n'est pas nécessaire que cet office ou cette organisation intergouvernementale, en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, établisse l'opinion écrite visée à la règle 43bis.1.

c) [Sans changement]

d) Lorsque la déclaration concernant les modifications indique que le commencement de l'examen préliminaire international doit être différé (règle 53.9.b)), l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international n'entrepris pas cet examen

- i) avant d'avoir reçu une copie de toute modification effectuée en vertu de l'article 19,
- ii) avant d'avoir reçu du déposant une déclaration aux termes de laquelle il ne souhaite pas effectuer de modifications en vertu de l'article 19, ou
- iii) avant l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de la règle 54bis.1.a),

celle des trois conditions précitées qui est remplie la première étant déterminante.

e) [Sans changement]

69.2 Délai pour l'examen préliminaire international

Le délai pour l'établissement du rapport d'examen préliminaire international est celui des délais ci-après qui expire le plus tard :

- i) 28 mois à compter de la date de priorité; ou
- ii) six mois à compter du moment prévu à la règle 69.1 pour le commencement de l'examen préliminaire international; ou
- iii) six mois à compter de la date de réception par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international de la traduction remise en vertu de la règle 55.2.

Règle 70
Rapport préliminaire international sur la brevetabilité établi
par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international
(rapport d'examen préliminaire international)

70.1 à 70.14 [Sans changement]

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(a) The physical requirements as to the form of the report shall be prescribed by the Administrative Instructions.

(b) The report shall bear the title “international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)” together with an indication that it is the international preliminary examination report established by the International Preliminary Examining Authority.

70.16 and 70.17 [No change]

Rule 72**Translation of the International Preliminary Examination Report and of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority**

72.1 and 72.2 [No change]

72.2bis Translation of the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority Established Under Rule 43bis.1

In the case referred to in Rule 73.2(b)(ii), the written opinion established by the International Searching Authority under Rule 43bis.1 shall, upon request of the elected Office concerned, be translated into English by or under the responsibility of the International Bureau. The International Bureau shall transmit a copy of the translation to the elected Office concerned within two months from the date of receipt of the request for translation, and shall at the same time transmit a copy to the applicant.

72.3 *Observations on the Translation*

The applicant may make written observations as to the correctness of the translation of the international preliminary examination report or of the written opinion established by the International Searching Authority under Rule 43bis.1 and shall send a copy of the observations to each of the interested elected Offices and to the International Bureau.

Rule 73**Communication of the International Preliminary Examination Report
or the Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority**

73.1 [No change]

73.2 Communication to Elected Offices

(a) The International Bureau shall effect the communication provided for in Article 36(3)(a) to each elected Office in accordance with Rule 93bis.1 but not before the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

(b) Where the applicant makes an express request to an elected Office under Article 40(2), the International Bureau shall, upon the request of that Office or of the applicant,

(i) if the international preliminary examination report has already been transmitted to the International Bureau under Rule 71.1, promptly effect the communication provided for in Article 36(3)(a) to that Office;

(ii) if the international preliminary examination report has not been transmitted to the International Bureau under Rule 71.1, promptly communicate a copy of the written opinion established by the International Searching Authority under Rule 43bis.1 to that Office.

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70.15 *Forme; titre*

a) Les conditions matérielles de forme du rapport sont fixées dans les instructions administratives.

b) Le rapport porte le titre de “rapport préliminaire international sur la brevetabilité (chapitre II du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets)” ainsi qu’une mention indiquant qu’il s’agit du rapport d’examen préliminaire international établi par l’administration chargée de l’examen préliminaire international.

70.16 et 70.17 [Sans changement]

Règle 72

**Traduction du rapport d'examen préliminaire international et de l'opinion écrite
de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale**

72.1 et 72.2 [Sans changement]

72.2bis Traduction de l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale établie en vertu de la règle 43bis.1

Dans le cas visé à la règle 73.2.b)ii), l’opinion écrite établie par l’administration chargée de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 43bis.1 est, sur demande de l’office élu intéressé, traduite en anglais par le Bureau international ou sous sa responsabilité. Le Bureau international transmet au déposant en même temps qu’à l’office élu intéressé une copie de la traduction dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de réception de la demande de traduction.

72.3 *Observations relatives à la traduction*

Le déposant peut présenter des observations écrites sur l’exactitude de la traduction du rapport d’examen préliminaire international et de l’opinion écrite établie par l’administration chargée de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 43bis.1; dans ce cas, il doit adresser copie de ces observations à chacun des offices élus intéressés et au Bureau international.

Règle 73

**Communication du rapport d'examen préliminaire international
ou de l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale**

73.1 [Sans changement]

73.2 *Communication aux offices élus*

a) Le Bureau international envoie la communication prévue à l’article 36.3)a) à chaque office élu conformément à la règle 93bis.1, mais pas avant l’expiration d’un délai de 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité.

b) Lorsque le déposant adresse à un office élu une requête expresse en vertu de l’article 40.2), le Bureau international, sur demande de cet office ou du déposant,

i) si le rapport d’examen préliminaire international a déjà été transmis au Bureau international en vertu de la règle 71.1, envoie à bref délai à cet office la communication prévue à l’article 36.3)a);

ii) si le rapport d’examen préliminaire international n’a pas été transmis au Bureau international en vertu de la règle 71.1, transmet à bref délai à cet office une copie de l’opinion écrite établie par l’administration chargée de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 43bis.1.

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(c) Where the applicant has withdrawn the demand or any or all elections, the communication provided for in paragraph (a) shall nevertheless be effected, if the International Bureau has received the international preliminary examination report, to the elected Office or Offices affected by the withdrawal.

**Rule 76
Copy, Translation and Fee Under Article 39(1);
Translation of Priority Document**

76.1, 76.2 and 76.3 *[Remain deleted]*

76.4 *[No change]*

76.5 *Application of Rules 22.1(g), 47.1, 49, 49bis and 51bis*

Rules 22.1(g), 47.1, 49, 49bis and 51bis shall apply, provided that:

(i) to (iii) *[No change]*

(iv) for the purposes of Article 39(1), where an international preliminary examination report has been established, a translation of any amendment under Article 19 shall only be required if that amendment is annexed to that report;

(v) the reference in Rule 47.1(a) to Rule 47.4 shall be construed as a reference to Rule 61.2(d).

76.6 *[Deleted]*

**Rule 78
Amendment of the Claims, the Description, and the Drawings,
Before Elected Offices**

78.1 *Time Limit*

(a) The applicant shall, if he so wishes, exercise the right under Article 41 to amend the claims, the description and the drawings, before the elected Office concerned within one month from the fulfillment of the requirements under Article 39(1)(a), provided that, if the transmittal of the international preliminary examination report under Article 36(1) has not taken place by the expiration of the time limit applicable under Article 39, he shall exercise the said right not later than four months after such expiration date. In either case, the applicant may exercise the said right at any later time if so permitted by the national law of the said State.

(b) In any elected State in which the national law provides that examination starts only on special request, the national law may provide that the time limit within or the time at which the applicant may exercise the right under Article 41 shall be the same as that provided by the national law for the filing of amendments in the case of the examination, on special request, of national applications, provided that such time limit shall not expire prior to, or such time shall not come before, the expiration of the time limit applicable under paragraph (a).

78.2 *[Deleted]*

78.3 *[No change]*

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c) Si le déposant a retiré la demande d'examen préliminaire international ou une ou plusieurs élections, voire la totalité, la communication visée à l'alinéa a) est néanmoins envoyée aux offices élus ou aux offices concernés par ce retrait, à condition que le Bureau international ait reçu le rapport d'examen préliminaire international.

**Règle 76
Copie, traduction et taxe selon l'article 39.1);
traduction du document de priorité**

76.1, 76.2 et 76.3 [*Restent supprimées*]

76.4 [Sans changement]

76.5 *Application des règles 22.1.g), 47.1, 49, 49bis et 51bis*

Les règles 22.1.g), 47.1, 49, 49bis et 51bis sont applicables étant entendu que

i) à iii) [Sans changement]

iv) aux fins de l'article 39.1), lorsqu'un rapport d'examen préliminaire international a été établi, la traduction d'une modification effectuée en vertu de l'article 19 n'est exigée que si la modification est annexée à ce rapport;

v) le renvoi de la règle 47.1.a) à la règle 47.4 doit être interprété comme un renvoi à la règle 61.2.d).

76.6 [*Supprimée*]

**Règle 78
Modification des revendications, de la description
et des dessins auprès des offices élus**

78.1 *Délai*

a) Le déposant qui désire exercer le droit, accordé par l'article 41, de modifier les revendications, la description et les dessins auprès de l'office élu en question doit le faire dans un délai d'un mois à compter de l'accomplissement des actes visés à l'article 39.1)a); toutefois, si la transmission du rapport d'examen préliminaire international visée à l'article 36.1) n'a pas été effectuée à l'expiration du délai applicable selon l'article 39, le déposant doit exercer ce droit au plus tard quatre mois après la date de cette expiration. Dans les deux cas, il peut exercer ce droit à toute date ultérieure si la législation nationale de l'État en cause le permet.

b) Dans tout État élu dont la législation nationale prévoit que l'examen ne commence que sur requête spéciale, la législation nationale peut prévoir que le délai pendant lequel ou le moment auquel le déposant peut exercer le droit accordé par l'article 41 est le même que celui qui est prévu par la législation nationale pour le dépôt de modifications en cas d'examen, sur requête spéciale, de demandes nationales, pour autant que ce délai n'expire pas avant l'expiration du délai visé à l'alinéa a) ou que ce moment n'arrive pas avant l'expiration du même délai.

78.2 [*Supprimée*]

78.3 [Sans changement]

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89bis.1 and 89bis.2 [No change]

89bis.3 *Communication Between Offices*

Where the Treaty, these Regulations or the Administrative Instructions provide for the communication, notification or transmittal (“communication”) of an international application, notification, communication, correspondence or other document by one national Office or intergovernmental organization to another, such communication may, where so agreed by both the sender and the receiver, be effected in electronic form or by electronic means.

Rule 90**Agents and Common Representatives**

90.1 [No change]

90.2 *Common Representative*

(a) Where there are two or more applicants and the applicants have not appointed an agent representing all of them (a “common agent”) under Rule 90.1(a), one of the applicants who is entitled to file an international application according to Article 9 and in respect of whom all indications required under Rule 4.5(a) have been provided may be appointed by the other applicants as their common representative.

(b) Where there are two or more applicants and all the applicants have not appointed a common agent under Rule 90.1(a) or a common representative under paragraph (a), the applicant first named in the request who is entitled according to Rule 19.1 to file an international application with the receiving Office and in respect of whom all indications required under Rule 4.5(a) have been provided shall be considered to be the common representative of all the applicants.

90.3 [No change]

90.4 *Manner of Appointment of Agent or Common Representative*

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) Subject to paragraph (e), any receiving Office, any International Searching Authority, any International Preliminary Examining Authority and the International Bureau may waive the requirement under paragraph (b) that a separate power of attorney be submitted to it, in which case paragraph (c) shall not apply.

(e) Where the agent or the common representative submits any notice of withdrawal referred to in Rules 90bis.1 to 90bis.4, the requirement under paragraph (b) for a separate power of attorney shall not be waived under paragraph (d).

90.5 and 90.6 [No change]

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Règle 89bis

**Dépôt, traitement et communication des demandes internationales
et d'autres documents sous forme électronique ou
par des moyens électroniques**

89bis.1 et 89bis.2 [Sans changement]

89bis.3 *Communication entre offices*

Lorsque le traité, le présent règlement d'exécution ou les instructions administratives prévoient la communication, la notification ou la transmission ("communication") d'une demande internationale, d'une notification, d'une communication, d'éléments de correspondance ou d'un autre document d'un office national ou d'une organisation intergouvernementale à un autre office ou une autre organisation, cette communication peut, lorsque l'expéditeur et le destinataire en sont convenus, être effectuée sous forme électronique ou par des moyens électroniques.

Règle 90

Mandataires et représentants communs

90.1 [Sans changement]

90.2 *Représentant commun*

a) Lorsqu'il y a plusieurs déposants et qu'ils n'ont pas désigné un mandataire pour les représenter tous ("mandataire commun") en vertu de la règle 90.1.a), l'un des déposants qui est habilité à déposer une demande internationale conformément à l'article 9 et à l'égard duquel toutes les indications requises en vertu de la règle 4.5.a) ont été données peut être désigné par les autres déposants comme leur représentant commun.

b) Lorsqu'il y a plusieurs déposants et qu'ils n'ont pas tous désigné un mandataire commun en vertu de la règle 90.1.a) ou un représentant commun en vertu de l'alinéa a), est considéré comme le représentant commun de tous les déposants celui d'entre eux qui, parmi ceux qui sont habilités, conformément à la règle 19.1, à déposer une demande internationale auprès de l'office récepteur, est nommé en premier dans la requête et à l'égard duquel toutes les indications requises en vertu de la règle 4.5.a) ont été données.

90.3 [Sans changement]

90.4 *Mode de désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun*

a) à c) [Sans changement]

d) Sous réserve de l'alinéa e), tout office récepteur, toute administration chargée de la recherche internationale, toute administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international et le Bureau international peuvent renoncer à l'exigence énoncée à l'alinéa b) selon laquelle un pouvoir distinct doit leur être remis, auquel cas l'alinéa c) ne s'applique pas.

e) Si le mandataire ou le représentant commun remet une déclaration de retrait visée aux règles 90bis.1 à 90bis.4, l'exigence énoncée à l'alinéa b) concernant un pouvoir distinct ne peut pas faire l'objet d'une renonciation selon l'alinéa d).

90.5 et 90.6 [Sans changement]

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Withdrawals**

90bis.1 to 90bis.4 [No change]

90bis.5 *Signature*

(a) Any notice of withdrawal referred to in Rules 90bis.1 to 90bis.4 shall, subject to paragraph (b), be signed by the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, by all of them. An applicant who is considered to be the common representative under Rule 90.2(b) shall, subject to paragraph (b), not be entitled to sign such a notice on behalf of the other applicants.

(b) Where two or more applicants file an international application which designates a State whose national law requires that national applications be filed by the inventor and where an applicant for that designated State who is an inventor could not be found or reached after diligent effort, a notice of withdrawal referred to in Rules 90bis.1 to 90bis.4 need not be signed by that applicant (“the applicant concerned”) if it is signed by at least one applicant and

(i) and (ii) [No change]

(iii) in the case of a notice of withdrawal referred to in Rule 90bis.4(b), the applicant concerned did not sign the demand but the requirements of Rule 53.8(b) were complied with.

90bis.6 and 90bis.7 [No change]

**Rule 92bis
Recording of Changes in Certain Indications
in the Request or the Demand**

92bis.1 *Recording of Changes by the International Bureau*

(a) [No change]

(b) The International Bureau shall not record the requested change if the request for recording is received by it after the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

**Rule 93bis
Manner of Communication of Documents**

93bis.1 *Communication on Request; Communication via Digital Library*

(a) Where the Treaty, these Regulations or the Administrative Instructions provide for the communication, notification or transmittal (“communication”) of an international application, notification, communication, correspondence or other document (“document”) by the International Bureau to any designated or elected Office, such communication shall be effected only upon request by the Office concerned and at the time specified by that Office. Such request may be made in relation to individually specified documents or a specified class or classes of documents.

(b) A communication under paragraph (a) shall, where so agreed by the International Bureau and the designated or elected Office concerned, be considered to be effected at the time when the International Bureau makes the document available to that Office in electronic form in a digital library, in accordance with the Administrative Instructions, from which that Office is entitled to retrieve that document.

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**Règle 90bis
Retraits**

90bis.1 à 90bis.4 [Sans changement]

90bis.5 *Signature*

a) Toute déclaration de retrait visée dans l'une des règles 90bis.1 à 90bis.4 doit, sous réserve de l'alinéa b), être signée par le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, par chacun d'eux. Un déposant qui est considéré comme étant le représentant commun en vertu de la règle 90.2.b) n'est pas habilité, sous réserve de l'alinéa b), à signer une telle déclaration au nom des autres déposants.

b) Lorsque plusieurs déposants déposent une demande internationale désignant un État dont la législation nationale exige que les demandes nationales soient déposées par l'inventeur, et que des efforts diligents n'ont pas permis de trouver un déposant qui a cette qualité pour l'État désigné en question et qui est un inventeur ou d'entrer en rapport avec lui, il n'est pas nécessaire qu'une déclaration de retrait visée dans l'une des règles 90bis.1 à 90bis.4 soit signée par ce déposant ("le déposant en question") si elle l'est par au moins un déposant et

i) et ii) [Sans changement]

iii) dans le cas d'une déclaration de retrait visée à la règle 90bis.4.b), si le déposant en question n'a pas signé la demande d'examen préliminaire international mais que les conditions de la règle 53.8.b) ont été remplies.

90bis.6 et 90bis.7 [Sans changement]

**Règle 92bis
Enregistrement de changements relatifs à certaines indications
de la requête ou de la demande d'examen préliminaire international**

92bis.1 *Enregistrement de changements par le Bureau international*

a) [Sans changement]

b) Le Bureau international n'enregistre pas le changement requis si la requête en enregistrement lui est parvenue après l'expiration d'un délai de 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité.

**Règle 93bis
Mode de communication des documents**

93bis.1 *Communication sur demande; communication par l'intermédiaire d'une bibliothèque numérique*

a) Lorsque le traité, le présent règlement d'exécution ou les instructions administratives prévoient la communication, la notification ou la transmission ("communication") d'une demande internationale, d'une notification, d'une communication, d'éléments de correspondance ou d'un autre document ("document") du Bureau international à tout office désigné ou élu, cette communication est effectuée uniquement sur demande de l'office concerné et au moment indiqué par cet office. Cette demande peut être présentée à l'égard de tout document ou d'une ou plusieurs catégories de documents.

b) Toute communication visée à l'alinéa a) est, si le Bureau international et l'office désigné ou élu en sont convenus, considérée comme ayant été effectuée au moment où le Bureau international rend le document accessible à cet office sous forme électronique, conformément aux instructions administratives, auprès d'une bibliothèque numérique où ledit office est habilité à se procurer ce document.

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**Rule 94
Access to Files**

94.1 *Access to the File Held by the International Bureau*

(a) [No change]

(b) The International Bureau shall, at the request of any person but not before the international publication of the international application and subject to Article 38 and Rule 44^{ter}.1, furnish, subject to the reimbursement of the cost of the service, copies of any document contained in its file.

(c) The International Bureau shall, if so requested by an elected Office, furnish copies of the international preliminary examination report under paragraph (b) on behalf of that Office. The International Bureau shall promptly publish details of any such request in the Gazette.

94.2 and 94.3 [No change]

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**Règle 94
Accès aux dossiers**

94.1 *Accès au dossier détenu par le Bureau international*

a) [Sans changement]

b) Le Bureau international, sur requête de toute personne mais pas avant la publication internationale de la demande internationale, et sous réserve de l'article 38 et de la règle 44^{ter}.1, délivre, contre remboursement du coût du service, des copies de tout document contenu dans son dossier.

c) Sur requête d'un office élu, le Bureau international délivre au nom de cet office des copies du rapport d'examen préliminaire international en vertu de l'alinéa b). Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette les informations relatives à toute requête de ce type.

94.2 et 94.3 [Sans changement]

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Fees	Amounts
1. International Filing Fee: (Rule 15.2)	650 Swiss francs plus 15 Swiss francs for each sheet of the international application in excess of 30 sheets
2. Handling Fee: (Rule 57.2)	233 Swiss francs

Reductions

3. The international filing fee is reduced by 200 Swiss francs if the international application is, in accordance with and to the extent provided for in the Administrative Instructions, filed:

- (a) on paper together with a copy thereof in electronic form; or
- (b) in electronic form.

4. All fees payable (where applicable, as reduced under item 3) are reduced by 75% for international applications filed by any applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below US\$3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997); if there are several applicants, each must satisfy those criteria.

¹⁰ The fee structure and the amounts of the fees are subject to further consideration; see paragraph 50 of the report of the Assembly (document PCT/A/31/10).

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BARÈME DE TAXES¹⁰

Taxes	Montants
1. Taxe internationale de dépôt : (Règle 15.2)	650 francs suisses plus 15 francs suisses par feuille de la demande internationale à compter de la 31 ^e
2. Taxe de traitement : (Règle 57.2)	233 francs suisses

Réductions

3. La taxe internationale de dépôt est réduite de 200 francs suisses si la demande internationale est, conformément aux instructions administratives et dans la mesure prévue par celles-ci, déposée :

- a) sur papier avec une copie de la demande sous forme électronique; ou
- b) sous forme électronique.

4. Toutes les taxes payables (compte tenu, le cas échéant, de la réduction prévue au point 3) sont réduites de 75% pour les demandes internationales dont le déposant est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et est domiciliée dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3000 dollars des États-Unis; s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire à ces critères.

¹⁰ La structure des taxes et le montant des taxes seront réexaminés; voir le paragraphe 50 du rapport de l'assemblée (document PCT/A/31/10).

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TO ENTRY INTO FORCE AND TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS**

1. The amendments set out in [PCT Gazette No. 42/2002, page 21000] shall enter into force on October 17, 2002, and shall apply to any international application whose date of receipt is on or after October 17, 2002.¹¹

2. The amendments set out in [this issue of the Gazette, page 24996 *et seq.*]:

(a) shall enter into force on January 1, 2003, and shall apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after January 1, 2003;

(b) shall not apply to any international application whose international filing date is before January 1, 2003, provided that:

(i) new Rule 49.6(a) to (e) shall, subject to item (iii), apply to any international application whose international filing date is before January 1, 2003, and in respect of which the applicable time limit under Article 22 expires on or after January 1, 2003;

(ii) to the extent that new Rule 49.6(a) to (e) is applicable by virtue of Rule 76.5, the latter Rule shall, subject to item (iii), apply to any international application whose international filing date is before January 1, 2003, and in respect of which the applicable time limit under Article 39(1) expires on or after January 1, 2003;

(iii) where a designated Office informs the International Bureau under paragraph (f) of Rule 49.6 that paragraphs (a) to (e) of that Rule are not compatible with the national law applied by that Office, items (i) and (ii) of this paragraph shall apply in respect of that Office except that each reference in those items to the date January 1, 2003, shall be read as a reference to the date of entry into force of Rule 49.6(a) to (e) in respect of that Office.

3. The amendments set out in [this issue of the Gazette, page 25004 *et seq.*]:

(a) shall enter into force on January 1, 2004, and shall apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after January 1, 2004, provided that:

(i) Rule 15.4 and the Schedule of Fees as worded before their amendment shall continue to apply to any international application which is received by the receiving Office before January 1, 2004, and is accorded an international filing date that is on or after January 1, 2004;

(ii) Rule 47.1(c) and (e) as amended shall apply to any international application whose international filing date is on or after January 1, 2004, in respect of a designated Office which has made a notification under paragraph (2) of the decisions of the Assembly set out in Annex IV of document PCT/A/30/7, and which has not withdrawn that notification under paragraph (3) of those decisions, as though the reference in each of Rule 47.1(c) and (e) to “28 months” was a reference to “19 months,” with the consequence that two notifications under Rule 47.1(c) shall, if applicable, be sent in respect of such an application;

¹¹ The amendments referred to in this paragraph were the subject to the first part of this Note, published in PCT Gazette No. 42/2002, pages 20998 and 21000.

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS –
ASSEMBLÉE (TRENTE ET UNIÈME SESSION (18^e SESSION EXTRAORDINAIRE)) –
DEUXIÈME PARTIE (suite)**

**MODIFICATIONS DU RÈGLEMENT D'EXÉCUTION DU PCT :
DÉCISIONS CONCERNANT L'ENTRÉE EN VIGUEUR ET LES MESURES TRANSITOIRES**

1. Les modifications exposées [dans la Gazette du PCT n° 42/2002, page 21001] entreront en vigueur le 17 octobre 2002 et s'appliqueront à toute demande internationale dont la date de réception sera le 17 octobre 2002 ou une date postérieure.¹¹

2. Les modifications exposées dans [le présent numéro de la Gazette, page 24997 et suiv.] :

a) entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003 et s'appliqueront à toute demande internationale dont la date de dépôt international sera le 1^{er} janvier 2003 ou une date postérieure;

b) ne s'appliqueront à aucune demande internationale dont la date de dépôt international sera antérieure au 1^{er} janvier 2003, étant entendu que :

i) la nouvelle règle 49.6.a) à e) s'appliquera, sous réserve du point iii), à toute demande internationale dont la date de dépôt international sera antérieure au 1^{er} janvier 2003 et à l'égard de laquelle le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 expirera le 1^{er} janvier 2003 ou après cette date;

ii) dans la mesure où la nouvelle règle 49.6.a) à e) est applicable en vertu de la règle 76.5, cette dernière s'appliquera, sous réserve du point iii), à toute demande internationale dont la date de dépôt international sera antérieure au 1^{er} janvier 2003 et à l'égard de laquelle le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 39.1) expirera le 1^{er} janvier 2003 ou après cette date;

iii) si un office désigné informe le Bureau international en vertu de l'alinéa f) de la règle 49.6 que les alinéas a) à e) de ladite règle ne sont pas compatibles avec la législation nationale appliquée par cet office, les points i) et ii) du présent paragraphe s'appliqueront à l'égard de cet office à ceci près que toute mention de la date du 1^{er} janvier 2003 figurant dans ces points doit être considérée comme une mention de la date d'entrée en vigueur de la règle 49.6.a) à e) à l'égard de cet office.

3. Les modifications exposées dans [le présent numéro de la Gazette, page 25005 et suiv.] :

a) entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2004 et s'appliqueront à toute demande internationale dont la date de dépôt international sera le 1^{er} janvier 2004 ou une date postérieure, étant entendu que :

i) la règle 15.4 et le barème de taxes tels qu'ils sont libellés avant leur modification continueront de s'appliquer à toute demande internationale qui parviendra à l'office récepteur avant le 1^{er} janvier 2004 et dont la date de dépôt international sera le 1^{er} janvier 2004 ou une date postérieure;

ii) la règle 47.1.c) et e) modifiée s'appliquera à toute demande internationale dont la date de dépôt international sera le 1^{er} janvier 2004 ou une date postérieure, à l'égard d'un office désigné qui aura effectué une notification en vertu du paragraphe 2 des décisions de l'assemblée exposées dans l'annexe IV du document PCT/A/30/7, et qui n'aura pas retiré cette notification en vertu du paragraphe 3 desdites décisions, comme si le délai de "28 mois" mentionné aux alinéas c) et e) de la règle 47.1 était un délai de "19 mois", de sorte que deux avis selon la règle 47.1.c) seront, le cas échéant, envoyés à l'égard d'une telle demande;

¹¹ Les modifications visées dans ce paragraphe ont fait l'objet de la première partie de la présente note, publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 42/2002, pages 20999 et 21001.

**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY
(THIRTY-FIRST (18TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)—SECOND PART (Cont'd)****AMENDMENTS OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT: DECISIONS RELATING
TO ENTRY INTO FORCE AND TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS (Cont'd)**

(b) shall not apply to any international application whose international filing date is before January 1, 2004, provided that:

(i) Rules 53.4, 53.7, 60.1, 61.2 and 90*bis*.5(b) as amended, the Rules as amended that are referred to in those Rules and the deletion of Rules 56, 60.2 and 61.1(c) shall apply to any international application in respect of which a demand for international preliminary examination is filed on or after January 1, 2004, whether the international filing date of the international application is before, on or after January 1, 2004;

(ii) new Rule 94.1(c) shall apply to the furnishing on or after January 1, 2004, of copies of the international preliminary examination report in respect of any international application, whether the international filing date of the application is before, on or after January 1, 2004.

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DEUXIÈME PARTIE (suite)**

**MODIFICATIONS DU RÈGLEMENT D'EXÉCUTION DU PCT :
DÉCISIONS CONCERNANT L'ENTRÉE EN VIGUEUR ET LES MESURES TRANSITOIRES (suite)**

b) ne s'appliqueront à aucune demande internationale dont la date de dépôt international sera antérieure au 1^{er} janvier 2004, étant entendu que :

i) les règles 53.4, 53.7, 60.1, 61.2 et 90*bis*.5.b) modifiées, les règles modifiées visées dans lesdites règles et la suppression des règles 56, 60.2 et 61.1.c), s'appliqueront à toute demande internationale à l'égard de laquelle une demande d'examen préliminaire international sera présentée le 1^{er} janvier 2004 ou après cette date, que la date de dépôt international de la demande internationale soit le 1^{er} janvier 2004, une date antérieure ou une date postérieure;

ii) la nouvelle règle 94.1.c) s'appliquera à la délivrance, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2004, de copies du rapport d'examen préliminaire international à l'égard de toute demande internationale, que la date de dépôt international de la demande soit le 1^{er} janvier 2004, une date antérieure ou une date postérieure.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**AM Armenia**

The **Armenian Patent Office** has notified a change in the name of the Office, as follows:

Name of Office: Intellectual Property Agency (Armenia)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(AM), page 14]

BG Bulgaria

The **Bulgarian Patent Office** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: 52B, Dr. G.M. Dimitrov Blvd., 1040 Sofia, Bulgaria

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(BG), page 29]

BY Belarus

The **National Center of Intellectual Property (Belarus)** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, in its telephone and facsimile numbers, and in its e-mail addresses, as follows:

Location and mailing address: 20, ul. Kozlova, 220034 Minsk, Belarus

Telephone: (375-17) 236 36 56, 236 43 17

Facsimile machine: (375-17) 236 43 17

E-mail: v.kudashov@belpatent.gin.by
ncip@belpatent.gin.by

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(BY), page 34]

IE Ireland

The **Patents Office (Ireland)** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (353-56) 772 01 11

Facsimile machine: (353-56) 772 01 00

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(IE), page 94]

LC Saint Lucia

The **Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (Saint Lucia)** has notified an additional e-mail address. The e-mail addresses to be used are now as follows:

E-mail: rocip@candw.lc
rocipz@hotmail.com

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(LC), page 115]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**AM Arménie**

L'**Office arménien des brevets** a notifié un changement relatif au nom de son office, comme suit :

Nom de l'office : Agence de la propriété intellectuelle (Arménie)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(AM), page 14]

BG Bulgarie

L'**Office bulgare des brevets** a notifié un changement dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale : 52B, Dr. G.M. Dimitrov Blvd., 1040 Sofia, Bulgarie

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(BG), page 29]

BY Bélarus

Le **Centre national pour la propriété intellectuelle (Bélarus)** a notifié des changements dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, et dans ses adresses électroniques, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale : 20, ul. Kozlova, 220034 Minsk, Bélarus

Téléphone : (375-17) 236 36 56, 236 43 17

Télécopieur : (375-17) 236 43 17

Courrier électronique : v.kudashov@belpatent.gin.by
ncip@belpatent.gin.by

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(BY), page 34]

IE Irlande

L'**Office des brevets (Irlande)** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Téléphone : (353-56) 772 01 11

Télécopieur : (353-56) 772 01 00

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(IE), page 95]

LC Sainte-Lucie

L'**Office pour l'enregistrement des sociétés et de la propriété intellectuelle (Sainte-Lucie)** a notifié une adresse électronique supplémentaire. Les adresses électroniques à utiliser sont désormais les suivantes :

Courrier électronique : rocip@candw.lc
rocipz@hotmail.com

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(LC), page 117]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**MA Morocco**

The **Industrial and Commercial Property Office of Morocco** has notified changes in its facsimile numbers, as follows:

Facsimile machine: (212-22) 33 54 80, 97 24 99

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(MA), page 131]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office (Slovakia)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, as well as provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Jána Švermuva 43, P.O. Box 7, 974 04 Banská Bystrica 4, Slovakia

Provisional protection after international publication: Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:
Compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation into Slovak of the claims of the application have been met, and upon grant of the patent. Protection is limited to what is claimed in both the application and the patent.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(SK), page 177]

TM Turkmenistan

The **Patent Department, Ministry of Economy and Finance of Turkmenistan**, has notified changes in its telephone numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (993-12) 51 03 69, 51 01 99

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(TM), page 187]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**MA Maroc**

L'**Office marocain de la propriété industrielle et commerciale** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de télécopieur, comme suit :

Télécopieur : (212-22) 33 54 80, 97 24 99

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(MA), page 133]

SK Slovaquie

L'**Office de la propriété industrielle (Slovaquie)** a notifié un changement dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, ainsi que des dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale : Jána Švermuva 43, P.O. Box 7, 974 04 Banská Bystrica 4, Slovaquie

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale : Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen :
Indemnité raisonnable en l'espèce, sous réserve qu'il ait été satisfait aux exigences nationales relatives à la traduction en slovaque des revendications de la demande et dès la délivrance du brevet. La protection est limitée à ce qui est revendiqué à la fois dans la demande et dans le brevet.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(SK), page 179]

TM Turkménistan

Le **Département des brevets, Ministère de l'économie et des finances du Turkménistan**, a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone, comme suit :

Téléphone : (993-12) 51 03 69, 51 01 99

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(TM), page 189]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)**

The **African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)** has notified a new fee for patents and utility models in **US dollars (USD)**, as well as changes with regard to the exemption of the national fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of national fees and the conditions for exemption thereof are as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:	USD 150
Designation fee:	USD 50 per country
Annual fee for the first year:	USD 40
Annual fee for the second year:	USD 50
Annual fee for the third year:	USD 60

For utility model:

Filing fee:	USD 100
Designation fee:	USD 20 per country
Maintenance fee for the first year:	USD 20
Maintenance fee for the second year:	USD 25
Maintenance fee for the third year:	USD 30

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	No search or examination fee is payable if an international search or preliminary examination report has been established for the international application.
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Summary (AP), page 374]

SI Slovenia

The **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in the amount of a fee in **Slovenian tolars (SIT)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	SIT 170
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(SI), page 313]

TN Tunisia

The **National Institute for Standardization and Industrial Property (Tunisia)** has notified a change in the amount of a fee in **Tunisian dinars (TND)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	TND 30
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(TN), page 318]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AP Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO)**

L'**Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO)** a notifié une nouvelle taxe pour les brevets et les modèles d'utilité en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, ainsi que des changements en ce qui concerne l'exemption de la taxe nationale, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). La liste récapitulative des taxes nationales et les conditions d'exemption de ces taxes sont les suivantes :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt :	USD 150
Taxe de désignation :	USD 50 par pays
Taxe annuelle pour la première année :	USD 40
Taxe annuelle pour la deuxième année :	USD 50
Taxe annuelle pour la troisième année :	USD 60

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt :	USD 100
Taxe de désignation :	USD 20 par pays
Taxe de maintien en vigueur pour la première année :	USD 20
Taxe de maintien en vigueur pour la deuxième année :	USD 25
Taxe de maintien en vigueur pour la troisième année :	USD 30

Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :	Pas de taxe de recherche ou d'examen si un rapport de recherche internationale ou d'examen préliminaire international a été établi pour la demande internationale
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), résumé (AP), page 388]

SI Slovénie

L'**Office slovène de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié un changement dans le montant d'une taxe, exprimé en **tolars slovènes (SIT)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	SIT 170
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe C(SI), page 323]

TN Tunisie

L'**Institut national de la normalisation et de la propriété industrielle (Tunisie)** a notifié un changement dans le montant d'une taxe, exprimé en **dinars tunisiens (TND)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	TND 30
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe C(TN), page 328]

RECEIVING OFFICES**AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)**

The **African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)** has notified a change in the number of copies of the international application required by it as receiving office, as follows:

Number of copies required
by the receiving Office: 3

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(AP), page 228]

BG Bulgaria

The **Bulgarian Patent Office** has notified a change in the number of copies of the international application required by it as receiving office, as follows:

Number of copies required
by the receiving Office: 3

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(BG), page 236]

MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Industrial Property Protection (Republic of Moldova)** has notified a change in its requirements concerning the language of filing of international applications, as follows:

Language in which international
applications may be filed: Any language

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(MD), page 294]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**BG Bulgaria**

The **Bulgarian Patent Office** has notified a change in one of its special requirements concerning the furnishing of the translation of the international application for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*): Translation of the international application to be furnished
in three copies

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Summary (BG), page 381]

MA Morocco

The **Industrial and Commercial Property Office of Morocco** has notified a change in one of its special requirements concerning the furnishing of the copy or translation of the international application for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Special requirements of the Office
(PCT Rule 51*bis*): Copy or translation of the international application to be
furnished in two copies

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Summary (MA), page 455]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**AP Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO)**

L'**Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO)** a notifié un changement dans le nombre d'exemplaires de la demande internationale qu'elle exige en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Nombre d'exemplaires requis
par l'office récepteur : 3

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe C(AP), page 231]

BG Bulgarie

L'**Office bulgare des brevets** a notifié un changement dans le nombre d'exemplaires de la demande internationale qu'il exige en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Nombre d'exemplaires requis
par l'office récepteur : 3

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe C(BG), page 239]

MD République de Moldova

L'**Office d'État pour la protection de la propriété industrielle (République de Moldova)** a notifié un changement dans ses exigences concernant la langue de dépôt de la demande internationale, comme suit :

Langue dans laquelle la demande
internationale peut être déposée : N'importe quelle langue

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe C(MD), page 302]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**BG Bulgarie**

L'**Office bulgare des brevets** a notifié un changement dans l'une de ses exigences particulières concernant la remise de la traduction de la demande internationale pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT) : Traduction de la demande internationale en trois
exemplaires

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), résumé (BG), page 396]

MA Maroc

L'**Office marocain de la propriété industrielle et commerciale** a notifié un changement dans l'une de ses exigences particulières concernant la remise de la copie ou de la traduction de la demande internationale pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT) : Copie ou traduction de la demande internationale en deux
exemplaires

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), résumé (MA), page 479]

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**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—PCT COMMITTEE
FOR TECHNICAL COOPERATION (TWENTIETH SESSION)****NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

The PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation (PCT/CTC) held its twentieth session in Geneva from 23 September to 1 October 2002, in order to give recommendations on a number of matters to the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union), which was holding its thirty-first (18th extraordinary) session in Geneva, also from 23 September to 1 October 2002. The corresponding Note prepared by the International Bureau on those matters which were on the agenda of the PCT Assembly is published on page 25586 *et seq.*

All documents discussed during the session of the PCT/CTC and the final report (document PCT/CTC/20/5) are available from WIPO free of charge and can also be found on WIPO's Internet site, at the following address: http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/meetings/ctc/index_20.htm

Advice on the request of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents to be appointed as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority. The PCT/CTC unanimously recommended to the Assembly that the Canadian Commissioner of Patents be appointed as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

Advice on the request of the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland to be appointed as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority. The PCT/CTC recommended to the Assembly that further consideration of the request by the Finnish Office for appointment as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority be deferred until 2003.

PCT Minimum Documentation. The PCT/CTC noted the contents of a document outlining a proposal for a study of the possible incorporation of traditional knowledge periodicals and databases into the PCT minimum documentation and of the possible access, within the framework of the PCT minimum documentation, to documents in certain technical fields via databases. The PCT/CTC unanimously recommended to the Assembly that the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT (PCT/MIA) be requested to undertake the study proposed in that document and to make recommendations to the PCT/CTC on proposed modifications of PCT Rule 34 and proposed mechanisms for reviewing and maintaining the non-patent literature part of the PCT minimum documentation.

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS –
COMITÉ DE COOPÉRATION TECHNIQUE DU PCT (VINGTIÈME SESSION)****NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**

Le Comité de coopération technique du PCT (“comité PCT/CTC”) a tenu sa vingtième session à Genève du 23 septembre au 1^{er} octobre 2002 afin de donner un avis sur un certain nombre de points à l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT), qui tenait sa trente et unième session (18^e session extraordinaire) à Genève, également du 23 septembre au 1^{er} octobre 2002. La note correspondante du Bureau international relative aux points qui étaient à l'ordre du jour de l'Assemblée de l'Union du PCT est publiée page 25587 et suiv.

Tous les documents qui ont fait l'objet de discussions durant la session du comité PCT/CTC, ainsi que le rapport final (document PCT/CTC/20/5), sont disponibles gratuitement auprès de l'OMPI et peuvent être également consultés sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante :

http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/meetings/ctc/index_20.htm

Avis sur la demande du commissaire aux brevets du Canada d'être nommé en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international. Le comité PCT/CTC a recommandé à l'unanimité à l'Assemblée de l'Union du PCT de nommer le commissaire aux brevets du Canada en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international.

Avis sur la demande de l'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande d'être nommé en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international. Le comité PCT/CTC a recommandé à l'Assemblée de l'Union du PCT de reporter à 2003 la poursuite de l'examen de la demande de l'office finlandais visant à être nommé en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international.

Documentation minimale du PCT. Le comité PCT/CTC a pris note du contenu d'un document décrivant une proposition d'étude de l'incorporation éventuelle des périodiques et des bases de données ayant trait aux savoirs traditionnels dans la documentation minimale du PCT et de l'accès éventuel, dans le cadre de la documentation minimale du PCT, aux documents appartenant à certains domaines techniques par le biais des bases de données. Le comité PCT/CTC a recommandé, à l'unanimité, à l'Assemblée de l'Union du PCT de demander à la Réunion des administrations internationales selon le PCT (PCT/MIA) de réaliser l'étude proposée dans le document précité et de faire des recommandations au comité PCT/CTC quant aux propositions de modification de la règle 34 du règlement d'exécution du PCT et quant aux mécanismes proposés pour la révision et la tenue de la partie de la documentation minimale du PCT comprenant la littérature autre que celle des brevets.

**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY
(THIRTY-FIRST (18TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)—THIRD PART****OTHER MATTERS: NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

The Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held its thirty-first (18th extraordinary) session in Geneva from 23 September to 1 October 2002, in conjunction with the thirty-seventh series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).

This constitutes the third and last part of this Note, which relates to all remaining matters that were on the agenda of the session of the Assembly; matters already covered include the reduction of the international fee for international applications filed in electronic form, which was the subject of the first part of this Note, published in *PCT Gazette* No. 42/2002, page 20998 *et seq.*, and the matters relating to reform of the PCT, which were the subject of the second part of this Note, published in *PCT Gazette* No. 49/2002, page 24990 *et seq.*

All documents discussed during the session and the final report (document PCT/A/31/10) are available from WIPO free of charge and can also be found on WIPO's Internet site, at the following address: http://www.wipo.int/eng/document/govbody/wo_pct/index_31.htm

IMPACT Project and PCT Electronic Filing Project Status Reports

The Assembly took note of status reports on the PCT automation project (IMPACT) and the PCT Electronic Filing Project. With the rapid expansion of the PCT system, these projects remain of the highest priority for WIPO.

**Appointment of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority**

Following the recommendation by the PCT Committee for Technical Cooperation (PCT/CTC), at its twentieth session, held from 23 September to 1 October 2002, the Assembly appointed the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, bringing the total number of International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authorities to eleven. The Assembly approved the corresponding Agreement between the Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of WIPO. For further background on this matter, see the Note prepared by the International Bureau, relating to the session of the PCT/CTC, page 25584.

The appointment and the Agreement will take effect one month after the date on which the Authority notifies the Director General that it is ready to start functioning as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority; this notification is expected sometime in the summer of 2004. Note that, before that time, applicants will not be able to choose the Canadian Commissioner of Patents as a competent International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

The text of the Agreement is published on pages 25590, 25592, 25594, 25596, 25598 and 25600.

**Appointment of the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland
as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority**

Following the recommendation by the PCT/CTC, at the above-mentioned session, the Assembly deferred further consideration of the request of the Finnish Office for appointment as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority until 2003. For further background on this matter, see the Note prepared by the International Bureau, relating to the session of the PCT/CTC, page 25584.

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS –
ASSEMBLÉE (TRENTE ET UNIÈME SESSION (18^e SESSION EXTRAORDINAIRE)) –
TROISIÈME PARTIE**

AUTRES POINTS : NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL

L'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a tenu sa trente et unième session (18^e session extraordinaire) à Genève, du 23 septembre au 1^{er} octobre 2002, dans le cadre de la trente-septième série de réunions des Assemblées des États membres de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle (OMPI).

Ceci constitue la troisième et dernière partie de la présente note, qui concerne tous les points qui étaient à l'ordre du jour de la session de l'assemblée, à l'exception de la réduction de la taxe internationale pour les demandes internationales déposées sous forme électronique, qui a fait l'objet de la première partie de la présente note, publiée dans la *Gazette du PCT* n° 42/2002, page 20999 et suiv., et des sujets relatifs à la réforme du PCT, qui ont fait l'objet de la deuxième partie de la présente note, publiée dans la *Gazette du PCT* n° 49/2002, page 24991 et suiv.

Tous les documents qui ont fait l'objet de discussions durant la session, ainsi que le rapport final (document PCT/A/31/10), sont disponibles gratuitement auprès de l'OMPI et peuvent être également consultés sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : http://www.wipo.int/fre/document/govbody/wo_pct/index_31.htm

**Rapports de situation sur le projet IMPACT et sur le projet relatif au dépôt
électronique selon le PCT**

L'assemblée a pris note des rapports de situation sur le projet d'automatisation du PCT ("IMPACT") et sur le projet relatif au dépôt électronique selon le PCT. Avec l'expansion rapide du système du PCT, ces projets sont toujours de la plus haute importance pour l'OMPI.

**Nomination du commissaire aux brevets du Canada en qualité d'administration chargée
de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international**

Suite à la recommandation du Comité de coopération technique du PCT ("comité PCT/CTC"), lors de sa vingtième session, qui s'est tenue à Genève du 23 septembre au 1^{er} octobre 2002, l'assemblée a nommé le commissaire aux brevets du Canada en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international, portant ainsi à onze le nombre d'administrations chargées de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international. L'assemblée a approuvé le texte de l'accord correspondant entre le commissaire aux brevets du Canada et le Bureau international de l'OMPI. Pour plus de renseignements sur cette question, voir la note du Bureau international, relative à la session dudit comité, page 25585.

La nomination et l'accord prendront effet un mois après la date à laquelle l'administration notifiera au directeur général qu'elle est prête à fonctionner en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international; cette notification est attendue pour l'été 2004. Il convient de noter que, avant cette date, il ne sera pas possible pour les déposants de choisir le commissaire aux brevets du Canada en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international.

Le texte de l'accord est publié aux pages 25591, 25593, 25595, 25597, 25599 et 25601.

**Nomination de l'Office des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande
en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen
préliminaire international**

Suite à la recommandation du comité PCT/CTC, lors de la session visée ci-dessus, l'assemblée a reporté à 2003 la poursuite de l'examen de la demande de l'office finlandais visant à être nommé en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international. Pour plus de renseignements sur cette question, voir la note du Bureau international, relative à la session dudit comité, page 25585.

**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY
(THIRTY-FIRST (18TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)—THIRD PART (Cont'd)****Amendment of the Agreement Between the Japan Patent Office
and the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the Functioning
of the Japan Patent Office as an International Searching and
Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT**

The Assembly approved an amendment to the Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau in relation to the functioning of that Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority, which will enable the Office to restrict its competence as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority.

The Agreement, as amended, will enter into force upon signature by the parties.

The modified text of the Agreement is published on pages 25602, 25604, 25606, 25608, 25610 and 25612.

PCT Minimum Documentation

Following the recommendation of the PCT/CTC, at the above-mentioned session, the Assembly requested the Meeting of International Authorities under the PCT (PCT/MIA) to study the possible incorporation of traditional knowledge periodicals and databases into the PCT minimum documentation and the possible access, within the framework of the PCT minimum documentation, to documents in certain technical fields via databases. The Assembly further requested the PCT/MIA to make recommendations to the PCT/CTC on proposed modifications of Rule 34 and proposed mechanisms for reviewing and maintaining the non-patent literature part of the PCT minimum documentation. For further background on this matter, see the Note prepared by the International Bureau, relating to the session of the PCT/CTC, page 25584.

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS –
ASSEMBLÉE (TRENTÉ ET UNIÈME SESSION (18^e SESSION EXTRAORDINAIRE)) –
TROISIÈME PARTIE (suite)**

**Modification de l'Accord entre l'Office des brevets du Japon et le Bureau international
de l'OMPI concernant les fonctions de l'Office des brevets du Japon en qualité
d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire
international au titre du PCT**

L'assemblée a approuvé une modification de l'accord entre l'Office des brevets du Japon et le Bureau international concernant les fonctions de l'Office des brevets du Japon en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international, visant à permettre à l'office de limiter sa compétence en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international.

L'accord, tel que modifié, entrera en vigueur dès qu'il aura été signé par les parties.

Le texte de l'accord, tel que modifié, est publié aux pages 25603, 25605, 25607, 25609, 25611 et 25613.

Documentation minimale du PCT

Suite à la recommandation du comité PCT/CTC, lors de la session visée ci-dessus, l'assemblée a demandé à la Réunion des administrations internationales selon le PCT ("réunion PCT/MIA") d'étudier l'incorporation éventuelle des périodiques et des bases de données ayant trait aux savoirs traditionnels dans la documentation minimale du PCT et l'accès éventuel, dans le cadre de la documentation minimale du PCT, aux documents appartenant à certains domaines techniques par le biais des bases de données. L'assemblée a également prié la Réunion PCT/MIA de faire des recommandations au comité PCT/CTC quant aux propositions de modification de la règle 34 et quant aux mécanismes proposés pour la révision et la tenue de la partie de la documentation minimale du PCT comprenant la littérature autre que celle des brevets. Pour plus de renseignements sur cette question, voir la note du Bureau international, relative à la session dudit comité, page 25585.

**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY
(THIRTY-FIRST (18TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)—THIRD PART (Cont'd)****AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CANADIAN COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF
THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION****in relation to
the functioning of the Canadian Commissioner of Patents
as an International Searching Authority
and International Preliminary Examining Authority
Under the Patent Cooperation Treaty***Preamble*

The Canadian Commissioner of Patents and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Hereby agree as follows:

*Article 1
Terms and Expressions*

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
 - (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Canadian Commissioner of Patents;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

*Article 2
Basic Obligations*

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement. In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT Search Guidelines and the PCT Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(2) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS –
ASSEMBLÉE (TRENTE ET UNIÈME SESSION (18^e SESSION EXTRAORDINAIRE)) –
TROISIÈME PARTIE (suite)**

ACCORD

**ENTRE LE COMMISSAIRE AUX BREVETS DU CANADA
ET LE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL
DE L'ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE**

**concernant
les fonctions du commissaire aux brevets du Canada
en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et
d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international
au titre du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets**

Préambule

Le commissaire aux brevets du Canada et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle,

Sont convenus de ce qui suit :

Article premier

Termes et expressions

- 1) Aux fins du présent accord, on entend par
 - a) “traité” le Traité de coopération en matière de brevets;
 - b) “règlement d'exécution” le règlement d'exécution du traité;
 - c) “instructions administratives” les instructions administratives du traité;
 - d) “article” un article du traité (sauf quand il est fait expressément référence à un article du présent accord);
 - e) “règle” une règle du règlement d'exécution;
 - f) “État contractant” un État partie au traité;
 - g) “Administration” le commissaire aux brevets du Canada;
 - h) “Bureau international” le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle.

2) Aux fins du présent accord, tous les autres termes et expressions utilisés qui sont également employés dans le traité, le règlement d'exécution ou les instructions administratives, ont le même sens que dans le traité, le règlement d'exécution et les instructions administratives.

Article 2

Obligations fondamentales

1) L'Administration procède à la recherche internationale et à l'examen préliminaire international conformément aux dispositions du traité, du règlement d'exécution, des instructions administratives et du présent accord et assume toutes autres fonctions confiées aux administrations chargées de la recherche internationale et aux administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international en vertu de ces dispositions. Pour procéder à la recherche internationale et à l'examen préliminaire international, l'Administration applique et observe toutes les règles communes à la recherche internationale et à l'examen préliminaire international et se conforme notamment aux Directives concernant la recherche selon le PCT et aux Directives concernant l'examen préliminaire selon le PCT.

2) L'Administration et le Bureau international, eu égard à leurs tâches respectives telles que prévues par le traité, le règlement d'exécution, les instructions administratives et le présent accord, se prêtent mutuellement assistance, dans la mesure qu'ils jugent l'un et l'autre appropriée, pour l'exécution desdites tâches.

**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY
(THIRTY-FIRST (18TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)—THIRD PART (Cont'd)****AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CANADIAN COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF
WIPO (Cont'd)***Article 3
Competence of Authority*

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement, and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant, and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

*Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined*

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

*Article 5
Fees and Charges*

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its function as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search made by the Authority (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

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TROISIÈME PARTIE (suite)**

ACCORD ENTRE LE COMMISSAIRE AUX BREVETS DU CANADA ET LE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DE L'OMPI (suite)

Article 3

Compétence de l'Administration

1) L'Administration agit en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale à l'égard de toute demande internationale déposée auprès de l'office récepteur de tout État contractant, ou agissant pour tout État contractant, spécifié à l'annexe A du présent accord, pourvu que l'office récepteur l'ait désignée à cette fin, que la demande, ou une traduction de celle-ci remise aux fins de la recherche internationale, soit dans la langue ou dans l'une des langues spécifiées à l'annexe A du présent accord et, le cas échéant, que l'Administration ait été choisie par le déposant.

2) L'Administration agit en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international à l'égard de toute demande internationale déposée auprès de l'office récepteur de tout État contractant, ou agissant pour tout État contractant, spécifié à l'annexe A du présent accord, pourvu que l'office récepteur l'ait désignée à cette fin, que la demande, ou une traduction de celle-ci remise aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international, soit dans la langue ou dans l'une des langues spécifiées à l'annexe A du présent accord et, le cas échéant, que l'Administration ait été choisie par le déposant et que toute autre condition précisée dans l'annexe A du présent accord au sujet d'une telle demande soit remplie.

3) Lorsqu'une demande internationale est déposée auprès du Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur en vertu de la règle 19.1.a)iii), les alinéas 1) et 2) s'appliquent comme si la demande avait été déposée auprès d'un office récepteur compétent en vertu de la règle 19.1.a)i) ou ii), b) ou c) ou de la règle 19.2.i).

Article 4

Objets pour lesquels la recherche et l'examen ne sont pas obligatoires

En vertu respectivement de l'article 17.2)a)i) et de l'article 34.4)a)i), l'Administration n'est pas tenue d'effectuer la recherche internationale ou l'examen préliminaire international dans la mesure où elle considère que la demande internationale concerne un objet visé à la règle 39.1 ou à la règle 67.1, selon le cas, à l'exception des objets désignés à l'annexe B du présent accord.

Article 5

Taxes et droits

1) Un barème de toutes les taxes requises par l'Administration, ainsi que de tous les autres droits que l'Administration peut percevoir en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, figure à l'annexe C du présent accord.

2) Sous réserve des conditions et limites spécifiées à l'annexe C du présent accord, l'Administration

- i) rembourse tout ou partie de la taxe de recherche acquittée, ou supprime ou réduit la taxe de recherche, lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale peut se baser entièrement ou partiellement sur les résultats d'une recherche effectuée antérieurement par l'Administration (règles 16.3 et 41.1);
- ii) rembourse la taxe de recherche lorsque la demande internationale est retirée ou considérée comme retirée avant le début de la recherche internationale.

3) L'Administration rembourse, aux conditions et dans les limites spécifiées à l'annexe C du présent accord, tout ou partie de la taxe d'examen préliminaire acquittée lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international est considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée (règle 58.3), ou bien lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international ou la demande internationale est retirée par le déposant avant le début de l'examen préliminaire international.

**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY
(THIRTY-FIRST (18TH EXTRAORDINARY) SESSION)—THIRD PART (Cont'd)****AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CANADIAN COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF
WIPO (Cont'd)***Article 6
Classification*

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

*Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority*

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

*Article 8
International-Type Search*

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

*Article 9
Entry into Force*

This Agreement shall enter into force one month after the date on which the Authority notifies the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization that it is prepared to start functioning as an International Searching Authority and as an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

*Article 10
Duration and Renewability*

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2007. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than January 2007, start negotiations for its renewal.

*Article 11
Amendment*

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

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*Article 6
Classification*

Aux fins des règles 43.3.a) et 70.5.b), l'Administration utilise uniquement la classification internationale des brevets.

*Article 7
Langues utilisées par l'Administration pour la correspondance*

L'Administration utilise, aux fins de la correspondance (y compris les formulaires), à l'exclusion de la correspondance échangée avec le Bureau international, la langue ou l'une des langues indiquées à l'annexe D, compte tenu de la langue ou des langues indiquées à l'annexe A et de la langue ou des langues dont l'usage est autorisé par l'Administration conformément à la règle 92.2.b).

*Article 8
Recherche de type international*

L'Administration effectue des recherches de type international dans les limites qu'elle fixe.

*Article 9
Entrée en vigueur*

Le présent accord entre en vigueur un mois après la date à laquelle l'Administration a informé le Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle qu'elle est disposée à commencer à exercer les fonctions d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

*Article 10
Durée et renouvellement*

Le présent accord restera en vigueur jusqu'au 31 décembre 2007. En janvier 2007 au plus tard, les parties au présent accord entameront des négociations en vue de le renouveler.

*Article 11
Modification*

1) Sans préjudice des alinéas 2) et 3), les parties peuvent convenir de modifications à apporter au présent accord, sous réserve d'approbation par l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets; ces modifications prennent effet à la date convenue entre les parties.

2) Sans préjudice de l'alinéa 3), le Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle et l'Administration peuvent convenir de modifications à apporter aux annexes du présent accord; ces modifications prennent effet à la date convenue entre eux.

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WIPO (Cont'd)**

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

*Article 12
Termination*

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2007:

- (i) if the Canadian Commissioner of Patents gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Canadian Commissioner of Patents written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this [...] day of [...], in two originals in the English and French languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Canadian Commissioner of Patents:
by:

(signature)
David Tobin
Canadian Commissioner of Patents

For the International Bureau:
by:

(signature)
Kamil Idris
Director General
World Intellectual Property Organization

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3) L'Administration peut, par notification adressée au Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle,

- i) compléter les indications relatives aux États et aux langues figurant à l'annexe A du présent accord;
- ii) modifier le barème de taxes et de droits figurant à l'annexe C du présent accord;
- iii) modifier les indications relatives aux langues utilisées pour la correspondance figurant à l'annexe D du présent accord.

4) Toute modification notifiée conformément à l'alinéa 3) prend effet à la date indiquée dans la notification; toutefois, les augmentations des taxes et autres droits indiqués à l'annexe C ne prennent effet qu'un mois au moins après la date de réception de la notification par le Bureau international.

Article 12

Extinction

- 1) Le présent accord prend fin avant le 31 décembre 2007
 - i) si le commissaire aux brevets du Canada notifie par écrit au Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle son intention de mettre fin au présent accord; ou
 - ii) si le Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle notifie par écrit au commissaire aux brevets du Canada son intention de mettre fin au présent accord.

2) L'extinction du présent accord conformément à l'alinéa 1) prend effet un an après réception de la notification par l'autre partie, sauf si un délai plus long est précisé dans la notification ou si les deux parties conviennent d'un délai plus court.

En foi de quoi, les soussignés ont apposé leur signature au bas du présent accord.

Fait à Genève, le [...], en double exemplaire en langues anglaise et française, les deux textes faisant également foi.

Pour le commissaire aux brevets
du Canada :

Pour le Bureau international :

(signature)
David Tobin
Commissaire aux brevets du Canada

(signature)
Kamil Idris
Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale
de la Propriété Intellectuelle

**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY
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WIPO (Cont'd)**

*Annex A
States and Languages*

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States:

Canada, and the States regarded as developing countries in conformity with the established practice of the General Assembly of the United Nations;

- (ii) the following languages:

English, French.

*Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination*

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

all subject matter which is searched or examined under the Canadian patent grant procedure.

*Annex C
Fees and Charges*

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

<i>Kind of fee or charge</i>	<i>Amount (Canadian dollars)</i>
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[...]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[...]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[...]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[...]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.1)	[...]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

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*Annexe A
États et langues*

Conformément à l'article 3 de l'accord, l'Administration spécifique

i) les États suivants :

Canada et les États considérés comme pays en développement conformément à la pratique établie de l'Assemblée générale des Nations Unies;

ii) les langues suivantes :

anglais, français.

*Annexe B
Objets non exclus de la recherche ou de l'examen*

Les objets visés à la règle 39.1 ou 67.1 qui, conformément à l'article 4 de l'accord, ne sont pas exclus de la recherche ou de l'examen sont les suivants :

les objets qui sont soumis à la recherche ou à l'examen selon la procédure nationale canadienne de délivrance des brevets.

*Annexe C
Taxes et droits*

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

<i>Type de taxe ou de droit</i>	<i>Montant (Dollars canadiens)</i>
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a)) :	[...]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	[...]
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	[...]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	[...]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b), 71.2.b et 94.1), par page	[...]

Partie II. Conditions et limites des remboursements ou des réductions de taxes

1) Toute somme payée par erreur, sans raison ou en excédent par rapport au montant dû au titre des taxes indiquées dans la partie I est remboursée.

2) Lorsque la demande internationale est retirée ou considérée comme retirée en vertu de l'article 14.1), 3) ou 4) avant le début de la recherche internationale, le montant de la taxe de recherche qui a été acquitté est intégralement remboursé.

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WIPO (Cont'd)**

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, [*percentages under consideration*] of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English, French.

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3) Lorsque l'Administration peut utiliser une recherche antérieure, la taxe de recherche payée est remboursée à [*pourcentages à l'étude*], selon la mesure dans laquelle l'Administration peut utiliser cette recherche antérieure.

4) Dans les cas prévus à la règle 58.3, le montant de la taxe d'examen préliminaire qui a été acquitté est intégralement remboursé.

5) Lorsque la demande internationale ou la demande d'examen préliminaire international est retirée avant le début de l'examen préliminaire international, le montant de la taxe d'examen préliminaire qui a été acquitté est intégralement remboursé.

Annexe D

Langues utilisées pour la correspondance

Conformément à l'article 7 de l'accord, l'Administration spécifie les langues suivantes :

anglais, français.

**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY
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BETWEEN THE JAPAN PATENT OFFICE
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF
THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION****in relation to
the functioning of the Japan Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority and
International Preliminary Examining Authority
Under the Patent Cooperation Treaty***Preamble*

The Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the Agreement of October 1, 1997, under Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty in relation to the functioning of the Japan Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty was concluded for a period of 10 years from January 1, 1998, to December 31, 2007,

Desirous to continue the functioning of the Japan Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty,

Hereby agree as follows:

*Article 1
Terms and Expressions*

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Japan Patent Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

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**ACCORD MODIFIÉ
ENTRE L'OFFICE DES BREVETS DU JAPON
ET LE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL
DE L'ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE**

**concernant
les fonctions de l'Office des brevets du Japon
en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et
d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international
au titre du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets**

Préambule

L'Office des brevets du Japon et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle,

Considérant que l'accord conclu le 1^{er} octobre 1997, en vertu des articles 16.3)b) et 32.3) du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets, en ce qui concerne les fonctions de l'Office des brevets du Japon en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international au titre du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets avait été conclu pour une période de 10 années, du 1^{er} janvier 1998 au 31 décembre 2007,

Souhaitant que l'Office des brevets du Japon continue d'agir en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international au titre du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets,

Sont convenus de ce qui suit :

*Article premier
Termes et expressions*

- 1) Aux fins du présent accord, on entend par
 - a) "traité" le Traité de coopération en matière de brevets;
 - b) "règlement d'exécution" le règlement d'exécution du traité;
 - c) "instructions administratives" les instructions administratives du traité;
 - d) "article" un article du traité (sauf quand il est fait expressément référence à un article du présent accord);
 - e) "règle" une règle du règlement d'exécution;
 - f) "État contractant" un État partie au traité;
 - g) "Administration" l'Office des brevets du Japon;
 - h) "Bureau international" le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle.

2) Aux fins du présent accord, tous les autres termes et expressions utilisés qui sont également employés dans le traité, le règlement d'exécution ou les instructions administratives, ont le même sens que dans le traité, le règlement d'exécution et les instructions administratives.

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(Cont'd)***Article 2
Basic Obligations*

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement. In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT Search Guidelines and the PCT Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(2) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

*Article 3
Competence of Authority*

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State specified in Annex A to this Agreement, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant, and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

*Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined*

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

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Article 2

Obligations fondamentales

1) L'Administration procède à la recherche internationale et à l'examen préliminaire international conformément aux dispositions du traité, du règlement d'exécution, des instructions administratives et du présent accord et assume toutes autres fonctions confiées aux administrations chargées de la recherche internationale et aux administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international en vertu de ces dispositions. Pour procéder à la recherche internationale et à l'examen préliminaire international, l'Administration applique et observe toutes les règles communes à la recherche internationale et à l'examen préliminaire international et se conforme notamment aux Directives concernant la recherche selon le PCT et aux Directives concernant l'examen préliminaire selon le PCT.

2) L'Administration et le Bureau international, eu égard à leurs tâches respectives telles que prévues par le traité, le règlement d'exécution, les instructions administratives et le présent accord, se prêtent mutuellement assistance, dans la mesure qu'ils jugent l'un et l'autre appropriée, pour l'exécution desdites tâches.

Article 3

Compétence de l'Administration

1) L'Administration agit en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale à l'égard de toute demande internationale déposée auprès de l'office récepteur de tout État contractant, ou agissant pour tout État contractant, spécifié à l'annexe A du présent accord, pourvu que l'office récepteur l'ait désignée à cette fin, que la demande, ou une traduction de celle-ci remise aux fins de la recherche internationale, soit dans la langue ou dans l'une des langues spécifiées à l'annexe A du présent accord et, le cas échéant, que l'Administration ait été choisie par le déposant.

2) L'Administration agit en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international à l'égard de toute demande internationale déposée auprès de l'office récepteur de tout État contractant, ou agissant pour tout État contractant, spécifié à l'annexe A du présent accord, pourvu que l'office récepteur l'ait désignée à cette fin, que la demande, ou une traduction de celle-ci remise aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international, soit dans la langue ou dans l'une des langues spécifiées à l'annexe A du présent accord et, le cas échéant, que l'Administration ait été choisie par le déposant et que toute autre condition précisée dans l'annexe A du présent accord au sujet d'une telle demande soit remplie.

3) Lorsqu'une demande internationale est déposée auprès du Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur en vertu de la règle 19.1.a)iii), les alinéas 1) et 2) s'appliquent comme si la demande avait été déposée auprès d'un office récepteur compétent en vertu de la règle 19.1.a)i) ou ii), b) ou c) ou de la règle 19.2.i).

Article 4

Objets pour lesquels la recherche et l'examen ne sont pas obligatoires

En vertu respectivement de l'article 17.2)a)i) et de l'article 34.4)a)i), l'Administration n'est pas tenue d'effectuer la recherche internationale ou l'examen préliminaire international dans la mesure où elle considère que la demande internationale concerne un objet visé à la règle 39.1 ou à la règle 67.1, selon le cas, à l'exception des objets désignés à l'annexe B du présent accord.

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(Cont'd)***Article 5
Fees and Charges*

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search made by the Authority (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

*Article 6
Classification*

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

*Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority*

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

*Article 8
International-Type Search*

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

*Article 9
Entry into Force*

This Agreement, as amended, shall enter into force upon approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union and subsequent signature.

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*Article 5
Taxes et droits*

1) Un barème de toutes les taxes requises par l'Administration, ainsi que de tous les autres droits que l'Administration peut percevoir en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, figure à l'annexe C du présent accord.

2) Sous réserve des conditions et limites spécifiées à l'annexe C du présent accord, l'Administration

- i) rembourse tout ou partie de la taxe de recherche acquittée, ou supprime ou réduit la taxe de recherche, lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale peut se baser entièrement ou partiellement sur les résultats d'une recherche effectuée antérieurement par l'Administration (règles 16.3 et 41.1);
- ii) rembourse la taxe de recherche lorsque la demande internationale est retirée ou considérée comme retirée avant le début de la recherche internationale.

3) L'Administration rembourse, aux conditions et dans les limites spécifiées à l'annexe C du présent accord, tout ou partie de la taxe d'examen préliminaire acquittée lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international est considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée (règle 58.3), ou bien lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international ou la demande internationale est retirée par le déposant avant le début de l'examen préliminaire international.

*Article 6
Classification*

Aux fins des règles 43.3.a) et 70.5.b), l'Administration utilise uniquement la classification internationale des brevets.

*Article 7
Langues utilisées par l'Administration pour la correspondance*

L'Administration utilise, aux fins de la correspondance (y compris les formulaires), à l'exclusion de la correspondance échangée avec le Bureau international, la langue ou l'une des langues indiquées à l'annexe D, compte tenu de la langue ou des langues indiquées à l'annexe A et de la langue ou des langues dont l'usage est autorisé par l'Administration conformément à la règle 92.2.b).

*Article 8
Recherche de type international*

L'Administration effectue des recherches de type international dans les limites qu'elle fixe.

*Article 9
Entrée en vigueur*

Le présent accord, tel que modifié, entrera en vigueur après qu'il aura été approuvé par l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets, puis signé par les parties.

**MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY
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(Cont'd)***Article 10
Duration and Renewability*

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2007. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than January 2007, start negotiations for its renewal.

*Article 11
Amendment*

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of States and languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

*Article 12
Termination*

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2007:
 - (i) if the Authority gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Authority written notice to terminate this Agreement.

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ASSEMBLÉE (TRENTE ET UNIÈME SESSION (18^e SESSION EXTRAORDINAIRE)) –
TROISIÈME PARTIE (suite)**

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Article 10
Durée et renouvellement

Le présent accord restera en vigueur jusqu'au 31 décembre 2007. En janvier 2007 au plus tard, les parties au présent accord entameront des négociations en vue de le renouveler.

Article 11
Modification

1) Sans préjudice des alinéas 2) et 3), les parties peuvent convenir de modifications à apporter au présent accord, sous réserve d'approbation par l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets; ces modifications prennent effet à la date convenue entre les parties.

2) Sans préjudice de l'alinéa 3), le Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle et l'Administration peuvent convenir de modifications à apporter aux annexes du présent accord; ces modifications prennent effet à la date convenue entre eux.

3) L'Administration peut, par notification adressée au Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle,

- i) compléter les indications relatives aux États et aux langues figurant à l'annexe A du présent accord;
- ii) modifier le barème de taxes et de droits figurant à l'annexe C du présent accord;
- iii) modifier les indications relatives aux langues utilisées pour la correspondance figurant à l'annexe D du présent accord.

4) Toute modification notifiée conformément à l'alinéa 3) prend effet à la date indiquée dans la notification; toutefois, les augmentations des taxes et autres droits indiqués à l'annexe C ne prennent effet qu'un mois au moins après la date de réception de la notification par le Bureau international.

Article 12
Extinction

- 1) Le présent accord prend fin avant le 31 décembre 2007
 - i) si l'Administration notifie par écrit au Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle son intention de mettre fin au présent accord; ou
 - ii) si le Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle notifie par écrit à l'Administration son intention de mettre fin au présent accord.

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(Cont'd)**

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this _____, in two originals in the English and Japanese languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Japan Patent Office by:

For the International Bureau by:

(signature)
(name)
(function)
Japan Patent Office

(signature)
Kamil Idris
Director General
World Intellectual Property Organization

*Annex A
States and Languages*

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

Japan and any State that the Authority will specify;

- (ii) the following States, so far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Japan and any State the Authority will specify;

- (iii) the following languages:

Japanese, English.

*Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination*

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

subject matter which is searched or examined in Japanese national applications.

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2) L'extinction du présent accord conformément à l'alinéa 1) prend effet un an après réception de la notification par l'autre partie, sauf si un délai plus long est précisé dans la notification ou si les deux parties conviennent d'un délai plus court.

En foi de quoi, les soussignés ont apposé leur signature au bas du présent accord.

Fait à Genève, le _____, en double exemplaire en langues anglaise et japonaise, les deux textes faisant également foi.

Pour l'Office des brevets du Japon :

Pour le Bureau international :

(signature)
(nom)
(fonction)
Office des brevets du Japon

(signature)
Kamil Idris
Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale
de la Propriété Intellectuelle

*Annexe A
États et langues*

Conformément à l'article 3 de l'accord, l'Administration spécifie

i) les États suivants, en ce qui concerne l'article 3.1) :

Japon et tout État que l'Administration spécifiera;

ii) les États suivants, en ce qui concerne l'article 3.2) :

lorsque l'Administration a préparé le rapport de recherche internationale, Japon et tout État que l'Administration spécifiera;

iii) les langues suivantes :

japonais, anglais.

*Annexe B
Objets non exclus de la recherche ou de l'examen*

Les objets visés à la règle 39.1 ou 67.1 qui, conformément à l'article 4 de l'accord, ne sont pas exclus de la recherche ou de l'examen sont les suivants :

les objets pour lesquels les demandes nationales japonaises sont soumises à la recherche ou à l'examen.

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(Cont'd)***Annex C
Fees and Charges**Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges*

<i>Kind of fee or charge</i>	<i>Amount (Japanese yen)</i>
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	72,000
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	63,000
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	28,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	18,000
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.1), per document	1,400

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search to a considerable extent, the amount of 29,000 Japanese yen shall be refunded, upon request.

(3) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(4) As long as the refund of the search fee (in the case where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search) and the refund of the preliminary examination fee (in the case where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination) continue not to be compatible with the national law applicable to the Authority, the Authority may abstain from refunding those fees.

*Annex D
Languages of Correspondence*

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Japanese, English.

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TROISIÈME PARTIE (suite)**

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*Annexe C
Taxes et droits*

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

<i>Type de taxe ou de droit</i>	<i>Montant (Yen japonais)</i>
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	72.000
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	63.000
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	28.000
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	18.000
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b), 71.2.b) et 94.1), par document	1.400

Partie II. Conditions et limites des remboursements ou des réductions de taxes

1) Toute somme payée par erreur, sans raison ou en excédent par rapport au montant dû au titre des taxes indiquées dans la partie I est remboursée.

2) Lorsque l'Administration peut utiliser pour une partie substantielle une recherche antérieure, un montant de 29.000 yen est remboursé sur requête.

3) Dans les cas prévus à la règle 58.3, le montant de la taxe d'examen préliminaire qui a été acquitté est intégralement remboursé.

4) Aussi longtemps que le remboursement de la taxe de recherche (dans le cas où la demande internationale est retirée ou considérée comme retirée en vertu de l'article 14.1), 3) ou 4) avant le début de la recherche internationale) et que le remboursement de la taxe d'examen préliminaire (dans le cas où la demande internationale ou la demande d'examen préliminaire international est retirée avant le début de l'examen préliminaire international) restent incompatibles avec la législation nationale de l'Administration, celle-ci peut ne pas rembourser ces taxes.

*Annexe D
Langues utilisées pour la correspondance*

Conformément à l'article 7 de l'accord, l'Administration spécifie les langues suivantes :

japonais, anglais.

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: CHANGE
PROCEDURE FOR FUTURE MODIFICATIONS OF THE TECHNICAL STANDARD****NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

Modifications of the Administrative Instructions designed to enable the implementation of electronic filing and processing of international applications under the PCT were made with effect from 7 January 2002. Those modifications added new Part 7 and new Annex F to the Administrative Instructions containing, respectively, the necessary legal framework and technical standard (see *PCT Gazette* Special Issue No. S-04/2001 dated 27 December 2001).

Annex F is now modified to introduce new section 2.5 setting out a special procedure for the proposal, consideration and implementation of future modifications of the technical requirements for the electronic filing and processing of international applications.

Modification of Annex F of the Administrative Instructions

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to Rule 89.2(b), a new Section 2.5 of Annex F to the Administrative Instructions, as set out on pages 25616, 25618, 25620 and 25622, is promulgated, with effect from 12 December 2002.

The present text of the Administrative Instructions is set out in the following issues of the *PCT Gazette*:

- Special Issue No. S-03/2001, dated 30 August 2001, with subsequent modifications indicated below,
 - new Part 7 and new Annex F, as set out in Special Issue No. S 04/2001 dated 27 December 2001,
 - modified Section 404, as set out in No. 47/2001 dated 22 November 2001, page 21586,
 - modified Sections 801 to 806 and new Annex C-*bis*, as set out in No. 36/2002 dated 6 September 2002, pages 17634, 17636, 17638, 17640, 17642 and 17644.
 - modified Sections 102*bis* and 707, as set out in No. 42/2002 dated 17 October 2002, page 21002.
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PROCÉDURE APPLICABLE AUX FUTURES MODIFICATIONS DE LA NORME TECHNIQUE****NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**

Des modifications des instructions administratives, visant à permettre la mise en œuvre du dépôt et du traitement électroniques des demandes internationales selon le PCT, ont été apportées avec effet au 7 janvier 2002. Ces modifications consistaient à ajouter aux instructions administratives une septième partie et une annexe F relatives, respectivement, au cadre juridique et à la norme technique nécessaires (voir le numéro spécial S-04/2001, du 27 décembre 2001, de la *Gazette du PCT*).

L'annexe F fait maintenant l'objet d'une modification consistant à ajouter une nouvelle section 2.5 définissant une procédure spéciale en ce qui concerne la proposition, l'examen et la mise en œuvre des futures modifications des exigences techniques relatives au dépôt et au traitement électroniques des demandes internationales.

Modification de l'annexe F des instructions administratives

Après consultation des offices et des administrations intéressés, conformément à la règle 89.2.b) du PCT, une nouvelle section 2.5 de l'annexe F des instructions administratives, telle qu'elle figure sur les pages 25617, 25619, 25621 et 25623, est promulguée, avec effet au 12 décembre 2002.

Le texte actuel des instructions administratives figure dans les numéros suivants de la *Gazette du PCT* :

- numéro spécial S-03/2001, du 30 août 2001, les modifications ultérieures étant indiquées ci-dessous,
 - nouvelle septième partie et nouvelle annexe F dans le numéro spécial S-04/2001, du 27 décembre 2001,
 - instruction 404 modifiée dans le n° 47/2001, du 22 novembre 2001, page 21587,
 - instructions 801 à 806 modifiées et nouvelle annexe C-bis dans le n° 36/2002, du 6 septembre 2002, pages 17635, 17637, 17639, 17641, 17643 et 17645,
 - instructions 102bis and 707 modifiées dans le n° 42/2002 du 17 octobre 2002, page 21003.
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Standard for the Electronic Filing and Processing of International Applications**

1. [No change]
2. THE E-PCT STANDARD: OVERVIEW AND VISION

2.1 to 2.4 [No change]

2.5 *Change procedure* [New]

2.5.1 *Scope*

It is necessary to modify the standard from time to time in the light of practical experience and of new technical developments, and bearing in mind that the standard will be used for the operation of existing systems and the development of new systems by a variety of developers, including some patent Offices. The change procedure outlined in this section constitutes the usual means by which the Director General undertakes consultation pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(b) concerning proposals to modify technical requirements contained in Annex F (including its Appendices) and, where appropriate, in Part 7 and other parts of the Administrative Instructions (“proposals for change”), before deciding whether to promulgate such modifications.

Proposed modifications related to the standard but going beyond technical requirements (for example, proposed modifications which would affect the legal principles supporting electronic filing and processing) are not dealt with under the change procedure set out in this section but are the subject of ordinary consultation by the International Bureau as for other proposed modifications of the Administrative Instructions. A proposal being dealt with under the change procedure set out in this section will be withdrawn by the International Bureau from the procedure if it appears in retrospect to go beyond the technical requirements of the standard.

2.5.2 *Web site; information list; Consultative Group*

The International Bureau maintains a Web site for the processing of proposals for change. The Web site provides for interested persons to register their e-mail addresses on the e-filing information list of persons who wish to be informed when proposals for change (or other materials relating to PCT electronic filing) are made available on the site.

The national Office of any State, and any PCT Authority, any intergovernmental organization (including any regional Office) and any non-governmental organization, that is invited to participate in meetings of the PCT Committee for Administrative and Legal Matters may register, via the Web site, to participate in the work of a Consultative Group which considers proposals for change. Participants should preferably register at an early stage in the annual change management cycle outlined in section 2.5.4, below. All persons registered to represent participants in the Consultative Group are also automatically included on the e-filing information list.

National Offices and PCT Authorities which register to participate in the Consultative Group do so as members, and other participants as observers. The International Bureau, as secretariat, coordinates the activities of the Group. Consideration of matters by the Group is informal and takes place via the Web site and e-mail and, where necessary, via other means of telecommunication; meetings of the Group in person are not envisaged.

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PROCÉDURE APPLICABLE AUX FUTURES MODIFICATIONS DE LA NORME TECHNIQUE (suite)****INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT : MODIFICATION DE L'ANNEXE F****Annexe F****Norme concernant le dépôt et le traitement électroniques des demandes internationales**

1. [Sans changement]
2. PRINCIPES GÉNÉRAUX DE LA NORME E-PCT

*2.1 à 2.4 [Sans changement]**2.5 Procédure de modification [Nouveau]**2.5.1 Champ d'application*

Il est nécessaire de modifier la norme de temps à autre en fonction de l'expérience pratique et du progrès technique et compte tenu du fait que celle-ci sera utilisée pour le fonctionnement des systèmes actuels et l'élaboration de nouveaux systèmes par un large éventail de concepteurs, dont certains offices de brevets. La procédure de modification définie dans la présente section constitue le moyen habituel par lequel le Directeur général ouvre des consultations en vertu de la règle 89.2.b) en ce qui concerne les propositions de modification des exigences techniques contenues dans l'annexe F (y compris ses appendices) et, le cas échéant, dans la septième partie et d'autres parties des instructions administratives (ci-après dénommées "propositions de modification"), avant de décider de l'opportunité de promulguer ces modifications.

Les propositions de modification relatives à la norme mais qui dépassent le cadre des exigences techniques (par exemple, les propositions de modification relatives aux principes juridiques qui gouvernent le dépôt et le traitement électroniques) ne sont pas examinées en vertu de la procédure de modification définie dans la présente section mais font l'objet d'une consultation ordinaire menée par le Bureau international, comme c'est le cas pour les autres propositions de modification des instructions administratives. L'examen d'une proposition en vertu de la procédure de modification définie dans la présente section sera interrompu par le Bureau international s'il apparaît rétrospectivement qu'elle dépasse le cadre des exigences techniques de la norme.

2.5.2 Site Web; liste de diffusion; groupe consultatif

Le Bureau international tient à jour un site Web destiné au traitement des propositions de modification. Le site Web permet aux personnes intéressées d'inscrire leur adresse électronique sur une liste de diffusion relative au dépôt électronique, en vue d'être tenues informées de la publication sur le site de nouvelles propositions de modification (ou d'autres documents relatifs au dépôt électronique selon le PCT).

Tout office national, administration PCT, organisation intergouvernementale (y compris les offices régionaux) ou organisation non gouvernementale invité à prendre part aux réunions du Comité des questions administratives et juridiques du PCT peut s'inscrire sur le site Web en vue de participer aux travaux d'un groupe consultatif chargé d'examiner les propositions de modification. Les participants doivent, de préférence, s'inscrire au début du cycle annuel de gestion des modifications défini dans la section 2.5.4 ci-après. Toutes les personnes représentant des membres du groupe consultatif sont automatiquement inscrites sur la liste de diffusion relative au dépôt électronique.

Les offices nationaux et les administrations PCT participant au groupe consultatif le font en qualité de membres et les autres participants, à titre d'observateurs. Le Bureau international, qui assure le secrétariat, coordonne les activités du groupe. L'examen des questions se fait de manière informelle sur le site Web et par courrier électronique et, si nécessaire, par d'autres moyens de communication; des réunions entre membres du groupe eux-mêmes ne sont pas envisagées.

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The main function of the Consultative Group is to discuss, and make recommendations on, how proposals for change should be handled and, in particular, whether changes should be promulgated and with what effective date, as outlined further below. It is expected that the Group would operate on the basis of consensus.

2.5.3 Proposals for change

Proposals for change may be submitted to the International Bureau by any Office or Authority entitled to register as a member of the Consultative Group, and may be initiated by the International Bureau. An Office or Authority or the International Bureau may, if it wishes, submit a proposal for change that has been suggested to it by a third party. Proposals for change may be submitted, preferably via the Web site, at any time during the year.

A proposal for change may be modified or withdrawn by the Office or Authority that submitted it. Each proposal for change is published by the International Bureau on the Web site as a "Proposal for Change" (PFC) file to which comments, modifications, etc., are annexed. Exchanges of views on a proposal for change, if not annexed to the PFC file concerned, are stored in an archive accessible via the Web site.

Each proposal for change must set forth the requested modifications of the text and/or figures concerned, a list of items that may be impacted, the reason, including processing or policy issues involved, and the proposed date of implementation, including, if appropriate, a request for expedited handling, and should also, if possible, include a draft implementation (for example, a new XML DTD).

Consideration of proposals for change would ordinarily proceed under the (standard) annual change management cycle in accordance with section 2.5.4. If needed, generally on request by the proposer, the International Bureau may determine, after consultation with the Consultative Group, that consideration of a proposal for change should be expedited in accordance with section 2.5.5. It is to be understood that consideration of any proposal for change resulting from a change to a PCT Contracting State's national law relating to the standards contained in this Annex would be expedited.

2.5.4 Annual change management cycle

1. Each proposal for change received by the International Bureau is published on the Web site, forthwith after its receipt, in a PFC file together with an indication that comments on the proposal may be sent to the International Bureau. That publication is promptly notified by e-mail to the e-filing information list.
2. Any comments received from interested parties following the publication and notification of a proposal for change referred to in section 2.5.3 are promptly published on the Web site in the PFC file and notified by e-mail to the e-filing information list.
3. Further consideration of the proposal does not take place until the following February, unless expedited consideration is accorded to the proposal under section 2.5.5.

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Le principal rôle du groupe consultatif est d'examiner la manière dont il convient de mettre en œuvre les propositions de modification et, en particulier, de déterminer si des modifications doivent être promulguées et la date à laquelle elles doivent prendre effet, et de faire des recommandations dans ce sens. Le groupe est censé exercer ses activités sur la base du consensus.

2.5.3 Propositions de modification

Les propositions de modification peuvent être soumises au Bureau international par tout office ou administration qui a le droit de s'inscrire comme membre du groupe consultatif. Elles peuvent également être présentées par le Bureau international. Un office, une administration ou le Bureau international lui-même peut, s'il le désire, soumettre une proposition de modification qui lui a été présentée par un tiers. Les propositions de modification peuvent être soumises à tout moment de l'année, de préférence sur le site Web.

Une proposition de modification peut être modifiée ou retirée par l'office ou l'administration qui l'a soumise. Chaque proposition de modification est publiée par le Bureau international sur le site Web, sous la forme d'un dossier relatif à la proposition de modification, auquel sont jointes en annexe les observations formulées, les modifications proposées, etc. S'ils ne sont pas joints en annexe au dossier concerné, les échanges de vues sur cette proposition sont consignés dans des archives accessibles sur le site Web.

Chaque proposition de modification doit indiquer les changements demandés en ce qui concerne le texte ou les dessins, une liste des éléments sur lesquels ces changements pourraient avoir des incidences, le motif du changement proposé, y compris les questions de traitement ou de politique générale en jeu, ainsi que la date proposée pour sa mise en œuvre, et doit comporter, si possible, un projet de plan d'exécution (par exemple, une nouvelle DTD en XML).

L'examen des propositions de modification devrait normalement s'effectuer dans le cadre du cycle annuel (ordinaire) de gestion des modifications visé à la section 2.5.4. Si nécessaire, en général à la demande de l'auteur de la proposition, le Bureau international peut décider, après avoir consulté le groupe consultatif, d'accélérer l'examen d'une proposition de modification selon la procédure définie à la section 2.5.5. Il est entendu que l'examen de toute proposition de modification découlant d'un changement apporté à la législation nationale d'un État contractant du PCT en rapport avec les normes contenues dans la présente annexe s'effectuera dans le cadre de la procédure accélérée.

2.5.4 Cycle annuel de gestion des modifications

1. Chaque proposition de modification reçue par le Bureau international est publiée, dès sa réception, sur le site Web, dans un dossier créé à cet effet, avec une mention indiquant que des observations sur cette proposition peuvent être envoyées au Bureau international. Cette publication est notifiée à bref délai par courrier électronique aux personnes inscrites sur la liste de diffusion relative au dépôt électronique.
2. Les observations des parties intéressées reçues après la publication et la notification d'une proposition de modification visée à la section 2.5.3 sont publiées à bref délai sur le site Web, dans le dossier relatif à la proposition de modification, et notifiées aux personnes inscrites sur la liste de diffusion relative au dépôt électronique.
3. L'examen de la proposition est ensuite suspendu jusqu'au mois de février suivant, à moins que la proposition ne fasse l'objet de la procédure accélérée visée à la section 2.5.5.

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4. On or promptly after February 15, the International Bureau publishes on the Web site a list of all pending standard proposals for change and references to the relevant PFC files, with an indication that comments may be sent to the International Bureau by March 31, and sends a notification by e-mail to the e-filing information list. The International Bureau also sends a written circular to all PCT Offices and Authorities, interested intergovernmental organizations and certain non-governmental organizations representing users, referring to the Web site, inviting comments by March 31 and advising that paper copies of the proposals for change are available from the International Bureau.

5. Any further comments received by the International Bureau are published, forthwith after their receipt, in the PFC file on the Web site and notified by e-mail to the e-filing information list.

6. Promptly after March 31, the International Bureau invites the Consultative Group to consider the pending proposals for change and comments, and the Consultative Group makes recommendations to the International Bureau by May 15. The recommendations are published forthwith in the PFC file on the Web site and notified by e-mail to the e-filing information list.

7. Taking into account the comments received and the recommendations of the Consultative Group, and after any necessary revision, the International Bureau publishes on the Web site, by June 30, modifications intended to come into force on January 1 of the following year or, exceptionally, before that date, and sends a notification by e-mail to the e-filing information list.

8. The usual procedures for promulgation of modifications of the Administrative Instructions apply (written circular and publication in the *PCT Gazette*).

9. If applicable, new or revised requirements of Offices are notified to the International Bureau, as provided for in Section 710 of the Administrative Instructions, for publication in the *PCT Gazette*.

2.5.5 Expedited consideration of change proposals

1. At any time, after consulting the Consultative Group, the International Bureau may decide that a proposal for change should be accorded expedited consideration, even if the proposal for change has so far been treated as standard.

2. Each proposal for change which is accorded expedited consideration is published on the Web site for comment and notified by e-mail to the e-filing information list, as outlined in section 2.5.4, paragraphs 1 and 2, except that comments are invited within six weeks. At the same time as that publication, the International Bureau sends the written circular referred to in section 2.5.4, paragraph 4, inviting comments within six weeks. Any comments received are published, forthwith after their receipt, in the PFC file on the Web site and notified by e-mail to the e-filing information list.

3. At the end of the period for comments, the International Bureau invites the Consultative Group to consider the proposal for change and comments, and the Consultative Group makes recommendations within six weeks of that invitation, including a recommendation, if applicable, as to the appropriate date of entry into force of the proposed modifications. The recommendations are published forthwith in the PFC file on the Web site and notified by e-mail to the e-filing information list.

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4. Le 15 février ou à bref délai après cette date, le Bureau international publie sur le site Web une liste de toutes les propositions de modification en suspens et les renvois aux dossiers de propositions de modification correspondants, en indiquant que des observations peuvent être envoyées au Bureau international jusqu'au 31 mars au plus tard, et le notifie par courrier électronique à toutes les personnes inscrites sur la liste de diffusion relative au dépôt électronique. Le Bureau international envoie également à tous les offices et administrations PCT, aux organisations intergouvernementales intéressées et à certaines organisations non gouvernementales représentant les utilisateurs, une circulaire imprimée relative au site Web, en les invitant à formuler des observations avant le 31 mars et en indiquant qu'il tient à leur disposition des exemplaires sur papier de ces propositions de modification.

5. Toutes les autres observations reçues par le Bureau international sont publiées, dès leur réception, dans le dossier relatif à la proposition de modification sur le site Web et notifiées par courrier électronique aux personnes inscrites sur la liste de diffusion relative au dépôt électronique.

6. À bref délai après le 31 mars, le Bureau international invite le groupe consultatif à examiner les propositions de modification et les observations y relatives, puis le groupe consultatif fait des recommandations au Bureau international jusqu'au 15 mai au plus tard. Ces recommandations sont immédiatement publiées dans le dossier relatif à la proposition de modification sur le site Web et notifiées par courrier électronique aux personnes inscrites sur la liste de diffusion relative au dépôt électronique.

7. En tenant compte des observations formulées et des recommandations du groupe consultatif, après les avoir révisées si nécessaire, le Bureau international publie sur le site Web, le 30 juin au plus tard, les modifications destinées à entrer en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier de l'année suivante ou, exceptionnellement, avant cette date, et le notifie par courrier électronique aux personnes inscrites sur la liste de diffusion relative au dépôt électronique.

8. Les procédures habituelles en matière de promulgation des modifications des instructions administratives sont applicables (envoi d'une circulaire imprimée et publication dans la *Gazette du PCT*).

9. Le cas échéant, les exigences nouvelles ou révisées des offices sont notifiées au Bureau international, comme le prévoit l'instruction 710, aux fins de la publication dans la *Gazette du PCT*.

2.5.5 Examen accéléré des propositions de modification

1. À tout moment après consultation du groupe consultatif, le Bureau international peut décider d'accélérer l'examen d'une proposition de modification, même si cette dernière a jusque-là fait l'objet d'un traitement ordinaire.

2. Chaque proposition de modification dont l'examen a été accéléré fait l'objet d'une publication sur le site Web aux fins de la formulation d'observations et d'une notification par courrier électronique aux personnes inscrites sur la liste de diffusion relative au dépôt électronique, comme il est indiqué aux paragraphes 1 et 2 de la section 2.5.4, à ceci près que les observations doivent être formulées dans un délai de six semaines. Parallèlement à cette publication, le Bureau international envoie la circulaire imprimée visée au paragraphe 4 de la section 2.5.4 en invitant à la formulation d'observations dans un délai de six semaines. Toutes les observations reçues sont publiées, dès leur réception, dans le dossier relatif à la proposition de modification sur le site Web, et notifiées par courrier électronique aux personnes inscrites sur la liste de diffusion relative au dépôt électronique.

3. À l'expiration du délai fixé pour la formulation des observations, le Bureau international invite le groupe consultatif à examiner les propositions de modification et les observations formulées, puis le groupe consultatif fait des recommandations dans un délai de six semaines, y compris, le cas échéant, sur la date appropriée d'entrée en vigueur des modifications proposées. Ces recommandations sont immédiatement publiées dans le dossier relatif à la proposition de modification sur le site Web, et notifiées par courrier électronique aux personnes inscrites sur la liste de diffusion relative au dépôt électronique.

**ELECTRONIC FILING AND PROCESSING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS: CHANGE
PROCEDURE FOR FUTURE MODIFICATIONS OF THE TECHNICAL STANDARD (Cont'd)****ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT: MODIFICATION OF ANNEX F (Cont'd)**

4. Taking into account the comments received and the recommendations of the Consultative Group, and after any necessary revision, the International Bureau publishes the modifications, and their date of entry into force, on the Web site, and sends a notification by e-mail to the e-filing information list.
5. The modifications are promulgated, and any new requirements of Offices are notified and published, as outlined in section 2.5.4, paragraphs 8 and 9.

2.5.6 Version handling

The adoption and implementation of modifications must take into account any requirement for different versions of certain aspects of the standard (notably, DTDs and the interoperability protocol) to operate simultaneously for a period. In such cases, version numbers, and the status of versions in terms of their period of applicability, must be clearly identified in the modifications and, if appropriate, in the relevant parts of Annex F and its Appendices and other relevant parts of the Administrative Instructions which are being modified.

3. to the end of Annex F [No change]
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4. En tenant compte des observations formulées et des recommandations du groupe consultatif, après les avoir révisées si nécessaire, le Bureau international publie les modifications, et la date à laquelle elles entrent en vigueur, sur le site Web, puis le notifie par courrier électronique aux personnes inscrites sur la liste de diffusion relative au dépôt électronique.

5. Les modifications sont promulguées et toute nouvelle exigence des offices est notifiée et publiée, comme indiqué aux paragraphes 8 et 9 de la section 2.5.4.

2.5.6 Gestion des différentes versions

Il convient de tenir compte, lors de l'adoption et de la mise en œuvre des modifications, de toute exigence relative au fonctionnement simultané, pendant une période déterminée, de différentes versions de certains éléments de la norme (en particulier les DTD et le protocole sur l'interopérabilité en matière de dépôt électronique). Dans ce cas, le numéro des versions en question et leur situation au regard de leur durée d'application doivent être clairement indiqués dans les modifications et, le cas échéant, dans les parties de l'annexe F et de ses appendices et dans d'autres parties pertinentes des instructions administratives en cours de modification.

3. à la fin de l'annexe F [Sans changement]

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

SE Agreement between the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex C thereof, with the introduction of a new footnote relating to the fee for translation (set out, below, as footnote 2). This amendment will enter into force on 1 January 2003. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Swedish kronor)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Translation of the international application (Rule 48.3), per word ²	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), ³ 71.2(b) and 94.1), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change].”

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, page 29550, No. 06/1999, page 1518, No. 27/1999, page 7672, No. 28/1999, page 7974, No. 27/2000, page 9880, No. 09/2001, page 3752, No. 11/2001, page 4632, No. 48/2001, page 22138, No. 50/2001, page 23264, No. 51/5001, page 23764, and No. 20/2002, page 9970.

² This fee may be due after 31 December 2002 but only in respect of international applications whose international filing date is not later than 31 December 2002 (see new Rule 12.4 and amended Rule 48.3 as in force from 1 January 2003).

³ Applicants receive free of charge, together with the international search report, a copy of each of the documents cited therein; the amount indicated is payable only where applicants request additional copies of such documents.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

SE Accord entre l'Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office suédois des brevets a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant d'une modification apportée à l'annexe C de cet accord, avec l'introduction d'une nouvelle note de bas de page relative à la taxe pour la traduction (figurant, ci-dessous, en tant que note de bas de page 2). Cette modification entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Couronnes suédoises)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	[Sans changement]
Traduction de la demande internationale (règle 48.3), par mot ²	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b) ³ , 71.2.b) et 94.1), par page	[Sans changement]

Partie II. [Sans changement].”

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, page 29611, n° 06/1999, page 1519, n° 27/1999, page 7673, n° 28/1999, page 7975, n° 27/2000, page 9881, n° 09/2001, page 3753, n° 11/2001, page 4633, n° 48/2001, page 22139, n° 50/2001, page 23265, n° 51/2001, page 23765, et n° 20/2002, page 9971.

² Cette taxe peut être due après le 31 décembre 2002 mais seulement en ce qui concerne les demandes internationales dont la date de dépôt international n'est pas postérieure au 31 décembre 2002 (voir la nouvelle règle 12.4 et la règle modifiée 48.3 en vigueur à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2003).

³ Les déposants reçoivent gratuitement avec le rapport de recherche internationale une copie de chacun des documents cités; le montant indiqué est à payer uniquement dans le cas où les déposants demandent des copies supplémentaires de ces documents.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**BG Bulgaria**

The **Bulgarian Patent Office** has notified a restriction for applicants filing an international application with the European Patent Office (EPO) or the International Bureau of WIPO, as receiving Offices, as well as provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent, as follows:

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Bulgaria:	Bulgarian Patent Office, European Patent Office (EPO) or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant ⁴ (see Annex C)
Provisional protection after international publication:	Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent: The European application made available to the public shall obtain temporary protection under Art. 67(1) of the European Patent Convention, as from the day of publication of the issue of the Official Gazette of the Bulgarian Patent Office containing the announcement of the publication of the Bulgarian translation of the European application (see Art. 726(3) of the Bulgarian Patent Law).

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(BG), page 29]

CA Canada

The **Canadian Patent Office** has notified changes as to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Canada is designated or elected, as follows:

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Canada is designated (or elected):	May be in the request or may be furnished later. If the information is not furnished within six months after the expiration of the 30-month time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a) or, where the applicant pays the additional fee for late entry into the national phase, within six months after the late entry into the national phase, the application will be deemed abandoned. Reinstatement can take place if the applicant complies with the requirement and pays the reinstatement fee.
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(CA), page 38]

⁴ A resident of Bulgaria may file an international application directly with the European Patent Office or with the International Bureau of WIPO three months after an application for a patent for the same invention has been filed at the Bulgarian Patent Office and the latter application has been classified by the defense authorities of Bulgaria as not being of a confidential nature.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**BG Bulgarie**

L'**Office bulgare des brevets** a notifié une restriction pour les personnes déposant une demande internationale auprès de l'Office européen des brevets (OEB) ou du Bureau international de l'OMPI, en leur qualité d'office récepteur, ainsi que des dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen, comme suit :

Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux de la Bulgarie et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées :

Office bulgare des brevets, Office européen des brevets (OEB) ou Bureau international de l'OMPI, au choix du déposant⁴ (voir l'annexe C)

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen :

La demande européenne mise à la disposition du public bénéficie d'une protection temporaire en vertu de l'article 67(1) de la Convention sur le brevet européen, à compter du jour de la parution du numéro de la gazette officielle de l'Office bulgare des brevets comportant l'annonce de la publication de la traduction en bulgare de la demande européenne (voir l'art. 726.3) de la loi bulgare sur les brevets)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(BG), page 29]

CA Canada

L'**Office canadien des brevets** a notifié des changements concernant le délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si le Canada est désigné ou élu, comme suit :

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si le Canada est désigné (ou élu) :

Peuvent figurer dans la requête ou être communiqués ultérieurement. Si l'information n'est pas fournie dans un délai de six mois après l'expiration du délai de 30 mois applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1a) du PCT ou, lorsque le déposant acquitte la surtaxe pour ouverture tardive de la phase nationale, dans un délai de six mois après l'ouverture tardive de la phase nationale, la demande sera considérée comme abandonnée. Le déposant peut être rétabli dans ses droits s'il accomplit les actes requis et paie la taxe de rétablissement.

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⁴ Une personne domiciliée en Bulgarie peut déposer une demande internationale directement auprès de l'Office européen des brevets (OEB) ou du Bureau international de l'OMPI trois mois après qu'une demande de brevet portant sur la même invention a été déposée auprès de l'Office bulgare des brevets et que cette dernière a été classée par les autorités militaires de la Bulgarie comme n'étant pas de nature confidentielle.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**CZ Czech Republic**

The **Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)** has notified provisions for provisional protection after international publication when the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent, as follows:

Provisional protection after international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent:

(1) International application published in one of the EPO official languages: compensation reasonable in the circumstances, on condition that any national requirements relating to the translation of the claims in the application have been met (see Section 35a(4) of the Patent Law).

(2) International application published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the protection referred to in (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its official languages.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(CZ), page 54]

FR France

The **National Institute of Industrial Property (France)** has notified a change in its facsimile number, as follows:

Facsimile machine: (33) 1 53 04 52 65

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(FR), page 71]

IN India

The **Patent Office (India)** has notified a change in the name of a city: Calcutta has been renamed Kolkata. Whenever the name of this city appears, the relevant entry in Annex B1(IN) is modified.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(IN), page 97]

VN Viet Nam

The **National Office of Industrial Property (Viet Nam)** has notified the discontinuance of its Internet address.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(VN), page 205]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**CZ République tchèque**

L'**Office de la propriété industrielle (République tchèque)** a notifié des dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen, comme suit :

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen :

(1) Demande internationale publiée dans l'une des langues officielles de l'OEB: indemnité raisonnable en l'espèce, sous réserve qu'il ait été satisfait aux exigences nationales relatives à la traduction des revendications de la demande, le cas échéant (voir art. 35a(4) de la loi sur les brevets).

(2) Demande internationale publiée dans une langue autre que l'une des langues officielles de l'OEB: la protection évoquée au point 1) ne prend effet qu'à partir de la publication par l'OEB de la demande internationale qui lui est remise dans l'une de ses langues officielles.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(CZ), page 54]

FR France

L'**Institut national de la propriété industrielle (France)** a notifié un changement dans son numéro de télécopieur, comme suit :

Télécopieur : (33) 1 53 04 52 65

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(FR), page 71]

IN Inde

L'**Office des brevets (Inde)** a notifié un changement dans le nom d'une ville: Calcutta a été rebaptisée Kolkata. Chaque fois que le nom de la ville apparaît, la rubrique pertinente de l'annexe B1(IN) est modifiée.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(IN), page 99]

VN Viet Nam

L'**Office national de la propriété industrielle (Viet Nam)** a notifié l'arrêt de l'utilisation de son adresse Internet.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(VN), page 207]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**BG Bulgaria**

The **Bulgarian Patent Office** has notified changes with regard to the reduction of the national fee payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	The filing and examination fees are reduced by 50% where the applicant is the inventor, a State educational institution, an academic research organization, a budgetary organization or a small or medium-sized enterprise
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Summary (BG), page 381]

MC Monaco

The **Intellectual Property Division, Department of Economic Expansion (Monaco)**, has notified a change in the amount of the transmittal fee in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 49 plus EUR 1 for the preparation of additional copies, for each page and each copy
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(MC), page 293]

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified that the transmittal fee, payable to it as receiving Office, and the filing fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, now each include a percentage for a Goods and Services Tax, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	NZD 180 plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents
National fee:	
Filing fee:	NZD 250 plus 12.5% GST (Goods and Services Tax) for New Zealand residents

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(NZ), page 301, and Summary (NZ), page 470]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**BG Bulgarie**

L'**Office bulgare des brevets** a notifié des changements en ce qui concerne la réduction de la taxe nationale, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :	Les taxes de dépôt et d'examen sont réduites de 50% lorsque le déposant est l'inventeur, un établissement d'enseignement public, un organisme universitaire de recherche, une organisation budgétaire ou une petite ou moyenne entreprise
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), résumé (BG), page 396]

MC Monaco

La **Division de la propriété intellectuelle, Direction de l'expansion économique (Monaco)**, a notifié un changement dans le montant de la taxe de transmission, exprimé en **euros (EUR)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe de transmission :	EUR 49 plus EUR 1 pour la préparation d'exemplaires complémentaires, par page et par exemplaire
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe C(MC), page 301]

NZ Nouvelle-Zélande

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Nouvelle-Zélande** a notifié que la taxe de transmission, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, et la taxe de dépôt, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comportent maintenant chacune un pourcentage pour la taxe sur les biens et les services, comme suit :

Taxe de transmission :	NZD 180 plus 12,5% GST (taxe sur les biens et les services) pour les personnes domiciliées en Nouvelle-Zélande
Taxe nationale :	
Taxe de dépôt :	NZD 250 plus 12,5% GST (taxe sur les biens et les services) pour les personnes domiciliées en Nouvelle-Zélande

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe C(NZ), page 310, et résumé (NZ), page 496]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**UZ Uzbekistan**

The **State Patent Office of Uzbekistan** has notified changes in the fees and the amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:	USD	420
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	USD	1,260
Fee for each dependent claim in excess of ten:	USD	84
Fee for each dependent claim in excess of twenty:	USD	42
Examination fee:	USD	1,260
Maintenance fee for the first three years:	USD	840

For utility model:

Filing fee:	USD	420
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Summary (UZ), page 507]

RECEIVING OFFICES**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has introduced details on how to obtain the list of agents qualified to practice before the Office as receiving Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?

Any professional representative entered on the relevant list maintained by the EPO (the directory of professional representatives can be ordered at the EPO, Munich, or consulted on the EPO website)

Any legal practitioner qualified to practice in patent matters in one of the States party to the European Patent Convention and who has his place of business in that State

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(EP), page 257]

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a change in its requirements as to who can act as agent before the Office as receiving Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?

Any patent attorney or attorney-at-law resident in Japan, or any firm registered to practice before the Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(JP), page 281]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**UZ Ouzbékistan**

L'**Office d'État des brevets de l'Ouzbékistan** a notifié des changements dans les taxes et les montants de taxes, exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt :	USD	420
Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 2 ^e :	USD	1.260
Taxe pour chaque revendication dépendante à compter de la 11 ^e :	USD	84
Taxe pour chaque revendication dépendante à compter de la 21 ^e :	USD	42
Taxe d'examen :	USD	1.260
Taxe de maintien en vigueur pour les trois premières années :	USD	840

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt :	USD	420
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), résumé (UZ), page 538]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a donné des précisions quant à la manière d'obtenir la liste des mandataires habilités à exercer auprès de l'office agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Tout mandataire agréé inscrit sur la liste tenue par l'OEB (le répertoire des mandataires peut être commandé auprès de l'OEB, Munich, ou consulté sur le site Internet de l'OEB) Tout avocat habilité à exercer dans le domaine des brevets sur le territoire de l'un des États parties à la Convention sur le brevet européen et ayant son domicile professionnel dans cet État
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JP Japon

L'**Office des brevets du Japon** a notifié un changement dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Tout conseil en brevets ou avocat domicilié au Japon, ou tout cabinet habilité à exercer auprès de l'office
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DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**EA Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)**

The **Eurasian Patent Office** has notified new time limits for the payment of two fees, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

Unitary procedural fee (for filing, search,
publication and other processing):⁵ USD 800⁷

Claim fee for each claim in
excess of five:⁶ USD 70⁷

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Summary (EA), page 408]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

The **European Patent Office (EPO)** has introduced details on how to obtain the list of agents qualified to practice before the Office as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?	Any professional representative entered on the relevant list maintained by the EPO (the directory of professional representatives can be ordered at the EPO, Munich, or consulted on the EPO website)
	Any legal practitioner qualified to practice in patent matters in one of the States party to the European Patent Convention and who has his place of business in that State

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Summary (EP), page 413]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified an additional special requirement concerning the furnishing of the translation of the priority document for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>): ⁸	Translation of the priority document into Spanish ⁹
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⁵ Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

⁶ Must be paid within two months from the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1) or within two months from the date on which the applicant files a special request for early entry into the national phase.

⁷ This fee is reduced by 90% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a national and resident of any of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention, and by 80% where each applicant is a national and resident of any other State mentioned in the footnote relating to the basic and designation fees to Annex C(IB) in Volume I/B of the PCT Applicant's Guide. The reductions are not applicable to legal entities whose ownership capital contains direct or indirect investments from persons who are nationals or residents of States other than those mentioned above.

⁸ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

⁹ Such a translation may be required regardless of whether the validity of the priority claim is relevant to the determination of whether the invention concerned is patentable (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, page 2024).

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**EA Office eurasien des brevets (OEAB)**

L'**Office eurasien des brevets** a notifié de nouveaux délais de paiement de deux taxes, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné ou élu, comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Taxe unique de procédure (pour le dépôt, la recherche, la publication et autres actes de procédure)⁵ : USD 800⁷

Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication à compter de la 6^e⁶ : USD 70⁷

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), résumé (EA), page 425]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

L'**Office européen des brevets (OEB)** a donné des précisions quant à la manière d'obtenir la liste des mandataires habilités à exercer auprès de l'office agissant en tant qu'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ? Tout mandataire agréé inscrit sur la liste tenue par l'OEB (le répertoire des mandataires peut être commandé auprès de l'OEB, Munich, ou consulté sur le site Internet de l'OEB)
Tout avocat habilité à exercer dans le domaine des brevets sur le territoire de l'un des États parties à la Convention sur le brevet européen et ayant son domicile professionnel dans cet État

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), résumé (EP), page 431]

ES Espagne

L'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a notifié une exigence particulière supplémentaire relative à la remise de la traduction du document de priorité pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51*bis* du PCT)⁸ : Traduction du document de priorité en espagnol⁹

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⁵ Doit être payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

⁶ Doit être payée dans un délai de deux mois à compter de l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT ou dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date du dépôt par le déposant d'une requête spéciale pour l'ouverture anticipée de la phase nationale.

⁷ Cette taxe est réduite de 90 % lorsque le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux est ressortissant de l'un des États – et domicilié dans l'un des États – parties à la Convention sur le brevet eurasien, et de 80 % lorsque chacun d'eux est ressortissant de tout autre État – et domicilié dans tout autre État mentionné dans la note de bas de page de l'annexe C(1B) du volume I/B du Guide du déposant, relative aux taxes de base et de désignation. La réduction n'est pas applicable aux entités juridiques dont le capital social est constitué d'investissements directs ou indirects émanant de personnes qui sont ressortissantes d'États – ou domiciliées dans des États – autres que ceux mentionnés plus haut.

⁸ Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

⁹ Une telle traduction peut être exigée, que la validité de la revendication de priorité soit pertinente ou non pour déterminer si l'invention en question est brevetable (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 05/2001, page 2025).

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**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS****AZ Azerbaijan**

The **Azerbaijan Patent Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office, in its location and mailing address, as well as in its telephone and facsimile numbers, and has notified the discontinuance of its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Azərbaycan Respublikasının Standartlaşdırma, Metrologiya və Patent üzrə Dövlət Agentliyi State Agency for Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan)
Location and mailing address:	Mardanov gardashlar 124, 370078 Baku, Azerbaijan
Telephone:	(99-412) 40 37 98
Facsimile machine:	(99-412) 40 52 24, 40 64 31
E-mail:	—
Internet:	—

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(AZ), page 20]

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Standards, Metrology and Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified a change in one of its telephone numbers. The telephone numbers to be used are now as follows:

Telephone: (387-33) 52 18 48, 61 80 95

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(BA), page 22]

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

The **Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)** has notified a change in its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: 2/6, M. Cherkassky per., Moscow 109012,
Russian Federation

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B2(EA), page 216]

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET
LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES****AZ Azerbaïdjan**

L'**Office azerbaïdjanais des brevets** a notifié des changements relatifs au nom de son office, à l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale ainsi qu'à ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, et a notifié l'arrêt de l'utilisation de son adresse électronique et de son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Nom de l'office :	Azərbaycan Respublikasının Standartlaşdırma, Metrologiya və Patent üzrə Dövlət Agentliyi Agence d'État pour la normalisation, la métrologie et les brevets (Azerbaïdjan)
Siège et adresse postale :	Mardanov gardashlar 124, 370078 Baku, Azerbaïdjan
Téléphone :	(99-412) 40 37 98
Télécopieur :	(99-412) 40 52 24, 40 64 31
Courrier électronique :	–
Internet :	–

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BA Bosnie-Herzégovine

L'**Institut des normes, de la métrologie et de la propriété intellectuelle de la Bosnie-Herzégovine** a notifié un changement relatif à l'un de ses numéros de téléphone. Les numéros de téléphone à utiliser sont désormais les suivants :

Téléphone : (387-33) 52 18 48, 61 80 95

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe B1(BA), page 22]

EA Organisation eurasiennne des brevets (OEAB)

L'**Office eurasienn des brevets (OEAB)** a notifié un changement relatif à l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale : 2/6, M. Cherkassky per., Moscow 109012,
Fédération de Russie

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**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND
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The **Estonian Patent Office** has notified provisions for provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent, as follows:

Provisional protection after
international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a
European patent:

(1) International application published in one of the EPO official languages: an invention being the subject of a published European patent application designating Estonia shall confer the same provisional protection as provided for in the Patent Act (Sec. 18) as from the date on which a translation of the claims of the published European patent application into the Estonian language has been communicated by the applicant to the person using the invention in Estonia, or as from the date on which the said translation has been made available to the public by the Estonian Patent Office, where the translation was communicated to the Office and the fee prescribed for the publication of the translation was paid.

(2) International application published in a language which is not an EPO official language: the protection referred to in (1) does not become effective until the EPO publishes the international application supplied to it in one of its languages.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex B1(EE), page 256]

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET
LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES (suite)****EE Estonie**

L'**Office estonien des brevets** a notifié des dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen, comme suit :

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen :

1) Demande internationale publiée dans l'une des langues officielles de l'OEB : une invention faisant l'objet d'une demande de brevet européen publiée désignant l'Estonie confère la même protection provisoire que celle qui est prévue par la loi sur les brevets (sec. 18) à compter de la date à laquelle une traduction des revendications de la demande de brevet européen publiée en estonien a été communiquée par le déposant à la personne utilisant l'invention en Estonie, ou à compter de la date à laquelle ladite traduction a été rendue accessible au public par l'Office estonien des brevets, dans le cas où la traduction a été communiquée à l'office et où la taxe prescrite pour la publication de la traduction a été acquittée.

2) Demande internationale publiée dans une langue autre que l'une des langues officielles de l'OEB: la protection évoquée au point 1) ne prend effet qu'à partir de la publication par l'OEB de la demande internationale qui lui est remise dans l'une de ses langues officielles.

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**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND
INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS (Cont'd)****HU Hungary****EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Hungary deposited, on 28 October 2002, its instrument of accession to the European Patent Convention (EPC) and will therefore become bound by that Convention on **1 January 2003**. Thus, as from 1 January 2003, it will be possible for applicants to designate Hungary in their international applications also for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, and not only for the purposes of obtaining a national patent, as at present.

The **Hungarian Patent Office** has notified the international Bureau that the law of Hungary no longer contains provisions concerning international-type search. It has also notified provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication where the designation is made for the purposes of a European patent. Finally, it has notified changes relating to the time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Hungary is designated (or elected), as follows:

Provisions of the law of Hungary
concerning international-type search:

None

Provisional protection after
international publication:

Where the designation is made for the purposes of a
European patent:

The provisional protection shall be effective in Hungary as
from the day on which the Hungarian Patent Office
publishes an announcement of the filing of the translation of
the claims into Hungarian.

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Hungary is designated (or elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later but must be
given within 31 months from the priority date. This
requirement can also be fulfilled within three months from
the last day of the said time limit subject to the payment of
an additional fee provided for under the national law. If not
complied with within the prescribed time limits, the
international application shall have no effect in Hungary.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002(E), Annex B1(HU), page 90, Annex B2(EP), page 218, and
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**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET
LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES (suite)****HU Hongrie****EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

La **Hongrie** a déposé, le 28 octobre 2002, son instrument d'adhésion à la Convention sur le brevet européen (CBE) et deviendra ainsi liée par cette convention le **1^{er} janvier 2003**. En conséquence, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2003, les déposants pourront désigner la Hongrie dans leurs demandes internationales également aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet européen et non seulement aux fins de l'obtention d'un brevet national, comme c'est le cas jusqu'ici.

L'**Office hongrois des brevets** a notifié au Bureau international que la législation de la Hongrie ne contient plus de dispositions relatives à la recherche de type international. Il a également notifié des dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet européen. Enfin il a notifié des changements concernant le délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si la Hongrie est désignée (ou élue), comme suit :

Dispositions de la législation de la
Hongrie relatives à la recherche de type
international :

Néant

Protection provisoire à la suite de la
publication internationale :

Lorsque la désignation est faite aux fins d'un brevet
européen :

La protection provisoire prendra effet en Hongrie à compter
du jour où l'Office hongrois des brevets aura publié
l'annonce du dépôt de la traduction des revendications en
hongrois.

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de
l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si
la Hongrie est désignée (ou élue) :

Peuvent figurer dans la requête ou être communiqués
ultérieurement mais doivent être remis dans un délai de
31 mois à compter de la date de priorité. Cette exigence
peut être également remplie dans un délai de trois mois à
compter du dernier jour dudit délai, sous réserve du
paiement d'une taxe supplémentaire prévue par la
législation nationale. Si le déposant n'a pas fait le
nécessaire dans les délais prescrits, la demande
internationale ne produira aucun effet en Hongrie.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002(F), annexe B1(HU), page 91, annexe B2(EP), page 221, et
annexe C(EP), page 262]

LANGUAGE(S) ACCEPTED FOR THE FILING OF REQUESTS: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 12.1(c)

Under amended PCT Rule 12.1(c), which will enter into force on 1 January 2003, the receiving Offices of the following States, as well as the International Bureau in its capacity as receiving Office, have notified the International Bureau of the language or languages which they are prepared to accept for the filing of requests, as follows:

AU	Australia	Any language of publication
CZ	Czech Republic	English, French, German
DE	Germany	German
EE	Estonia	English, German
ES	Spain	Spanish
GB	United Kingdom	English
IB	International Bureau	Any language of publication
IL	Israel	English
IN	India	English
IS	Iceland	English
JP	Japan	English, Japanese
LT	Lithuania	English, Russian
NL	Netherlands	English, French, German
NZ	New Zealand	English
RU	Russian Federation	English, Russian
SG	Singapore	English
SK	Slovakia	English, French, German
UA	Ukraine	English, Russian
US	United States of America	English
YU	Yugoslavia	English

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LANGUAGE(S) ACCEPTED FOR THE TRANSLATION OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS INTO A LANGUAGE OF PUBLICATION: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES UNDER PCT RULE 12.4(a)

Under new PCT Rule 12.4(a), which will enter into force on 1 January 2003, the receiving Offices of the following States, as well as the International Bureau in its capacity as receiving Office, have notified the International Bureau of the language or languages which they are prepared to accept for the translation of international applications into a language of publication, as follows:

BE	Belgium	English, French, German
DK	Denmark	English, French, German
FI	Finland	English
IB	International Bureau	Any language of publication
IS	Iceland	English
KR	Republic of Korea	English
NL	Netherlands	English, French, German
NO	Norway	English
SE	Sweden	English

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LANGUE(S) ACCEPTÉE(S) POUR LE DÉPÔT DES REQUÊTES : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 12.1.c) DU PCT

En vertu de la règle 12.1.c) du PCT modifiée, qui entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003, les offices récepteurs des États suivants, ainsi que le Bureau international agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, ont notifié au Bureau international la ou les langues qu'ils sont disposés à accepter aux fins du dépôt des requêtes, comme suit :

AU	Australie	N'importe quelle langue de publication
CZ	République tchèque	Allemand, anglais, français
DE	Allemagne	Allemand
EE	Estonie	Allemand, anglais
ES	Espagne	Espagnol
GB	Royaume-Uni	Anglais
IB	Bureau international	N'importe quelle langue de publication
IL	Israël	Anglais
IN	Inde	Anglais
IS	Islande	Anglais
JP	Japon	Anglais, japonais
LT	Lituanie	Anglais, russe
NL	Pays-Bas	Allemand, anglais, français
NZ	Nouvelle-Zélande	Anglais
RU	Fédération de Russie	Anglais, russe
SG	Singapour	Anglais
SK	Slovaquie	Allemand, anglais, français
UA	Ukraine	Anglais, russe
US	États-Unis d'Amérique	Anglais
YU	Yougoslavie	Anglais

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LANGUE(S) ACCEPTÉE(S) POUR LA TRADUCTION DE LA DEMANDE INTERNATIONALE DANS UNE LANGUE DE PUBLICATION : NOTIFICATION DES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS EN VERTU DE LA RÈGLE 12.4.a) DU PCT

En vertu de la nouvelle règle 12.4.a) du PCT, qui entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003, les offices récepteurs des États suivants, ainsi que le Bureau international agissant en qualité d'office récepteur, ont notifié au Bureau international la ou les langues qu'ils sont disposés à accepter pour la traduction de la demande internationale dans une langue de publication, comme suit :

BE	Belgique	Allemand, anglais, français
DK	Danemark	Allemand, anglais, français
FI	Finlande	Anglais
IB	Bureau international	N'importe quelle langue de publication
IS	Islande	Anglais
KR	République de Corée	Anglais
NL	Pays-Bas	Allemand, anglais, français
NO	Norvège	Anglais
SE	Suède	Anglais

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES RELATED THERETO: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified, pursuant to Section 801(b), and in accordance with Annex C and Annex C-*bis*, of the Administrative Instructions, the types of electronic carriers for the presentation of sequence listings and/or tables related thereto, as indicated below. As a consequence, the text of the current item “number of copies required” has been modified to read “number of copies on paper” since it now refers only to the rest of the international application.

Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	3
Does the receiving Office accept the filing in computer readable form of sequence listings and/or tables related thereto? ²	Yes
Types of electronic carrier accepted by the receiving Office?	Diskette, CD-ROM, DVD

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(AT), page 229]

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified, pursuant to Section 801(b), and in accordance with Annex C and Annex C-*bis*, of the Administrative Instructions, the types and number of electronic carriers for the presentation of sequence listings and/or tables related thereto, as indicated below. As a consequence, the text of the current item “number of copies required” has been modified to read “number of copies on paper” since it now refers only to the rest of the international application.

Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1	(see below, however, for the number of copies of the sequence listings and/or tables related thereto filed in electronic form)
Does the receiving Office accept the filing in computer readable form of sequence listings and/or tables related thereto? ²	Yes	
Types of electronic carrier accepted by the receiving Office?	CD-ROM (Type: ISO/IEC 10149:1995, 120mm CD-ROM, Format: ISO 9660, 650MB)	CD-R (Type: 120mm CD-Recordable Disk, Format: ISO 9660, 650MB)
Number of copies of electronic carrier required by the receiving Office:	1	

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(AU), page 231]

² If the sequence listing part of the description of an international application and/or any table related to such sequence listing have been filed on an electronic medium only (Section 801(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions) or both on an electronic medium and on paper (Section 801(a)(ii) of the Administrative Instructions), an additional component of the basic fee, equal to 400 times the fee per sheet in excess of 30—regardless of the actual length of the sequence listings and/or tables, and regardless of the fact that sequence listings and/or tables may have been filed both on paper and in computer readable form—will be payable in respect of the sequence listings and/or tables (instead of the fee per sheet which would otherwise have been payable for those sheets) (see *PCT Gazette* No. 02/2001, page 818 *et seq.*, and No. 36/2002, page 17632 *et seq.*). Where the sequence listings and/or any tables related thereto are not furnished on an electronic medium under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions but only under Rule 13*ter* or Section 802(b-*quater*), respectively, the above does not apply.

DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT DES LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU DES TABLEAUX Y RELATIFS : NOTIFICATION PAR LES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DES EXIGENCES TECHNIQUES APPLICABLES

AT Autriche

L'Office autrichien des brevets, en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a spécifié, selon l'instruction administrative 801.b) et conformément à l'annexe C et à l'annexe C-bis des instructions administratives, les types de supports électroniques pour la présentation des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs, comme indiqué ci-dessous. En conséquence, le texte de la rubrique actuelle "nombre d'exemplaires requis" est maintenant libellé "nombre d'exemplaires requis sur papier" puisque ce libellé se réfère désormais uniquement au reste de la demande internationale.

Nombre d'exemplaires requis sur papier par l'office récepteur :	3
L'office récepteur accepte-t-il le dépôt sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs ² ?	Oui
Types de support électronique accepté par l'office récepteur ?	Disquette, CD-ROM, DVD

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe C(AT), page 232]

AU Australie

L'Office australien des brevets, en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a spécifié, selon l'instruction administrative 801.b) et conformément à l'annexe C et à l'annexe C-bis des instructions administratives, les types et le nombre de supports électroniques pour la présentation des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs, comme indiqué ci-dessous. En conséquence, le texte de la rubrique actuelle "nombre d'exemplaires requis" est maintenant libellé "nombre d'exemplaires requis sur papier" puisque ce libellé se réfère désormais uniquement au reste de la demande internationale.

Nombre d'exemplaires requis sur papier par l'office récepteur :	1	(voir ci-dessous, toutefois, pour le nombre de copies des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs déposés sous forme électronique)
L'office récepteur accepte-t-il le dépôt sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs ² ?	Oui	
Types de support électronique accepté par l'office récepteur ?	CD-ROM (Type : ISO/IEC 10149:1995, CD-ROM de diamètre 120mm, Format : ISO 9660, 650MB)	CD-R (Type : disque compact enregistrable de diamètre 120mm, Format : ISO 9660, 650MB)
Nombre de copies de support électronique requis par l'office récepteur ?	1	

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe C(AU), page 234]

² Si la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences d'une demande internationale ou tout tableau relatif à un tel listage des séquences ont été déposés sur un support électronique seulement (instruction administrative 801.a)ii) ou à la fois sur un support électronique et sur papier (instruction administrative 801.a)ii)), une composante supplémentaire de la taxe de base, égale à 400 fois la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e – quelle que soit la longueur proprement dite des listages des séquences ou des tableaux et sans tenir compte du fait que les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs aient pu être déposés à la fois sous forme écrite et sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur – devra être acquittée en ce qui concerne les listages des séquences ou les tableaux (au lieu de la taxe par feuille qui aurait dû sinon être payée pour les feuilles concernées) (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 02/2001, page 819 et suiv., et n° 36/2002, page 17633 et suiv.). Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs ne sont pas remis sur un support électronique en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801 mais seulement en vertu de la règle 13ter ou de l'instruction 802.b-quater), respectivement, ce qui précède ne s'applique pas.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES RELATED THERETO: NOTIFICATION BY RECEIVING OFFICES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS (Cont'd)

IB International Bureau

The **International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization**, in its capacity as receiving Office, has specified, pursuant to Section 801(b), and in accordance with Annex C and Annex C-*bis*, of the Administrative Instructions, the types and number of electronic carriers for the presentation of sequence listings and/or tables related thereto, as indicated below. As a consequence, the text of the current item “number of copies required” has been modified to read “number of copies on paper” since it now refers only to the rest of the international application.

Number of copies on paper required by the receiving Office:	1	(see below, however, for the number of copies of the sequence listings and/or tables related thereto filed in electronic form)
Does the receiving Office accept the filing in computer readable form of sequence listings and/or tables related thereto? ³	Yes	
Types of electronic carrier accepted by the receiving Office?	CD-R, DVD-R	
Number of copies of electronic carrier required by the receiving Office:	3	

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(IB), page 269]

³ If the sequence listing part of the description of an international application and/or any table related to such sequence listing have been filed on an electronic medium only (Section 801(a)(i) of the Administrative Instructions) or both on an electronic medium and on paper (Section 801(a)(ii) of the Administrative Instructions), an additional component of the basic fee, equal to 400 times the fee per sheet in excess of 30—regardless of the actual length of the sequence listings and/or tables, and regardless of the fact that sequence listings and/or tables may have been filed both on paper and in computer readable form—will be payable in respect of the sequence listings and/or tables (instead of the fee per sheet which would otherwise have been payable for those sheets) (see *PCT Gazette* No. 02/2001, page 818 *et seq.*, and No. 36/2002, page 17632 *et seq.*). Where the sequence listings and/or any tables related thereto are not furnished on an electronic medium under Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions but only under Rule 13*ter* or Section 802(b-*quater*), respectively, the above does not apply.

DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT DES LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU DES TABLEAUX Y RELATIFS : NOTIFICATION PAR LES OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DES EXIGENCES TECHNIQUES APPLICABLES (suite)

IB Bureau international

Le **Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle**, en sa qualité d'office récepteur, a spécifié, selon l'instruction administrative 801.b) et conformément à l'annexe C et à l'annexe C-bis des instructions administratives, les types et le nombre de supports électroniques pour la présentation des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs, comme indiqué ci-dessous. En conséquence, le texte de la rubrique actuelle "nombre d'exemplaires requis" est maintenant libellé "nombre d'exemplaires requis sur papier" puisque ce libellé se réfère désormais uniquement au reste de la demande internationale.

Nombre d'exemplaires requis sur papier par l'office récepteur :	1	(voir ci-dessous, toutefois, pour le nombre de copies des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs déposés sous forme électronique)
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L'office récepteur accepte-t-il le dépôt sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs ³ ?	Oui
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Types de support électronique accepté par l'office récepteur ?	CD-R, DVD-R
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Nombre de copies de support électronique requis par l'office récepteur ?	3
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe C(IB), page 275]

³ Si la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences d'une demande internationale ou tout tableau relatif à un tel listage des séquences ont été déposés sur un support électronique seulement (instruction administrative 801.a)i) ou à la fois sur un support électronique et sur papier (instruction administrative 801.a)ii), une composante supplémentaire de la taxe de base, égale à 400 fois la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e – quelle que soit la longueur proprement dite des listages des séquences ou des tableaux et sans tenir compte du fait que les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs aient pu être déposés à la fois sous forme écrite et sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur – devra être acquittée en ce qui concerne les listages des séquences ou les tableaux (au lieu de la taxe par feuille qui aurait dû sinon être payée pour les feuilles concernées) (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 02/2001, page 819 et suiv., et n° 36/2002, page 17633 et suiv.). Lorsque les listages des séquences ou les tableaux y relatifs ne sont pas remis sur un support électronique en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801 mais seulement en vertu de la règle 13^{ter} ou de l'instruction 802.b-*quater*), respectivement, ce qui précède ne s'applique pas.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES RELATED THERETO: NOTIFICATION BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has specified, pursuant to Section 802(b-*bis*), and in accordance with Annex C and Annex C-*bis*, of the Administrative Instructions, the types of electronic carriers for the presentation of sequence listings and/or tables related thereto, as well as the technical requirements applicable to tables, as indicated below:

Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings and/or tables related thereto be furnished in computer readable form (PCT Rule 13 <i>ter</i> .1 and Section 802(b- <i>quater</i>), respectively)?	Yes
Types of electronic carrier required:	Diskette, CD-ROM, DVD
Technical requirements related to tables:	Character format of sequence listings-related tables: — UTF-8-encoded Unicode 3.0 — XML format conforming to the “Application-Body” Document Type Definition referred to in Appendix I of Annex F Encoded using: — IBM Code Page 437 — IBM Code Page 932 — compatible page Under the Personal Computer Operating Systems: — Windows 2000 or later Windows versions

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex D(AT), page 329]

DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT DES LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU DES TABLEAUX Y RELATIFS : NOTIFICATION PAR LES ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE DES EXIGENCES TECHNIQUES APPLICABLES

AT Autriche

L'Office autrichien des brevets, en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, a spécifié, selon l'instruction administrative 802.b-bis) et conformément à l'annexe C et à l'annexe C-bis des instructions administratives, les types de supports électroniques pour la présentation des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs ainsi que les exigences techniques applicables aux tableaux, comme indiqué ci-dessous :

L'administration exige-t-elle que les listages des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés ou que les tableaux y relatifs soient fournis sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (règle 13^{ter}.1 du PCT et instruction 802.b-quarter), respectivement) ?

Oui

Types de support électronique requis :

Disquette, CD-ROM, DVD

Exigences techniques relatives aux tableaux :

Format de caractères des tableaux relatifs aux listages des séquences :

- format de caractères Unicode 3.0, codage UTF-8
- format XML conforme à la définition de type de document "corps de la demande" visé à l'appendice I de l'annexe F

Codage selon :

- page de code IBM 437
- page de code IBM 932
- page compatible

Déchiffrable sous le système d'exploitation d'ordinateur personnel :

- Windows 2000 ou versions Windows ultérieures

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe D(AT), page 339]

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTINGS AND/OR TABLES RELATED THERETO: NOTIFICATION BY INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES OF APPLICABLE TECHNICAL REQUIREMENTS (Cont'd)

AU Australia

The **Australian Patent Office**, in its capacity as International Searching Authority, has specified, pursuant to Section 802(b-*bis*), and in accordance with Annex C and Annex C-*bis*, of the Administrative Instructions, the types of electronic carriers for the presentation of sequence listings and/or tables related thereto, as well as the technical requirements applicable to tables, as indicated below:

Does the Authority require that nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings and/or tables related thereto be furnished in computer readable form (PCT Rule 13*ter*.1 and Section 802(b-*quater*), respectively)?

Yes

Types of electronic carrier required:

The entire printable copy of the sequence listing and identifying data should be contained within one text file on a single 3½" formatted 1.44 MB diskette or a single standard (ISO 9660) CD-ROM or CD-R

Technical requirements related to tables:

Character format of sequence listings-related tables:
— UTF-8-encoded Unicode 3.0
Encoded using:
— IBM Code Page 437
Under the Personal Computer Operating Systems:
— MS-DOS or MS-Windows compatible

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex D(AU), page 330]

DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT DES LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES OU DES TABLEAUX Y RELATIFS : NOTIFICATION PAR LES ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE DES EXIGENCES TECHNIQUES APPLICABLES (suite)

AU Australie

L'Office australien des brevets, en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, a spécifié, selon l'instruction administrative 802.b-bis) et conformément à l'annexe C et à l'annexe C-bis des instructions administratives, les types de supports électroniques pour la présentation des listages des séquences ou des tableaux y relatifs ainsi que les exigences techniques applicables aux tableaux, comme indiqué ci-dessous :

L'administration exige-t-elle que les listages des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés ou que les tableaux y relatifs soient fournis sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (règle 13ter.1 du PCT et instruction 802.b-quarter), respectivement) ?

Oui

Types de support électronique requis :

La copie imprimable du listage des séquences et des données permettant l'identification devrait figurer tout entière dans un seul fichier "texte" sur une seule disquette de 3½ pouces, formatée 1.44MB, ou sur un seul CD-ROM ou CD-R respectant la norme (ISO 9660)

Exigences techniques relatives aux tableaux :

Format de caractères des tableaux relatifs aux listages des séquences :
 – format de caractères Unicode 3.0, codage UTF-8
 Codage selon :
 – page de code IBM 437
 Déchiffrable sous le système d'exploitation d'ordinateur personnel :
 – compatible avec MS-DOS ou MS-Windows

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe D(AU), page 340]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AZ Azerbaijan**

The **State Agency for Standardization, Metrology and Patents (Azerbaijan)** has notified a change in the currency of payment of certain fees. The consolidated list of currencies accepted by, and of all amounts of fees payable to, the Office as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, is as follows:

Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: Azerbaijani manat (AZM) and US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	AZM 55,000
International fee:	
Basic fee:	USD 407
Fee per sheet in excess of 30:	USD 9
Designation fee:	USD 88
PCT-EASY fee reduction:	Not applicable
Search fee:	See Annex D(EP) or (RU)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	AZM 55,000

Fees payable to the designated (or elected) Office:

National fee:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
For patent or utility model:	
Filing fee (including examination): ⁴	USD 80
Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	USD 40
Additional fee for each dependent claim in excess of ten:	USD 10
Annual fee for the 3 rd year:	USD 40

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(AZ), page 233, and Summary (AZ), page 378]

BA Bosnia and Herzegovina

The **Institute for Standards, Metrology and Intellectual Property of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified a change in the amount and composition of the filing fee **in euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:	
Filing fee:	EUR 51.50
— plus for each page of the application over 30:	EUR 1
— plus for each claim over 10:	EUR 1.50

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Summary (BA), page 379]

⁴ Must be paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AZ Azerbaïdjan**

L'Agence d'État pour la normalisation, la métrologie et les brevets (Azerbaïdjan) a notifié un changement dans la monnaie de paiement de certaines taxes. La liste récapitulative des monnaies acceptées par l'office, et de tous les montants de taxes payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu), est la suivante :

Taxes payables à l'office récepteur :	Monnaie : Manat azerbaïdjanais (AZM) et dollar des États-Unis (USD)
Taxe de transmission :	AZM 55.000
Taxe internationale :	
Taxe de base :	USD 407
Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	USD 9
Taxe de désignation :	USD 88
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY :	Sans objet
Taxe de recherche :	Voir l'annexe D(EP) ou (RU)
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	AZM 55.000

Taxes payables à l'office désigné (ou élu) :

Taxe nationale :	Monnaie : Dollar des États-Unis (USD)
Pour un brevet ou un modèle d'utilité :	
Taxe de dépôt (y compris examen) ⁴ :	USD 80
Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 2 ^e :	USD 40
Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication dépendante à compter de la 11 ^e :	USD 10
Taxe annuelle pour la 3 ^e année :	USD 40

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe C(AZ), page 236, et résumé (AZ), page 392]

BA Bosnie-Herzégovine

L'Institut des normes, de la métrologie et de la propriété intellectuelle de la Bosnie-Herzégovine a notifié un changement dans le montant, exprimé en euros (EUR), et dans la composition de la taxe de dépôt, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit:

Taxe nationale :	
Taxe de dépôt :	EUR 51,50
– plus pour chaque page de la demande à compter de la 31 ^e :	EUR 1
– plus pour chaque revendication à compter de la 11 ^e :	EUR 1,50

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), résumé (BA), page 393]

⁴ Doit être payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**CU Cuba**

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified a change in the amount of the filing fee in **US dollars (USD)** or their equivalent in **Cuban convertible pesos (CUP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

Filing fee (including publication fee): USD 460 or equivalent in CUP

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Summary (CU), page 397]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)** has notified a change in the amount of the fee for priority document in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office. The new amount, applicable as from 1 January 2003, is as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 20
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The USPTO has also notified new amounts of the basic national fee in **US dollars (USD)** payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2003, are as follows:

Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)(1)-(5))
(amounts in parentheses are applicable in
case of filing by a “small entity”):

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| — where a preliminary examination
fee has been paid on the international
application to the USPTO: | USD 720 (360) |
| — where no preliminary examination
fee has been paid to the USPTO, but a
search fee has been paid on the international
application to the USPTO as an
International Searching Authority: | USD 750 (375) |
| — where no preliminary examination
fee has been paid and no search fee has been
paid on the international application to the
USPTO and no international search report
has been prepared by the European
Patent Office or the Japan Patent Office: | USD 1,060 (530) |
| — where an international search report has
been prepared by the European Patent
Office or the Japan Patent Office: | USD 900 (450) |
| — where the international preliminary
examination report prepared by the
USPTO states that the criteria of novelty,
inventive step (non-obviousness) and
industrial applicability, as defined in
PCT Article 33(1) to (4), have been
satisfied for all the claims presented in the
international application entering
the national phase: | [No change] |

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(US), page 322, and Summary (US), page 505]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**CU Cuba**

L'**Office cubain de la propriété industrielle** a notifié un changement dans le montant de la taxe de dépôt, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)** ou leur équivalent en **pesos cubains convertibles (CUP)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Taxe de dépôt

(y compris taxe de publication) : USD 460 ou équivalent en CUP

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), résumé (CU), page 414]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

L'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)** a notifié un changement dans le montant de la taxe pour le document de priorité, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2003, est le suivant :

Taxe pour le document de priorité

(règle 17.1.b) du PCT):

USD 20

L'USPTO a notifié également de nouveaux montants de la taxe nationale de base, exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2003, sont les suivants :

Taxe nationale de base (37 CFR 1.492.a)1)-5))

(les montants indiqués entre parenthèses

s'appliquent dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué

par une "petite entité") :

- lorsqu'une taxe d'examen préliminaire a été payée pour la demande internationale à l'USPTO : USD 720 (360)
- lorsque aucune taxe d'examen préliminaire n'a été payée à l'USPTO mais une taxe de recherche a été payée pour la demande internationale à l'USPTO en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale : USD 750 (375)
- lorsque aucune taxe d'examen préliminaire n'a été payée et aucune taxe de recherche n'a été payée pour la demande internationale à l'USPTO et aucun rapport de recherche internationale n'a été établi par l'Office européen des brevets ou l'Office des brevets du Japon : USD 1.060 (530)
- lorsqu'un rapport de recherche internationale a été établi par l'Office européen des brevets ou l'Office des brevets du Japon : USD 900 (450)
- lorsque le rapport d'examen préliminaire international établi par l'USPTO mentionne qu'il a été satisfait aux critères de nouveauté, d'activité inventive (non-évidence) et d'application industrielle, tels que définis à l'article 33.1) à 4) du PCT, à l'égard de toutes les revendications figurant dans la demande internationale lors de l'ouverture de la phase nationale : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe C(US), page 332, et résumé (US), page 536]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**GE Georgia**

The **Georgian Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes relating to the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:⁵

Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as originally filed or as amended, if the applicant wishes the amendments to form the basis for the proceedings, together with any statement under PCT Article 19⁶), any text matter of drawings, abstract

Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, as originally filed or as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report, if the applicant wishes the amendments to form the basis for proceedings⁶)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Summary (GE), page 421]

WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF MODIFIED PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS; NOTIFICATION UNDER PCT ARTICLE 22(3)**GE Georgia**

The **Georgian Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable as from 2 January 2003, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:

Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date

Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): [No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Summary (GE), page 421]

HU Hungary

Further to its notification of incompatibility of modified PCT Article 22(1) with its national law (see PCT Gazette No. 08/2002, page 3886), the **Hungarian Patent Office** (in its capacity as designated Office) has notified the International Bureau that it has withdrawn the said notification with effect from 1 January 2003.

Furthermore, the **Hungarian Patent Office**, pursuant to PCT Articles 22(3) and 39(1)(b), has notified changes in the time limits applicable for entry into the national phase, with effect from the same date. The new time limits are as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:

Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date

Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): 31 months from the priority date

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⁵ Must be furnished within two months from the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

⁶ In certain circumstances, the Office is entitled to require both the translation of the international application as originally filed and as amended; in such a case, the Office will invite the applicant to supply the missing translation.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**GE Géorgie**

L'**Office géorgien de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié des changements dans ses exigences relatives aux éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale⁵ :

En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, telles que déposées initialement ou telles que modifiées, si le déposant souhaite que les modifications servent de base à la procédure, ainsi que la déclaration en vertu de l'article 19 du PCT)⁶, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé

En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer tel que déposé initialement ou tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international, si le déposant souhaite que les modifications servent de base à la procédure)⁶

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), résumé (GE), page 440]

RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT MODIFIÉ; NOTIFICATION EN VERTU DE L'ARTICLE 22.3) DU PCT

GE Géorgie

L'**Office géorgien de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable à compter du 2 janvier 2003, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), résumé (GE), page 440]

HU Hongrie

Suite à sa notification relative à l'incompatibilité avec sa législation nationale de l'article 22.1) du PCT modifié (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 08/2002, page 3887), l'**Office hongrois des brevets** (en sa qualité d'office désigné) a notifié au Bureau international qu'il a retiré ladite notification avec effet à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2003.

De plus, l'**Office hongrois des brevets**, conformément aux articles 22.3) et 39.1)b) du PCT, a notifié un changement dans les délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, avec effet à compter de la même date. Les nouveaux délais sont les suivants :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité

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⁵ Doit être fournie dans un délai de deux mois à compter de l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

⁶ Dans certaines circonstances, l'office peut exiger à la fois la traduction de la demande internationale telle que déposée initialement et telle que modifiée; dans un tel cas, l'office invitera le déposant à fournir la traduction manquante.

**WITHDRAWAL OF NOTIFICATIONS BY DESIGNATED OFFICES OF INCOMPATIBILITY OF
MODIFIED PCT ARTICLE 22(1) WITH NATIONAL LAWS;
NOTIFICATION UNDER PCT ARTICLE 22(3) (Cont'd)**

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **Kyrgyz Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22(3) before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable since 1 April 2002, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase: Under PCT Article 22(3): 31 months from the priority date

Under PCT Article 39(1)(b): [No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Summary (KG), page 439]

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
RECEIVING OFFICES
DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER
BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
DESIGNATED (OR) ELECTED OFFICES**

CO Colombia

General information on **Colombia** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Superintendence of Industry and Commerce (Colombia)** as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office, including information on the requirements of that Office for the deposits of microorganisms and other biological material, will be published in PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-01/2003 (E), dated 3 January 2003.

**RETRAIT DE NOTIFICATIONS DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS RELATIVES À L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ
AVEC LES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES DE L'ARTICLE 22.1) DU PCT MODIFIÉ;
NOTIFICATION EN VERTU DE L'ARTICLE 22.3) DU PCT (suite)**

KG Kirghizistan

L'Office kirghize de la propriété intellectuelle a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22.3) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable depuis le 1^{er} avril 2002, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22.3) du PCT :	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1)b) du PCT :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), résumé (KG), page 460]

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS
OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS
DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE
MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**

CO Colombie

Des informations de caractère général concernant la Colombie en tant qu'État contractant, ainsi que des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de la **Surintendance de l'industrie et du commerce (Colombie)** en tant qu'office récepteur et office désigné (ou élu), y compris des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de cet office pour le dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique, seront publiés dans le numéro spécial S-01/2003 (F) de la Gazette du PCT, du 3 janvier 2003.

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT**NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

Following the adoption by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) Union, at its thirty-first (18th extraordinary) session, held in Geneva, from 23 September to 1 October 2002, of amendments to the Regulations under the PCT, which will enter into force on 1 January 2003 (see PCT Gazette, No. 49/2002 of 5 December 2002, page 24990 *et seq.*), a number of modifications have to be made to Sections 102, 103, 104, 305*bis*, 308, 311, 332, 405, 506 and to Annex D of the Administrative Instructions Under the PCT.

It is recalled that Rule 12.1(c), as amended, provides for receiving Offices to specify that or those languages of publication they will accept for the filing of requests. It is further recalled that new Rule 12.4 provides for the cases where a translation of the international application into a language of publication is required and that current Rule 48.3(b) is deleted.

As a consequence, Section 102(a)(ii) has to include a reference to a new form (PCT/RO/157) which receiving Offices will use when inviting applicants to furnish the translation of the international application required under new Rule 12.4.

Sections 103, 104, 308 and 311 have to include an express reference to new Rule 12.4.

Section 305*bis* has to provide for the preparation, identification and transmittal of the copies of the international applications in respect of which a translation is furnished under new Rule 12.4.

Section 332 has to provide for receiving Offices to notify the International Bureau of the language or languages they will accept under amended Rule 12.1(c) and new Rule 12.4. Section 405 has to provide for the International Bureau to publish such information in the Gazette.

As a consequence of the deletion of Rule 48.3(b), Section 506 has to be deleted and item 1.35 has to be deleted from Annex D.

Modifications of the Administrative Instructions

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(a), modifications of Sections 102, 103, 104, 305*bis*, 308, 311, 332, 405 and 506 and Annex D, as set out on pages 26708, 26710 and 26712, are promulgated, with effect from 1 January 2003.

The present text of the Administrative Instructions is set out in the following issues of the PCT Gazette:

- Special Issue No. S-03/2001, dated 30 August 2001, with subsequent modifications indicated below,
 - new Part 7 and new Annex F, as set out in Special Issue No. S-04/2001 dated 27 December 2001,
 - modified Section 404, as set out in No. 47/2001 dated 22 November 2001, page 21586,
 - modified Sections 801 to 806 and new Annex C-*bis*, as set out in No. 36/2002 dated 6 September 2002, pages 17634, 17636, 17638, 17640, 17642 and 17644,
 - modified Sections 102*bis* and 707, as set out in No. 42/2002 dated 17 October 2002, page 21002,
 - modified Annex F, as set out in No. 50/2002 dated 12 December 2002, page 25614.
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MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT**NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL**

Suite à l'adoption par l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT), lors de sa trente et unième session (18^e session extraordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 23 septembre au 1^{er} octobre 2002, de modifications du règlement d'exécution du PCT, qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2003 (voir la Gazette du PCT, no 49/2002 du 5 décembre 2002, page 24991 et suiv.), un certain nombre de modifications doivent être apportées aux instructions 102, 103, 104, 305*bis*, 308, 311, 332, 405, 506 et à l'annexe D des Instructions administratives du PCT.

On se souviendra que la règle 12.1.c), telle que modifiée, prévoit que les offices récepteurs spécifient la ou les langues qu'ils accepteront aux fins du dépôt des requêtes. On se souviendra aussi que la nouvelle règle 12.4 prévoit les cas dans lesquels une traduction de la demande internationale dans une langue de publication sera requise et que la présente règle 48.3.b) est supprimée.

Par conséquent, l'instruction administrative 102.a)ii) doit inclure une référence à un nouveau formulaire que les offices récepteurs utiliseront pour inviter les déposants à remettre la traduction de la demande internationale requise en vertu de la nouvelle règle 12.4.

Les instructions administratives 103, 104, 308 et 311 doivent inclure une référence expresse à la nouvelle règle 12.4.

L'instruction administrative 305*bis* doit prévoir la préparation, l'identification et la transmission des exemplaires et copies des demandes internationales en ce qui concerne lesquelles une traduction est remise en vertu de la nouvelle règle 12.4.

L'instruction administrative 332 doit stipuler que les offices récepteurs notifient le Bureau international de la langue ou des langues qu'ils accepteront en vertu de la règle 12.1.c) modifiée et de la nouvelle règle 12.4. L'instruction administrative 405 doit stipuler que le Bureau international publiera ces informations dans la gazette.

Suite à la suppression de la règle 48.3.b), l'instruction administrative 506 doit être supprimée et le point 1.35 doit être supprimé de l'annexe D.

Modifications des instructions administratives

Après consultation des offices et des administrations intéressés conformément à la règle 89.2.a) du PCT, les modifications des instructions administratives 102, 103, 104, 305*bis*, 308, 311, 332, 405 et 506 et de l'annexe D, telles qu'elles figurent sur les pages 26709, 26711 et 26713 sont promulguées avec effet à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2003.

Le texte actuel des instructions administratives figure dans les numéros suivants de la Gazette du PCT :

- numéro spécial S-03/2001, du 30 août 2001, les modifications ultérieures étant indiquées ci-dessous,
- nouvelle septième partie et nouvelle annexe F dans le numéro spécial S-04/2001, du 27 décembre 2001,
- instruction 404 modifiée dans le n° 47/2001, du 22 novembre 2001, page 21587,
- instructions 801 à 806 modifiées et nouvelle annexe C-*bis* dans le n° 36/2002, du 6 septembre 2002, pages 17635, 17637, 17639, 17641, 17643 et 17645,
- instructions 102*bis* and 707 modifiées dans le n° 42/2002 du 17 octobre 2002, page 21003,
- annexe F modifiée dans le n° 50/2002 du 12 décembre 2002, page 25615.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**TEXT OF THE MODIFIED ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS****Section 102
Use of the Forms**

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) to (i) and Sections 103 and 114, the International Authorities shall use, or require the use of, the mandatory Forms specified below:

(i) [No change]

(ii) Forms for use by the receiving Offices:

PCT/RO/103	PCT/RO/111	PCT/RO/123	PCT/RO/150
PCT/RO/104	PCT/RO/112	PCT/RO/126	PCT/RO/151
PCT/RO/105	PCT/RO/113	PCT/RO/133	PCT/RO/152
PCT/RO/106	PCT/RO/115	PCT/RO/136	PCT/RO/153
PCT/RO/107	PCT/RO/116	PCT/RO/139	PCT/RO/154
PCT/RO/109	PCT/RO/117	PCT/RO/143	PCT/RO/155
PCT/RO/110	PCT/RO/118	PCT/RO/147	PCT/RO/156
			PCT/RO/157

(iii) to (v) [No change]

(b) to (i) [No change]

Section 103**Languages of the Forms Used by International Authorities**

(a) The language of the Forms used by any receiving Office shall be the same as the language in which the international application is filed, provided that:

(i) where the international application is to be published in the language of a translation required under Rule 12.3(a) or 12.4(a), the receiving Office shall use the Forms in such language;

(ii) the receiving Office may, in its communications to the applicant, use the Forms in any other language being one of its official languages.

(b) to (d) [No change]

Section 104**Language of Correspondence in Cases Not Covered by Rule 92.2**

(a) The language of any letter from the applicant to the receiving Office shall be the same as the language of the international application to which such letter relates, provided that, where the international application is to be published in the language of a translation required under Rule 12.3(a) or 12.4(a), any letter shall be in such language. However, the receiving Office may expressly authorize the use of any other language.

(b) [No change]

Section 305bis**Preparation, Identification and Transmittal of
the Copies of the Translation of the International Application**

(a) Where a translation of the international application is furnished under Rule 12.3, the receiving Office shall:

(i) be responsible for the prompt preparation of any additional copies required where the translation is furnished in less than the number of copies required for the purposes of this paragraph, and shall have the right to fix a fee for performing that task and to collect such fee from the applicant;

(ii) to (iv) [No change]

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES MODIFIÉES****Instruction 102****Utilisation des formulaires**

a) Sous réserve des alinéas b) à i) et des instructions 103 et 114, les administrations internationales doivent utiliser les formulaires obligatoires indiqués ci-après, ou en exiger l'utilisation :

i) [Sans changement]

ii) Formulaires à l'usage des offices récepteurs :

PCT/RO/103	PCT/RO/111	PCT/RO/123	PCT/RO/150
PCT/RO/104	PCT/RO/112	PCT/RO/126	PCT/RO/151
PCT/RO/105	PCT/RO/113	PCT/RO/133	PCT/RO/152
PCT/RO/106	PCT/RO/115	PCT/RO/136	PCT/RO/153
PCT/RO/107	PCT/RO/116	PCT/RO/139	PCT/RO/154
PCT/RO/109	PCT/RO/117	PCT/RO/143	PCT/RO/155
PCT/RO/110	PCT/RO/118	PCT/RO/147	PCT/RO/156
			PCT/RO/157

iii) à v) [Sans changement]

b) à i) [Sans changement]

Instruction 103**Langue des formulaires utilisés par les administrations internationales**

a) Les formulaires que les offices récepteurs utilisent sont établis dans la langue dans laquelle est déposée la demande internationale, étant entendu que

i) lorsque la demande internationale doit être publiée dans la langue d'une traduction requise selon la règle 12.3.a) ou 12.4.a), l'office récepteur utilise les formulaires dans cette langue;

ii) l'office récepteur peut, pour ses communications avec le déposant, utiliser les formulaires dans toute autre langue qui serait l'une de ses langues officielles.

b) à d) [Sans changement]

Instruction 104**Langue à utiliser pour la correspondance dans les cas non visés à la règle 92.2**

a) Toute lettre du déposant à l'office récepteur doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale à laquelle elle se rapporte, étant entendu que, lorsque la demande internationale doit être publiée dans la langue d'une traduction requise selon la règle 12.3.a) ou 12.4.a), toute lettre doit être rédigée dans cette langue. L'office récepteur peut cependant autoriser expressément l'usage d'une autre langue.

b) [Sans changement]

Instruction 305bis**Préparation, identification et transmission
des copies de la traduction de la demande internationale**

a) Lorsqu'une traduction de la demande internationale est remise conformément à la règle 12.3, l'office récepteur

i) a la responsabilité de la prompte préparation du nombre requis de copies supplémentaires lorsque la traduction est remise dans un nombre d'exemplaires inférieur à celui requis aux fins du présent alinéa et a le droit de fixer une taxe pour l'exécution de cette tâche et de percevoir cette taxe du déposant,

ii) à iv) [Sans changement]

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**TEXT OF THE MODIFIED ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**

(b) [No change]

(c) Where a translation of the international application is furnished under Rule 12.4, the receiving Office shall:

(i) be responsible for the prompt preparation of any additional copies required where the translation is furnished in less than the number of copies required for the purposes of this paragraph, and shall have the right to fix a fee for performing that task and to collect such fee from the applicant;

(ii) mark the words “RECORD COPY – TRANSLATION (RULE 12.4)” in the upper left-hand corner of the first page of the original copy of the translation and transmit that copy to the International Bureau; and

(iii) mark the words “HOME COPY – TRANSLATION (RULE 12.4)” in the same space on the other such copy of the translation, and keep that copy in its files.

Section 308
Marking of the Sheets of
the International Application and of the Translation Thereof

The receiving Office shall indelibly mark the international application number referred to in Section 307 in the upper right-hand corner of each sheet of each copy of the purported international application and of any translation of the international application furnished under Rule 12.3 or 12.4.

Section 311
Renumbering in the Case of Deletion, Substitution or Addition
of Sheets of the International Application and of the Translation Thereof

(a) to (c) [No change]

(d) Paragraphs (a) to (c) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to any translation of the international application furnished under Rule 12.3 or 12.4.

Section 332
Notification of Languages Accepted by the receiving Office
under Rules 12.1(a) and (c) and 12.4(a)

(a) Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages which, having regard to Rule 12.1(b), it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(a) for the filing of international applications.

(b) Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of any change to the information notified under paragraphs (a), (d) and (e). If the change means that

(i) the receiving Office is no longer prepared to accept the filing of international applications in a language that it had previously notified the International Bureau that it was prepared to accept; or

(ii) the receiving Office is no longer prepared to accept the translation of international applications into a language of publication that it had previously notified the International Bureau that it was prepared to accept; or

(iii) the receiving Office is no longer prepared to accept the filing of requests in a language that it had previously notified the International Bureau that it was prepared to accept,

the effective date of such change shall be two months after the date of publication of the notification of the change in the Gazette pursuant to Section 405 or such later date as may be determined by the receiving Office.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**TEXTE DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES MODIFIÉES (suite)**

b) [Sans changement]

c) Lorsqu'une traduction de la demande internationale est remise conformément à la règle 12.4, l'office récepteur

i) a la responsabilité de la prompte préparation du nombre requis de copies supplémentaires lorsque la traduction est remise dans un nombre d'exemplaires inférieur à celui requis aux fins de la présente instruction et a le droit de fixer une taxe pour l'exécution de cette tâche et de percevoir cette taxe du déposant,

ii) appose la mention "EXEMPLAIRE ORIGINAL – TRADUCTION (RÈGLE 12.4)" dans le coin supérieur gauche de la première page de l'original de la traduction et transmet cet original au Bureau international, et

iii) appose la mention "COPIE POUR L'OFFICE RÉCEPTEUR – TRADUCTION (RÈGLE 12.4)" au même endroit, sur l'exemplaire restant, et conserve cet exemplaire dans ses dossiers.

Instruction 308**Annotation des feuilles de****la demande internationale et de la traduction de cette dernière**

L'office récepteur appose de façon indélébile, dans le coin supérieur droit de chacune des feuilles de chaque exemplaire de ce qui est supposé constituer la demande internationale et de toute traduction de la demande internationale remise en vertu de la règle 12.3 ou 12.4, le numéro de demande internationale dont il est question dans l'instruction 307.

Instruction 311**Renumérotation des feuilles en cas de suppression,
de remplacement ou d'adjonction de feuilles dans la
demande internationale et dans la traduction de cette dernière**

a) à c) [Sans changement]

d) Les alinéas a) à c) s'appliquent *mutatis mutandis* à toute traduction de la demande internationale remise en vertu de la règle 12.3 ou 12.4.

Instruction 332**Notification des langues acceptées par l'office récepteur
en vertu des règles 12.1.a) et c) et 12.4.a)**

a) Chaque office récepteur notifie au Bureau international la ou les langues que, eu égard à la règle 12.1.b), il est disposé à accepter en vertu de la règle 12.1.a) pour le dépôt des demandes internationales.

b) Chaque office récepteur notifie au Bureau international tout changement apporté aux informations ayant fait l'objet d'une notification selon les alinéas a), d) et e). Si le changement implique que

i) l'office récepteur n'est plus disposé à accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales dans une langue qu'il s'était déclaré disposé à accepter dans sa notification précédente adressée au Bureau international, ou

ii) l'office récepteur n'est plus disposé à accepter la traduction des demandes internationales dans une langue de publication qu'il s'était déclaré disposé à accepter dans sa notification précédente adressée au Bureau international, ou

iii) l'office récepteur n'est plus disposé à accepter le dépôt des requêtes dans une langue qu'il s'était déclaré disposé à accepter dans sa notification précédente adressée au Bureau international,

ce changement entre en vigueur deux mois après la date à laquelle la notification relative au changement est publiée dans la gazette conformément à l'instruction 405 ou à une date ultérieure qui peut être fixée par l'office récepteur.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**TEXT OF THE MODIFIED ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (continued)**

(c) Nothing in paragraph (a), (b), (d) or (e) prevents any receiving Office from accepting, in a particular case,

(i) the filing of an international application in a language that it has not notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept; or

(ii) the translation of an international application into a language of publication that it has not notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept; or

(iii) the filing of a request in a language that it has not notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept.

(d) Each receiving Office concerned shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages which it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.4(a) for the translation of international applications into a language of publication.

(e) Each receiving Office shall notify the International Bureau of the language or languages which it is prepared to accept under Rule 12.1(c) for the filing of requests.

Section 405**Publication of Notifications of Languages****Accepted by the receiving Office under Rules 12.1(a) and (c) and 12.4(a)**

The International Bureau shall promptly publish in the Gazette any notification under Section 332(a), (b), (d) or (e).

Section 506

[Deleted]

ANNEX D

**INFORMATION FROM PAMPHLET FRONT PAGE TO BE INCLUDED
IN THE GAZETTE UNDER RULE 86.1(a)(i)**

The following information shall be extracted from the front page of the pamphlet of each published international application and shall, in accordance with Rule 86.1(a)(i), appear in the corresponding entry of the Gazette:

1. as to the international publication:
 - 1.1 the international publication number
 - 1.2 the date of the international publication
 - 1.3 an indication whether the following items were published in the pamphlet:
 - 1.31 international search report
 - 1.32 declaration under Article 17(2)
 - 1.33 claims amended under Article 19(1)
 - 1.34 statement under Article 19(1)
 - 1.35 *[Deleted]*
 - 1.36 request for rectification under the third sentence of Rule 91.1(f)
 - 1.37 information concerning a priority claim which was considered not to have been made, published upon request made under Rule 26bis.2(c)
 - 1.4 and 1.5 [No change]
 2. to 8. [No change]
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c) Aucune disposition des alinéas a), b), d) ou e) n'interdit à un office récepteur d'accepter, dans un cas particulier,

i) le dépôt d'une demande internationale dans une langue autre que celle ou celles qui ont fait l'objet d'une notification adressée au Bureau international; ou

ii) la traduction d'une demande internationale dans une langue de publication autre que celle ou celles qui ont fait l'objet d'une notification adressée au Bureau international; ou

iii) le dépôt de la requête dans une langue autre que celle ou celles qui ont fait l'objet d'une notification adressée au Bureau international.

d) Chaque office récepteur concerné notifie au Bureau international la ou les langues qu'il est disposé à accepter en vertu de la règle 12.4.a) pour la traduction des demandes internationales dans une langue de publication.

e) Chaque office récepteur notifie au Bureau international la ou les langues qu'il est disposé à accepter en vertu de la règle 12.1.c) aux fins du dépôt des requêtes.

Instruction 405**Publication de notifications relatives aux langues
acceptées pour le dépôt des demandes internationales
en vertu des règles 12.1.a) et c) et 12.4.a)**

Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette toute notification faite selon l'instruction 332.a), b), d) ou e).

Instruction 506

[Supprimée]

ANNEXE D

**INFORMATIONS MENTIONNÉES SUR LA PAGE
DE COUVERTURE DE LA BROCHURE ET À FAIRE
FIGURER DANS LA GAZETTE SELON LA RÈGLE 86.1.a)i)**

Pour chaque demande internationale publiée, les informations ou renseignements suivants seront extraits de la page de couverture de la brochure et figureront dans la gazette, sous la rubrique correspondante, selon la règle 86.1.a)i) :

1. informations concernant la publication internationale :

1.1 le numéro de la publication internationale

1.2 la date de la publication internationale

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1.35 *[Supprimé]*

1.36 requête en rectification selon la troisième phrase de la règle 91.1.f)

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1.4 et 1.5 [Sans changement]

2. à 8. [Sans changement]

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES****JP (Amended) Agreement between the Japan Patent Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ — Entry into force of amended Agreement**

The above-mentioned Agreement, as amended by the Assembly of the PCT Union at its thirty-first (18th extraordinary) session, held in Geneva, from 23 September to 1 October 2002 (see PCT Gazette, No. 50/2002 of 12 December 2002, pages 25588 and 25602 *et seq.*), entered into force on 4 December 2002, date of signature by the parties, in accordance with Article 9.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-03/2002 (E), Annex C(JP), page 281, C(KR), page 285, C(PH), page 304, E(JP), page 345]

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 50/2002, page 25602.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

**JP Accord (modifié) entre l'Office des brevets du Japon et le Bureau international de l'Organisation
Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Entrée en vigueur de l'accord modifié**

L'accord mentionné ci-dessus, tel que modifié par l'Assemblée de l'Union du PCT lors de sa trente et unième session (18^e session extraordinaire), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 23 septembre au 1^{er} octobre 2002 (voir la Gazette du PCT, n° 50/2002, du 12 décembre 2002, pages 25589 et 25603 et suiv.), est entré en vigueur le 4 décembre 2002, la date de signature par les parties, conformément à l'article 9.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2002 (F), annexe C(JP), page 287, C(KR), page 292, C(PH), page 313, E(JP), page 355]

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 50/2002, page 25603.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**JP Japan**

The **Japanese Patent Office** has informed the International Bureau of modifications in its requirements as to the kinds of documents which may be transmitted by facsimile machine, as follows:

Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	Only documents needed to receive an international filing date under PCT Article 11
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2000 (E), Annex B1(JP), page 91]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office** has notified provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

Provisional protection after international publication:	The patentee is entitled to obtain a reasonable royalty commencing on the date the USPTO receives a copy of the publication under PCT Article 21(2)(a) of the international application, or if the publication is in a language other than English, on the date the USPTO receives a translation of the international application in the English language. The right to obtain a reasonable royalty is not available unless the invention as claimed in the patent is substantially identical to the invention claimed in the published international application. For details, see the US National Chapter in Volume II, paragraph US.30 (see also 35 U.S.C. 154(d)).
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INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

JP Japon

L'**Office japonais des brevets** a informé le Bureau international de modifications concernant ses exigences relatives aux types de documents qui peuvent être transmis par télécopieur, comme suit :

L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT) ?

Oui, par télécopieur

Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens ?

Seulement les documents nécessaires à l'attribution d'une date de dépôt international conformément à l'article 11 du PCT

L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas ?

Non, seulement sur invitation

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2000 (F), annexe B1(JP), page 93]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

L'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis** a notifié des dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale, comme suit :

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale:

Le titulaire du brevet peut obtenir une redevance raisonnable à compter de la date à laquelle l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis reçoit une copie de la demande internationale publiée selon l'article 21.2)a) du PCT, ou si la publication est effectuée dans une langue autre que l'anglais, à la date à laquelle l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis reçoit une traduction en anglais de la demande internationale. Le droit à l'obtention d'une redevance raisonnable n'existe que si l'invention telle que revendiquée dans le brevet est identique quant au fond à l'invention revendiquée dans la demande internationale publiée. Pour de plus amples détails, voir le paragraphe US.30 du chapitre national US dans le volume II (voir aussi l'article 154.d) du titre 35 U.S.C.).

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**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES****JP Japan**

The **Japanese Patent Office** has notified changes in its provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material with regard to the time by which the indications prescribed in PCT Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) must be furnished and to the need to give any additional indications, as specified below:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish the indications prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii):

At the time of filing (must be in the description) (furnishing of the date of deposit is not necessary)

Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to a notification from the Office:

To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2000 (E), Annex L, page 315]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**CR Costa Rica**

Information on the requirements of the **Registry of Intellectual Property of Costa Rica** as designated (or elected) Office is given in the Summary (CR), which is published in the Special Issue of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E) on the same date as this issue.

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
EXIGENCES DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS ET ÉLUS**

JP Japon

L'**Office japonais des brevets** a notifié des changements dans ses dispositions relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique en ce qui concerne le délai dans lequel les indications exigées dans la règle 13*bis*.3.a)i) à iii) du PCT doivent être fournies et la nécessité de fournir d'éventuelles indications supplémentaires, comme indiqué ci-dessous :

Délai (éventuel) inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, dans lequel le déposant doit fournir les indications exigées dans la règle 13*bis*.3.a)i) à iii) :

Lors du dépôt (doivent être dans la description) (la remise de la date de dépôt du matériel biologique n'est pas nécessaire)

Indications (éventuelles) qui doivent figurer outre celles exigées dans la règle 13*bis*.3.a)i) à iii) selon une notification de l'office :

Dans la mesure où ils sont accessibles au déposant, renseignements se rapportant aux caractéristiques du matériel biologique

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2000 (F), annexe L, page 345]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)

CR Costa Rica

Des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de l'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Costa Rica** en tant qu'office désigné (ou élu), sont reproduits dans le résumé (CR), publié dans le numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F) à la même date que le présent numéro.

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FILING OF INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING LARGE NUCLEOTIDE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS**Note prepared by the International Bureau**

From 11 January 2001, it will be possible for applicants filing international applications with certain receiving Offices to file, *for the purposes of all steps of the international phase* and under new Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions, the nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing part of the description of such applications *either* only on an electronic medium in computer readable form *or* both on an electronic medium and on paper in written form (both forms being those referred to in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions). All other elements of the international application will have to continue to be filed on paper with the exception of the request form which may be filed in the form of a computer print-out prepared using the PCT-EASY software made available by the International Bureau and on a diskette also prepared using that software (see PCT Gazette No. 51/1998 dated 23 December 1998, page 17330).

The relevant provisions are contained in new Part 8 of the Administrative Instructions consisting of new Sections 801 to 806.

Applicants choosing one of the two above-mentioned options in respect of international applications containing large sequence listings will benefit from the fee incentive which is further commented on below.

For applicants who do not wish to file the sequence listing parts of their international applications under new Section 801, the current provisions will continue to apply, including the filing in written form only (under Rule 5.2) and the concurrent or subsequent furnishing, as provided under Rule 13*ter* and Section 208, of the sequence listing parts in computer readable form but only for the purposes of international search and/or international preliminary examination. In such cases the current system for calculating the basic fee, on the basis of the total number of sheets of the international application including the sequence listing part, will also continue to apply (see item 1(b) of the Schedule of Fees).

International applications filed under new Section 801 may only be filed with receiving Offices which are prepared to accept them and on such electronic media as specified by the receiving Offices. The International Bureau will publish such information in the PCT Gazette as soon as it is notified accordingly.

The sequence listing in computer readable form will be part of the record copy, that is, of the true copy of the international application, only when that sequence listing is filed only in computer readable form; where the sequence listing is filed also in written form, it will then be the sequence listing in written form that will be part of the record copy, not the sequence listing in computer readable form (see new Section 804(d) and (e)).

Details relating to the format and identification of the sequence listing part filed on an electronic medium, as well as those applying in the case of correction, rectification or amendment, are contained in new Section 802.

DÉPÔT DE DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT DE VOLUMINEUX LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES DE NUCLÉOTIDES OU D'ACIDES AMINÉS

Note du Bureau international

À compter du 11 janvier 2001, les personnes qui déposeront des demandes internationales auprès de certains offices récepteurs pourront déposer, *pour toutes les étapes de la phase internationale* en vertu de la nouvelle instruction administrative 801, la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés de telles demandes *soit* seulement sur un support électronique sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, *soit* à la fois sur un support électronique et sur papier sous forme écrite (les deux formes étant celles visées à l'annexe C des instructions administratives). Tous les autres éléments de la demande internationale devront, comme maintenant, être déposés sur papier à l'exception du formulaire de requête qui peut être déposé sous la forme d'un imprimé d'ordinateur produit à l'aide du logiciel PCT-EASY disponible auprès du Bureau international et sur une disquette produite à l'aide de ce logiciel (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 51/1998 du 23 décembre 1998, page 17331).

Les dispositions pertinentes figurent dans la huitième partie (nouvelle) des instructions administratives comprenant les nouvelles instructions 801 à 806.

Les déposants choisissant l'une ou l'autre de ces deux options en ce qui concerne des demandes internationales contenant des listages des séquences volumineux bénéficieront d'un avantage sur le plan des taxes, qui fait l'objet ci-après de plus amples commentaires.

Pour les déposants qui ne désirent pas déposer la partie réservée au listage des séquences de leurs demandes internationales en vertu de la nouvelle instruction 801, les dispositions actuelles continueront à s'appliquer, y compris le dépôt sous forme écrite seulement (en vertu de la règle 5.2) et la remise simultanée ou ultérieure, comme prévu par la règle 13^{ter} et par l'instruction 208, des parties réservées au listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur mais seulement aux fins de la recherche internationale ou de l'examen préliminaire international. Dans de tels cas, le système actuel utilisé pour le calcul de la taxe de base, sur la base du nombre total de feuilles de la demande internationale comprenant la partie réservée au listage des séquences, continuera aussi à s'appliquer (voir le point 1.b) du barème de taxes).

Les demandes internationales déposées en vertu de la nouvelle instruction 801 ne peuvent l'être qu'auprès d'offices récepteurs prêts à accepter de telles demandes et sur des supports électroniques qu'ils ont spécifiés. Le Bureau international publiera les informations de ce type dans la Gazette du PCT, dès qu'elles lui auront été notifiées.

Le listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur ne fera partie de l'exemplaire original, c'est-à-dire de l'exemplaire authentique de la demande internationale, que lorsqu'il aura été déposé seulement sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur; lorsqu'il sera également déposé sous forme écrite, ce sera alors le listage des séquences sous forme écrite qui fera partie de l'exemplaire original, et non le listage sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (voir la nouvelle instruction 804.d) et e)).

Des précisions relatives au format et à l'identification de la partie réservée au listages des séquences déposée sur un support électronique ainsi que celles applicables en cas de correction, de rectification ou de modification figurent dans la nouvelle instruction 802.

Fee incentive where the sequence listing part is filed on an electronic medium under new Section 801

The basic fee payable in respect of international applications filed under new Section 801 will comprise two components (see new Section 803). A basic component calculated as provided in the Schedule of Fees in respect of all pages filed on paper, but excluding the sequence listing part if also filed on paper, and a new additional component for the sequence listing part only. The new additional component has been set at 400 times the fee per page as referred to in item 1(b) of the Schedule of Fees (that is, 6,000 Swiss francs or equivalent in the various currencies). This additional component will apply both where the sequence listing part of an international application is filed on an electronic medium only and where it is filed on an electronic medium and also on paper. Although the new provisions are not expressly restricted to international applications containing *large* sequence listings, in view of the additional component, it would be more expensive for applicants to file short or medium sized sequence listings under the new provisions rather than in written form only.

Furthermore, under new Section 805(a), an international application containing a sequence listing may be published, in whole or in part, in electronic form as determined by the Director General. The relevant technical details will be announced in due course. Communication of copies of international applications under certain provisions of the Treaty and Regulations will also be made under new Section 805(b), in whole or in part, in electronic form as determined by the Director General.

New Section 806 will allow a designated Office to require a copy on paper of a sequence listing part filed only on an electronic medium under new Section 801.

Modification of the Administrative Instructions; Partial Entry into Force of PCT Rule 89bis

Rule 89bis.1(a) of the Regulations under the PCT provides that “[i]nternational applications may, subject to paragraphs (b) to (e), be filed and processed in electronic form or by electronic means, in accordance with the Administrative Instructions, provided that any receiving Office shall permit the filing of international applications on paper”. In adopting new Rule 89bis, the PCT Union Assembly decided that the Rule would enter into force together with modifications of the Administrative Instructions implementing it, the effective date to be included in the promulgation of those modifications by the Director General.

Rule 89ter entered into force on 1 January 1999, being the date of promulgation of Sections 102bis and 335 relating to requests prepared using the PCT-EASY software (see PCT Gazette No. 51/1998 dated 23 December 1998, page 17330).

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(a), a new Part 8 of the Administrative Instructions, comprising new Sections 801 to 806, as set out below, is promulgated, pursuant to Rules 89bis and 89ter, with effect from 11 January 2001. The present text of the Administrative Instructions is set out in PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-03/1998 dated 25 June 1998, and the previous modifications (Sections 102bis and 335) in PCT Gazette No. 51/1998 dated 23 December 1998, page 17330.

Noting that the modifications of the Administrative Instructions set out below will enter into force on 11 January 2001, it follows that Rule 89bis will also enter into force on that date to the extent that the operation of that Rule is given effect in the modifications.

Avantage sur le plan des taxes lorsque la partie réservée au listage des séquences est déposée sur un support électronique en vertu de la nouvelle instruction 801

La taxe de base payable en ce qui concerne des demandes internationales déposées selon la nouvelle instruction 801 comprendra deux composantes (voir la nouvelle instruction 803). Une composante de base, calculée comme prévu dans le barème de taxes pour toutes les pages déposées sur papier mais excluant la partie réservée au listage des séquences si celle-ci est aussi déposée sur papier, et une nouvelle composante supplémentaire pour la partie réservée au listage des séquences seulement. La nouvelle composante supplémentaire a été fixée à 400 fois la taxe par feuille visée au point 1.b) du barème de taxes (c'est-à-dire 6 000 francs suisses ou l'équivalent dans les différentes monnaies). Cette composante supplémentaire s'appliquera à la fois lorsque la partie réservée au listage des séquences de la demande internationale sera déposée sur un support électronique seulement et lorsqu'elle sera déposée sur un support électronique et aussi sur papier. Bien que les nouvelles dispositions ne se limitent pas expressément aux demandes internationales contenant de *volumineux* listages des séquences, si l'on tient compte de la composante supplémentaire, il en coûterait plus cher aux déposants de déposer des listages des séquences de petite ou de moyenne taille en vertu des nouvelles dispositions que sous forme écrite seulement.

Par ailleurs, une demande internationale comprenant un listage des séquences peut être publiée, entièrement ou partiellement, sous forme électronique selon les modalités déterminées par le directeur général. Les détails techniques pertinents seront annoncés en temps utile. La communication de copies de demandes internationales en vertu de certaines dispositions du traité et du règlement d'exécution, sera également effectuée en vertu de la nouvelle disposition 805.b), entièrement ou partiellement, sous forme électronique selon les modalités déterminées par le directeur général.

La nouvelle instruction 806 permettra à un office désigné d'exiger une copie sur papier d'un listage des séquences déposé seulement sur un support électronique en vertu de la nouvelle instruction 801.

Modification des instructions administratives; entrée en vigueur partielle de la règle 89bis du PCT

La règle 89bis.1.a) du règlement d'exécution du PCT prévoit que “[l]es demandes internationales peuvent, sous réserve des alinéas b) à e), être déposées et traitées sous forme électronique ou par des moyens électroniques, conformément aux instructions administratives; toutefois, l'office récepteur est tenu de permettre le dépôt des demandes internationales sur papier”. Lorsque l'Assemblée de l'Union du PCT a adopté la nouvelle règle 89bis, elle a décidé que la règle entrerait en vigueur en même temps que les modifications des instructions administratives mettant en œuvre cette règle, la date exacte devant être précisée par le directeur général lorsqu'il promulguerait ces modifications.

La règle 89ter est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 1999, date de promulgation des instructions 102bis et 335 relatives aux requêtes préparées à l'aide du logiciel PCT-EASY (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 51/1998 du 23 décembre 1998, page 17331).

Après consultation des offices et des administrations intéressés, conformément à la règle 89.2.a) du PCT, une huitième partie (nouvelle) des instructions administratives, comprenant les nouvelles instructions 801 à 806, telles qu'elles figurent ci-après, est promulguée, conformément aux règles 89bis et 89ter, avec effet au 11 janvier 2001. Le texte actuel des instructions administratives figure dans le numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/1998 du 25 juin 1998, et les modifications précédentes (instructions 102bis et 335) dans la Gazette du PCT no 51/1998 du 23 décembre 1998, page 17331.

Les modifications des instructions administratives, qui figurent ci-après, entrant en vigueur le 11 janvier 2001, il s'ensuit que la règle 89bis entrera également en vigueur à cette date, dans la mesure où ces modifications la mettent en œuvre.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**PART 8 [NEW]
INSTRUCTIONS RELATING TO
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING
LARGE NUCLEOTIDE AND/OR AMINO ACID SEQUENCE LISTINGS****Section 801 [New]
Filing of International Applications Containing
Sequence Listings**

(a) Pursuant to Rules 89*bis* and 89*ter*, where an international application contains disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listings ("sequence listings"), the receiving Office may, if it is prepared to do so, accept that the sequence listing part of the description, as referred to in Rule 5.2(a), be filed, at the option of the applicant:

- (i) only on an electronic medium in the computer readable form referred to in Annex C; or
- (ii) both on an electronic medium in that computer readable form and on paper in the written form referred to in Annex C;

provided that the other elements of the international application are filed as otherwise provided for under the Regulations and these Instructions.

(b) Any receiving Office which is prepared to accept the filing in computer readable form of the sequence listing part of international applications under paragraph (a) shall notify the International Bureau accordingly. The notification shall specify the electronic media on which the receiving Office will accept such filings. The International Bureau shall promptly publish any such information in the Gazette.

(c) A receiving Office which has not made a notification under paragraph (b) may nevertheless decide in a particular case to accept an international application the sequence listing part of which is filed with it under paragraph (a).

(d) Where the sequence listing part is filed in computer readable form under paragraph (a) but not on an electronic medium specified by the receiving Office under paragraph (b), that Office shall, under Article 14(1)(a)(v), invite the applicant to furnish to it a replacement sequence listing part on an electronic medium specified under paragraph (b).

(e) Where an international application containing a sequence listing part in computer readable form is filed under paragraph (a) with a receiving Office which is not prepared, under paragraph (b) or (c), to accept such filings, Section 333(b) and (c) shall apply.

**Section 802 [New]
Format and Identification Requirements Relating to International Applications
Containing Sequence Listings**

(a) Paragraphs 40 to 45 of Annex C shall apply *mutatis mutandis* to the sequence listing part of an international application filed in computer readable form. In addition, the label provided for in paragraph 44 of Annex C shall also include, as the case may be, the following indications:

- (i) that the sequence listing part is filed under Section 801(a);
- (ii) where the sequence listing part in computer readable form is contained on more than one electronic carrier, the numbering of each such carrier (for example, "DISK 1/3," "DISK 2/3," "DISK 3/3");
- (iii) where more than one copy of the sequence listing part in computer readable form has been filed, the numbering of each copy (for example, "COPY 1," "COPY 2," "COPY 3").

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES

HUITIÈME PARTIE [NOUVELLE] INSTRUCTIONS RELATIVES AUX DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT DE VOLUMINEUX LISTAGES DES SÉQUENCES DE NUCLÉOTIDES OU D'ACIDES AMINÉS

Instruction 801 [nouvelle]

Dépôt de demandes internationales contenant des listages des séquences

a) Conformément aux règles 89*bis* et 89*ter*, lorsqu'une demande internationale contient la divulgation d'un ou plusieurs listages des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés ("listages des séquences"), l'office récepteur peut, s'il est disposé à le faire, accepter que la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences visée à la règle 5.2.a) soit déposée, au choix du déposant,

- i) seulement sur un support électronique sous la forme déchiffrable par ordinateur visée à l'annexe C, ou
- ii) à la fois sur un support électronique sous ladite forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et sur papier sous la forme écrite visée à l'annexe C,

à condition que les autres éléments de la demande internationale soient déposés comme prévu normalement dans le règlement d'exécution et les présentes instructions.

b) Tout office récepteur qui est disposé à accepter le dépôt sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, en vertu de l'alinéa a), de la partie réservée au listage des séquences de demandes internationales doit notifier ce fait au Bureau international. La notification doit spécifier les supports électroniques sur lesquels l'office récepteur accepte de tels dépôts. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai les informations de ce type dans la gazette.

c) Un office récepteur qui n'a pas fait de notification selon l'alinéa b) peut néanmoins décider dans un cas précis d'accepter une demande internationale dont la partie réservée au listage des séquences est déposée auprès de lui selon l'alinéa a).

d) Lorsque la partie réservée au listage des séquences est déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'alinéa a) mais pas sur un support électronique spécifié par l'office récepteur selon l'alinéa b), l'office invite le déposant, en vertu de l'article 14.1a)v), à lui remettre sur un support électronique spécifié selon l'alinéa b) un listage de remplacement pour la partie réservée au listage des séquences.

e) Lorsqu'une demande internationale contenant une partie réservée au listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur est déposée en vertu de l'alinéa a) auprès d'un office récepteur qui n'est pas disposé, selon l'alinéa b) ou c), à accepter de tels dépôts, l'instruction 333.b) et c) s'applique.

Instruction 802 [nouvelle]

Exigences relatives au format et à l'identification des demandes internationales contenant des listages des séquences

a) Les paragraphes 40 à 45 de l'annexe C s'appliquent *mutatis mutandis* à la partie réservée au listage des séquences d'une demande internationale déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur. De plus, l'étiquette visée au paragraphe 44 de l'annexe C doit aussi comporter, selon le cas, les indications relatives aux points suivants :

- i) le fait que la partie réservée au listage des séquences est déposée en vertu de l'instruction 801.a);
- ii) lorsque la partie réservée au listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur figure sur plus d'un support électronique, la numérotation de chacun des supports (par exemple, "DISQUE 1/3", "DISQUE 2/3", "DISQUE 3/3");
- iii) lorsque plus d'un exemplaire de la partie réservée au listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur est déposé, la numérotation de chaque exemplaire (par exemple, "EXEMPLAIRE 1/3", "EXEMPLAIRE 2/3", "EXEMPLAIRE 3/3").

(b) Where any correction under Rule 26.3, any rectification of an obvious error under Rule 91, or any amendment under Article 34 is submitted in respect of the sequence listing part of an international application filed, under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii), in computer readable form, a replacement sequence listing part in computer readable form containing the entire sequence listing part with the relevant correction, rectification or amendment shall be furnished and the label referred to in paragraph (a) shall be marked accordingly (for example, "SUBMITTED FOR CORRECTION," "SUBMITTED FOR RECTIFICATION," "SUBMITTED FOR AMENDMENT"). Where the sequence listing part was filed both in computer readable form and in written form under Section 801(a)(ii), replacement sheets containing the correction, rectification or amendment in question shall also be submitted in written form.

Section 803 [New]
Calculation of Basic Fee for International Applications
Containing Sequence Listings

Where the sequence listing part of an international application is filed in electronic form under Section 801(a), the basic fee payable in respect of that application shall comprise the following two components:

- (i) a basic component calculated as provided in the Schedule of Fees in respect of all pages filed on paper (that is, all pages of the request, description (excluding the sequence listing part if also filed on paper), claims, abstract and drawings), and
- (ii) an additional component, in respect of the sequence listing part, equal to 400 times the fee per sheet as referred to in item 1(b) of the Schedule of Fees, regardless of the actual length of the sequence listing part filed in computer readable form and regardless of the fact that the sequence listing part may have been filed both in written form and in computer readable form.

Section 804 [New]
Preparation, Identification and Transmittal of Copies of
International Applications Containing Sequence Listings

(a) Where the sequence listing part of an international application is filed only in computer readable form under Section 801(a)(i), the record copy for the purposes of Article 12 shall consist of those elements of the international application filed on paper together with the sequence listing part filed in computer readable form.

(b) Where the sequence listing part of an international application is filed both in computer readable form and in written form under Section 801(a)(ii), the record copy for the purposes of Article 12 shall consist of all the elements of the international application filed on paper, including the sequence listing part in written form.

(c) Where the sequence listing part of an international application is filed in computer readable form under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii) in less than the number of copies required for the purposes of this Section, the receiving Office shall either:

- (i) promptly prepare any additional copies required, in which case it shall have the right to fix a fee for performing that task and to collect such fee from the applicant; or
- (ii) invite the applicant to promptly furnish the additional number of copies required, accompanied by a statement that the sequence listing part in computer readable form contained in those copies is identical to the sequence listing part in computer readable form as filed;

provided that, where that sequence listing part was also filed in written form under Section 801(a)(ii), the receiving Office shall not, notwithstanding Rule 11.1(b), require the applicant to file additional copies of the sequence listing part in written form.

b) Pour toute correction en vertu de la règle 26.3, toute rectification d'une erreur évidente en vertu de la règle 91 ou toute modification en vertu de l'article 34 concernant la partie réservée au listage des séquences d'une demande internationale, déposée en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i) ou ii) sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, le déposant doit remettre un listage de remplacement pour la partie réservée au listage des séquences contenant ladite partie dans sa totalité avec la correction, la rectification ou la modification pertinente; l'étiquette visée à l'alinéa a) doit porter les indications correspondantes (par exemple, "REMIS AUX FINS DE CORRECTION", "REMIS AUX FINS DE RECTIFICATION", "REMIS AUX FINS DE MODIFICATION"). Lorsque la partie réservée au listage des séquences a été déposée à la fois sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et sous forme écrite en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), des feuilles de remplacement contenant la correction, la rectification ou la modification en question doivent aussi être remises sous forme écrite.

Instruction 803 [nouvelle]
Calcul de la taxe de base pour les demandes internationales
contenant des listages des séquences

Lorsque la partie réservée au listage des séquences d'une demande internationale est déposée sous forme électronique en vertu de l'instruction 801.a), la taxe de base à acquitter en ce qui concerne cette demande comprend les deux composantes suivantes :

i) une composante de base calculée comme prévu dans le barème de taxes en ce qui concerne toutes les pages déposées sur papier (c'est-à-dire toutes les pages de la requête, de la description (autre que la partie réservée au listage des séquences si celle-ci est également déposée sur papier), des revendications, de l'abrégé et des dessins), et

ii) une composante supplémentaire correspondant à la partie réservée au listage des séquences, égale à 400 fois la taxe par feuille visée au point 1.b) du barème de taxes, quelle que soit la longueur proprement dite de la partie réservée au listage des séquences déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et sans tenir compte du fait que la partie réservée au listage des séquences ait pu être déposée à la fois sous forme écrite et sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

Instruction 804 [nouvelle]
Préparation, identification et transmission des copies de demandes internationales
contenant des listages des séquences

a) Lorsque la partie réservée au listage des séquences d'une demande internationale est déposée seulement sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), l'exemplaire original aux fins de l'article 12 est constitué des éléments de la demande internationale déposés sur papier ainsi que de la partie réservée au listage des séquences déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

b) Lorsque la partie réservée au listage des séquences d'une demande internationale est déposée à la fois sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et sous forme écrite en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), l'exemplaire original aux fins de l'article 12 est constitué de tous les éléments de la demande internationale déposés sur papier, y compris la partie réservée au listage des séquences sous forme écrite.

c) Lorsque la partie réservée au listage des séquences d'une demande internationale est déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i) ou ii) dans un nombre d'exemplaires inférieur à celui requis aux fins de la présente instruction,

- i) soit l'office récepteur prépare à bref délai toute copie supplémentaire qui est requise, auquel cas il a le droit de fixer une taxe pour l'exécution de cette tâche et de percevoir cette taxe du déposant,
- ii) soit il invite le déposant à remettre à bref délai le nombre supplémentaire de copies requis, accompagnées d'une déclaration aux termes de laquelle la partie réservée au listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur contenue dans ces copies est identique à celle qui a été déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur;

étant entendu que, lorsque la partie réservée au listage des séquences avait aussi été déposée sous forme écrite en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), l'office récepteur ne peut exiger du déposant, nonobstant la règle 11.1.b), qu'il dépose des exemplaires additionnels de ladite partie sous forme écrite.

(d) Where the sequence listing part of an international application is filed under Section 801(a)(i), the receiving Office shall, in addition to proceeding under Section 305 with respect to the parts of the international application filed on paper:

(i) mark the words “RECORD COPY—SEQUENCE LISTING PART” on the original electronic medium containing the sequence listing part in computer readable form and transmit that part of the record copy to the International Bureau together with the paper part of the record copy;

(ii) mark the words “SEARCH COPY—SEQUENCE LISTING PART” on one additional copy of the electronic medium containing the sequence listing part in computer readable form and transmit that part of the search copy to the International Searching Authority, for the purposes of Rule 13^{ter}.1, together with the paper part of the search copy;

(iii) mark the words “HOME COPY—SEQUENCE LISTING PART” on the other such copy of the electronic medium containing the sequence listing part in computer readable form and keep that part of the home copy in its files together with the paper part of the home copy.

(e) Where the sequence listing part of an international application is filed under Section 801(a)(ii), the receiving Office shall, in addition to proceeding under Section 305 with respect to the parts of the international application filed on paper:

(i) mark the words “RECORD COPY—SEQUENCE LISTING PART” in the upper left-hand corner of the first page of the sequence listing part in written form and transmit that part of the record copy to the International Bureau together with the paper part of the record copy; it shall also mark the words “COPY FOR INTERNATIONAL BUREAU—SEQUENCE LISTING PART” on one copy of the electronic medium containing the sequence listing part in computer readable form and transmit that copy with the record copy;

(ii) mark the words “SEARCH COPY—SEQUENCE LISTING PART” on one additional copy of the electronic medium containing the sequence listing part in computer readable form and transmit that part of the search copy to the International Searching Authority, for the purposes of Rule 13^{ter}.1, together with the paper part of the search copy;

(iii) mark the words “HOME COPY—SEQUENCE LISTING PART” on the other such copy of the electronic medium containing the sequence listing part in computer readable form and keep that part of the home copy in its files together with the paper part of the home copy.

(f) The receiving Office may, when marking the copies referred to in paragraphs (d) and (e), use, instead of the words referred to in those paragraphs, the equivalent of those words in the language of publication of the international application.

Section 805 [New]

Publication and Communication of International Applications Containing Sequence Listings; Copies; Priority Documents

(a) Notwithstanding Section 406, an international application containing a sequence listing part may be published under Article 21, in whole or in part, in electronic form as determined by the Director General.

d) Lorsque la partie réservée au listage des séquences d'une demande internationale est déposée en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), et tout en procédant comme prévu à l'instruction 305 pour ce qui concerne tous les éléments de la demande internationale déposés sur papier, l'office récepteur

i) appose la mention "EXEMPLAIRE ORIGINAL – PARTIE RÉSERVÉE AU LISTAGE DES SÉQUENCES" sur le support électronique original contenant la partie réservée au listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et transmet cette partie de l'exemplaire original au Bureau international avec la partie sur papier de l'exemplaire original;

ii) appose la mention "COPIE DE RECHERCHE – PARTIE RÉSERVÉE AU LISTAGE DES SÉQUENCES" sur un exemplaire supplémentaire du support électronique contenant la partie réservée au listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et transmet cette partie de la copie de recherche à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, aux fins de la règle 13^{ter}.1, avec la partie sur papier de la copie de recherche;

iii) appose la mention "COPIE POUR L'OFFICE RÉCEPTEUR – PARTIE RÉSERVÉE AU LISTAGE DES SÉQUENCES" sur l'exemplaire restant du support électronique contenant la partie réservée au listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et conserve cette partie de la copie pour l'office récepteur dans ses dossiers avec la partie sur papier de la copie pour l'office récepteur.

e) Lorsque la partie réservée au listage des séquences d'une demande internationale est déposée en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), et tout en procédant comme prévu à l'instruction 305 pour ce qui concerne tous les éléments de la demande internationale déposés sur papier, l'office récepteur

i) appose la mention "EXEMPLAIRE ORIGINAL – PARTIE RÉSERVÉE AU LISTAGE DES SÉQUENCES" dans le coin supérieur gauche de la première page de la partie réservée au listage des séquences sous forme écrite et transmet cette partie de l'exemplaire original au Bureau international avec la partie sur papier de l'exemplaire original; de plus, il appose la mention "COPIE POUR LE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL – PARTIE RÉSERVÉE AU LISTAGE DES SÉQUENCES" sur un exemplaire du support électronique contenant la partie réservée au listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et transmet ladite copie avec l'exemplaire original;

ii) appose la mention "COPIE DE RECHERCHE – PARTIE RÉSERVÉE AU LISTAGE DES SÉQUENCES" sur un exemplaire supplémentaire du support électronique contenant la partie réservée au listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et transmet cette partie de la copie de recherche à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, aux fins de la règle 13^{ter}.1, avec la partie sur papier de la copie de recherche;

iii) appose la mention "COPIE POUR L'OFFICE RÉCEPTEUR – PARTIE RÉSERVÉE AU LISTAGE DES SÉQUENCES" sur l'exemplaire restant du support électronique contenant la partie réservée au listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et conserve cette partie de la copie pour l'office récepteur dans ses dossiers avec la partie sur papier de la copie pour l'office récepteur.

f) Lorsqu'il appose une mention sur les exemplaires visés en vertu des alinéas d) et e), l'office récepteur peut utiliser, au lieu des mots mentionnés dans ces alinéas, leur équivalent dans la langue de publication de la demande internationale.

Instruction 805 [nouvelle]

Publication et communication des demandes internationales contenant des listages des séquences; copies; documents de priorité

a) Nonobstant l'instruction 406, une demande internationale contenant une partie réservée au listage des séquences peut être publiée en vertu de l'article 21 entièrement ou partiellement sous forme électronique selon les modalités déterminées par le directeur général.

- (b) Paragraph (a) shall apply *mutatis mutandis* in relation to:
- (i) the communication of an international application under Article 20;
 - (ii) the furnishing of copies of an international application under Rules 87 and 94.1;
 - (iii) the furnishing under Rule 17.1, as a priority document, of a copy of an international application containing a sequence listing part filed under Section 801(a);
 - (iv) the furnishing under Rules 17.2 and 66.7 of copies of a priority document.

Section 806 [New]
Sequence Listings for Designated Office

Where the sequence listing part of an international application was filed only in computer readable form under Section 801(a)(i), any designated Office which does not accept the filing of sequence listings in computer readable form may require that the applicant furnish to it, for the purposes of the national phase, a copy of such sequence listing part on paper in written form complying with Annex C and accompanied by a statement that the sequence listing part in written form is identical to the sequence listing part in computer readable form.

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTING PART FILED ON AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT SUCH FILINGS AND SPECIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA

The International Bureau as receiving Office is prepared, as from 11 January 2001, to accept the filing of international applications containing a sequence listing part filed on an electronic medium under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii) of the Administrative Instructions and specifies, under Section 801(b), the following electronic media (see page 818, above):

IB International Bureau of the World
Intellectual Property Organization

Any electronic medium referred to in Annex C of
the Administrative Instructions

- b) L'alinéa a) s'applique *mutatis mutandis* aux fins
- i) de la communication d'une demande internationale en vertu de l'article 20;
 - ii) de la remise de copies d'une demande internationale en vertu des règles 87 et 94.1;
 - iii) de la remise en vertu de la règle 17.1, en tant que document de priorité, d'une copie d'une demande internationale contenant une partie réservée au listage des séquences déposée en vertu de l'instruction 801.a);
 - iv) de la remise en vertu des règles 17.2 et 66.7 de copies d'un document de priorité.

Instruction 806 [nouvelle]

Listages des séquences pour l'office désigné

Lorsque la partie réservée au listage des séquences d'une demande internationale a été déposée seulement sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), tout office désigné qui n'accepte pas le dépôt des listages des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur peut exiger que le déposant lui fournisse, aux fins de la phase nationale, une copie sous forme écrite conforme à l'annexe C de ladite partie réservée au listage des séquences et accompagnée d'une déclaration selon laquelle la partie réservée au listage des séquences sous forme écrite est identique à la partie réservée au listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT UNE PARTIE RÉSERVÉE AU LISTAGE DES SÉQUENCES DÉPOSÉE SUR UN SUPPORT ÉLECTRONIQUE : OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DISPOSÉS À ACCEPTER DE TELS DÉPÔTS ET SPÉCIFICATION DES SUPPORTS ÉLECTRONIQUES

Le Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur est disposé à accepter, à compter du 11 janvier 2001, le dépôt des demandes internationales dont la partie réservée au listage des séquences est déposée sur un support électronique en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801.a)i) ou ii); en vertu de l'instruction 801.b), il spécifie les supports électroniques suivants (voir la page 819) :

IB Bureau international de l'Organisation
Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle

Tout support électronique visé à l'annexe C des
instructions administratives

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**Non-Working Days**

For the purposes of computing time limits under PCT Rule 80.5,* it is to be noted that the days on which the International Bureau is **not open for business** are, for the period from 1 February 2001 to 31 January 2002, the following:

all Saturdays and Sundays and	6 September 2001
5 March 2001	25 December 2001
13 April 2001	26 December 2001
16 April 2001	1 January 2002
24 May 2001	2 January 2002
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It is important to note that the days indicated above concern **only the International Bureau** and **not** the national Offices and other international organizations.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**US United States of America**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)**, as specified below, have been established for the search fee for an international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The new amounts are applicable as from 15 February 2001.

Search fee (international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office):	ZAR 5,500 (3,500) The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee paid
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* Rule 80.5 **Expiration on a Non-Working Day**

“If the expiration of any period during which any document or fee must reach a national Office or intergovernmental organization falls on a day on which such Office or organization is not open to the public for the purposes of the transaction of official business, or on which ordinary mail is not delivered in the locality in which such Office or organization is situated, the period shall expire on the next subsequent day on which neither of the said two circumstances exists.”

BUREAU INTERNATIONAL

Jours chômés

Aux fins du calcul des délais selon la règle 80.5* du PCT, il convient de noter que le Bureau international **ne sera pas ouvert** les jours suivants, pendant la période du 1^{er} février 2001 au 31 janvier 2002 :

tous les samedis et dimanches et	le 6 septembre 2001
le 5 mars 2001	le 25 décembre 2001
le 13 avril 2001	le 26 décembre 2001
le 16 avril 2001	le 1 ^{er} janvier 2002
le 24 mai 2001	le 2 janvier 2002
le 4 juin 2001	

Il est important de noter que les jours susmentionnés concernent le **Bureau international exclusivement et non pas** les offices nationaux ni d'autres organisations intergouvernementales.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

US États-Unis d'Amérique

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 15 février 2001, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :	ZAR 5.500 (3.500)
	Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante, selon l'article 111.a) du titre 35 USC, accompagnée d'une taxe de dépôt de base, a été déposée aux États-Unis

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe D(US), page 329]

* Règle 80.5 **Expiration un jour chômé**

“Si un délai quelconque pendant lequel un document ou une taxe doit parvenir à un office national ou à une organisation intergouvernementale expire un jour où cet office ou cette organisation n'est pas ouvert au public pour traiter d'affaires officielles, ou bien un jour où le courrier ordinaire n'est pas délivré dans la localité où cet office ou cette organisation est situé, le délai prend fin le premier jour suivant auquel aucune de ces deux circonstances n'existe plus.”

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE****PL Poland**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Polish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of two depositary institutions having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

Collection of Industrial Microorganisms	Polish Collection of Microorganisms (PCM)
Institute of Agricultural and Food	Institute of Immunology and Experimental Therapy
Biotechnology (IAFB)	Polish Academy of Sciences
Ul. Rakowiecka 36	Ul. Weigla 12
02-532 Warsaw	53-114 Wroclaw
Poland	Poland

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex L, page 328]

**INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTING PART FILED ON AN
ELECTRONIC MEDIUM: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT SUCH FILINGS AND
SPECIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA**

The following receiving Office has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept the filing of international applications containing a sequence listing part filed on an electronic medium under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii) of the Administrative Instructions and has specified, under Section 801(b), that it will accept such filings on the following electronic media:

AU Australian Patent Office	CD-ROM, in accordance with International Standard ISO 9660
	CD-R, in accordance with International Standard ISO 9660

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**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
INSTITUTIONS AUPRÈS DESQUELLES DES DÉPÔTS PEUVENT ÊTRE EFFECTUÉS**

PL Pologne

Conformément à la règle 13*bis*.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office polonais des brevets** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à la désignation de deux institutions de dépôt ayant acquis le statut d'institution de dépôt internationale reconnue en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès desquelles des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, comme suit :

Collection of Industrial Microorganisms	Polish Collection of Microorganisms (PCM)
Institute of Agricultural and Food	Institute of Immunology and Experimental Therapy
Biotechnology (IAFB)	Polish Academy of Sciences
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02-532 Warsaw	53-114 Wrocław
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**DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT UNE PARTIE RÉSERVÉE AU LISTAGE DES
SÉQUENCES DÉPOSÉE SUR UN SUPPORT ÉLECTRONIQUE : OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DISPOSÉS
À ACCEPTER DE TELS DÉPÔTS ET SPÉCIFICATION DES SUPPORTS ÉLECTRONIQUES**

L'office récepteur suivant a informé le Bureau international qu'il est disposé à accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales dont la partie réservée au listage des séquences est déposée sur un support électronique en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801.a)i) ou ii) et a spécifié, en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801.b), qu'il acceptera de tels dépôts sur les supports électroniques suivants :

AU Office australien des brevets	CD-ROM, conformément à la norme internationale ISO 9660
	CD-R, conformément à la norme internationale ISO 9660

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SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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INCLUSION OF CERTAIN DECLARATIONS IN THE REQUEST, WITH A VIEW TO SIMPLIFYING NATIONAL PHASE PROCESSING OF PCT APPLICATIONS**Note Prepared by the International Bureau**

On 17 March 2000, the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) adopted a number of amendments of the PCT Regulations, aimed at simplifying the national phase processing of PCT applications and aligning the PCT with the text of the Patent Law Treaty. Those amendments will make it possible, from 1 March 2001, for applicants to include in the request part of their international applications certain declarations, using standardized wording, for the purposes of processing by designated Offices in the national phase. For more information, see the Note published in PCT Gazette No. 42/2000, on 19 October 2000, page 15522.

The declarations concerned, which are provided for in new Rule 4.17, are the following: (i) declaration as to the identity of the inventor; (ii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent; (iii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim priority of the earlier application; (iv) declaration of inventorship (only for purposes of the designation of the United States of America); and (v) declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty. Corresponding provisions concerning processing in the national phase are found in amended Rule 51*bis*.1 and new Rule 51*bis*.2.

Noting that Rule 4.17 provides that the declarations shall be worded as prescribed by the Administrative Instructions under the PCT, the necessary modifications to these Instructions are being promulgated with effect from 1 March 2001 (see below for further details; see also WIPO document PCT/AI/1 Add.1*ter* which may be viewed on the WIPO Internet site at the following address: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>). The relevant standardized wording for each of the five declarations mentioned above is contained, respectively, in new Sections 211 to 215 of the Administrative Instructions.

New Rule 26*ter*.1 states that applicants may make corrections or additions of declarations; new Section 216 provides that such corrections or additions may only be made by submitting replacement sheets (that is, not by submitting, in a letter, text or corrections that would have to be carried over by the International Bureau onto the corresponding sheet of the request).

Sections have been added and/or modified so as to deal with certain aspects of the processing of declarations by the receiving Office (new Sections 303(b) and 327(d) and amended Section 327(a)) and the International Bureau (new Section 419(c)). Under these provisions, receiving Offices and the International Bureau are not permitted (nor obliged) to make *ex officio* corrections and deletions to the declarations.

New or amended Sections 216, 303, 327 and 419 reflect the fact that only designated Offices (and not the receiving Office nor the International Bureau) would be in a position to determine, under the applicable national law, the validity of any of the declarations made by the applicant.

New Rule 26*ter*.1 provides that corrected and added declarations must be submitted to the International Bureau. New Section 317 expressly states that, should any such corrections and additions be received by the receiving Office, that Office must transmit them to the International Bureau which shall treat them as received by it on the date marked by the receiving Office. (This provision is similar in its effect to present Rule 56.1(f) applying in the case of later elections.)

New Section 419(a) provides for the processing by the International Bureau of declarations and corrections thereof received by it before the expiration of the time limit under new Rule 26*ter*.1 and new Section 419(d) provides for the processing of such declarations and corrections received after the expiration of that time limit (see new Rule 26*ter*.2(b)).

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Note du Bureau international

Le 17 mars 2000, l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a adopté un certain nombre de modifications du règlement d'exécution du PCT, visant à simplifier le traitement des demandes internationales selon le PCT durant la phase nationale et à aligner le PCT sur le texte du Traité sur le droit des brevets (PLT). Ces modifications permettront aux déposants, à compter du 1^{er} mars 2001, d'inclure dans la partie "requête" de leurs demandes internationales certaines déclarations, en utilisant un libellé standard, aux fins du traitement durant la phase nationale par les offices désignés. Pour plus de renseignements, voir la note publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 42/2000, le 19 octobre 2000, page 15523.

Les déclarations en question, prévues à la nouvelle règle 4.17, sont les suivantes : i) déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur; ii) déclaration selon laquelle le déposant a, à la date du dépôt international, le droit de demander et d'obtenir un brevet; iii) déclaration selon laquelle le déposant a, à la date du dépôt international, le droit de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure; iv) déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique); et v) déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté. On trouve les dispositions correspondantes concernant le traitement durant la phase nationale dans la règle 51*bis*.1 modifiée et dans la nouvelle règle 51*bis*.2.

La règle 4.17 prévoyant que les déclarations doivent être libellées conformément aux prescriptions des instructions administratives du PCT, les modifications nécessaires desdites instructions sont promulguées à compter du 1^{er} mars 2001 (voir ci-dessous pour de plus amples détails; voir aussi le document PCT/AI/1 Add.1*ter* de l'OMPI qui peut être consulté sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/index.html>). Le libellé standard pertinent pour chacune des cinq déclarations mentionnées ci-dessus figure, respectivement, dans les nouvelles instructions administratives 211 à 215.

La nouvelle règle 26*ter*.1 stipule que les déposants peuvent faire des corrections ou des adjonctions aux déclarations; la nouvelle instruction 216 prévoit que ces corrections ou adjonctions ne peuvent être effectuées qu'au moyen de feuilles de remplacement (c'est-à-dire pas en présentant une lettre contenant du texte ou des corrections que le Bureau international devrait reporter dans les feuilles correspondantes de la requête).

Des instructions ont été ajoutées ou modifiées afin de régler certains aspects du traitement des déclarations par l'office récepteur (nouvelles instructions 303.b) et 327.d) et instruction 327.a) modifiée) et par le Bureau international (nouvelle instruction 419.c)). Selon ces dispositions, les offices récepteurs et le Bureau international ne peuvent (et ne doivent) ni corriger ni biffer d'office les déclarations.

Les instructions nouvelles ou modifiées 216, 303, 327 et 419 tiennent compte du fait que seuls les offices désignés (en d'autres termes, ni les offices récepteurs, ni le Bureau international) seraient en mesure d'établir, selon la législation nationale applicable, la validité de l'une quelconque des déclarations faites par le déposant.

La nouvelle règle 26*ter*.1 prévoit que des déclarations corrigées ou ajoutées doivent être présentées au Bureau international. La nouvelle instruction 317 stipule expressément que, si de telles corrections et adjonctions sont reçues par l'office récepteur, ce dernier doit les transmettre au Bureau international qui les traitera comme s'il les avait reçues à la date indiquée par l'office récepteur. (L'effet de cette disposition est similaire à celui de la règle 56.1.f) actuelle applicable au cas des élections ultérieures.)

La nouvelle instruction 419.a) prévoit le traitement par le Bureau international de déclarations et de corrections apportées à des déclarations qu'il a reçues avant l'expiration du délai prévu par la nouvelle règle 26*ter*.1 et la nouvelle instruction 419.d) prévoit le traitement de telles déclarations et corrections reçues après l'expiration de ce délai (voir la nouvelle règle 26*ter*.2.b)).

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New Section 419(b) requires the International Bureau to notify the receiving Office and the International Searching Authority about the fact and the date of receipt of a declaration or correction thereof (which will, in practice, be done by sending a copy of the notification sent to the applicant) but copies of the declaration or correction itself would not be sent. Thus, the receiving Office and the International Searching Authority will not have to handle replacement sheets of the request in all cases concerned. However, the receiving Office would have the possibility, on a case-by-case basis, of requesting the International Bureau to send to it copies of those sheets, for example, if the applicant requested a certified copy of the international application under Rule 20.9 (containing the international application as filed and any corrections thereto). Similarly, the International Searching Authority would be able to request a copy of sheets containing a declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosure or exceptions to lack of novelty.

Furthermore, the last sentence of new Section 419(d) provides that, if a declaration of inventorship for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America is received after the expiration of the time limit under Rule 26*ter*.1, it will be returned to the applicant if it has been signed, thereby enabling the applicant to submit that signed declaration direct to the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a designated Office.

Finally, pursuant to the amendments of Rule 48.2(b)(iv), a new item 8 has been added to Annex D of the Administrative Instructions to provide for the express indication, in the Gazette, of the fact that one or more of the declarations referred to in Rule 4.17 were made and of those designations for the purposes of which such declarations were made (present item 7 has not been modified except for the deletion of the period at the end thereof).

Modification of the Administrative Instructions

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(a), new Sections 211 to 216, 317 and 419, modified Sections 303 and 327 and modified Annex D, as set out below, are promulgated with effect from 1 March 2001. The present text of the Administrative Instructions is set out in PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-03/1998 dated 25 June 1998 and the previous modifications in PCT Gazette No. 51/1998 dated 23 December 1998, page 17330 (Sections 102*bis* and 335) and in PCT Gazette No. 02/2001 dated 11 January 2001, page 822 (Sections 801 to 806). The corresponding WIPO documents, PCT/AI/1, PCT/AI/1 Add.1 and PCT/AI/1 Add.1*bis* may be viewed on the WIPO Internet site at the following address: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>, as well as document PCT/AI/1 Add.1*ter*, as indicated above.

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La nouvelle instruction 419.b) exige que le Bureau international notifie à l'office récepteur et à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale le fait qu'il a reçu une déclaration ou une correction apportée à une déclaration et à quelle date (cela se fera en pratique par l'envoi d'une copie de la notification qui est envoyée au déposant) mais sans joindre de copies de la déclaration ou de la correction. Ainsi, l'office récepteur et l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale n'auront pas à manipuler de feuilles de remplacement de la requête dans tous les cas en question. Cependant, l'office récepteur aura la possibilité, au cas par cas, de demander au Bureau international de lui envoyer des copies de ces feuilles, par exemple, si le déposant a demandé une copie certifiée de la demande internationale en vertu de la règle 20.9 (contenant la demande internationale telle que déposée et toutes corrections y relatives). Pareillement, l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale pourra demander une copie des feuilles contenant une déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté.

Par ailleurs, la dernière phrase de la nouvelle instruction 419.d) prévoit que, si la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique est reçue après l'expiration du délai en vertu de la règle 26*ter*.1, elle sera retournée au déposant si elle a été signée, permettant ainsi au déposant de présenter cette déclaration signée directement à l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis en tant qu'office désigné.

Enfin, suite aux modifications de la règle 48.2.b).iv), un nouveau point 8 a été ajouté à l'annexe D des instructions administratives afin de prévoir l'indication expresse, dans la gazette, du fait qu'une ou plusieurs déclarations visées à la règle 4.17 ont été faites et aux fins de quelles désignations elles l'ont été (le point 7 actuel n'a pas été modifié si ce n'est que le point final a été supprimé).

Modification des instructions administratives

Après consultation des offices et administrations intéressés conformément à la règle 89.2.a) du PCT, de nouvelles instructions 211 à 216, 317 et 419, les instructions 303 et 327 modifiées et l'annexe D modifiée, telles qu'elles figurent ci-après, sont promulguées avec effet au 1^{er} mars 2001. Le texte actuel des instructions administratives figure dans le numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/1998 du 25 juin 1998 et les modifications précédentes dans la Gazette du PCT n° 51/1998 du 23 décembre 1998, page 17331 (instructions 102*bis* et 335) et dans la Gazette du PCT n° 02/2001 du 11 janvier 2001, page 823 (instructions 801 à 806). Les documents de l'OMPI correspondants, PCT/AI/1, PCT/AI/1 Add.1 et PCT/AI/1 Add.1*bis* peuvent être consultés sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/index.html>, de même que le document PCT/AI/1 Add.1*ter*, comme indiqué ci-dessus.

INCLUSION OF CERTAIN DECLARATIONS IN THE REQUEST, WITH A VIEW TO SIMPLIFYING NATIONAL PHASE PROCESSING OF PCT APPLICATIONS (Cont'd)**MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS****Section 211 [New]****Declaration as to the Identity of the Inventor**

(a) Any declaration as to the identity of the inventor, referred to in Rule 4.17(i), shall be worded as follows:

“Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51*bis*.1(a)(i)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

- (i) ... (*name*) of ... (*address*) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application
- (ii) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations [except the designation of the United States of America]
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ...”

(b) This declaration need not be made if the name and address of the inventor are otherwise indicated in the request.

(c) This declaration may, where applicable, be combined, in accordance with Section 212(b), with the declaration referred to in Section 212(a).

Section 212 [New]**Declaration as to the Applicant's Entitlement to Apply for and Be Granted a Patent**

(a) Any declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent, referred to in Rule 4.17(ii), shall be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement:

“Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) is entitled to apply for and be granted a patent by virtue of the following:

- (i) ... (*name*) of ... (*address*) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application
- (ii) ... (*name*) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (*inventor's name*)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (*name*) and ... (*name*), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (*name*) in favor of ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vi) a court order issued by ... (*name of court*), effecting a transfer from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) by way of ... (*specify kind of transfer*), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant's name changed from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) on ... (*date*)
- (ix) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations [except the designation of the United States of America]
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ...”

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MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES

**Instruction 211 [nouvelle]
Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur**

a) Toute déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur, visée à la règle 4.17.i), doit être libellée comme suit :

“Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)i) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

- i) ... (*nom*), ... (*adresse*), est l'inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection est demandée dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale
- ii) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations [sauf la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique]
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

b) Il n'est pas nécessaire de faire cette déclaration si le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur sont indiqués ailleurs dans la requête.

c) Cette déclaration peut, le cas échéant, être combinée, conformément à l'instruction 212.b), avec la déclaration visée à l'instruction 212.a).

**Instruction 212 [nouvelle]
Déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander
et d'obtenir un brevet**

a) Toute déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet, visée à la règle 4.17.ii), doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à viii) nécessaire aux fins de motiver le droit du déposant :

“Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n'est pas appropriée :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*) a le droit de demander et d'obtenir un brevet en vertu :

- i) du fait que ... (*nom*), ... (*adresse*), est l'inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection est demandée dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale
- ii) du fait que ... (*nom*) [possède] [possédait] ce droit en qualité d'employeur de l'inventeur, ... (*nom de l'inventeur*)
- iii) d'un contrat conclu entre ... (*nom*) et ... (*nom*), daté du ...
- iv) d'une cession de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- v) d'une autorisation consentie par ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vi) d'une décision de justice rendue par ... (*nom du tribunal*), ordonnant un transfert de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vii) d'un transfert de droits de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), sous la forme de ... (*préciser le type de transfert*), daté du ...
- viii) du changement de nom du déposant de ... (*nom*) en ... (*nom*), le ... (*date*)
- ix) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations [sauf la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique]
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (Cont'd)

(b) The declaration referred to in paragraph (a) may, where applicable, be combined with the declaration referred to in Section 211(a), in which case the introductory phrase shall be worded as follows and the remainder of the combined declaration shall be worded as prescribed in paragraph (a):

“Combined declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)) and as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:”

Section 213 [New]

Declaration as to the Applicant’s Entitlement to Claim Priority of Earlier Application

Any declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim priority of the earlier application, referred to in Rule 4.17(iii), shall be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant’s entitlement:

“Declaration as to the applicant’s entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant’s name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) is entitled to claim priority of earlier application No. ... by virtue of the following:

- (i) the applicant is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection was sought by way of the earlier application
- (ii) ... (*name*) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (*inventor’s name*)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (*name*) and ... (*name*), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (*name*) in favor of ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vi) a court order, issued by (*name of court*), effecting a transfer from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) by way of ... (*specify kind of transfer*), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant’s name changed from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) on ... (*date*)
- (ix) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ...”

Section 214 [New]

Declaration of Inventorship

(a) A declaration of inventorship, referred to in Rule 4.17(iv), that is made for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America shall be worded as follows:

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b) La déclaration visée à l'alinéa a) peut, le cas échéant, être combinée avec la déclaration visée à l'instruction 211.a), auquel cas le texte introductif est libellé comme suit et le reste de la déclaration combinée est libellé conformément aux prescriptions de l'alinéa a) :

“Déclaration combinée relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii)) et relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)i)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n'est pas appropriée :”

Instruction 213 [nouvelle]
Déclaration relative au droit du déposant de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure

Toute déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure, visée à la règle 4.17.iii), doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à viii) nécessaire aux fins de motiver le droit du déposant :

“Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure indiquée ci-dessous si le déposant n'est pas celui qui a déposé la demande antérieure ou si son nom a changé depuis le dépôt de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51bis.1.a)iii)) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*) a le droit de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure n° ... en vertu :

- i) du fait que le déposant est l'inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection a été demandée dans la demande antérieure
- ii) du fait que ... (*nom*) [possède] [possédait] ce droit en qualité d'employeur de l'inventeur, ...(*nom de l'inventeur*)
- iii) d'un contrat conclu entre ... (*nom*) et ... (*nom*), daté du ...
- iv) d'une cession de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- v) d'une autorisation consentie par ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vi) d'une décision de justice rendue par ... (*nom du tribunal*), ordonnant un transfert de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vii) d'un transfert de droits de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), sous la forme de ... (*préciser le type de transfert*), daté du ...
- viii) du changement de nom du déposant de ... (*nom*) en ... (*nom*), le ... (*date*)
- ix) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

Instruction 214 [nouvelle]
Déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur

a) Une déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur, visée à la règle 4.17.iv), qui est faite aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique, doit être libellée comme suit :

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“Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51*bis*.1(a)(iv)) for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:

I hereby declare that I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/... (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26*ter*).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the description, claims and drawings of said application. I have identified in the request of said application any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading “Prior Applications,” any application for a patent or inventor’s certificate filed in a country other than the United States of America and having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed or prior to the international filing date (if no foreign priority is claimed).

I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

Further, if this international application is a continuation-in-part application of a prior United States application for patent, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the international filing date of the present application. (This paragraph may be omitted if the international application is not a continuation-in-part application of a prior United States application.)

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Name: ...

Residence: ... (city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Post Office Address: ...

Citizenship: ...

Prior Applications: ...

Inventor’s Signature: ... (if not contained in the request, or if declaration is corrected or added under Rule 26*ter* after the filing of the international application)

Date: ... (of signature which is not contained in the request, or of the declaration that is corrected or added under Rule 26*ter* after the filing of the international application)”

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“Déclaration relative à la qualité d’inventeur (règles 4.17.iv) et 51*bis*.1.a)iv)) aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d’Amérique :

Par la présente, je déclare être le premier inventeur original et unique (si un seul inventeur est mentionné) ou l’un des premiers coïnventeurs (si plusieurs inventeurs sont mentionnés) de l’objet revendiqué pour lequel un brevet est demandé.

La présente déclaration a trait à la demande internationale dont elle fait partie (si la déclaration est déposée avec la demande).

La présente déclaration a trait à la demande internationale n° PCT/... (si la déclaration est remise en vertu de la règle 26*ter*).

Par la présente, je déclare avoir passé en revue et compris le contenu de la description, des revendications et des dessins de ladite demande. J’ai indiqué dans la requête de ladite demande toute revendication de priorité d’une demande étrangère et j’ai mentionné ci-dessous, sous l’intitulé “Demandes antérieures”, toute demande de brevet ou de certificat d’auteur d’invention déposée dans un pays autre que les États-Unis d’Amérique et dont la date de dépôt est antérieure à celle de la demande étrangère dont la priorité est revendiquée ou antérieure à la date de dépôt international (s’il n’est revendiqué la priorité d’aucune demande étrangère).

Par la présente, je reconnais avoir pris connaissance de l’obligation qui m’est faite de divulguer les renseignements dont j’ai connaissance et qui sont pertinents quant à la brevetabilité de l’invention, tels qu’ils sont définis dans le Titre 37, § 1.56, du Code fédéral des réglementations.

De plus, si la présente demande internationale est une demande de continuation-in-part d’une demande de brevet antérieure aux États-Unis d’Amérique, je déclare avoir pris connaissance de l’obligation qui m’est faite de divulguer les renseignements qui sont pertinents quant à la brevetabilité de l’invention, tels qu’ils sont définis dans le Titre 37, § 1.56, du Code fédéral des réglementations, et qui sont devenus accessibles entre la date de dépôt de la demande antérieure et la date de dépôt international de la présente demande. (Le présent alinéa peut être omis si la demande internationale n’est pas une demande de continuation-in-part d’une demande antérieure aux États-Unis d’Amérique.)

Je déclare par la présente que toute déclaration ci-incluse est, à ma connaissance, véridique et que toute déclaration formulée à partir de renseignements ou de suppositions est tenue pour véridique; et de plus, que toutes ces déclarations ont été formulées en sachant que toute fausse déclaration volontaire ou son équivalent est passible d’une amende ou d’une incarcération, ou des deux, en vertu de la Section 1001 du Titre 18 du Code des États-Unis, et que de telles déclarations volontairement fausses risquent de compromettre la validité de la demande de brevet ou du brevet délivré à partir de celle-ci.

Nom : ...

Domicile : ... (ville et État (des États-Unis d’Amérique), le cas échéant, ou pays)

Adresse postale : ...

Nationalité : ...

Demandes antérieures : ...

Signature de l’inventeur : ... (si elle ne figure pas dans la requête, ou si la déclaration a fait l’objet de corrections ou d’adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26*ter* après le dépôt de la demande internationale)

Date : ... (de la signature qui ne figure pas dans la requête, ou de la déclaration qui a fait l’objet de corrections ou d’adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26*ter* après le dépôt de la demande internationale)”

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(b) Any correction or addition under Rule 26ter.1 of a declaration referred to in paragraph (a) shall take the form of a declaration referred to in that paragraph and be signed by the inventor. In addition, any such correction shall be entitled "Supplemental declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))".

Section 215 [New]
Declaration as to Non-Prejudicial Disclosures or
Exceptions to Lack of Novelty

Any declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty shall be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (iv) as is necessary:

"Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty (Rules 4.17(v) and 51bis.1(a)(v)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) declares that the subject matter claimed in [the] [this] international application was disclosed as follows:

- (i) kind of disclosure (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) international exhibition
 - (b) publication
 - (c) abuse
 - (d) other: ... (*specify*)
- (ii) date of disclosure: ...
- (iii) title of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...
- (iv) place of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...
- (v) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ..."

Section 216 [New]
Notice of Correction or Addition of a Declaration Under Rule 26ter

Any notice referred to in Rule 26ter.1 shall consist of a replacement sheet containing a corrected declaration, or of an additional sheet containing a declaration, and an accompanying letter explaining the correction or addition.

Section 303 [Modified]
Deletion of Additional Matter in the Request

(a) Where, under Rule 4.18(b), the receiving Office deletes *ex officio* any matter contained in the request, it shall do so by enclosing such matter within square brackets and entering, in the margin, the words "DELETED BY RO" or their equivalent in the language of publication of the international application, and shall notify the applicant accordingly. If copies of the international application have already been sent to the International Bureau and the International Searching Authority, the receiving Office shall also notify that Bureau and that Authority.

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b) Toute correction ou adjonction, faite en vertu de la règle 26ter.1, d'une déclaration visée à l'alinéa a) doit être présentée sous la forme d'une déclaration visée audit alinéa et être signée par l'inventeur. De plus, toute correction doit être intitulée "Déclaration supplémentaire relative à la qualité d'inventeur (règles 4.17.iv) et 51bis.1.a)iv)".

**Instruction 215 [nouvelle]
Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables
ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté**

Toute déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à iv) qui s'avérerait nécessaire :

"Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règles 4.17.v) et 51bis.1.a)v) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*) déclare que l'objet revendiqué dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale a été divulgué comme suit :

- i) nature de la divulgation (*préciser selon le cas*) :
 - a) exposition internationale
 - b) publication
 - c) utilisation abusive
 - d) autre : ... (*préciser*)
- ii) date de la divulgation : ...
- iii) intitulé de la divulgation (*s'il y a lieu*) : ...
- iv) lieu de la divulgation (*s'il y a lieu*) : ...
- v) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ..."

**Instruction 216 [nouvelle]
Communication visant à corriger ou ajouter une déclaration
selon la règle 26ter**

Toute communication visée à la règle 26ter.1 comprend une feuille de remplacement contenant une déclaration corrigée, ou une feuille supplémentaire contenant une déclaration, ainsi qu'une lettre d'accompagnement expliquant la correction ou l'adjonction.

**Instruction 303 [modifiée]
Suppression d'éléments supplémentaires dans la requête**

a) Lorsque, selon la règle 4.18.b), l'office récepteur biffe d'office des éléments contenus dans la requête, il place ces éléments entre crochets, inscrit dans la marge la mention "SUPPRIMÉ PAR RO" ou son équivalent dans la langue de publication de la demande internationale, et en avise le déposant. Si l'exemplaire original ou une copie de la demande internationale ont déjà été transmis au Bureau international ou à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, l'office récepteur en avise également ce Bureau et cette administration.

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(b) The receiving Office shall not delete *ex officio* any indication made in declarations referred to in Rule 4.17 which are contained in the request.

Section 317 [New]
**Transmittal of a Notice of Correction or Addition of
a Declaration Under Rule 26ter.1**

If a notice under Rule 26ter.1 is submitted by the applicant to the receiving Office, that Office shall mark the date of receipt on the notice and transmit it promptly to the International Bureau. The notice shall be considered to have been received by the International Bureau on the date marked.

Section 327 [Modified]
***Ex Officio* Correction of Request by the Receiving Office**

(a) Subject to paragraph (d), where the record copy has not yet been sent to the International Bureau and the request requires correction because it contains an inconsistency or a minor defect such as non-compliance with the requirement for indications under Section 115, the receiving Office may correct the request *ex officio*. If the receiving Office does so, it shall notify the applicant accordingly.

(b) and (c) [No change]

(d) The receiving Office shall not make any *ex officio* correction to declarations referred to in Rule 4.17 which are contained in the request.

Section 419 [New]
Processing of a Declaration Under Rule 26ter

(a) Where any declaration referred to in Rule 4.17, or any correction thereof under Rule 26ter.1, is submitted to the International Bureau within the time limit under Rule 26ter.1, the International Bureau shall indicate the date on which it received the declaration or correction and insert the additional sheet or replacement sheet in the record copy.

(b) The International Bureau shall promptly notify the applicant, the receiving Office and the International Searching Authority of any declaration corrected or added under Rule 26ter.1.

(c) The International Bureau shall not make any *ex officio* correction to declarations referred to in Rule 4.17 which are contained in the request.

(d) Where any declaration referred to in Rule 4.17, or any correction thereof under Rule 26ter.1, is submitted to the International Bureau after the expiration of the time limit under Rule 26ter.1, the International Bureau shall notify the applicant accordingly and inform the applicant that such a declaration or correction should be submitted directly to the designated Office or Offices concerned. Any declaration referred to in Rule 4.17(iv), signed as prescribed in Section 214, which is submitted to the International Bureau after the expiration of the time limit under Rule 26ter.1 shall be returned to the applicant.

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b) L'office récepteur ne biffe d'office aucune des indications faites dans des déclarations visées à la règle 4.17 qui figurent dans la requête.

Instruction 317 [nouvelle]
Transmission d'une communication visant à corriger ou ajouter une déclaration selon la règle 26ter.1

Si le déposant présente à l'office récepteur une communication selon la règle 26ter.1, l'office appose la date de réception sur la communication et la transmet à bref délai au Bureau international. La communication est considérée comme ayant été reçue par le Bureau international à la date indiquée.

Instruction 327 [modifiée]
Correction d'office de la requête par l'office récepteur

a) Sous réserve de l'alinéa d), si l'exemplaire original de la demande internationale n'a pas encore été transmis au Bureau international et qu'il est nécessaire de corriger la requête parce qu'elle contient une incohérence ou une irrégularité mineure telle que l'inobservation de l'exigence relative à l'indication visée à l'instruction 115, l'office récepteur peut corriger d'office la requête. S'il le fait, l'office récepteur en avise le déposant.

b) et c) [*Sans changement*]

d) L'office récepteur n'apporte aucune correction d'office aux déclarations visées à la règle 4.17 qui figurent dans la requête.

Instruction 419 [nouvelle]
Traitement d'une déclaration selon la règle 26ter

a) Lorsqu'une déclaration visée à la règle 4.17, ou une correction apportée à une déclaration en vertu de la règle 26ter.1, est présentée au Bureau international dans le délai visé à la règle 26ter.1, le Bureau international appose la date à laquelle il a reçu la déclaration ou la correction et insère la feuille additionnelle ou la feuille de remplacement dans l'exemplaire original.

b) Le Bureau international avise à bref délai le déposant, l'office récepteur et l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale de toute déclaration qui a été corrigée ou ajoutée selon la règle 26ter.1.

c) Le Bureau international n'apporte aucune correction d'office aux déclarations visées à la règle 4.17 qui figurent dans la requête.

d) Lorsqu'une déclaration visée à la règle 4.17, ou une correction apportée à une déclaration en vertu de la règle 26ter.1, est présentée au Bureau international après l'expiration du délai visé à la règle 26ter.1, le Bureau international en avise le déposant, en l'informant qu'une telle déclaration ou correction doit être présentée directement à l'office ou aux offices désignés en question. Toute déclaration visée à la règle 4.17.iv), signée de la manière prescrite dans l'instruction 214, qui est présentée au Bureau international après l'expiration du délai visé à la règle 26ter.1 est retournée au déposant.

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INFORMATION FROM PAMPHLET FRONT PAGE TO BE INCLUDED
IN THE GAZETTE UNDER RULE 86.1(a)(i)**

The following information shall be extracted from the front page of the pamphlet of each published international application and shall, in accordance with Rule 86.1(a)(i), appear in the corresponding entry of the Gazette:

1. to 6. [*No change*]
7. as to any indication in relation to deposited biological material furnished under Rule 13*bis* separately from the description:
 - 7.1 the fact that such indication is published
 - 7.2 the date on which the International Bureau received such indication
8. as to any declaration referred to in Rule 4.17 which was received by the International Bureau before the expiration of the time limit under Rule 26*ter*.1:
 - 8.1 the fact that such a declaration was made and a reference to the applicable item in Rule 4.17 under which it was made
 - 8.2 an indication of those designations for the purposes of which such declaration was made.

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**ANNEXE D [modifiée]
INFORMATIONS MENTIONNÉES SUR LA PAGE DE COUVERTURE DE
LA BROCHURE ET À FAIRE FIGURER DANS LA GAZETTE
SELON LA RÈGLE 86.1.a)i)**

Pour chaque demande internationale publiée, les informations ou renseignements suivants seront extraits de la page de couverture de la brochure et figureront dans la gazette, sous la rubrique correspondante, selon la règle 86.1.a)i) :

1. à 6. [*Sans changement*]
7. informations concernant une indication relative à du matériel biologique déposé qui, en vertu de la règle 13*bis*, n'a pas été donnée en même temps que la description mais séparément :
 - 7.1 le fait que cette indication est publiée
 - 7.2 la date à laquelle le Bureau international a reçu cette indication
8. informations concernant une déclaration visée à la règle 4.17 qui a été reçue par le Bureau international avant l'expiration du délai prévu à la règle 26*ter*.1 :
 - 8.1 le fait que cette déclaration a été faite et la référence au point applicable de la règle 4.17 selon lequel elle a été faite
 - 8.2 l'indication des désignations aux fins desquelles cette déclaration a été faite.

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

**AU Agreement between the Government of Australia and
the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹**

Amendment to Annex C

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex C thereof. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Australian dollars)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b), per document)	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 94), per document	10

Part II. [No change].”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

GH Ghana

The **Registrar General’s Department of Ghana** has notified new amounts of a fee for utility certificates in **Ghanaian cedi (GHC)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

National fee:

For utility certificate:

National processing fee:	GHC 50,000 (25,000)
	The amount in parentheses is applicable in case of filing by an individual or by an entity employing less than 25 persons

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Summary (GH), page 376]

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, page 29509.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

**AU Accord entre le Gouvernement de l'Australie et
le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹**

Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office australien des brevets a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant d'une modification apportée à l'annexe C de cet accord. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**"Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Dollars australiens)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3. b) et 71.2. b), par document	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règle 94), par document	10

Partie II. [Sans changement]."

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

GH Ghana

La **Direction générale de l'enregistrement du Ghana** a notifié de nouveaux montants d'une taxe relative aux certificats d'utilité, exprimés en **cedi ghanéens (GHC)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme indiqué ci-dessous :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un certificat d'utilité :

Taxe nationale de traitement :

GHC 50.000 (25.000)

Le montant indiqué entre parenthèses s'applique dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par un particulier ou par une entité employant moins de 25 personnes

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), résumé (GH), page 409]

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, page 29569.

RECEIVING OFFICES**IB International Bureau**

The **Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property of Saint Lucia** has specified the Australian Patent Office and the European Patent Office as competent International Searching Authorities and International Preliminary Examining Authorities for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saint Lucia with the International Bureau as receiving Office, as follows:

Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office or European Patent Office
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Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office or European Patent Office ¹
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex C(IB), page 240]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**GH Ghana**

The **Registrar General's Department of Ghana** has notified changes in the required contents of the translation and in its special requirements for entry into the national phase, as well as to who can act as agent before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
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Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date Document of assignment or transfer if the applicant has changed after the international filing date and the change has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) International application or translation to be furnished in three copies Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in computer readable form Declaration justifying the applicant's right to a patent if he is not the inventor Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Ghana
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Who can act as agent?	Any attorney or lawyer registered in Ghana or any engineer or other qualified scientist registered to practice before the Office
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001, Summary (GH), page 376]

¹ The European Patent Office is competent only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office.

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS

IB Bureau international

L'Office pour l'enregistrement des sociétés et de la propriété intellectuelle de Sainte-Lucie a spécifié l'Office australien des brevets et l'Office européen des brevets en tant qu'administrations compétentes chargées de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées par les nationaux et résidents de Sainte-Lucie auprès du Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale :

Office australien des brevets ou Office européen des brevets

Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international :

Office australien des brevets ou Office européen des brevets¹

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001, annexe C(IB), page 250]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)

GH Ghana

La Direction générale de l'enregistrement du Ghana a notifié des changements dans les éléments que doit comporter la traduction et dans ses exigences particulières pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, ainsi que dans ses exigences relatives aux personnes qui peuvent agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :

En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, seulement telles que modifiées), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé

En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer seulement tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international)

Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51bis du PCT) :

Justification du changement du nom du déposant si le changement est survenu après la date du dépôt international

Acte de cession ou de transfert si le déposant a changé après la date du dépôt international et que le changement n'a pas été reflété dans une notification émanant du Bureau international (formulaire PCT/IB/306)

Copie ou traduction de la demande internationale en trois exemplaires

Fourniture, le cas échéant, d'un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur

Déclaration concernant le droit du déposant de demander un brevet lorsque le déposant n'est pas l'inventeur

Désignation d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié au Ghana

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?

Tout avocat ou juriste enregistré au Ghana ou tout ingénieur ou autre scientifique qualifié habilité à exercer auprès de l'office

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), résumé (GH), page 409]

¹ L'Office européen des brevets n'est compétent que si la recherche a été effectuée par ses soins.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**GH Ghana**

The **Registrar General's Department of Ghana** has notified a change in the types of protection available via the PCT, as follows:

Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility certificates
	ARIPO: Patents

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex B1(GH), page 70]

LC Saint Lucia

General information on **Saint Lucia** as a Contracting State is given in Annex B1(LC), which is published on the following pages.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

GH Ghana

La **Direction générale de l'enregistrement du Ghana** a notifié un changement dans les types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT, comme suit :

Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Nationale : Brevets, certificats d'utilité ARIPO : Brevets
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LC Sainte-Lucie

Des informations de caractère général concernant **Sainte-Lucie** en tant qu'État contractant sont reproduites à l'annexe B1(LC), publiée sur les pages suivantes.

B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****LC****SAINT LUCIA****LC****General information**

Name of Office:	Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property
Location and mailing address:	Old Education Building, Corner Laborie and Micoud Streets, Castries, Saint Lucia
Telephone:	(1-758) 468 32 30, 468 32 31, 468 32 39
Facsimile machine:	(1-758) 451 79 89
Teleprinter:	—
E-mail:	rocip@candw.lc
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Saint Lucia:	International Bureau of WIPO (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Saint Lucia is designated (or elected):	Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property (see Volume II)
May Saint Lucia be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents
Provisions of the law of Saint Lucia concerning international-type search:	None
Provisional protection after international publication:	None

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B1 Informations sur les États contractants

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SAINTE-LUCIE

LC

Informations générales

Nom de l'office :	Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property Office pour l'enregistrement des sociétés et de la propriété intellectuelle
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Siège et adresse postale :	Old Education Building, Corner Laborie and Micoud Streets, Castries, Sainte-Lucie
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Téléphone :	(1-758) 468 32 30, 468 32 31, 468 32 39
Télécopieur :	(1-758) 451 79 89
Téléimprimeur :	—
Courrier électronique :	rocip@candw.lc
Internet :	—

L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT)?	Non
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L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT)?	Non
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Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux de Sainte-Lucie et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées :	Bureau international de l'OMPI (voir l'annexe C)
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Office désigné (ou élu) compétent si Sainte-Lucie est désignée (ou élue) :	Office pour l'enregistrement des sociétés et de la propriété intellectuelle (voir le volume II)
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Sainte-Lucie peut-elle être élue?	Oui (liée par le chapitre II du PCT)
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Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Brevets
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Dispositions de la législation de Sainte-Lucie relatives à la recherche de type international :	Néant
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Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :	Néant
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B1**Information on Contracting States****B1****LC****SAINT LUCIA****LC***[Continued]*

Information of interest if Saint Lucia is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if Saint Lucia is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If not already complied with within the time
limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will
invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time
limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms?

No

B1 **Informations sur les États contractants**

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LC **SAINTE-LUCIE**

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[Suite]

Informations utiles si Sainte-Lucie est désignée (ou élue)

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si Sainte-Lucie est désignée (ou élue):

Doivent figurer dans la requête. Si les renseignements se rapportant à l'inventeur n'ont pas été communiqués à l'expiration du délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1)a) du PCT, l'office invitera le déposant à faire le nécessaire dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de l'invitation.

Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique?

Non

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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KR Republic of Korea		KR République de Corée	
SG Singapore		SG Singapour	
SE Sweden		SE Suède	

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new fee in **Australian dollars (AUD)** for copies of documents contained in the file of the international application, as follows:

Fee for copies of documents contained in
the file of the international application
(PCT Rule 94): AUD 10 per document

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex E(AU), page 304]

INCLUSION OF CERTAIN DECLARATIONS IN THE REQUEST, WITH A VIEW TO SIMPLIFYING NATIONAL PHASE PROCESSING OF PCT APPLICATIONS**Note Prepared by the International Bureau**

These modifications of the Administrative Instructions concern Sections 102 and 214.

New Section 214 (containing the standardized wording for the declaration of inventorship applicable only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America) was promulgated in PCT Gazette No. 04/2001 on 25 January 2001, page 1602, together with other new Sections relating to declarations for the purposes of the national phase, all of which will enter into force on 1 March 2001. It has now been found necessary to make further modifications to Section 214, at the request of the United States Patent and Trademark Office. In particular, the standardized text of the declaration of inventorship, as contained in Section 214(a), is modified to bring it into line with the requirements of the national law applicable by that Office: (i) an express reference to the inventor's residence, etc., is introduced; (ii) a specific reference to PCT Rule 4.10 (Priority Claim) is included; (iii) two subparagraphs relating to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 are combined; and (iv) an express reference to the fact that the agent's signature cannot replace the inventor's signature is added. Furthermore, a new paragraph (b) relating to the requirement that all inventors be named in the declaration, even if they do not all sign the same (copy of that) declaration, is added. As a consequence, previously numbered paragraph (b) is renumbered as paragraph (c).

The opportunity is also taken to modify Section 102 (which relates to the use of Forms) to include, in the list of Forms for use by the receiving Offices and by the International Bureau, respectively, new Forms PCT/RO/156 (Invitation to Correct Declarations Made in the Request under PCT Rule 4.17) and PCT/IB/370 (Invitation to Correct Declarations Made in the Request under PCT Rule 4.17) and PCT/IB/371 (Notification Relating to Declaration Made in the Request under PCT Rule 4.17). This modification is in anticipation of the imminent promulgation of those new Forms, following consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(a), with effect from 1 March 2001.

Modifications to both Sections 102 and 214 are being promulgated with effect from 1 March 2001. See below for further details; see also WIPO document PCT/AI/1 Add.1ter Rev.1 (dated 19 January 2001), which supersedes document PCT/AI/1 Add.1ter (dated 12 January 2001) and which may be viewed on the WIPO Internet site at the following address: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

L'**Office australien des brevets** a notifié au Bureau international une nouvelle taxe, exprimée en **dollars australiens (AUD)**, pour la délivrance de copies des documents contenus dans le dossier de la demande internationale, comme suit :

Taxe pour la délivrance de copies
des documents contenus dans le dossier
de la demande internationale
(règle 94 du PCT) : AUD 10 par document

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe E(AU), page 331]

INCLUSION DE CERTAINES DÉCLARATIONS DANS LA REQUÊTE AFIN DE SIMPLIFIER LE TRAITEMENT DES DEMANDES PCT DURANT LA PHASE NATIONALE**Note du Bureau international**

Les présentes modifications des instructions administratives concernent les instructions 102 et 214.

La nouvelle instruction 214 (qui contient le libellé standard pour la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur applicable seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique) a été promulguée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 04/2001 du 25 janvier 2001, page 1603, avec d'autres nouvelles instructions relatives aux déclarations faites aux fins de la phase nationale, qui vont toutes entrer en vigueur le 1^{er} mars 2001. Il s'est avéré nécessaire maintenant d'apporter des changements supplémentaires à l'instruction 214, à la demande de l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis d'Amérique. En particulier, le libellé standard de la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur, figurant dans l'instruction 214.a), est modifié de manière à être aligné sur les exigences de la législation nationale applicable par cet office : i) une référence expresse au domicile de l'inventeur, etc., a été introduite; ii) une référence précise à la règle 4.10 du PCT (Revendications de priorité) a été ajoutée; iii) deux sous-alinéas se rapportant à l'obligation de divulgation selon le Titre 37, § 1.56, du Code fédéral des réglementations, ont été combinés; et iv) une référence expresse au fait que la signature du mandataire ne peut remplacer celle de l'inventeur a été ajoutée. De plus, un nouvel alinéa b) concernant l'exigence selon laquelle tous les inventeurs doivent être nommés dans la déclaration, même s'ils ne signent pas tous la même (copie de cette déclaration, a été ajouté. En conséquence, l'alinéa précédemment numéroté b) a été renuméroté c).

On a saisi aussi cette occasion pour modifier l'instruction 102 (relative à l'utilisation des formulaires) afin d'inclure, dans la liste des formulaires à l'usage des offices récepteurs et du Bureau international, respectivement, les nouveaux formulaires PCT/RO/156 (Invitation à corriger des déclarations faites dans la requête selon la règle 4.17 du PCT) et PCT/IB/370 (Invitation à corriger des déclarations faites dans la requête selon la règle 4.17 du PCT) et PCT/IB/371 (Notification relative à une déclaration faite dans la requête selon la règle 4.17 du PCT). Cette modification anticipe la promulgation imminente de ces nouveaux formulaires – avec effet au 1^{er} mars 2001 – qui fait suite à la consultation menée auprès des offices et administrations intéressés en vertu de la règle 89.2.a) du PCT.

Les modifications apportées aux instructions 102 et 214 sont promulguées avec effet au 1^{er} mars 2001. Voir ci-après pour de plus amples détails; voir également le document de l'OMPI PCT/AI/1 Add.1^{ter} Rev.1 (du 19 janvier 2001) qui remplace le document PCT/AI/1 Add.1^{ter} (du 12 janvier 2001) et qui peut être consulté sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/index.html>.

Modification of the Administrative Instructions

Following receipt from the United States Patent and Trademark Office of comments, within the framework of the consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(a), modified Section 214, as set out below, is promulgated with effect from 1 March 2001. Furthermore, modified Section 102, as set out below, is also promulgated from that date.

The text of the Administrative Instructions, as presently in force, is as set out in PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-03/1998 on 25 June 1998, subject to the modifications set out in PCT Gazette No. 51/1998 on 23 December 1998, page 17330, and PCT Gazette No. 02/2001 on 11 January 2001, page 822. Other modifications, which will come into force on 1 March 2001 but which are partly superseded by the present modifications, are set out in PCT Gazette No. 04/2001 on 25 January 2001, page 1602. The corresponding WIPO documents (PCT/AI/1, PCT/AI/1 Add.1, PCT/AI/1 Add.1*bis* and PCT/AI/1 Add.1*ter* Rev.1) may be viewed on the WIPO Internet site at the following address: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>. (document PCT/AI/1 Add.1*ter* Rev.1 (dated 19 January 2001) supersedes document PCT/AI/1 Add.1*ter*. (dated 12 January 2001)).

Modification des instructions administratives

Suite à la réception de commentaires de la part de l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis, dans le cadre de la consultation menée auprès des offices et administrations intéressés en vertu de la règle 89.2.a) du PCT, l'instruction 214 modifiée, telle qu'elle figure ci-après, est promulguée avec effet au 1^{er} mars 2001. De plus, l'instruction 102 modifiée, telle qu'elle figure ci-après, est aussi promulguée avec effet à cette date.

Le texte des instructions administratives, tel qu'il est en vigueur actuellement, figure dans le numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/1998 du 25 juin 1998, sous réserve des modifications figurant dans la Gazette du PCT n° 51/1998 du 23 décembre 1998, page 17331, et dans la Gazette du PCT n° 02/2001 du 11 janvier 2001, page 823. D'autres modifications, qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} mars 2001 mais qui sont en partie remplacées par les présentes modifications, figurent dans la Gazette du PCT n° 04/2001 du 25 janvier 2001, page 1603. Les documents de l'OMPI correspondants (PCT/AI/1, PCT/AI/1 Add.1, PCT/AI/1 Add.1*bis* et PCT/AI/1 Add.1*ter* Rev.1) peuvent être consultés sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/index.html>. (le document PCT/AI/1 Add.1*ter* Rev.1 (du 19 janvier 2001) remplace le document PCT/AI/1 Add.1*ter* (du 12 janvier 2001)).

INCLUSION OF CERTAIN DECLARATIONS IN THE REQUEST, WITH A VIEW TO SIMPLIFYING NATIONAL PHASE PROCESSING OF PCT APPLICATIONS (Cont'd)

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

Section 102 [Modified]

Use of the Forms

(a) Subject to paragraphs (b) to (i) and Sections 103 and 114, the International Authorities shall use, or require the use of, the mandatory Forms specified below:

(i) [No change]

(ii) Forms for use by the receiving Offices:

PCT/RO/103	PCT/RO/111	PCT/RO/123	PCT/RO/150
PCT/RO/104	PCT/RO/112	PCT/RO/126	PCT/RO/151
PCT/RO/105	PCT/RO/113	PCT/RO/133	PCT/RO/152
PCT/RO/106	PCT/RO/115	PCT/RO/136	PCT/RO/153
PCT/RO/107	PCT/RO/116	PCT/RO/139	PCT/RO/154
PCT/RO/109	PCT/RO/117	PCT/RO/143	PCT/RO/155
PCT/RO/110	PCT/RO/118	PCT/RO/147	PCT/RO/156

(iii) [No change]

(iv) Forms for use by the International Bureau:

PCT/IB/301	PCT/IB/318	PCT/IB/336	PCT/IB/355
PCT/IB/302	PCT/IB/319	PCT/IB/337	PCT/IB/356
PCT/IB/304	PCT/IB/320	PCT/IB/338	PCT/IB/357
PCT/IB/305	PCT/IB/321	PCT/IB/339	PCT/IB/358
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(v) [No change]

(b) to (i) [No change]

**INCLUSION DE CERTAINES DÉCLARATIONS DANS LA REQUÊTE AFIN DE SIMPLIFIER LE
TRAITEMENT DES DEMANDES PCT DURANT LA PHASE NATIONALE (suite)**

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES

**Instruction 102 [*modifiée*]
Utilisation des formulaires**

a) Sous réserve des alinéas b) à i) et des instructions 103 et 114, les administrations internationales doivent utiliser les formulaires obligatoires indiqués ci-après, ou en exiger l'utilisation :

i) [*Sans changement*]

ii) Formulaires à l'usage des offices récepteurs :

PCT/RO/103	PCT/RO/111	PCT/RO/123	PCT/RO/150
PCT/RO/104	PCT/RO/112	PCT/RO/126	PCT/RO/151
PCT/RO/105	PCT/RO/113	PCT/RO/133	PCT/RO/152
PCT/RO/106	PCT/RO/115	PCT/RO/136	PCT/RO/153
PCT/RO/107	PCT/RO/116	PCT/RO/139	PCT/RO/154
PCT/RO/109	PCT/RO/117	PCT/RO/143	PCT/RO/155
PCT/RO/110	PCT/RO/118	PCT/RO/147	PCT/RO/156

iii) [*Sans changement*]

iv) Formulaires à l'usage du Bureau international :

PCT/IB/301	PCT/IB/318	PCT/IB/336	PCT/IB/355
PCT/IB/302	PCT/IB/319	PCT/IB/337	PCT/IB/356
PCT/IB/304	PCT/IB/320	PCT/IB/338	PCT/IB/357
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PCT/IB/306	PCT/IB/323	PCT/IB/344	PCT/IB/359
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v) [*Sans changement*]

b) à i) [*Sans changement*]

INCLUSION OF CERTAIN DECLARATIONS IN THE REQUEST, WITH A VIEW TO SIMPLIFYING NATIONAL PHASE PROCESSING OF PCT APPLICATIONS (Cont'd)**MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (Cont'd)****Section 214 [New]
Declaration of Inventorship**

(a) A declaration of inventorship, referred to in Rule 4.17(iv), that is made for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America shall be worded as follows:

“Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51*bis*.1(a)(iv)) for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:

I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/... (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26*ter*).

I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified international application, including the claims of said application. I have identified in the request of said application, in compliance with PCT Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading “Prior Applications,” by application number, country or Member of the World Trade Organization, day, month and year of filing, any application for a patent or inventor’s certificate filed in a country other than the United States of America, including any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed.

I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Name: ...

Residence: ... (city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address: ...

Citizenship: ...

Prior Applications: ...

Inventor’s Signature: ... (if not contained in the request, or if declaration is corrected or added under Rule 26*ter* after the filing of the international application. The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

Date: ... (of signature which is not contained in the request, or of the declaration that is corrected or added under Rule 26*ter* after the filing of the international application)”

INCLUSION DE CERTAINES DÉCLARATIONS DANS LA REQUÊTE AFIN DE SIMPLIFIER LE TRAITEMENT DES DEMANDES PCT DURANT LA PHASE NATIONALE (suite)**MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)****Instruction 214 [nouvelle]
Déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur**

a) Une déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur, visée à la règle 4.17.iv), qui est faite aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique, doit être libellée comme suit :

“Déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (règles 4.17.iv) et 51*bis*.1.a)iv)) aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique :

Par la présente, je déclare que je crois être le premier inventeur original et unique (si un seul inventeur est mentionné ci-dessous) ou l'un des premiers coinventeurs (si plusieurs inventeurs sont mentionnés ci-dessous) de l'objet revendiqué pour lequel un brevet est demandé.

La présente déclaration a trait à la demande internationale dont elle fait partie (si la déclaration est déposée avec la demande).

La présente déclaration a trait à la demande internationale n° PCT/... (si la déclaration est remise en vertu de la règle 26*ter*).

Par la présente, je déclare que mon domicile, mon adresse postale et ma nationalité sont tels qu'indiqués près de mon nom.

Par la présente, je déclare avoir passé en revue et comprendre le contenu de la demande internationale à laquelle il est fait référence ci-dessus, y compris les revendications de ladite demande. J'ai indiqué dans la requête de ladite demande, conformément à la règle 4.10 du PCT, toute revendication de priorité d'une demande étrangère et j'ai identifié ci-dessous, sous l'intitulé “Demandes antérieures”, au moyen du numéro de demande, du pays ou du membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce, du jour, du mois et de l'année du dépôt, toute demande de brevet ou de certificat d'auteur d'invention déposée dans un pays autre que les États-Unis d'Amérique, y compris toute demande internationale selon le PCT désignant au moins un pays autre que les États-Unis d'Amérique, dont la date de dépôt est antérieure à celle de la demande étrangère dont la priorité est revendiquée.

Par la présente, je reconnais l'obligation qui m'est faite de divulguer les renseignements dont j'ai connaissance et qui sont pertinents quant à la brevetabilité de l'invention, tels qu'ils sont définis dans le Titre 37, § 1.56, du Code fédéral des réglementations, y compris, en ce qui concerne les demandes de continuation-in-part les renseignements pertinents qui sont devenus accessibles entre la date de dépôt de la demande antérieure et la date du dépôt international de la demande de continuation-in-part.

Je déclare par la présente que toute déclaration ci-incluse est, à ma connaissance, véridique et que toute déclaration formulée à partir de renseignements ou de suppositions est tenue pour véridique; et de plus, que toutes ces déclarations ont été formulées en sachant que toute fausse déclaration volontaire ou son équivalent est passible d'une amende ou d'une incarcération, ou des deux, en vertu de la Section 1001 du Titre 18 du Code des États-Unis, et que de telles déclarations volontairement fausses risquent de compromettre la validité de la demande de brevet ou du brevet délivré à partir de celle-ci.

Nom : ...

Domicile : ... (ville et État (des États-Unis d'Amérique), le cas échéant, ou pays)

Adresse postale : ...

Nationalité : ...

Demandes antérieures : ...

Signature de l'inventeur : ... (si elle ne figure pas dans la requête, ou si la déclaration a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26*ter* après le dépôt de la demande internationale. La signature doit être celle de l'inventeur, il ne peut s'agir de celle du mandataire)

Date : ... (de la signature qui ne figure pas dans la requête, ou de la déclaration qui a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26*ter* après le dépôt de la demande internationale)”

INCLUSION OF CERTAIN DECLARATIONS IN THE REQUEST, WITH A VIEW TO SIMPLIFYING NATIONAL PHASE PROCESSING OF PCT APPLICATIONS (Cont'd)**MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS (Cont'd)**

(b) Where there is more than one inventor and all inventors do not sign the same declaration referred to in paragraph (a), each declaration shall indicate the names of all the inventors.

(c) Any correction or addition under Rule 26*ter*.1 of a declaration referred to in paragraph (a) shall take the form of a declaration referred to in that paragraph and be signed by the inventor. In addition, any such correction shall be entitled "Supplemental declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51*bis*.1(a)(iv))".

INCLUSION DE CERTAINES DÉCLARATIONS DANS LA REQUÊTE AFIN DE SIMPLIFIER LE TRAITEMENT DES DEMANDES PCT DURANT LA PHASE NATIONALE (suite)**MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES (suite)**

b) Lorsqu'il y a plus d'un inventeur et que tous les inventeurs ne signent pas la même déclaration visée à l'alinéa a), chaque déclaration doit comporter le nom de tous les inventeurs.

c) Toute correction ou adjonction, faite en vertu de la règle 26*ter*.1, d'une déclaration visée à l'alinéa a) doit être présentée sous la forme d'une déclaration visée audit alinéa et être signée par l'inventeur. De plus, toute correction doit être intitulée "Déclaration supplémentaire relative à la qualité d'inventeur (règles 4.17.iv) et 51*bis*.1.a)iv)".

CERTAIN NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS ALLOWED UNDER ARTICLE 27: DESIGNATED OFFICES HAVING INFORMED THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE INCOMPATIBILITY OF THE APPLICABLE NATIONAL LAWS WITH CERTAIN AMENDED OR NEW RULES

During its twenty-eighth (16th extraordinary) session, held in Geneva from 13 to 17 March 2000, the Assembly of the PCT Union adopted a number of amendments to the Regulations under the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). Those amendments which will enter into force on 1 March 2001 and which have been published in PCT Gazette No. 42/2000 on 19 October 2000, include amendment or addition of Rules 51*bis*.1(e), 51*bis*.2(a) and 51*bis*.3(a). The amended Regulations provide, for each of those Rules, that if on 17 March 2000, the Rule is not compatible with the law applied by the designated Office, that Rule shall not apply to that Office for as long as it continues not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office informs the International Bureau accordingly by 30 November 2000 (see new Rules 51*bis*.1(f), 51*bis*.2(c) and 51*bis*.3(c)).

The following designated Offices have informed the International Bureau of such incompatibility in respect of the Rules mentioned below:

Rule 51*bis*.1(e) (concerning the furnishing of a translation of the priority document):

- CH Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Institute
- DK Danish Patent and Trademark Office
- EP European Patent Office
- ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
- GB United Kingdom Patent Office
- KR Korean Intellectual Property Office
- SG Intellectual Property Office of Singapore

Rule 51*bis*.2(a)(i) (concerning certain circumstances in which documents or evidence—relating to the identity of the inventor—may not be required):

- CH Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Institute
- DK Danish Patent and Trademark Office
- SE Swedish Patent Office

Rule 51*bis*.2(a)(ii) (concerning certain circumstances in which documents or evidence—relating to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent—may not be required):

- CA Canadian Patent Office
- CH Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Institute
- DK Danish Patent and Trademark Office
- HU Hungarian Patent Office
- SE Swedish Patent Office

CERTAINES EXIGENCES NATIONALES ADMISES EN VERTU DE L'ARTICLE 27 : OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS AYANT INFORMÉ LE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DE L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES APPLICABLES AVEC CERTAINES RÈGLES MODIFIÉES OU NOUVELLES

Lors de sa vingt-huitième session (16^e session extraordinaire), tenue à Genève du 13 au 17 mars 2000, l'Assemblée de l'Union du PCT a adopté un certain nombre de modifications du règlement d'exécution du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT). Ces modifications, qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} mars 2001 et ont été publiées dans la Gazette du PCT n° 42/2000 du 19 octobre 2000, comprennent la modification ou l'adjonction des règles 51*bis*.1.e), 51*bis*.2.a) and 51*bis*.3.a). Le règlement d'exécution modifié prévoit, pour chacune de ces règles, que si, le 17 mars 2000, la règle n'est pas compatible avec la législation appliquée par l'office désigné, cette règle ne s'applique pas à l'égard de cet office aussi longtemps qu'elle reste incompatible avec cette législation, à condition que l'office en informe le Bureau international au plus tard le 30 novembre 2000 (voir les nouvelles règles 51*bis*.1.f), 51*bis*.2.c) et 51*bis*.3.c)).

Les offices désignés suivants ont informé le Bureau international de cette incompatibilité en ce qui concerne les règles mentionnées ci-dessous :

Règle 51*bis*.1.e) (concernant la remise d'une traduction du document de priorité) :

- CH Institut Fédéral de la Propriété Intellectuelle (Suisse)
- DK Office danois des brevets et des marques
- EP Office européen des brevets
- ES Office espagnol des brevets et des marques
- GB Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni
- KR Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle
- SG Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Singapour

Règle 51*bis*.2.a)i) (concernant certaines circonstances dans lesquelles des documents ou des preuves — relatifs à l'identité de l'inventeur — ne peuvent pas être exigés) :

- CH Institut Fédéral de la Propriété Intellectuelle
- DK Office danois des brevets et des marques
- SE Office suédois des brevets

Règle 51*bis*.2.a)ii) (concernant certaines circonstances dans lesquelles des documents ou des preuves — relatifs au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander ou d'obtenir un brevet — ne peuvent pas être exigés) :

- CA Office canadien des brevets
- CH Institut Fédéral de la Propriété Intellectuelle (Suisse)
- DK Office danois des brevets et des marques
- HU Office hongrois des brevets
- SE Office suédois des brevets

CERTAIN NATIONAL REQUIREMENTS ALLOWED UNDER ARTICLE 27: DESIGNATED OFFICES HAVING INFORMED THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE INCOMPATIBILITY OF THE APPLICABLE NATIONAL LAWS WITH CERTAIN AMENDED OR NEW RULES (Cont'd)

Rule 51bis.2(a)(iii) (concerning certain circumstances in which documents or evidence—relating to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim priority of an earlier application—may not be required):

CH Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Institute

DK Danish Patent and Trademark Office

Rule 51bis.3(a) (concerning the opportunity to comply with national requirements referred to in Rule 51bis.1(a)(i) to (iv) and (c) to (e)):

CH Swiss Federal Intellectual Property Institute

HU Hungarian Patent Office

KR Korean Intellectual Property Office

SG Intellectual Property Office of Singapore

CERTAINES EXIGENCES NATIONALES ADMISES EN VERTU DE L'ARTICLE 27 : OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS AYANT INFORMÉ LE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DE L'INCOMPATIBILITÉ DES LÉGISLATIONS NATIONALES APPLICABLES AVEC CERTAINES RÈGLES MODIFIÉES OU NOUVELLES (suite)

Règle 51bis.2.a)iii) (concernant certaines circonstances dans lesquelles des documents ou des preuves — relatifs au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité d'une demande antérieure — ne peuvent pas être exigés) :

CH Institut Fédéral de la Propriété Intellectuelle (Suisse)

DK Office danois des brevets et des marques

Règle 51bis.3.a) (concernant la possibilité de satisfaire aux exigences nationales visées à la règle 51bis.1.a)i) à iv) et c) à e)) :

CH Institut Fédéral de la Propriété Intellectuelle

HU Office hongrois des brevets

KR Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle

SG Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Singapour

SECTION IV

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**IN India**

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified changes in the location and mailing address of its branch office in Chennai, in the telephone and facsimile numbers of its branch office in New Delhi, and has notified the e-mail addresses of its branch offices in New Delhi and Mumbai, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	C-Wing, Rajaji Bhavan, Besant Nagar, Chennai 600 090, India
Telephone:	New Delhi: (91-11) 578 25 32, 571 62 09, 574 72 45
Facsimile machine:	New Delhi: (91-11) 576 62 04
E-mail:	New Delhi: delhipatent@rediffmail.com Mumbai: patmum@vsnl.net

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SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of Slovakia** had notified changes in its location and mailing address and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address:	Švermova 43, P.O. Box 7, 974 04 Banská Bystrica 4, Slovakia
Telephone:	(421-88) 430 01 00
Facsimile machine:	(421-88) 413 25 67

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex B1(SK), page 160]

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTING PART FILED ON AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT SUCH FILINGS AND SPECIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA

The following receiving Office has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared, as from 1 February 2001, to accept the filing of international applications containing a sequence listing part filed on an electronic medium under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii) of the Administrative Instructions and has specified, under Section 801(b), that it will accept such filings on the following electronic medium:

IL Israel Patent Office CD-ROM

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 02/2001, page 828]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**IN Inde**

L'**Office indien des brevets** a notifié des changements dans l'adresse de son siège et l'adresse postale de son agence de Chennai, dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur de son agence de New Delhi, et a notifié l'adresse électronique de ses agences de New Delhi et de Mumbai, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale :	C-Wing, Rajaji Bhavan, Besant Nagar, Chennai 600 090, Inde
Téléphone :	New Delhi : (91-11) 578 25 32, 571 62 09, 574 72 45
Télécopieur :	New Delhi : (91-11) 576 62 04
Courrier électronique :	New Delhi : delhipatent@rediffmail.com Mumbai : patmum@vsnl.net

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SK Slovaquie

L'**Office slovaque de la propriété industrielle** a notifié des changements dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, et dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit:

Siège et adresse postale :	Švermova 43, P.O. Box 7, 974 04 Banská Bystrica 4, Slovaquie
Téléphone :	(421-88) 430 01 00
Télécopieur :	(421-88) 413 25 67

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DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT UNE PARTIE RÉSERVÉE AU LISTAGE DES SÉQUENCES DÉPOSÉE SUR UN SUPPORT ÉLECTRONIQUE : OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DISPOSÉS À ACCEPTER DE TELS DÉPÔTS ET SPÉCIFICATION DES SUPPORTS ÉLECTRONIQUES

L'office récepteur suivant a informé le Bureau international qu'il est disposé, à compter du 1^{er} février 2001, à accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales dont la partie réservée au listage des séquences est déposée sur un support électronique en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801.a)i) ou ii) et a spécifié, en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801.b), qu'il acceptera de tels dépôts sur le support électronique suivant :

IL Office israélien des brevets CD-ROM

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° 02/2001, page 829]

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT
MODIFICATION OF ANNEX A—FORMS****Form PCT/RO/101 (Request)**

As a result of the amendments of the Regulations under the PCT and the modifications of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT which will enter into force on 1 March 2001 (see Notes published in PCT Gazette No. 42/2000 of 19 October 2000, page 15522, No. 04/2001 of 25 January 2001, page 1602 and No. 05/2001 of 1 February 2001, page 2014) the Request Form and the Notes to the request form, the Fee Calculation Sheet (Annex to the request) and the Notes to the fee calculation sheet have been modified with effect from 1 March 2001.

Furthermore, the Request Form, the Notes thereto, the Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes thereto have been modified so as to take into account new Sections 801 to 806 of the Administrative Instructions—promulgated with effect from 11 January 2001—relating to the filing in computer readable form of the sequence listing part of the description of an international application (see Note published in PCT Gazette No. 02/2001 of 11 January 2001, page 818).

Finally, the opportunity was taken to modify the Request Form, the Notes thereto, the Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes thereto so as to take into account a number of comments received since the last major revision of the Form in 1998, to harmonize the terms used and to review both the English and French versions for editorial reasons.

The following modifications have been made, noting that modifications of a mere editorial nature or in the layout are not specifically identified below:

- (a) a field has been added in Boxes Nos. II and III for the indication of the applicant's registration number with the Office;
- (b) the check-box and the words "This person is also inventor" have been re-positioned at the top of Box No. II to accommodate the new field for the applicant's registration number;
- (c) a field has been added in Box No. IV for the indication of the agent's registration number with the Office;
- (d) the contents of the current "last sheet" of the Request Form (Boxes Nos. VI to IX, as well as the spaces reserved for the receiving Office and for the International Bureau) have been spread over two sheets (that is, "third sheet" and "last sheet") to allow for the inclusion of a new Box No. VIII (see below);
- (e) the space in Box No. VI for indicating priority claims has been expanded;
- (f) in the Supplemental Box, the text of item 3, relating to statements concerning non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty, has been deleted since that matter is now provided for in new Declaration Box No. VIII (v) (see below);
- (g) a new Box "Declarations" has been introduced as Box No. VIII;
- (h) six different optional sheets for declarations—one for each of the five types of declarations provided for in Rule 4.17 (new Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v)) and a continuation sheet (new "Continuation of Box No. VIII (i) to (v)")—have been added, immediately following Box No. VIII;
- (i) except in respect of new Declaration Box No. VIII (iv), the standardized text for the declarations is not pre-printed in the corresponding Boxes because of the large number of options that applicants will be able to choose, and the order in which the selected options should appear will vary from case to case;

**INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT
MODIFICATION DE L'ANNEXE A – FORMULAIRES****Formulaire PCT/RO/101 (Requête)**

Suite aux modifications du règlement d'exécution du PCT et des Instructions administratives du PCT qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} mars 2001 (se référer aux notes publiées dans la Gazette du PCT n° 42/2000 du 19 octobre 2000, page 15523, n° 04/2001 du 25 janvier 2001, page 1603, et n° 05/2001 du 1^{er} février 2001, page 2015), le formulaire de requête et les notes relatives au formulaire de requête, la feuille de calcul des taxes (annexe de la requête) et les notes relatives à la feuille de calcul des taxes ont été modifiés avec effet au 1^{er} mars 2001.

De plus, le formulaire de requête, les notes y relatives, la feuille de calcul des taxes et les notes y relatives ont été modifiés pour tenir compte des nouvelles instructions administratives 801 à 806 – promulguées avec effet au 11 janvier 2001 – concernant le dépôt sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur de la partie de la description réservée aux listages des séquences d'une demande internationale (se référer à la note publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° 02/2001 du 11 janvier 2001, page 819).

Enfin, on a saisi cette occasion pour modifier le formulaire de requête, les notes y relatives, la feuille de calcul des taxes et les notes y relatives pour tenir compte d'un certain nombre de commentaires reçus depuis la dernière révision importante du formulaire en 1998, afin d'harmoniser la terminologie utilisée et de réviser à la fois les versions anglaise et française pour des raisons d'ordre rédactionnel.

Les modifications suivantes ont été apportées, étant entendu que les changements d'ordre purement rédactionnel ou de format ne sont pas mentionnés ci-dessous :

- a) un champ a été ajouté dans les cadres n^{os} II et III pour permettre d'indiquer le numéro sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office;
- b) la case et les mots "Cette personne est aussi inventeur" ont été déplacés en haut du cadre n° II afin de libérer la place nécessaire pour le numéro sous lequel le déposant est inscrit;
- c) un champ a été ajouté dans le cadre n° IV pour permettre d'indiquer le numéro sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office;
- d) le contenu de l'actuelle "dernière feuille" du formulaire de requête (cadres n^{os} VI à IX, de même que les espaces réservés à l'office récepteur et au Bureau international) a été réparti sur deux feuilles (c'est-à-dire, la "troisième feuille" et la "dernière feuille") pour permettre l'inclusion d'un nouveau cadre n° VIII (voir ci-dessous);
- e) la place réservée aux revendications de priorité dans le cadre n° VI a été agrandie;
- f) le texte figurant au point 3 dans le cadre supplémentaire, relatif à la déclaration concernant des divulgations non opposables ou des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté, a été supprimé étant donné que cette question est maintenant prévue dans un nouveau cadre de déclaration n° VIII.v) (voir ci-dessous);
- g) un nouveau cadre "Déclarations" a été introduit en tant que cadre n° VIII;
- h) six différentes feuilles facultatives de déclarations – une pour chacun des cinq types de déclarations prévues par la règle 4.17 (nouveaux cadres n^{os} VIII.i) à v)) et une feuille annexe ("Suite du cadre n° VIII.i) à v)") – ont été ajoutées, immédiatement après le cadre n° VIII;
- i) sauf en ce qui concerne le nouveau cadre de déclaration n° VIII.iv), le libellé standard pour les déclarations n'est pas pré-imprimé dans les cadres correspondants, en raison du trop grand nombre d'options qu'auront les déposants et parce que l'ordre dans lequel devront apparaître les options sélectionnées variera au cas par cas;

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT
MODIFICATION OF ANNEX A—FORMS (Cont'd)****Form PCT/RO/101 (Request) (Cont'd)**

(j) the standardized wording of the declaration of inventorship which is applicable only for the purpose of the designation of the United States of America has been pre-printed in new Box No. VIII (iv) since no part of that wording may be omitted by applicants;

(k) present Boxes Nos. VIII and IX have been re-numbered as Boxes Nos. IX and X respectively;

(l) Box No. IX (Check List) has been modified to include in the left column a specific space for the indication that the sequence listing part of the description of an international application is filed in computer readable form under new Section 801 of the Administrative Instructions, and, in the right column, the item relating to sequence listings has been expanded accordingly; furthermore, a space has been introduced for indicating a new item (original general power of attorney) which may accompany the international application;

(m) the title of Box No. X has been changed to include a reference to signature by the applicant, agent or common representative;

(n) the Fee Calculation Sheet has been modified to allow for the specific indication of the additional component (referred to as “b3”) of the basic fee in cases where the sequence listing part of the description of an international application is filed under new Section 801(a), as mentioned under item (l), above;

(o) the “Deposit Account Authorization” part of the Fee Calculation Sheet has been simplified and the layout changed so as to provide for additional space for filling in the necessary indications.

Furthermore, Box No.V of the Request Form, the Notes relating thereto and the Notes to the fee calculation sheet have been modified to take into account the entry into force of the PCT in respect of Colombia (on 28 February 2001) and the fact that utility models are no longer available in Ghana but that utility certificates are now available in Ghana.

All the sheets of the Request Form, including the Notes to the request form, the Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes to the fee calculation sheet, are dated March 2001 (date of issuance of the sheets) and are reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction). Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices and the International Bureau, and will also be available from WIPO Internet site at the following address: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>.

Only the updated version of the Request Form should be used for international applications filed from 1 March 2001.

Form PCT/IPEA/401 (Demand)

The following modifications have been made to the Demand Form, the Notes to the Demand Form, the Fee Calculation Sheet (Annex to the demand) and the Notes to the fee calculation sheet with effect from 1 March 2001. Note that modifications of a mere editorial nature or in the layout are not specifically identified below:

Boxes Nos. II and III have been modified in the same manner as the corresponding parts of the Request Form in respect of the applicant's and agent's registration numbers.

**INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT
MODIFICATION DE L'ANNEXE A – FORMULAIRES (suite)****Formulaire PCT/RO/101 (Requête) (suite)**

j) le libellé standard de la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur qui est applicable seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique a été pré-imprimé dans le nouveau cadre n° VIII.iv) puisque les déposants n'ont pas le droit d'omettre une quelconque partie de ce libellé;

k) les cadres actuels n^{os} VIII et IX ont été renumérotés en tant que cadres n^{os} IX et X, respectivement;

l) on a modifié le cadre n° IX (Bordereau) pour y inclure, dans la colonne de gauche, une rubrique servant à indiquer que la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences d'une demande internationale est déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur selon la nouvelle instruction administrative 801 et, dans la colonne de droite, le point relatif au listage des séquences a été développé en conséquence; de plus, un espace a été introduit pour permettre d'indiquer un nouvel élément (original du pouvoir général) qui peut être joint à la demande internationale;

m) on a modifié le titre du cadre n° X pour y inclure une référence à la signature du déposant, du mandataire ou du représentant commun;

n) la feuille de calcul des taxes a été modifiée pour permettre d'indiquer la composante supplémentaire (indiquée par "b3") de la taxe de base dans les cas où la partie de la description réservée aux listages des séquences d'une demande internationale est déposée en vertu de la nouvelle instruction 801.a), comme mentionné ci-dessus sous le point l);

o) la partie "Autorisation concernant un compte de dépôt" de la feuille de calcul des taxes a été simplifiée et la disposition modifiée pour gagner de la place, ce qui permettra de compléter les indications nécessaires.

De plus, le cadre n° V du formulaire de requête, les notes y relatives et les notes de la feuille de calcul des taxes ont été modifiés pour tenir compte de l'entrée en vigueur du PCT en ce qui concerne la Colombie (le 28 février 2001) et du fait que des certificats d'utilité sont disponibles au Ghana alors que les modèles d'utilité ne le sont plus.

Toutes les feuilles du formulaire de requête, y compris les notes relatives au formulaire de requête, la feuille de calcul des taxes et les notes relatives à la feuille de calcul des taxes, sont datées de mars 2001 (date d'émission de ces feuilles) et sont reproduites sur les pages suivantes (sans pagination pour qu'il soit possible de les reproduire aisément). Des copies peuvent être obtenues gratuitement auprès des offices récepteurs et du Bureau international et seront également disponibles sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/index.html>.

Seule la version mise à jour du formulaire de requête devrait être utilisée pour les demandes internationales déposées à partir du 1^{er} mars 2001.

Formulaire PCT/IPEA/401 (demande d'examen préliminaire international)

Les modifications suivantes ont été apportées au formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international, aux notes relatives au formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international, à la feuille de calcul des taxes (annexe de la demande d'examen préliminaire international) et aux notes relatives à la feuille de calcul des taxes avec effet au 1^{er} mars 2001, étant entendu que les changements d'ordre purement rédactionnel ou de format ne sont pas mentionnés ci-dessous :

Les cadres n^{os} II et III ont été modifiés de la même manière que les parties correspondantes du formulaire de requête en ce qui concerne les numéros sous lesquels déposants et mandataires peuvent être inscrits auprès de l'office.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT
MODIFICATION OF ANNEX A—FORMS (Cont'd)****Form PCT/IPEA/401 (Demand) (Cont'd)**

In Box No. VII, the list of items that may accompany the demand, the title of Box No. VIII (Signature) and the “Deposit Account Authorization” part of the Fee Calculation Sheet have also been modified in the same manner as the corresponding parts of the Request Form (see above). The Notes to the fee calculation sheet have been modified to take into account the entry into force of the PCT in respect of Colombia.

All sheets of the Demand Form, including the Notes of the Demand Form, the Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes to the fee calculation sheet, are dated March 2001 (the date of issuance of the sheets) and are reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction). Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices, the International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau, and will also be available from WIPO Internet site at the following address: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>.

Only the updated version of the Demand Form should be used for demands for International Preliminary Examining Authorities filed from 1 March 2001.

**INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT
MODIFICATION DE L'ANNEXE A – FORMULAIRES (suite)****Formulaire PCT/IPEA/401 (demande d'examen préliminaire international) (suite)**

Dans le cadre n° VII, la liste des éléments qui peuvent être joints à la demande d'examen préliminaire international, le titre du cadre n° VIII (Signature) et la partie "Autorisation concernant un compte de dépôt" de la feuille de calcul des taxes ont également été modifiés de la même manière que les parties correspondantes du formulaire de requête (voir ci-dessus). Les notes relatives à la feuille de calcul des taxes ont été modifiées pour tenir compte de l'entrée en vigueur du PCT en ce qui concerne la Colombie.

Toutes les feuilles du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international, y compris les notes relatives au formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international, la feuille de calcul des taxes et les notes relatives à la feuille de calcul des taxes, sont datées de mars 2001 (date d'émission de ces feuilles) et sont reproduites sur les pages suivantes (sans pagination pour qu'il soit possible de les reproduire aisément). Des copies peuvent être obtenues gratuitement auprès des offices récepteurs, des administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international et du Bureau international et seront également disponibles sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/index.html>.

Seule la version mise à jour du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international devrait être utilisée pour les demandes d'examen préliminaire international déposées auprès des administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international à compter du 1^{er} mars 2001.

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

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International Application No.

International Filing Date

Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum)

Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION		
Box No. II APPLICANT <input type="checkbox"/> This person is also inventor		
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)	Telephone No.	
	Facsimile No.	
	Teleprinter No.	
	Applicant's registration No. with the Office	
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This person is applicant for the purposes of: <input type="checkbox"/> all designated States <input type="checkbox"/> all designated States except the United States of America <input type="checkbox"/> the United States of America only <input type="checkbox"/> the States indicated in the Supplemental Box		
Box No. III FURTHER APPLICANT(S) AND/OR (FURTHER) INVENTOR(S)		
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)	This person is: <input type="checkbox"/> applicant only <input type="checkbox"/> applicant and inventor <input type="checkbox"/> inventor only (If this check-box is marked, do not fill in below.)	
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<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on a continuation sheet.		
Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE		
The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as: <input type="checkbox"/> agent <input type="checkbox"/> common representative		
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	Agent's registration No. with the Office	
<input type="checkbox"/> Address for correspondence: Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special address to which correspondence should be sent.		

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REQUÊTE

Le soussigné requiert que la présente demande internationale soit traitée conformément au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets.

Réservé à l'office récepteur

Demande internationale n°

Date du dépôt international

Nom de l'office récepteur et "Demande internationale PCT"

Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire (*facultatif*)
(12 caractères au maximum)

Cadre n° I TITRE DE L'INVENTION	
Cadre n° II DÉPOSANT <input type="checkbox"/> Cette personne est aussi inventeur	
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	n° de télécopieur
	n° de téléimprimeur
	n° sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office
Nationalité (<i>nom de l'État</i>) :	Domicile (<i>nom de l'État</i>) :
Cette personne est déposant pour : <input type="checkbox"/> tous les États désignés <input type="checkbox"/> tous les États désignés sauf les États-Unis d'Amérique <input type="checkbox"/> les États-Unis d'Amérique seulement <input type="checkbox"/> les États indiqués dans le cadre supplémentaire	
Cadre n° III AUTRE(S) DÉPOSANT(S) OU (AUTRE(S)) INVENTEUR(S)	
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<input type="checkbox"/> D'autres déposants ou inventeurs sont indiqués sur une feuille annexe.	
Cadre n° IV MANDATAIRE OU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN; OU ADRESSE POUR LA CORRESPONDANCE	
La personne dont l'identité est donnée ci-dessous est/a été désignée pour agir au nom du ou des déposants auprès des autorités internationales compétentes, comme: <input type="checkbox"/> mandataire <input type="checkbox"/> représentant commun	
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	n° sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office
<input type="checkbox"/> Adresse pour la correspondance : cocher cette case lorsque aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est/n'a été désigné et que l'espace ci-dessus est utilisé pour indiquer une adresse spéciale à laquelle la correspondance doit être envoyée.	

Continuation of Box No. III FURTHER APPLICANT(S) AND/OR (FURTHER) INVENTOR(S)

If none of the following sub-boxes is used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

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Suite du cadre n° III AUTRE(S) DÉPOSANT(S) OU (AUTRE(S)) INVENTEUR(S)

Si aucun des sous-cadres suivants n'est utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

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Box No.V DESIGNATION OF STATES *Mark the applicable check-boxes below; at least one must be marked.*

The following designations are hereby made under Rule 4.9(a):

Regional Patent

- AP ARIPO Patent:** **GH** Ghana, **GM** Gambia, **KE** Kenya, **LS** Lesotho, **MW** Malawi, **MZ** Mozambique, **SD** Sudan, **SL** Sierra Leone, **SZ** Swaziland, **TZ** United Republic of Tanzania, **UG** Uganda, **ZW** Zimbabwe, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Harare Protocol and of the PCT
- EA Eurasian Patent:** **AM** Armenia, **AZ** Azerbaijan, **BY** Belarus, **KG** Kyrgyzstan, **KZ** Kazakhstan, **MD** Republic of Moldova, **RU** Russian Federation, **TJ** Tajikistan, **TM** Turkmenistan, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Eurasian Patent Convention and of the PCT
- EP European Patent:** **AT** Austria, **BE** Belgium, **CH & LI** Switzerland and Liechtenstein, **CY** Cyprus, **DE** Germany, **DK** Denmark, **ES** Spain, **FI** Finland, **FR** France, **GB** United Kingdom, **GR** Greece, **IE** Ireland, **IT** Italy, **LU** Luxembourg, **MC** Monaco, **NL** Netherlands, **PT** Portugal, **SE** Sweden, **TR** Turkey, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention and of the PCT
- OA OAPI Patent:** **BF** Burkina Faso, **BJ** Benin, **CF** Central African Republic, **CG** Congo, **CI** Côte d'Ivoire, **CM** Cameroon, **GA** Gabon, **GN** Guinea, **GW** Guinea-Bissau, **ML** Mali, **MR** Mauritania, **NE** Niger, **SN** Senegal, **TD** Chad, **TG** Togo, and any other State which is a member State of OAPI and a Contracting State of the PCT *(if other kind of protection or treatment desired, specify on dotted line)*

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Macedonia | <input type="checkbox"/> VN Viet Nam |
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Precautionary Designation Statement: In addition to the designations made above, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all other designations which would be permitted under the PCT except any designation(s) indicated in the Supplemental Box as being excluded from the scope of this statement. The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit. *(Confirmation (including fees) must reach the receiving Office within the 15-month time limit.)*

Cadre n° V DÉSIGNATION D'ÉTATS *Cocher les cases appropriées; une au moins doit être cochée.*

Les désignations suivantes sont faites conformément à la règle 4.9.a) :

Brevet régional

- AP Brevet ARIPO** : **GH** Ghana, **GM** Gambie, **KE** Kenya, **LS** Lesotho, **MW** Malawi, **MZ** Mozambique, **SD** Soudan, **SL** Sierra Leone, **SZ** Swaziland, **TZ** République-Unie de Tanzanie, **UG** Ouganda, **ZW** Zimbabwe et tout autre État qui est un État contractant du Protocole de Harare et du PCT
- EA Brevet eurasién** : **AM** Arménie, **AZ** Azerbaïdjan, **BY** Bélarus, **KG** Kirghizistan, **KZ** Kazakhstan, **MD** République de Moldova, **RU** Fédération de Russie, **TJ** Tadjikistan, **TM** Turkménistan et tout autre État qui est un État contractant de la Convention sur le brevet eurasién et du PCT
- EP Brevet européen** : **AT** Autriche, **BE** Belgique, **CH & LI** Suisse et Liechtenstein, **CY** Chypre, **DE** Allemagne, **DK** Danemark, **ES** Espagne, **FI** Finlande, **FR** France, **GB** Royaume-Uni, **GR** Grèce, **IE** Irlande, **IT** Italie, **LU** Luxembourg, **MC** Monaco, **NL** Pays-Bas, **PT** Portugal, **SE** Suède, **TR** Turquie et tout autre État qui est un État contractant de la Convention sur le brevet européen et du PCT
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| <input type="checkbox"/> AZ Azerbaïdjan | <input type="checkbox"/> IN Inde | <input type="checkbox"/> PT Portugal |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BA Bosnie-Herzégovine | <input type="checkbox"/> IS Islande | <input type="checkbox"/> RO Roumanie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BB Barbade | <input type="checkbox"/> JP Japon | <input type="checkbox"/> RU Fédération de Russie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BG Bulgarie | <input type="checkbox"/> KE Kenya | <input type="checkbox"/> SD Soudan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BR Brésil | <input type="checkbox"/> KG Kirghizistan | <input type="checkbox"/> SE Suède |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BY Bélarus | <input type="checkbox"/> KP République populaire démocratique de Corée | <input type="checkbox"/> SG Singapour |
| <input type="checkbox"/> BZ Belize | <input type="checkbox"/> KR République de Corée | <input type="checkbox"/> SI Slovénie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CA Canada | | <input type="checkbox"/> SK Slovaquie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CH & LI Suisse et Liechtenstein | | <input type="checkbox"/> SL Sierra Leone |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CN Chine | <input type="checkbox"/> KZ Kazakhstan | <input type="checkbox"/> TJ Tadjikistan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CO Colombie | <input type="checkbox"/> LC Sainte-Lucie | <input type="checkbox"/> TM Turkménistan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CR Costa Rica | <input type="checkbox"/> LK Sri Lanka | <input type="checkbox"/> TR Turquie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CU Cuba | <input type="checkbox"/> LR Libéria | <input type="checkbox"/> TT Trinité-et-Tobago |
| <input type="checkbox"/> CZ République tchèque | <input type="checkbox"/> LS Lesotho | <input type="checkbox"/> TZ République-Unie de Tanzanie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DE Allemagne | <input type="checkbox"/> LT Lituanie | <input type="checkbox"/> UA Ukraine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DK Danemark | <input type="checkbox"/> LU Luxembourg | <input type="checkbox"/> UG Ouganda |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DM Dominique | <input type="checkbox"/> LV Lettonie | <input type="checkbox"/> US États-Unis d'Amérique |
| <input type="checkbox"/> DZ Algérie | <input type="checkbox"/> MA Maroc | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> EE Estonie | <input type="checkbox"/> MD République de Moldova | <input type="checkbox"/> UZ Ouzbékistan |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ES Espagne | | <input type="checkbox"/> VN Viet Nam |
| <input type="checkbox"/> FI Finlande | <input type="checkbox"/> MG Madagascar | <input type="checkbox"/> YU Yougoslavie |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GB Royaume-Uni | <input type="checkbox"/> MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine | <input type="checkbox"/> ZA Afrique du Sud |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GD Grenade | | <input type="checkbox"/> ZW Zimbabwe |
| <input type="checkbox"/> GE Géorgie | <input type="checkbox"/> MN Mongolie | |

Les cases ci-dessous sont réservées à la désignation d'États qui sont devenus parties au PCT après la publication de la présente feuille :

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Déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution : outre les désignations faites ci-dessus, le déposant fait aussi conformément à la règle 4.9.b) toutes les désignations qui seraient autorisées en vertu du PCT, à l'exception de toute désignation indiquée dans le cadre supplémentaire comme étant exclue de la portée de cette déclaration. Le déposant déclare que ces désignations additionnelles sont faites sous réserve de confirmation et que toute désignation qui n'est pas confirmée avant l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité doit être considérée comme retirée par le déposant à l'expiration de ce délai. (*La confirmation (y compris les taxes) doit parvenir à l'office récepteur dans le délai de 15 mois.*)

Supplemental Box

If the Supplemental Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

1. *If, in any of the Boxes, except Boxes Nos. VIII(i) to (v) for which a special continuation box is provided, the space is insufficient to furnish all the information: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No...." (indicate the number of the Box) and furnish the information in the same manner as required according to the captions of the Box in which the space was insufficient, in particular:*
 - (i) *if more than two persons are to be indicated as applicants and/or inventors and no "continuation sheet" is available: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. III" and indicate for each additional person the same type of information as required in Box No. III. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below;*
 - (ii) *if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the indication "the States indicated in the Supplemental Box" is checked: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the applicant(s) involved and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is applicant;*
 - (iii) *if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the inventor or the inventor/applicant is not inventor for the purposes of all designated States or for the purposes of the United States of America: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the inventor(s) and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is inventor;*
 - (iv) *if, in addition to the agent(s) indicated in Box No. IV, there are further agents: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. IV" and indicate for each further agent the same type of information as required in Box No. IV;*
 - (v) *if, in Box No. V, the name of any State (or OAPI) is accompanied by the indication "patent of addition," or "certificate of addition," or if, in Box No. V, the name of the United States of America is accompanied by an indication "continuation" or "continuation-in-part": in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. V" and the name of each State involved (or OAPI), and after the name of each such State (or OAPI), the number of the parent title or parent application and the date of grant of the parent title or filing of the parent application;*
 - (vi) *if, in Box No. VI, there are more than five earlier applications whose priority is claimed: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VI" and indicate for each additional earlier application the same type of information as required in Box No. VI.*
2. *If, with regard to the precautionary designation statement contained in Box No. V, the applicant wishes to exclude any State(s) from the scope of that statement: in such case, write "Designation(s) excluded from precautionary designation statement" and indicate the name or two-letter code of each State so excluded.*

Cadre supplémentaire Si le cadre supplémentaire n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

1. Si l'un des cadres du présent formulaire – à l'exception des cadres n°s VIII.i) à v) pour lesquels une feuille annexe spéciale est prévue – **ne suffit pas** à contenir tous les renseignements : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n°..." (préciser le numéro du cadre) et fournir les renseignements conformément aux instructions données dans le cadre dans lequel la place était insuffisante; en particulier :
 - i) si plus de deux personnes doivent être indiquées comme **déposants ou inventeurs** et que l'on ne dispose d'aucune "feuille annexe" : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n° III" et fournir pour chaque personne supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n° III. Le pays de l'adresse indiquée dans ce cadre est l'État où le déposant a son domicile si aucun domicile n'est indiqué ci-dessous;
 - ii) si, dans le cadre n° II ou dans l'un des sous-cadres du cadre n° III, la case "**les États indiqués dans le cadre supplémentaire**" est cochée : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n° II" ou "Suite du cadre n° III" ou "Suite des cadres n°s II et III" (selon le cas), ainsi que le nom du ou des déposants en cause et, à côté de chaque nom, le ou les États pour lesquels la personne mentionnée a la qualité de déposant (ou, le cas échéant, la mention "brevet ARIPO", "brevet eurasién", "brevet européen" ou "brevet OAPI");
 - iii) si, dans le cadre n° II ou dans l'un des sous-cadres du cadre n° III, l'inventeur ou l'inventeur/déposant n'a pas la qualité d'inventeur pour tous les États désignés ou pour les États-Unis d'Amérique : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n° II" ou "Suite du cadre n° III" ou "Suite des cadres n°s II et III" (selon le cas), ainsi que le nom du ou des inventeurs et, à côté de chaque nom, le ou les États pour lesquels la personne mentionnée a la qualité d'inventeur (ou, le cas échéant, la mention "brevet ARIPO", "brevet eurasién", "brevet européen" ou "brevet OAPI");
 - iv) si, en plus du ou des mandataires indiqués dans le cadre n° IV, il y a d'autres mandataires : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n° IV" et fournir pour chaque mandataire supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n° IV;
 - v) si, dans le cadre n° V, le nom d'un État (ou de l'OAPI) est assorti de la mention "**brevet d'addition**" ou "**certificat d'addition**" ou si, dans le cadre n° V le nom des États-Unis d'Amérique est assorti de la mention "**continuation**" ou "**continuation-in-part**" : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n° V" ainsi que le nom de chaque État en cause (ou de l'OAPI) en précisant après chaque nom le numéro du titre principal ou de la demande principale ainsi que la date de délivrance du titre principal ou la date de dépôt de la demande principale;
 - vi) si, dans le cadre n° VI, la **priorité de plus de cinq demandes antérieures est revendiquée** : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n° VI" et fournir pour chaque demande antérieure supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n° VI.
2. Si, en ce qui concerne la **déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution** contenue dans le cadre n° V, le déposant souhaite exclure un ou plusieurs États de la portée de cette déclaration : dans ce cas, indiquer "Désignations exclues de la portée de la déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution" et fournir le nom ou le code à deux lettres de chaque État concerné.

Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM				
The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:				
Filing date of earlier application <i>(day/month/year)</i>	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1)				
item (2)				
item (3)				
item (4)				
item (5)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.				
The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) <i>(only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office)</i> identified above as:				
<input type="checkbox"/> all items <input type="checkbox"/> item (1) <input type="checkbox"/> item (2) <input type="checkbox"/> item (3) <input type="checkbox"/> item (4) <input type="checkbox"/> item (5) <input type="checkbox"/> other, see Supplemental Box				
* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)):				
Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY				
Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) <i>(if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):</i>				
ISA /				
Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search <i>(if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):</i>				
Date <i>(day/month/year)</i>	Number	Country <i>(or regional Office)</i>		
Box No. VIII DECLARATIONS				
The following declarations are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) <i>(mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration):</i>				Number of declarations
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (i)	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor			:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (ii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent			:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application			:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iv)	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)			:
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (v)	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty			:

Cadre n° VI REVENDICATION DE PRIORITÉ				
La priorité de la ou des demandes antérieures suivantes est revendiquée :				
Date de dépôt de la demande antérieure (jour/mois/année)	Numéro de la demande antérieure	Lorsque la demande antérieure est une :		
		demande nationale : pays	demande régionale :* office régional	demande internationale : office récepteur
point 1)				
point 2)				
point 3)				
point 4)				
point 5)				
<input type="checkbox"/> D'autres revendications de priorité sont indiquées dans le cadre supplémentaire.				
L'office récepteur est prié de préparer et de transmettre au Bureau international une copie certifiée conforme de la ou des demandes antérieures (<i>seulement si la demande antérieure a été déposée auprès de l'office qui, aux fins de la présente demande internationale, est l'office récepteur</i>) indiquées ci-dessus sous :				
<input type="checkbox"/> tous les points <input type="checkbox"/> point 1) <input type="checkbox"/> point 2) <input type="checkbox"/> point 3) <input type="checkbox"/> point 4) <input type="checkbox"/> point 5) <input type="checkbox"/> autre, voir le cadre supplémentaire				
<i>* Si la demande antérieure est une demande ARIPO, indiquer au moins un pays partie à la Convention de Paris pour la protection de la propriété industrielle ou un membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce pour lequel cette demande antérieure a été déposée (règle 4.10.b)ii) :</i>				
Cadre n° VII ADMINISTRATION CHARGÉE DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE				
Choix de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (ISA) (<i>si plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes pour procéder à la recherche internationale, indiquer l'administration choisie; le code à deux lettres peut être utilisé</i>) : ISA /				
Demande d'utilisation des résultats d'une recherche antérieure; mention de cette recherche (<i>si une recherche antérieure a été effectuée par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou demandée à cette dernière</i>) : Date (jour/mois/année) Numéro Pays (ou office régional)				
Cadre n° VIII DÉCLARATIONS				
Les déclarations suivantes figurent dans les cadres n° VIII.i) à v) (<i>cocher ci-dessous la ou les cases appropriées et indiquer dans la colonne de droite le nombre de chaque type de déclaration</i>) :				Nombre de déclarations
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.i)	déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.ii)	déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.iii)	déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité d'une demande antérieure	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.iv)	déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique)	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.v)	déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté	:	

Box No. VIII (i) DECLARATION: IDENTITY OF THE INVENTOR

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 211; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (i). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (i)".

Cadre n° VIII.i) DÉCLARATION : IDENTITÉ DE L'INVENTEUR

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 211; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.i). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)i) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.i)".

Box No. VIII (ii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO APPLY FOR AND BE GRANTED A PATENT

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 212; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (ii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (ii)".

Cadre n° VIII.ii) DÉCLARATION : DROIT DE DEMANDER ET D'OBTENIR UN BREVET

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 212; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.ii). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n'est pas appropriée :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.ii)".

Box No. VIII (iii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO CLAIM PRIORITY

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 213; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iii)".

Cadre n° VIII.iii) DÉCLARATION : DROIT DE REVENDIQUER LA PRIORITÉ

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 213; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.iii). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure indiquée ci-dessous si le déposant n'est pas celui qui a déposé la demande antérieure ou si son nom a changé depuis le dépôt de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51bis.1.a)iii) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.iii)".

Box No. VIII (iv) DECLARATION: INVENTORSHIP (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)

The declaration must conform to the following standardized wording provided for in Section 214; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iv). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

**Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))
for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:**

I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/. (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26ter).

I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified international application, including the claims of said application. I have identified in the request of said application, in compliance with PCT Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading "Prior Applications," by application number, country or Member of the World Trade Organization, day, month and year of filing, any application for a patent or inventor's certificate filed in a country other than the United States of America, including any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed.

Prior Applications:
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I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Name:

Residence:
(city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address:
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Citizenship:

Inventor's Signature:
(if not contained in the request, or if declaration is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application. The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

Date:
(of signature which is not contained in the request, or of the declaration that is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application)

Name:

Residence:
(city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address:
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Citizenship:

Inventor's Signature:
(if not contained in the request, or if declaration is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application. The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

Date:
(of signature which is not contained in the request, or of the declaration that is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application)

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iv)".

Cadre n° VIII.iv) DÉCLARATION : QUALITÉ D'INVENTEUR
(seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique)

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 214; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.iv). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (règles 4.17.iv) et 51bis.1.a)iv))
aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique :

Par la présente, je déclare que je crois être le premier inventeur original et unique (si un seul inventeur est mentionné ci-dessous) ou l'un des premiers coïnventeurs (si plusieurs inventeurs sont mentionnés ci-dessous) de l'objet revendiqué pour lequel un brevet est demandé.

La présente déclaration a trait à la demande internationale dont elle fait partie (si la déclaration est déposée avec la demande).

La présente déclaration a trait à la demande internationale n° PCT/..... (si la déclaration est remise en vertu de la règle 26ter).

Par la présente, je déclare que mon domicile, mon adresse postale et ma nationalité sont tels qu'indiqués près de mon nom.

Par la présente, je déclare avoir passé en revue et compris le contenu de la demande internationale à laquelle il est fait référence ci-dessus, y compris les revendications de ladite demande. J'ai indiqué dans la requête de ladite demande, conformément à la règle 4.10 du PCT, toute revendication de priorité d'une demande étrangère et j'ai identifié ci-dessous, sous l'intitulé "Demandes antérieures", au moyen du numéro de demande, du pays ou du membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce, du jour, du mois et de l'année du dépôt, toute demande de brevet ou de certificat d'auteur d'invention déposée dans un pays autre que les États-Unis d'Amérique, y compris toute demande internationale selon le PCT désignant au moins un pays autre que les États-Unis d'Amérique, dont la date de dépôt est antérieure à celle de la demande étrangère dont la priorité est revendiquée.

Demandes antérieures :

Par la présente, je reconnais l'obligation qui m'est faite de divulguer les renseignements dont j'ai connaissance et qui sont pertinents quant à la brevetabilité de l'invention, tels qu'ils sont définis dans le Titre 37, § 1.56, du Code fédéral des réglementations, y compris, en ce qui concerne les demandes de continuation-in-part les renseignements pertinents qui sont devenus accessibles entre la date de dépôt de la demande antérieure et la date du dépôt international de la demande de continuation-in-part.

Je déclare par la présente que toute déclaration ci-incluse est, à ma connaissance, véridique et que toute déclaration formulée à partir de renseignements ou de suppositions est tenue pour véridique; et de plus, que toutes ces déclarations ont été formulées en sachant que toute fausse déclaration volontaire ou son équivalent est passible d'une amende ou d'une incarcération, ou des deux, en vertu de la Section 1001 du Titre 18 du Code des États-Unis, et que de telles déclarations volontairement fausses risquent de compromettre la validité de la demande de brevet ou du brevet délivré à partir de celle-ci.

Nom :

Domicile :
 (ville et État (des États-Unis d'Amérique), le cas échéant, ou pays)

Adresse postale :

Nationalité :

Signature de l'inventeur : **Date :**
 (si elle ne figure pas dans la requête, ou si la déclaration a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale. La signature doit être celle de l'inventeur, il ne peut s'agir de celle du mandataire) (de la signature qui ne figure pas dans la requête, ou de la déclaration qui a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale)

Nom :

Domicile :
 (ville et État (des États-Unis d'Amérique), le cas échéant, ou pays)

Adresse postale :

Nationalité :

Signature de l'inventeur : **Date :**
 (si elle ne figure pas dans la requête, ou si la déclaration a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale. La signature doit être celle de l'inventeur, il ne peut s'agir de celle du mandataire) (de la signature qui ne figure pas dans la requête, ou de la déclaration qui a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale)

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.iv)".

Box No. VIII (v) DECLARATION: NON-PREJUDICIAL DISCLOSURES OR EXCEPTIONS TO LACK OF NOVELTY

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 215; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (v). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty (Rules 4.17(v) and 51bis.1(a)(v)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (v)".

Cadre n° VIII.v) DÉCLARATION : DIVULGATIONS NON OPPOSABLES OU EXCEPTIONS AU DÉFAUT DE NOUVEAUTÉ

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 215; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n^{os} VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.v). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règles 4.17.v) et 51bis.1.a)v) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.v)".

Continuation of Box No. VIII (i) to (v) DECLARATION

*If the space is insufficient in any of Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) to furnish all the information, including in the case where **more than two inventors are to be named** in Box No. VIII (iv), in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VIII ..." (indicate the item number of the Box) and furnish the information in the same manner as required for the purposes of the Box in which the space was insufficient. If additional space is needed in respect of two or more declarations, a separate continuation box must be used for each such declaration. If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.*

Suite du Cadre n° VIII.i) à v) DÉCLARATION

*Si l'un des cadres n° VIII.i) à v) **ne suffit pas** à contenir tous les renseignements, y compris dans le cas où **plus de deux inventeurs doivent être nommés** dans le cadre n° VIII.iv), dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n° VIII ..." (compléter le numéro du cadre en précisant le point) et fournir les renseignements conformément aux instructions données dans le cadre dans lequel la place était insuffisante. Si on a besoin de place supplémentaire dans deux ou plusieurs cadres, il faut utiliser le cadre "Suite" du cadre correspondant pour continuer chacune des déclarations. Si le présent cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.*

Box No. IX CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING		
<p>This international application contains:</p> <p>(a) the following number of sheets in paper form:</p> <p>request (including declaration sheets) : _____</p> <p>description (excluding sequence listing part) : _____</p> <p>claims : _____</p> <p>abstract : _____</p> <p>drawings : _____</p> <p>Sub-total number of sheets : _____</p> <p>sequence listing part of description (<i>actual number of sheets if filed in paper form, whether or not also filed in computer readable form; see (b) below</i>) : _____</p> <p>Total number of sheets : _____</p> <p>(b) sequence listing part of description filed in computer readable form</p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> only (under Section 801(a)(i))</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> in addition to being filed in paper form (under Section 801(a)(ii))</p> <p>Type and number of carriers (diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R or other) on which the sequence listing part is contained (<i>additional copies to be indicated under item 9(ii), in right column</i>): _____</p>	<p>This international application is accompanied by the following item(s) (<i>mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in right column the number of each item</i>):</p> <p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet :</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney :</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney :</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any: :</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature :</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s): :</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> translation of international application into (<i>language</i>): :</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> separate indications concerning deposited microorganism or other biological material :</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listing in computer readable form (indicate also type and number of carriers (diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R or other))</p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> copy submitted for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter only (and not as part of the international application) :</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>only where check-box (b)(i) or (b)(ii) is marked in left column</i>) additional copies including, where applicable, the copy for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter :</p> <p>(iii) <input type="checkbox"/> together with relevant statement as to the identity of the copy or copies with the sequence listing part mentioned in left column :</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> other (<i>specify</i>): :</p>	<p>Number of items</p>
<p>Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract:</p>	<p>Language of filing of the international application:</p>	
Box No. X SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE		
<p><i>Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request).</i></p>		

For receiving Office use only		
1. Date of actual receipt of the purported international application:		2. Drawings: <input type="checkbox"/> received: <input type="checkbox"/> not received:
3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application:		
4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2):		
5. International Searching Authority (if two or more are competent): ISA /	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid	

For International Bureau use only
Date of receipt of the record copy by the International Bureau:

Cadre n° IX BORDEREAU; LANGUE DE DÉPÔT		
<p>La présente demande internationale contient :</p> <p>a) le nombre de feuilles suivant sous forme papier :</p> <p>requête (y compris la ou les feuilles pour déclaration) :</p> <p>description (à l'exception de la partie réservée au listage des séquences) :</p> <p>revendications :</p> <p>abrégé :</p> <p>dessins :</p> <p>Sous-total de feuilles :</p> <p>partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences (<i>nombre réel de feuilles si cette partie est déposée sous forme papier, qu'elle soit ou non également déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur; voir b) ci-après</i>):</p> <p>Nombre total de feuilles :</p> <p>b) partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur</p> <p>i) <input type="checkbox"/> seulement (en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i))</p> <p>ii) <input type="checkbox"/> et également sous forme papier (en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii))</p> <p>Type et nombre de supports (disquette, CD-ROM, CD-R ou autre) sur lesquels figure la partie réservée au listage des séquences (<i>exemplaires supplémentaires à indiquer au point 9.ii), dans la colonne de droite</i>) :</p>	<p>Le ou les éléments suivants sont joint(s) à la présente demande internationale (<i>cocher la ou les cases appropriées et indiquer dans la colonne de droite le nombre de chaque élément</i>)</p> <p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> feuille de calcul des taxes :</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> pouvoir distinct original :</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> original du pouvoir général :</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> copie du pouvoir général; le cas échéant, numéro de référence :</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> explication de l'absence d'une signature :</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> document(s) de priorité indiqué(s) dans le cadre n° VI au(x) point(s) :</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> traduction de la demande internationale en (<i>langue</i>) :</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> indications séparées concernant des micro-organismes ou autre matériel biologique déposés :</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (indiquer aussi le type et le nombre de supports (disquette, CD-ROM, CD-R ou autre))</p> <p>i) <input type="checkbox"/> copie remise aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13ter seulement (et non en tant que partie de la demande internationale) :</p> <p>ii) <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>seulement lorsque la case b) i) ou b) ii) de la colonne de gauche est cochée</i>) exemplaires supplémentaires, y compris, le cas échéant, copie remise aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13ter :</p> <p>iii) <input type="checkbox"/> avec la déclaration pertinente quant à l'identité entre la copie – ou les exemplaires supplémentaires – et la partie réservée au listage des séquences mentionnée dans la colonne de gauche :</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> autres éléments (<i>préciser</i>) :</p>	<p>Nombre d'éléments</p>
<p>Figure des dessins qui doit accompagner l'abrégé :</p>	<p>Langue de dépôt de la demande internationale :</p>	
<p>Cadre n° X SIGNATURE DU DÉPOSANT, DU MANDATAIRE OU DU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN</p> <p>À côté de chaque signature, indiquer le nom du signataire et à quel titre l'intéressé signe (si cela n'apparaît pas clairement à la lecture de la requête).</p>		

Réservé à l'office récepteur		
1. Date effective de réception des pièces supposées constituer la demande internationale :		<p>2. Dessins :</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> reçus :</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> non reçus :</p>
3. Date effective de réception, rectifiée en raison de la réception ultérieure, mais dans les délais, de documents ou de dessins complétant ce qui est supposé constituer la demande internationale :		
4. Date de réception, dans les délais, des corrections demandées selon l'article 11.2) du PCT :		
5. Administration chargée de la recherche internationale (si plusieurs sont compétentes) : ISA /	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmission de la copie de recherche différée jusqu'au paiement de la taxe de recherche	

Réservé au Bureau international	
Date de réception de l'exemplaire original par le Bureau international :	

NOTES TO THE REQUEST FORM (PCT/RO/101)

These Notes are intended to facilitate the filling in of the request form. For more detailed information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a WIPO publication, which is available, together with other PCT related documents, at WIPO's Website: www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. In case of any discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable.

In the request form and these Notes, "Article", "Rule" and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions, respectively.

Please use a typewriter; check-boxes may be marked by hand with black ink (Rule 11.9(a) and (b)).

The request form and these Notes may be downloaded from WIPO's Website at the address given above.

WHERE TO FILE THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

The international application (request, description, claims, abstract and drawings, if any) must be filed with a competent receiving Office (Article 11(1)(i))—that is, subject to any applicable prescriptions concerning national security, at the choice of the applicant, either:

(i) the receiving Office of, or acting for, a PCT Contracting State of which the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, at least one of them, is a resident or national (Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii) or (b)), or

(ii) the International Bureau of WIPO in Geneva, Switzerland, if the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, at least one of the applicants is a resident or national of any PCT Contracting State (Rule 19.1(a)(iii)).

APPLICANT'S OR AGENT'S FILE REFERENCE

A **file reference** may be indicated, if desired. It should not exceed 12 characters. Characters in excess of 12 may be disregarded by the receiving Office or any International Authority (Rule 11.6(f) and Section 109).

BOX No. I

Title of Invention (Rules 4.3 and 5.1(a)): The title must be short (preferably two to seven words when in English or translated into English) and precise. It must be identical with the title heading the description.

BOXES Nos. II AND III

General: At least one of the applicants named must be a resident or national of a PCT Contracting State for which the receiving Office acts (Articles 9 and 11(1)(i) and Rules 18 and 19). If the international application is filed with the International Bureau under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), at least one of the applicants must be a resident or national of any PCT Contracting State.

If the United States of America is designated, all of the inventors must be named also as applicants for the purposes of that designation (see "Different Applicants for Different Designated States", below).

Indication Whether a Person is Applicant and/or Inventor (Rules 4.5(a) and 4.6(a) and (b)):

Check-box "This person is also inventor" (Box No. II): Mark this check-box if the applicant named is also the inventor or one of the inventors; do not mark this check-box if the applicant is a legal entity.

Check-box "applicant and inventor" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is both applicant and inventor; do not mark this check-box if the person is a legal entity.

Check-box "applicant only" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is a legal entity or if the person named is not also inventor.

Check-box "inventor only" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is inventor but not also applicant; do not mark this check-box if the person is a legal entity.

In Box No. III, one of the three check-boxes must always be marked for each person named.

A person must not be named more than once in Boxes Nos. II and III, even where that person is both applicant and inventor.

Names and Addresses (Rule 4.4): The family name (preferably in capital letters) must be indicated before the given name(s). Titles and academic degrees must be omitted. Names of legal entities must be indicated by their full official designations.

The address must be indicated in such a way that it allows prompt postal delivery; it must consist of all the relevant administrative units (up to and including the indication of the house number, if any), the postal code (if any), and the name of the country.

Only one address may be indicated per person. For the indication of a special "address for correspondence", see the notes to Box No. IV.

Telephone, Facsimile and/or Teleprinter Numbers should be indicated for the person named in Box No. II in order to allow rapid communication with the applicant. Any such number should include the applicable country and area codes.

Applicant's registration number with the Office (Rule 4.5(e)): Where the applicant is registered with the national or regional Office acting as receiving Office, the request may indicate the number or other indication under which the applicant is so registered.

Nationality (Rules 4.5(a) and (b) and 18.1): For each applicant, the nationality must be indicated by the name or two-letter code of the State (that is, country) of which the person is a national. A legal entity constituted according to the national law of a State is considered a national of that State. The indication of the nationality is not required where a person is inventor only.

Residence (Rules 4.5(a) and (c) and 18.1): For each applicant, the residence must be indicated by the name or two-letter code of the State (that is, country) of which the person is a resident. If the State of residence is not indicated, it will be assumed to be the same as the State indicated in the address. Possession of a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in a State is considered residence in that State. The indication of the residence is not required where a person is inventor only.

NOTES RELATIVES AU FORMULAIRE DE REQUÊTE (PCT/RO/101)

Ces notes sont destinées à faciliter l'utilisation du formulaire de requête. On peut aussi trouver de plus amples renseignements dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, publié par l'OMPI, qui est disponible, de même que d'autres documents relatifs au PCT, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/index.html. Les notes sont fondées sur les exigences du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT), du règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT. En cas de divergence entre les présentes notes et ces exigences, ce sont ces dernières qui priment.

Dans le formulaire de requête et dans les présentes notes, les termes "article", "règle" et "instruction" renvoient aux dispositions du traité, de son règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT, respectivement.

Prrière de remplir le formulaire à la machine à écrire; les cases appropriées peuvent être cochées à la main, à l'encre noire (règle 11.9.a) et b)).

Le formulaire de requête et les présentes notes peuvent être téléchargés depuis le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse donnée ci-dessus.

OÙ DÉPOSER LA DEMANDE INTERNATIONALE

Il faut que la demande internationale (requête, description, revendications, abrégé et, le cas échéant, dessins) soit déposée auprès d'un office récepteur compétent (article 11.1)i)), c'est-à-dire sous réserve des dispositions applicables en matière de défense nationale et au choix du déposant,

i) l'office récepteur d'un État contractant du PCT ou l'office agissant pour un tel État, dans lequel le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux au moins, est domicilié ou dont il a la nationalité (règle 19.1.a)i) ou ii) ou b)), ou

ii) le Bureau international de l'OMPI à Genève (Suisse) si le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux au moins, est domicilié dans l'un quelconque des États contractants du PCT ou a la nationalité d'un tel État (règle 19.1.a)iii)).

RÉFÉRENCE DU DOSSIER DU DÉPOSANT OU DU MANDATAIRE

Il est possible d'indiquer, à titre facultatif, une telle **référence de dossier**. Celle-ci ne devrait pas dépasser 12 caractères. L'office récepteur ou toute administration internationale peut ne pas tenir compte des caractères en sus du douzième (règle 11.6.f) et instruction 109).

CADRE N° I

Titre de l'invention (règles 4.3 et 5.1.a)) : le titre doit être bref (de préférence de deux à sept mots lorsqu'il est établi ou traduit en anglais) et précis. Il doit être identique à celui qui figure en tête de la description.

CADRES N°s II ET III

Remarque générale : l'un au moins des déposants mentionnés doit être domicilié dans un État contractant du PCT pour lequel l'office récepteur agit, ou avoir la nationalité d'un tel État (articles 9 et 11.1)i) et règles 18 et 19). Si la demande internationale est déposée auprès du Bureau international en vertu de la règle 19.1.a)iii)), l'un au moins des déposants doit être domicilié dans un État contractant du PCT ou avoir la nationalité d'un tel État.

Si les États-Unis d'Amérique sont désignés, tous les inventeurs doivent être mentionnés également comme déposants pour cette désignation (voir, ci-après, "Déposants différents pour différents États désignés").

Indication visant à établir si une personne est déposant ou inventeur, ou les deux à la fois (règles 4.5.a) et 4.6.a) et b)) :

Case "Cette personne est aussi inventeur" (cadre n° II) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée est aussi l'inventeur ou l'un des inventeurs; ne pas la cocher si le déposant est une personne morale.

Case "déposant et inventeur" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée a les deux qualités, celle de déposant et celle d'inventeur; ne pas la cocher si cette personne est une personne morale.

Case "déposant seulement" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée est une personne morale ou si elle n'a pas aussi la qualité d'inventeur.

Case "inventeur seulement" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée a la qualité d'inventeur mais pas celle de déposant; ne pas la cocher si cette personne est une personne morale.

Dans le cadre n° III, il faut que l'une des trois cases soit cochée pour chaque personne mentionnée.

Une personne ne doit être mentionnée qu'une seule fois dans les cadres n° II et III, même si elle est à la fois déposant et inventeur.

Noms et adresses (règle 4.4) : le nom de famille (de préférence en lettres majuscules) doit précéder le ou les prénoms. Les titres et les diplômes universitaires ne doivent pas être mentionnés. Les personnes morales doivent être nommées par leurs désignations officielles complètes.

L'adresse doit être indiquée de manière à permettre une distribution postale rapide; elle doit comprendre toutes les unités administratives pertinentes (jusques et y compris le numéro de la maison, s'il y en a un), le code postal, s'il y en a un, et le nom du pays.

Il ne peut être indiqué qu'une seule adresse par personne. En ce qui concerne l'indication d'une adresse spéciale pour la correspondance, voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV.

Pour permettre une communication rapide avec le déposant, il y a lieu d'indiquer les **numéros de téléphone, de télécopieur ou de téléimprimeur** de la personne mentionnée dans le cadre n° II. Tout numéro de ce type doit comporter les indicatifs de pays et de zone en vigueur.

Numéro sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 4.5.e)) : lorsque le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, la requête peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Nationalité (règles 4.5.a) et b) et 18.1) : la nationalité de chaque déposant doit être indiquée au moyen du nom ou du code à deux lettres de l'État (c'est-à-dire, pays) dont l'intéressé

Names of States (Section 115): For the indication of names of States, the two-letter codes appearing in WIPO Standard ST.3 and in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex K, may be used.

Different Applicants for Different Designated States (Rules 4.5(d), 18.3 and 19.2): It is possible to indicate different applicants for the purposes of different designated States. At least one of all the applicants named must be a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State for which the receiving Office acts, irrespective of the designated State(s) for the purposes of which that applicant is named. *Where the United States of America is one of the designated States, all of the inventors must be named also as applicants for the United States of America and the check-boxes "This person is also inventor" (in Box No. II) and/or "applicant and inventor" (in Box No. III) must be marked.*

For the indication of the designated States for which a person is applicant, mark the applicable check-box (only one for each person). The check-box "the States indicated in the Supplemental Box" must be marked where none of the other three check-boxes fits the circumstances; in such a case, the name of the person must be repeated in the Supplemental Box with an indication of the States for which that person is applicant (see item 1(ii) in that Box).

Naming of Inventor (Rule 4.1(a)(v) and (c)(i)): The inventor's name and address must be indicated where the national law of at least one of the designated States requires that the name of the inventor be furnished at the time of filing; for details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, Annexes B1 and B2. It is strongly recommended to always name the inventor.

Different Inventors for Different Designated States (Rule 4.6(c)): Different persons may be indicated as inventors for different designated States (for example, where, in this respect, the requirements of the national laws of the designated States are not the same); in such a case, the Supplemental Box must be used (see item 1(iii) in that Box). In the absence of any indication, it will be assumed that the inventor(s) named is (are) inventor(s) for all designated States.

BOX No. IV

Who Can Act as Agent (Article 49 and Rule 83.1bis): For each of the receiving Offices, information as to who can act as agent is given in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Agent or Common Representative (Rules 4.7, 4.8, 90.1 and 90.2 and Section 108): Mark the applicable check-box in order to indicate whether the person named is (or has been) appointed as "agent" or "common representative" (the "common representative" must be one of the applicants). For the manner in which name(s) and address(es) (including names of States) must be indicated, see the notes to Boxes Nos. II and III. Where several agents are listed, the agent to whom correspondence should be addressed is to be listed first. If there are two or more applicants but no common agent is appointed to represent all of them, one of the applicants who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State may be appointed by the other applicants as their common representative. If this is not done, the applicant first named in the request who is entitled to file an international application with the receiving Office concerned will automatically be considered to be the common representative.

Manner of Appointment of Agent or Common Representative (Rules 90.4 and 90.5 and Section 106): Any such appointment may be made by designating the agent(s) or the common representative in the request or in one or more separate powers of attorney. Each applicant must sign either the request or a separate power of attorney. Where the

international application is filed with reference to a general power of attorney, a copy thereof must be attached to the request. Any applicant who did not sign the general power of attorney must sign either the request or a separate power of attorney.

Agent's registration number with the Office (Rule 4.7(b)): Where the agent is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as receiving Office, the request may indicate the number or other indication under which the agent is so registered.

Address for Correspondence (Rule 4.4(d) and Section 108): Where an agent is appointed, any correspondence intended for the applicant will be sent to the address indicated for that agent (or for the first-mentioned agent, if more than one is appointed). Where one of two or more applicants is appointed as common representative, the address indicated for that applicant in Box No. IV will be used.

Where no agent or common representative is appointed, any correspondence will be sent to the address, indicated in Box No. II or III, of the applicant (if only one person is named as applicant) or of the applicant who is considered to be common representative (if there are two or more persons named as applicants). However, if the applicant wishes correspondence to be sent to a different address in such a case, that address must be indicated in Box No. IV instead of the designation of an agent or common representative. In this case, and only in this case, the last check-box of Box No. IV must be marked (that is, the last check-box must not be marked if either of the check-boxes "agent" or "common representative" has been marked).

BOX No. V

Designation of States (Rules 4.1(a)(iv) and 4.9(a)): The Contracting States in which protection is desired must be designated under Rule 4.9(a) in the request by marking the applicable check-boxes. At least one check-box effecting a specific designation must be marked. *While the general rule is that designations cannot be added after the filing of the international application, it is possible to make a precautionary designation under Rule 4.9(b) covering all other designations which would, as at the international filing date, be permitted under the PCT (see "Precautionary Designation of States Subject to Confirmation", below).*

Where regional (ARIPO, Eurasian, European and/or OAPI) patents are desired, only one PCT designation fee must be paid for each regional designation made, independently of how many States are covered by each such designation.

AP ARIPO Patent: Note that **SZ Swaziland** can only be designated for the purposes of an ARIPO patent and not for the purposes of a national patent. All other PCT Contracting States which are also party to the Harare Protocol can be designated either for a national or an ARIPO patent, or both a national and an ARIPO patent.

EA Eurasian Patent: All PCT Contracting States which are also party to the Eurasian Patent Convention can be designated either for a national or a Eurasian patent, or both a national and a Eurasian patent. Note, however, that it is not possible to designate only some of these States for a Eurasian patent and that any designation of one or more States for a Eurasian patent will be treated as a designation of all the States which are party to both the Convention and the PCT for a Eurasian patent.

EP European Patent: Note that **BE Belgium, CY Cyprus, FR France, GR Greece, IE Ireland, IT Italy, MC Monaco and NL Netherlands** can only be designated for the purposes of a European patent and not for the purposes of a national patent. All other PCT Contracting States which are also party

est ressortissant. Une personne morale constituée conformément à la législation d'un État contractant est considérée comme ayant la nationalité de cet État. L'indication de la nationalité n'est pas exigée lorsqu'une personne est inventeur seulement.

Domicile (règles 4.5.a) et c) et 18.1) : le domicile de chaque déposant doit être indiqué au moyen du nom ou du code à deux lettres de l'État (c'est-à-dire, pays) où l'intéressé a son domicile. Si, cependant, le domicile n'est pas indiqué, l'État du domicile sera présumé être le même que celui qui est indiqué dans l'adresse. La possession d'un établissement industriel ou commercial effectif et sérieux dans un État est considérée comme constituant domicile dans cet État. L'indication du domicile n'est pas exigée lorsqu'une personne est inventeur seulement.

Nom des États (instruction 115) : pour indiquer le nom des États, on peut utiliser le code à deux lettres qui figure dans la norme ST.3 de l'OMPI et dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe K.

Dépôts différents pour différents États désignés (règles 4.5.d), 18.3 et 19.2) : il est possible d'indiquer des dépôts différents pour différents États désignés. L'un au moins des déposants indiqués – quels que soient l'État ou les États désignés pour lesquels il est indiqué – doit être ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT pour lequel l'office récepteur agit ou avoir son domicile dans un tel État. *Lorsque les États-Unis d'Amérique sont l'un des États désignés, tous les inventeurs doivent être indiqués comme déposants pour les États-Unis d'Amérique et les cases "Cette personne est aussi inventeur" (dans le cadre n° II) ou "déposant et inventeur" (dans le cadre n° III) doivent être cochées.*

Afin d'indiquer les États désignés pour lesquels une personne est déposant, il y a lieu de cocher la case appropriée (une seule case par personne). La case "les États indiqués dans le cadre supplémentaire" doit être cochée lorsque aucune des trois autres cases ne convient; en pareil cas, le nom de la personne doit être repris dans le cadre supplémentaire et assorti de l'indication des États pour lesquels cette personne est déposant (voir le point 1.ii) de ce cadre).

Mention de l'inventeur (règle 4.1.a)v) et c)i)) : le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être indiqués lorsque la législation nationale d'un État désigné au moins exige la communication du nom de celui-ci lors du dépôt; pour plus de précisions, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, annexes B1 et B2. Il est vivement recommandé de toujours indiquer le nom de l'inventeur.

Inventeurs différents pour différents États désignés (règle 4.6.c)) : des personnes différentes peuvent être indiquées en tant qu'inventeurs pour différents États désignés (par exemple, lorsque, en la matière, les exigences des législations nationales des États désignés diffèrent); en pareil cas, il y a lieu d'utiliser le cadre supplémentaire (voir le point 1.iii) de ce cadre). En l'absence d'indication, il sera supposé que l'inventeur ou les inventeurs mentionnés ont la qualité d'inventeur pour tous les États désignés.

CADRE N° IV

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ? (article 49 et règle 83.1bis) : pour chacun des office récepteurs, on trouvera, dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C, des informations sur le point de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire.

Mandataire ou représentant commun (règles 4.7, 4.8, 90.1 et 90.2 et instruction 108) : cocher la case appropriée pour indiquer si la personne mentionnée est (ou a été) désignée comme "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" (le

"représentant commun" doit être l'un des déposants). Pour ce qui est de la façon d'indiquer les noms et adresses (y compris le nom des États), il convient de se reporter aux notes relatives aux cadres n°s II et III. Lorsque plusieurs mandataires sont indiqués, il faut mentionner en premier lieu celui à qui la correspondance doit être adressée. S'il y a plusieurs déposants mais aucun mandataire commun désigné pour les représenter tous, l'un des déposants qui est ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT ou qui a son domicile dans un tel État peut être désigné par les autres comme leur représentant commun. A défaut, le déposant nommé en premier lieu dans la requête qui est autorisé à déposer une demande internationale auprès de l'office récepteur en question sera automatiquement considéré comme le représentant commun.

Mode de désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun (règles 90.4 et 90.5 et instruction 106) : la désignation du ou des mandataires ou du représentant commun peut être effectuée dans la requête ou dans un ou plusieurs pouvoirs distincts. Chaque déposant doit signer la requête ou un pouvoir distinct. Si la demande internationale déposée fait état d'un pouvoir général, une copie de celui-ci doit être jointe à la requête. Tout déposant n'ayant pas signé le pouvoir général doit signer soit la requête soit un pouvoir distinct.

Numéro sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 4.7.b)) : lorsque le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, la requête peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Adresse pour la correspondance (règle 4.4.d) et instruction 108) : si un mandataire est désigné, toute correspondance destinée au déposant sera envoyée à l'adresse indiquée pour ce mandataire (ou pour le mandataire mentionné en premier, si plusieurs mandataires ont été désignés). Lorsque, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux est désigné comme représentant commun, l'adresse indiquée pour ce déposant dans le cadre n° IV sera utilisée.

Si aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est désigné, la correspondance sera envoyée à l'adresse – indiquée dans le cadre n° II ou III – du déposant (s'il n'y a qu'une seule personne indiquée comme déposant) ou du déposant considéré comme le représentant commun (s'il y a plusieurs personnes indiquées comme déposants). Cependant, si le ou les déposants souhaitent dans ce cas que la correspondance soit envoyée à une adresse différente, cette adresse doit être indiquée dans le cadre n° IV, en lieu et place de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun. C'est dans ce cas, et seulement dans ce cas, qu'il y a lieu de cocher la dernière case du cadre n° IV (c'est-à-dire que la dernière case ne doit pas être cochée si l'une des cases "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" a été cochée).

CADRE N° V

Désignation d'États (règles 4.1.a)iv) et 4.9.a)) : pour désigner conformément à la règle 4.9.a), dans la requête, les États contractants où la protection est demandée, il faut cocher les cases appropriées. Il faut qu'au moins une case, correspondant à une désignation expresse, soit cochée. *Bien que la règle générale soit qu'aucune désignation ne peut être ajoutée après le dépôt de la demande internationale, il est possible d'effectuer une désignation de précaution conformément à la règle 4.9.b) pour couvrir toutes les autres désignations qui, à la date du dépôt international, seraient autorisées selon le PCT (voir ci-après la rubrique "Désignation d'États à titre de précaution sous réserve de confirmation").*

Lorsque des brevets régionaux (ARIPO, eurasiatique, européen ou OAPI) sont demandés, une seule taxe de désignation du PCT est due pour chaque désignation régionale effectuée, quel que soit le nombre d'États couverts par celle-ci.

to the European Patent Convention can be designated either for a national or a European patent, or both a national and a European patent.

If an ARIPO or a European patent is desired for only some of the Contracting States of the Harare Protocol or the European Patent Convention, respectively, the names of those States for which a regional patent is not desired may be deleted by striking them out. However, it is recommended that the applicant always designate for the purposes of a regional patent all PCT Contracting States which are also Contracting States of the Protocol or the Convention, respectively. A decision to proceed with only some of those designations need not be made until entry into the regional phase, at which stage the corresponding regional designation fees must be paid.

Where any of the Contracting States of the Harare Protocol, the Eurasian Patent Convention or the European Patent Convention and the PCT is designated twice, namely *both* for the purposes of an ARIPO, a Eurasian or a European patent *and* for the purposes of national protection, the applicant must pay one designation fee in respect of the regional patent and as many designation fees as there are national patents or other titles of protection sought (Rule 15.1(ii) and Section 210).

Extension of EP European Patent to Certain States: If it is intended, at the time of entry into the European regional phase, to request the extension of the subsequently granted European patent to AL Albania, LT Lithuania, LV Latvia, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, RO Romania and/or SI Slovenia (and/or to any other PCT Contracting State for which, on the date of filing of the international application, an extension agreement with the European Patent Organisation is in force), Box No. V must contain *both* a designation of the State concerned for the purposes of a national patent and *also* a designation, for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, of at least one PCT Contracting State party to the European Patent Convention.

OA OAPI Patent: The designation of States members of OAPI and party to the PCT can only be made for the purposes of an OAPI patent (no national protection is available); furthermore, it is not possible to designate only some of them.

Choice of Certain Kinds of Protection or Treatment (Rules 4.12 to 4.14 and Section 202): Where, in any country where it is possible, a national title other than a patent is desired, write the name or two-letter code of that country followed by the name of the title; that is, “petty patent” (available in AU Australia and YU Yugoslavia), “provisional patent” (available in AM Armenia, KG Kyrgyzstan, KZ Kazakhstan, TM Turkmenistan, UZ Uzbekistan), “utility model” (available in AL Albania, AM Armenia, AT Austria, BG Bulgaria, BR Brazil, BY Belarus, BZ Belize, CN China, CR Costa Rica, CZ Czech Republic, DE Germany, DK Denmark, EE Estonia, ES Spain, FI Finland, GE Georgia, HU Hungary, JP Japan, KE Kenya, KG Kyrgyzstan, KR Republic of Korea, KZ Kazakhstan, LS Lesotho, MD Republic of Moldova, MX Mexico, PL Poland, PT Portugal, RU Russian Federation, SK Slovakia, SL Sierra Leone, TJ Tajikistan, TR Turkey, UA Ukraine, UZ Uzbekistan, VN Viet Nam, OA OAPI), “consensual patent” (available in HR Croatia), “utility certificate” (available in GH Ghana, TT Trinidad and Tobago, UG Uganda) or “inventor’s certificate” (available in CU Cuba and KP Democratic People’s Republic of Korea). Where, in AT Austria, CZ Czech Republic, DE Germany, DK Denmark, EE Estonia, FI Finland or SK Slovakia (the only countries in which this possibility exists), in addition to a patent, a utility model is also desired, write after the name of that country “and utility model”.

Where, in respect of any country where it is possible, it is desired that the international application be treated as an application for a certain title “of addition” or as an application for a “continuation” or a “continuation-in-part”, write after the name of that country the appropriate words; that is, “patent of

addition” (available in AT Austria, AU Australia, BA Bosnia and Herzegovina, CU Cuba, DE Germany, ES Spain, IL Israel, IN India, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, MW Malawi, NZ New Zealand, SI Slovenia, TR Turkey, YU Yugoslavia, ZA South Africa, ZW Zimbabwe), “certificate of addition” (available in BR Brazil, DZ Algeria, MA Morocco, MG Madagascar, OA OAPI), “inventor’s certificate of addition” (available in CU Cuba), “continuation” or “continuation-in-part” (both available in US United States of America). If any of these indications is used, also indicate in the Supplemental Box the State for which such treatment is desired, the number of the parent title or parent application, and the date of the grant of the parent title or the date of filing of the parent application, as the case may be (see item 1(v) in that Box).

If, in Box No. V, the check-boxes for making designations are marked with consecutive Arabic numerals, those indications will be taken to express the applicant’s *choice of the order of the designations*; if another form of marking is used, the order will be taken as that in which the marked check-boxes appear on the form. This order will only have any significance if the amount received for the designation fees is insufficient to cover all the designations and remains insufficient after the applicant has been invited to pay the balance due; in that case, the amount received will be applied in payment of the fees for the designations following the said order (Rule 16bis.1(c) and Section 321).

The check-boxes located towards the bottom of Box No. V are reserved for designating, for the purposes of a national patent, States which have become party to the PCT after the date appearing at the bottom of the second sheet of the request form; in such a case, the name of the State, preferably preceded by the two-letter code, must be indicated on the dotted line and the corresponding check-box must be marked (together with an indication, where applicable, whether a special kind of protection or treatment is desired).

Precautionary Designation of States Subject to Confirmation (Rules 4.9(b) and (c) and 15.5): For the applicant’s safeguard, the lower part of Box No. V contains a statement (“Precautionary Designation Statement”) indicating the applicant’s wish to make, as a matter of precaution, in addition to the specific designations made by marking the check-boxes in the upper part of Box No. V (at least one such designation must be made), a precautionary designation of all other PCT Contracting States which are not specifically designated.

If the applicant does not wish to avail himself of this safeguard and does not want to make any such precautionary designations, the statement must be crossed out.

If the applicant wishes to expressly exclude a certain State from such precautionary designation so that the international application does not have any effect in that State, the name or two-letter code of that State should be indicated in the Supplemental Box. In no other case is it necessary to make use of this possibility.

If, after filing the international application, the applicant notices that there are any omissions and/or mistakes in respect of the specific designations made, it will be possible to rectify the situation by confirming the precautionary designations concerned. The confirmation of any precautionary designation is possible before the expiration of 15 months from the (earliest) priority date indicated in Box No. VI or, where no priority is claimed, the international filing date. To effect such confirmation, the applicant must file with the receiving Office a written notice specifying the name of each State the designation of which is confirmed (with, where applicable, an indication of the kind of treatment or protection desired) and pay to the receiving Office, for each such designation, a designation fee (even where six designation fees have already been paid) together with a confirmation fee corresponding to 50% of the designation fee.

AP brevet ARIPO : il est à noter que **SZ Swaziland** ne peut être désigné que pour un brevet ARIPO et non aux fins d'un brevet national. Tous les autres États contractants du PCT qui sont aussi parties au Protocole de Harare peuvent être désignés soit aux fins d'un brevet national ou d'un brevet ARIPO, soit à la fois aux fins d'un brevet national et d'un brevet ARIPO.

EA brevet eurasiens : tous les États contractants du PCT qui sont aussi parties à la Convention sur le brevet eurasiens peuvent être désignés soit aux fins d'un brevet national ou d'un brevet eurasiens, soit à la fois aux fins d'un brevet national et d'un brevet eurasiens. Cependant, il est à noter qu'il n'est pas possible de désigner seulement certains de ces États aux fins d'un brevet eurasiens et que toute désignation d'un ou de plusieurs États aux fins d'un brevet eurasiens sera traitée comme une désignation aux fins d'un brevet eurasiens de tous les États qui sont parties à la fois à la Convention et au PCT.

EP brevet européen : il est à noter que **BE Belgique, CY Chypre, FR France, GR Grèce, IE Irlande, IT Italie, MC Monaco et NL Pays-Bas** ne peuvent être désignés que pour un brevet européen et non aux fins d'un brevet national. Tous les autres États contractants du PCT qui sont aussi parties à la Convention sur le brevet européen peuvent être désignés soit aux fins d'un brevet national ou d'un brevet européen, soit à la fois aux fins d'un brevet national et d'un brevet européen.

Si un brevet ARIPO ou un brevet européen est demandé pour certains seulement des États contractants du Protocole de Harare ou de la Convention sur le brevet européen, respectivement, le nom des États pour lesquels un brevet régional n'est pas demandé peut être biffé. Il est cependant recommandé de toujours désigner aux fins d'un brevet régional tous les États contractants du Protocole ou de la Convention, respectivement. Ce n'est que lorsqu'il s'agira d'aborder la phase régionale et de payer les taxes de désignation régionales que la décision de ne poursuivre la procédure d'obtention de brevet que pour certaines des désignations devra être prise.

Lorsqu'un ou plusieurs États parties au Protocole de Harare, à la Convention sur le brevet eurasiens ou à la Convention sur le brevet européen et au PCT sont désignés deux fois, une fois aux fins d'un brevet ARIPO, d'un brevet eurasiens ou d'un brevet européen et une autre fois aux fins d'une protection nationale, le déposant doit acquitter une taxe de désignation pour le brevet régional et autant de taxes de désignation qu'il y a de brevets ou autres titres de protection nationaux demandés (règle 15.1.ii) et instruction 210).

Extension du brevet européen (EP) à certains États : s'il est envisagé de demander, au moment de l'ouverture de la phase régionale européenne, l'extension du brevet européen qui sera obtenu ultérieurement à AL Albanie, LT Lituanie, LV Lettonie, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, RO Roumanie, ou SI Slovénie (ou à tout autre État contractant du PCT pour lequel, à la date du dépôt de la demande internationale, un accord d'extension conclu avec l'Organisation européenne des brevets est en vigueur), le cadre n° V doit contenir **à la fois** la désignation de l'État concerné en vue de l'obtention d'un brevet national et la désignation, en vue de l'obtention d'un brevet européen, d'au moins un État contractant du PCT partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen.

OA brevet OAPI : la désignation des États membres de l'OAPI qui sont parties au PCT ne peut être effectuée qu'aux fins d'un brevet OAPI (aucune protection nationale n'est offerte); de plus, il n'est pas possible de ne désigner que certains de ces États.

Choix de certaines formes de protection ou de traitement (règles 4.12 à 4.14 et instruction 202) : si, dans un pays, il est possible de demander un titre de protection autre qu'un brevet, écrire le nom de ce pays, ou le code à deux lettres, suivi

du nom du titre en question, c'est-à-dire "petty patent" (pour AU Australie et YU Yougoslavie), "brevet provisoire" (pour AM Arménie, KG Kirghizistan, KZ Kazakhstan, TM Turkménistan, UZ Ouzbékistan), "modèle d'utilité" (pour AL Albanie, AM Arménie, AT Autriche, BG Bulgarie, BR Brésil, BY Bélarus, BZ Belize, CN Chine, CR Costa Rica, CZ République tchèque, DE Allemagne, DK Danemark, EE Estonie, ES Espagne, FI Finlande, GE Géorgie, HU Hongrie, JP Japon, KE Kenya, KG Kirghizistan, KR République de Corée, KZ Kazakhstan, LS Lesotho, MD République de Moldova, MX Mexique, PL Pologne, PT Portugal, RU Fédération de Russie, SK Slovaquie, SL Sierra Leone, TJ Tadjikistan, TR Turquie, UA Ukraine, UZ Ouzbékistan, VN Viet Nam, OA OAPI), "brevet consensuel" (pour HR Croatie), "certificat d'utilité" (pour GH Ghana, TT Trinité-et-Tobago, UG Ouganda), ou "certificat d'auteur d'invention" (pour CU Cuba, KP République populaire démocratique de Corée). Si, pour AT Autriche, CZ République tchèque, DE Allemagne, DK Danemark, EE Estonie, FI Finlande ou SK Slovaquie (seuls pays où cela est possible), un modèle d'utilité est demandé en plus du brevet, écrire après le nom de ce pays "et modèle d'utilité".

Si, pour un pays où cela est possible, il est souhaité que la demande internationale soit traitée comme une demande d'obtention d'un certain titre "d'addition" ou comme une demande de "continuation" ou de "continuation-in-part", écrire après le nom de ce pays la mention appropriée, c'est-à-dire "brevet d'addition" (pour AT Autriche, AU Australie, BA Bosnie-Herzégovine, CU Cuba, DE Allemagne, ES Espagne, IL Israël, IN Inde, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, MW Malawi, NZ Nouvelle-Zélande, SI Slovénie, TR Turquie, YU Yougoslavie, ZA Afrique du Sud, ZW Zimbabwe), "certificat d'addition" (pour BR Brésil, DZ Algérie, MA Maroc, MG Madagascar, OA OAPI), "certificat d'auteur d'invention additionnel" (pour CU Cuba), "continuation" ou "continuation-in-part" (pour US États-Unis d'Amérique). Si l'une de ces mentions est utilisée, indiquer également le numéro du titre principal ou de la demande principale et la date de délivrance du titre principal ou du dépôt de la demande principale, selon le cas (voir le point 1.v) de ce cadre).

L'indication, dans les cases du cadre n° V correspondant aux désignations, de numéros d'ordre en chiffres arabes sera considérée comme reflétant l'ordre des désignations choisi par le déposant; si les cases sont cochées d'une autre manière, l'ordre considéré sera celui dans lequel les cases cochées apparaissent sur le formulaire. Cet ordre n'aura de signification que si le montant reçu pour les taxes de désignation n'est pas suffisant pour couvrir l'ensemble des désignations et reste insuffisant après que le déposant a été invité à acquitter le solde débiteur; dans ce cas, le montant reçu sera affecté au paiement des taxes pour les désignations dans l'ordre en question (règle 16bis.1.c) et instruction 321).

Les cases situées en bas des colonnes sont réservées à la désignation, aux fins d'un brevet national, d'États qui sont devenus parties au PCT après la date qui figure au bas de la deuxième feuille du formulaire de requête; dans ce cas, il faut mentionner sur la ligne pointillée le nom de l'État, précédé de préférence du code à deux lettres, et cocher la case correspondante (en indiquant, le cas échéant, si une forme particulière de protection ou de traitement est souhaitée).

Désignation d'États à titre de précaution sous réserve de confirmation (règles 4.9.b) et c) et 15.5) : dans l'intérêt du déposant, le cadre n° V comporte une déclaration ("Déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution") indiquant que le déposant souhaite, en sus des désignations expresses effectuées en cochant les cases de la première partie de ce cadre (il doit y avoir au moins une désignation de ce type), désigner à titre de précaution tous les autres États contractants du PCT qui n'ont pas été désignés expressément.

The receiving Office will not send to the applicant any reminder or invitation to confirm precautionary designations.

If no precautionary designation is to be confirmed, no action is required by the applicant, and the precautionary designations will then be automatically regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of 15 months from the priority date.

BOX No. VI

Priority Claim(s) (Rule 4.10): If the priority of an earlier application is claimed, the declaration containing the priority claim must be made in the request.

The request must indicate the *date* on which the earlier application from which priority is claimed was filed and the *number* it was assigned. Note that that date must fall within the period of 12 months preceding the international filing date.

Where the earlier application is a national application, the *country* party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or the *Member* of the World Trade Organization that is not a party to that Convention, in which that earlier application was filed must be indicated. Where the earlier application is a regional application, the *regional Office* concerned must be indicated. Where the earlier application is an international application, the *receiving Office* with which that earlier application was filed must be indicated.

Where the earlier application is a regional application (other than an ARIPO application), or an international application, the priority claim may also, if the applicant so wishes, indicate one or more countries party to the Paris Convention for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(i)); such an indication is not, however, mandatory. Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, at least one country party to the Paris Convention or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed must be indicated (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)).

As to the possibility of correcting or adding a priority claim, see Rule 26*bis* and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part.

Certified Copy of Earlier Application (Rule 17.1): A certified copy of each earlier application the priority of which is claimed (priority document) must be submitted by the applicant, irrespective of whether that earlier application is a national, regional or international application. The priority document must be submitted to the receiving Office or to the International Bureau before the expiration of 16 months from the (earliest) priority date or, where an early start of the national phase is requested, not later than at the time such request is made. Any priority document received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the 16-month time limit but before the date of international publication shall be considered to have been received on the last day of that time limit (Rule 17.1(a)).

Where the priority document is issued by the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the receiving Office (not later than 16 months after the priority date) to prepare and transmit the priority document to the International Bureau (Rule 4.1(c)(ii)). Such request may be made by marking the applicable check-boxes which identify the respective documents. *Attention:* where such a request is made, the applicant must, where applicable, pay to the receiving Office the *fee for priority document*, otherwise, the request will be considered not to have been made (see Rule 17.1(b)).

Dates (Section 110): Dates must be indicated by the Arabic number of the day, the name of the month and the Arabic number of the year—in that order; after, below or above such

indication, the date should be repeated in parentheses, using two-digit Arabic numerals for the number of the day, the number of the month and the last two digits of the year, in that order and separated by periods, slants or hyphens, for example, “20 March 2001 (20.03.01)”, “20 March 2001 (20/03/01)” or “20 March 2001 (20-03-01)”.

BOX No. VII

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (Rules 4.1(b)(vi) and 4.14*bis*): If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent for carrying out the international search in relation to the international application—depending on the language in which that application is filed and the receiving Office with which it is filed—the name of the competent Authority chosen by the applicant must be indicated in the space provided, either by its full name or two-letter code.

Request to Use Results of Earlier Search; Reference to that Search (Rules 4.11 and 41.1): The earlier search, if any, must be identified in such a manner that the ISA can retrieve the results easily. Where those results can be used, the ISA may refund the international search fee or a portion thereof.

BOX No. VIII

Declarations Containing Standardized Wording (Rules 4.1(c)(iii) and 4.17): At the option of the applicant, the request may, for the purposes of the national law applicable in one or more designated States, contain one or more of the following declarations:

- (i) declaration as to the identity of the inventor;
- (ii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent;
- (iii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application;
- (iv) declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America);
- (v) declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty;

which must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Sections 211 to 215, respectively, and which must be set forth in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v), as detailed below. Where any such declarations are included, the appropriate check-boxes in Box No. VIII should be marked and the number of each type of declaration should be indicated in the right-hand column. As to the possibility of correcting or adding a declaration, see Rule 26*ter*, Section 216 and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part.

If the circumstances of a particular case are such that the standardized wordings are not applicable, the applicant should not attempt to make use of the declarations provided for in Rule 4.17 but rather will have to comply with the national requirements concerned upon entry into the national phase.

The fact that a declaration is made under Rule 4.17 does not of itself establish the matters declared; the effect of those matters in the designated States concerned will be determined by the designated Offices in accordance with the applicable national law.

Even if the wording of a declaration does not conform to the standardized wording provided for in the Administrative Instructions pursuant to Rule 4.17, any designated Office may accept that declaration for the purposes of the applicable national law, but is not required to do so.

Details as to National Law Requirements: For information on the declarations required by each designated Office, see the

Si le déposant ne souhaite pas faire usage de cette mesure de sécurité ni ne veut faire de désignations de précaution, la déclaration doit être biffée.

Si le déposant souhaite expressément exclure tel ou tel État d'une telle désignation faite à titre de précaution afin que la demande internationale ne produise aucun effet dans cet État, il y aura lieu d'indiquer le nom ou le code à deux lettres de cet État dans le cadre supplémentaire. Cette mention n'est nécessaire dans aucun autre cas.

Si le déposant constate, après le dépôt de la demande internationale, qu'il y a des erreurs ou des omissions en ce qui concerne les désignations faites expressément, il pourra rectifier les erreurs ou corriger les omissions en confirmant les désignations de précaution en question. Il est possible de confirmer une désignation de précaution jusqu'à l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité (la plus ancienne) indiquée dans le cadre n° VI ou, si aucune priorité n'est revendiquée, de la date du dépôt international. Pour confirmer une telle désignation, il faut déposer auprès de l'office récepteur une déclaration écrite contenant l'indication du nom de chaque État dont la désignation est confirmée (avec, le cas échéant, une indication de la forme de traitement ou de protection souhaitée) et payer à l'office récepteur, pour chaque désignation ainsi confirmée, une taxe de désignation (même lorsque six taxes de désignation ont déjà été payées) ainsi qu'une taxe de confirmation correspondant à 50 % de la taxe de désignation.

L'office récepteur n'enverra au déposant aucun rappel ni invitation à confirmer des désignations de précaution.

Le déposant ne doit rien faire s'il ne veut confirmer aucune désignation de précaution; les désignations de précaution seront alors automatiquement considérées comme retirées par le déposant à l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité.

CADRE N° VI

Revendication(s) de priorité (règle 4.10) : si la priorité d'une demande antérieure est revendiquée, la déclaration contenant la revendication de priorité doit figurer dans la requête.

La requête doit indiquer la *date* du dépôt de la demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée et son *numéro*. Cette date doit tomber dans la période de 12 mois précédant la date du dépôt international.

Lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande nationale, il faut indiquer le *pays* partie à la Convention de Paris pour la protection de la propriété industrielle, ou le *membre* de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce qui n'est pas partie à ladite convention, où elle a été déposée; lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande régionale, l'*office régional* concerné; et lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande internationale, l'*office récepteur* auprès duquel elle a été déposée.

Lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande régionale (autre qu'une demande ARIPO) ou une demande internationale, la revendication de priorité peut aussi, si le déposant le souhaite, indiquer un ou plusieurs pays parties à la Convention de Paris pour lesquels cette demande a été déposée (règle 4.10.b)i); cette indication n'est cependant pas obligatoire. Lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande ARIPO, il faut indiquer au moins un pays partie à la Convention de Paris ou un membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce pour lequel cette demande a été déposée (règle 4.10.b)ii).

En ce qui concerne les possibilités de correction ou d'adjonction d'une revendication de priorité, voir la règle 26*bis* et le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale.

Copie certifiée conforme de la demande antérieure (règle 17.1) : le déposant doit présenter une copie certifiée conforme de chaque demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée (document de priorité), que la demande antérieure soit une demande nationale, régionale ou internationale. Le document de priorité doit être présenté à l'office récepteur ou au Bureau international avant l'expiration d'un délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité (la plus ancienne) ou, lorsque l'ouverture anticipée de la phase nationale est demandée, au plus tard à la date à laquelle est faite cette demande. Tout document de priorité qui parvient au Bureau international après l'expiration du délai de 16 mois mais avant la date de publication internationale est réputé avoir été reçu le dernier jour de ce délai (règle 17.1.a)).

Lorsque le document de priorité est délivré par l'office récepteur, le déposant peut, au lieu de présenter ce document, demander à l'office récepteur (au plus tard dans le délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité) de l'établir et de le transmettre au Bureau international (règle 4.1.c)ii). Pour effectuer une requête à cet effet, il faut cocher la case appropriée comportant les indications qui permettent d'identifier le document. *Important* : lorsqu'une telle requête est présentée, le déposant doit, le cas échéant, verser à l'office récepteur la *taxe afférente au document de priorité*; à défaut, cette requête sera considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée (voir la règle 17.1.b)).

Dates (instruction 110) : les dates doivent être indiquées au moyen du quantième, en chiffres arabes, suivi du nom du mois puis de l'année en chiffres arabes, dans cet ordre; à côté, au-dessous ou au-dessus de cette indication, il y a lieu de répéter la date, mais entre parenthèses, sous la forme de numéros à deux chiffres arabes, séparés par un point, une barre oblique ou un tiret, et dans l'ordre suivant : quantième, mois et année (celle-ci étant indiquée au moyen des deux derniers chiffres); exemples : "20 mars 2001 (20.03.01)", "20 mars 2001 (20/03/01)" ou "20 mars 2001 (20-03-01)".

CADRE N° VII

Choix de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (ISA) (règles 4.1.b)vi) et 4.14*bis*) : si plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes pour procéder à la recherche internationale concernant la demande internationale – en fonction de la langue dans laquelle cette demande est déposée et de l'office récepteur auprès duquel elle est déposée – le nom de l'administration compétente choisie par le déposant doit être indiqué dans l'espace prévu, soit en clair soit au moyen du code à deux lettres correspondant.

Demande d'utilisation des résultats d'une recherche antérieure; mention de cette recherche (règles 4.11 et 41.1) : la mention de la recherche antérieure éventuelle doit comporter des indications qui permettent à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale d'en retrouver aisément les résultats. Si ces résultats sont utilisables, l'administration en question pourra rembourser la taxe de recherche internationale ou une fraction de celle-ci.

CADRE N° VIII

Déclarations comportant un libellé standard (règles 4.1.c)iii) et 4.17) : au choix du déposant, la requête peut, aux fins de la législation nationale applicable dans un ou plusieurs États désignés, contenir une ou plusieurs des déclarations suivantes :

- i) une déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur;
- ii) une déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet;
- iii) une déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure;

PCT Applicant's Guide, Volume II, in the relevant National Chapter.

Effect in Designated Offices (Rule 51bis.2): Where the applicant submits any of the declarations provided for in Rule 4.17(i) to (iv) containing the required standardized wording (either with the international application, or to the International Bureau within the relevant time limit under Rule 26ter, or directly to the designated Office during the national phase), the designated Office may not, in the national phase, require further documents or evidence on the matter to which the declaration relates, unless that designated Office may reasonably doubt the veracity of the declaration concerned.

Incompatibility of Certain Items of Rule 51bis.2(a) with National Laws (Rule 51bis.2(c)): The designated Offices listed below have informed the International Bureau that the applicable national law is not compatible in respect of the following declarations provided in Rule 4.17(i), (ii) and (iii). Those designated Offices are therefore entitled to require further documents or evidence on the matters to which those declarations relate.

Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)): The respective national laws of CH Switzerland, DK Denmark and SE Sweden are not compatible with Rule 51bis.2(a)(i).

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)): The respective national laws of CA Canada, CH Switzerland, DK Denmark, HU Hungary and SE Sweden are not compatible with Rule 51bis.2(a)(ii).

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)): The respective national laws of CH Switzerland and DK Denmark are not compatible with Rule 51bis.2(a)(iii).

BOXES Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (IN GENERAL)

Different Declaration Boxes: There are six different declaration boxes in the pre-printed request form—one box for each of the five different types of declarations provided for in Rule 4.17 (Box No. VIII (i) to Box No. VIII (v)) and a continuation sheet (Continuation of Box No. VIII (i) to (v)) to be used in case any single declaration does not fit in the corresponding box. The title of each type of declaration which is found in the standardized wording provided for in the Administrative Instructions is pre-printed on the appropriate sheet of the request.

Separate Sheet for Each Declaration: Each declaration must start on a separate sheet of the request form in the appropriate Declaration Box.

Titles, Items, Item Numbers, Dotted Lines, Words in Parentheses and Words in Brackets: The prescribed standardized wording of the declarations includes titles, various items, item numbers, dotted lines, words in parentheses and words in brackets. Except for Box No. VIII (iv) which contains the pre-printed standardized wording, only those items which are applicable should be included in a declaration where necessary to support the statements in that declaration (that is, omit those items which do not apply) and item numbers need not be included. Dotted lines indicate where information is required to be inserted. Words in parentheses are instructions to applicants as to the information which may be included in the declaration depending upon the factual circumstances.

Words in brackets are optional and should appear in the declaration without the brackets if they apply; if they do not apply, they should be omitted together with the corresponding brackets.

Naming of Several Persons: More than one person may be named in a single declaration. In the alternative, with one exception, a separate declaration may be made for each person. With respect to the declaration of inventorship set forth in Box No. VIII (iv), which is applicable only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, all inventors must be indicated in a single declaration (see Notes to Box No. VIII (iv), below). The wording of declarations to be set forth in Boxes Nos. VIII (i), (ii), (iii) and (v) may be adapted from the singular to the plural as necessary.

Designated States to Which the Declarations Apply: Each declaration must indicate the designated States to which it applies. In this regard, the standardized wording of the declaration of inventorship (Box No. VIII (iv); see also Rule 4.17(iv) and Section 214) indicates in the title that it is for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America. The other declarations include prescribed wording to indicate whether the declaration is made for all designations or specific designations; one of these choices should always be included in the declaration. Where the declaration is for more than one person, the declaration may include separate statements indicating whether the declaration is made for all designations or specific designations with respect to each separate applicant. For example, this may be expected to occur where the request indicates different applicants for different States in accordance with Rule 4.5(d). However, in such a case, it is advisable to include a separate declaration for each person.

BOX No. VIII (i)

Declaration as to the Identity of the Inventor (Rule 4.17(i) and Section 211): The declaration must be worded as follows:

“Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

- (i) ... (*name*) of ... (*address*) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application
- (ii) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations [except the designation of the United States of America]
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ...”

Such a declaration is not necessary in respect of any inventor who is indicated as such (either as inventor only or applicant and inventor) in Box No. II or No. III in accordance with Rule 4.5 or 4.6. However, where the inventor is indicated as applicant in Box No. II or No. III in accordance with Rule 4.5, a declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent (Rule 4.17(ii)) may be appropriate for the purposes of all designated States except the United States of America. Where indications regarding the inventor in accordance with Rule 4.5 or 4.6 are not included in Box No. II or No. III, this declaration may be combined with the prescribed wording of the declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent (Rule 4.17(ii)). For details on such a combined declaration, see Notes to Box No. VIII (ii), below. For details as to the declaration of inventorship for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, see Notes to Box No. VIII (iv), below.

- iv) une déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique);
- v) une déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté;

qui doivent être conformes au libellé standard fixé dans les instructions 211 à 215, respectivement, et qui doivent être présentées dans les cadres n^{os} VIII.i) à v), comme précisé ci-après. Lorsque de telles déclarations sont incluses, il convient de cocher les cases appropriées dans le cadre n^o VIII et d'indiquer dans la colonne de droite le nombre de déclarations de chaque type. En ce qui concerne les possibilités de correction ou d'adjonction d'une déclaration, voir la règle 26ter, l'instruction 216 et le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale.

Si les circonstances d'un cas particulier sont telles que les libellés standards ne sont pas applicables, le déposant s'abstiendra de faire les déclarations prévues à la règle 4.17, mais il devra satisfaire aux exigences de la législation nationale concernée lors de l'entrée dans la phase nationale.

Le fait qu'une déclaration soit faite en vertu de la règle 4.17 ne suffit pas à prouver les points sur lesquels elle porte; il appartient aux offices désignés de statuer à leur sujet en fonction de la législation nationale applicable.

Même si le texte d'une déclaration ne respecte pas le libellé standard fixé dans les instructions administratives en vertu de la règle 4.17, tout office désigné est libre d'accepter ou non cette déclaration aux fins de la législation nationale applicable.

Précisions quant aux exigences des législations nationales : pour des précisions concernant les déclarations qui sont exigées par chaque office désigné, voir les chapitres nationaux pertinents dans le volume II du *Guide du déposant du PCT*.

Effets dans les offices désignés (règle 51bis.2) : lorsqu'un déposant remet l'une des déclarations visées à la règle 4.17.i) à v) comportant le libellé standard exigé (soit avec la demande internationale, soit au Bureau international dans le délai applicable en vertu de la règle 26ter, ou directement à l'office désigné durant la phase nationale), l'office désigné ne peut, pendant la phase nationale, exiger d'autres documents ou preuves relatifs à l'objet auquel se rapporte la déclaration, à moins qu'il puisse raisonnablement douter de la véracité de la déclaration en question.

Incompatibilité de certains points de la règle 51bis.2.a) avec les législations nationales (règle 51bis.2.c) : les offices désignés dont la liste figure ci-après ont informé le Bureau international que la législation nationale qui leur est applicable n'est pas compatible en ce qui concerne les déclarations suivantes visées à la règle 4.17.i), ii) et iii). Ces offices désignés pourront donc exiger des documents ou des preuves supplémentaires relatifs aux objets auxquels se rapportent ces déclarations.

Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)i) : les législations nationales respectives de CH Suisse, DK Danemark et SE Suède ne sont pas compatibles avec la règle 51bis.2.a)i).

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii) : les législations nationales respectives de CA Canada, CH Suisse, DK Danemark, HU Hongrie et SE Suède ne sont pas compatibles avec la règle 51bis.2.a)ii).

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51bis.1.a)iii) : les législations nationales respectives de CH Suisse et DK Danemark ne sont pas compatibles avec la règle 51bis.2.a)iii).

CADRES N^{os} VIII i) à v) (GÉNÉRALITÉS)

Différents cadres pour déclarations : le formulaire pré-imprimé contient six cadres différents pour déclarations, un pour chaque type de déclaration prévue selon la règle 4.17 (du cadre n^o VIII.i) au cadre n^o VIII.v)) et une feuille annexe (Suite du cadre n^o VIII.i) à v)) à utiliser dans le cas où une des déclarations ne tient pas dans le cadre approprié. Le titre de chaque déclaration qui figure dans le libellé standard prévu dans les instructions administratives est pré-imprimé sur la feuille correspondante de la requête.

Feuille distincte pour chaque déclaration : chaque déclaration doit commencer sur une feuille distincte de la requête et dans le cadre pour déclaration approprié.

Titres, éléments, numéros d'éléments, lignes pointillées, mots entre parenthèses et mots entre crochets : le libellé standard fixé pour les déclarations comporte un titre, différents éléments, des numéros d'éléments, des lignes pointillées, des mots entre parenthèses et des mots entre crochets. Sauf en ce qui concerne le cadre n^o VIII.iv) dans lequel le libellé standard est pré-imprimé, seuls les éléments pertinents doivent figurer dans une déclaration lorsque cela est nécessaire à l'énoncé des faits invoqués dans cette déclaration (en d'autres termes, il y a lieu d'omettre les éléments non pertinents) et il n'est pas nécessaire d'inclure les numéros d'éléments. Les lignes pointillées signalent les endroits où il y a lieu d'indiquer les renseignements demandés. Les mots entre parenthèses indiquent au déposant quels renseignements peuvent être inclus dans la déclaration selon la situation de fait. Les mots entre crochets sont facultatifs; s'ils sont applicables, ils doivent figurer dans la déclaration sans les crochets; s'ils ne sont pas applicables, il convient de les omettre ainsi que les crochets.

Mention de plusieurs personnes : plusieurs personnes peuvent être mentionnées dans une même déclaration. Il est aussi possible, sauf dans un cas, de faire une déclaration distincte par personne. Pour la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur, figurant dans le cadre n^o VIII.iv), qui est applicable seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique, tous les inventeurs doivent être indiqués dans une même déclaration (voir les notes du cadre n^o VIII.iv), ci-après). Dans les déclarations devant figurer dans les cadres n^{os} VIII.i), ii), iii) et v), le libellé au singulier peut être mis au pluriel si cela s'avère nécessaire.

États désignés auxquels les déclarations s'appliquent : chaque déclaration doit comporter l'indication des États désignés auxquels elle s'applique. À cet égard, le libellé standard pour la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (cadre n^o VIII.iv); voir également la règle 4.17.iv) et l'instruction 214) indique dans le titre que la déclaration est faite aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique. Les autres déclarations comportent des libellés prescrits pour indiquer si la déclaration est faite aux fins de toutes les désignations ou aux fins de désignations particulières. Une de ces options doit toujours figurer dans la déclaration. Lorsque la déclaration est faite en ce qui concerne plusieurs personnes, elle peut comporter des mentions distinctes indiquant si elle est faite aux fins de toutes les désignations ou aux fins de désignations particulières en ce qui concerne chacun des déposants. Le cas peut par exemple se présenter si la requête indique des déposants différents pour différents États, conformément à la règle 4.5.d). Dans une telle situation, toutefois, il est conseillé d'inclure une déclaration distincte par personne.

CADRE N^o VIII.i)

Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règle 4.17.i) et instruction 211) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit:

BOX No. VIII (ii)

Declaration as to the Applicant's Entitlement to Apply for and Be Granted a Patent (Rule 4.17(ii) and Section 212): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement:

"Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) is entitled to apply for and be granted a patent by virtue of the following:

- (i) ... (*name*) of ... (*address*) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application
- (ii) ... (*name*) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (*inventor's name*)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (*name*) and ... (*name*), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (*name*) in favor of ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vi) a court order issued by ... (*name of court*), effecting a transfer from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) by way of ... (*specify kind of transfer*), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant's name changed from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) on ... (*date*)
- (ix) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations [except the designation of the United States of America]
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ..."

Either (a) or (b) of item (ix) should always be included in the declaration. The remainder of the items may be incorporated as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. ***This declaration is only applicable to those events which have occurred prior to the international filing date.*** The possible kinds of transfer of entitlement in item (vii) include merger, acquisition, inheritance, donation, etc. Where there has been a succession of transfers from the inventor, the order in which transfers are listed should follow the actual succession of transfers, and items may be included more than once, as necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. Where the inventor is not indicated in Box No. II or No. III, this declaration may be presented as a combined declaration explaining the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent and identifying the inventor. In such a case, the introductory phrase of the declaration must be as follows:

"Combined declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(ii)) and as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51*bis*.1(a)(i)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:"

The remainder of the combined declaration must be worded as indicated in the preceding paragraphs.

For details as to the declaration as to the identity of the inventor, see the Notes to Box No. VIII (i), above.

BOX No. VIII (iii)

Declaration as to the Applicant's Entitlement to Claim Priority of the Earlier Application (Rule 4.17(iii) and Section 213): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement:

"Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(iii)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) is entitled to claim priority of earlier application No. ... by virtue of the following:

- (i) the applicant is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection was sought by way of the earlier application
- (ii) ... (*name*) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (*inventor's name*)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (*name*) and ... (*name*), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (*name*) in favor of ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vi) a court order, issued by ... (*name of court*), effecting a transfer from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) by way of ... (*specify kind of transfer*), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant's name changed from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) on ... (*date*)
- (ix) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ..."

Either (a) or (b) of item (ix) should always be included in the declaration. The remainder of the items may be incorporated as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. ***This declaration is only applicable to those events which have occurred prior to the international filing date.*** In addition, this declaration is only applicable where the person or name of the applicant is different from that of the applicant who filed the earlier application from which priority is claimed. For example, this declaration may be applicable where only one applicant out of five is different from the applicants indicated in respect of an earlier application. The possible kinds of transfer of entitlement in item (vii) include merger, acquisition, inheritance, donation, etc. Where there has been a succession of transfers from the applicant in respect of the earlier application, the order in which transfers are listed should follow the actual succession of transfers, and items may be included more than once, as necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement.

BOX No. VIII (iv)

Declaration of Inventorship (Rule 4.17(iv) and Section 214): The standardized wording for the declaration is pre-printed in Box No. VIII (iv).

All inventors must be named in the declaration, even if they do not all sign the same (copy of) the declaration (Section 214(b)). Bibliographic data, such as address of

“Déclaration relative à l’identité de l’inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)i) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

- i) ... (nom), ... (adresse), est l’inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection est demandée dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale
- ii) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (préciser selon le cas)
 - a) de toutes les désignations [sauf la désignation des États-Unis d’Amérique]
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

Une déclaration de cette nature n’est pas nécessaire en ce qui concerne tout inventeur qui est indiqué comme tel (que ce soit comme inventeur seulement ou en qualité à la fois de déposant et d’inventeur) dans le cadre n° II ou le cadre n° III en application de la règle 4.5 ou 4.6. Toutefois, lorsque l’inventeur est indiqué comme étant le déposant dans le cadre n° II ou n° III en application de la règle 4.5, une déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d’obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii) peut être appropriée aux fins de tous les États désignés sauf des États-Unis d’Amérique. Lorsque les indications concernant l’inventeur qui sont à fournir en application de la règle 4.5 ou 4.6 ne sont pas portées dans le cadre n° II ou n° III, cette déclaration peut être combinée avec le libellé standard pour la déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d’obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii). Pour des précisions concernant cette déclaration combinée, voir les notes du cadre n° VIII.ii), ci-après. Pour des précisions quant à la déclaration relative à la qualité d’inventeur aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d’Amérique, voir les notes du cadre n° VIII.iv), ci-après.

CADRE N° VIII.ii)

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d’obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii) et instruction 212) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à viii) nécessaires aux fins de motiver le droit du déposant :

“Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d’obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n’est pas appropriée :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (nom) a le droit de demander et d’obtenir un brevet en vertu :

- i) du fait que ... (nom), ... (adresse), est l’inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection est demandée dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale
- ii) du fait que... (nom) [possède] [possédait] ce droit en qualité d’employeur de l’inventeur, ... (nom de l’inventeur)
- iii) d’un contrat conclu entre ... (nom) et ... (nom), daté du ...
- iv) d’une cession de ... (nom) à ... (nom), datée du ...
- v) d’une autorisation consentie par ... (nom) à ... (nom), datée du ...
- vi) d’une décision de justice rendue par ... (nom du tribunal), ordonnant un transfert de ... (nom) à ... (nom), datée du ...
- vii) d’un transfert de droits de ... (nom) à ... (nom), sous la forme de ... (préciser le type de transfert), daté du ...

viii) du changement de nom du déposant de ... (nom) en ... (nom), le ... (date)

ix) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (préciser selon le cas)

- a) de toutes les désignations [sauf la désignation des États-Unis d’Amérique]
- b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

L’une ou l’autre des variantes a) et b) du point ix) doit toujours être incluse dans la déclaration. On ne retiendra parmi les autres éléments que ceux qui sont nécessaires pour motiver le droit du déposant. **Cette déclaration est exclusivement applicable à des faits qui se sont produits avant la date du dépôt international.** Les types possibles de transfert de droits visés au point vii) comprennent la fusion, l’acquisition, l’héritage, la donation, etc. Lorsqu’il y a eu succession de transferts des droits de l’inventeur, l’ordre dans lequel les transferts sont énumérés doit suivre l’ordre effectif de ces transferts successifs et certains points peuvent être cités plus d’une fois si cela s’avère nécessaire pour motiver le droit du déposant. Lorsque l’inventeur n’est pas indiqué dans le cadre n° II ou le cadre n° III, cette déclaration peut être présentée sous la forme d’une déclaration combinée motivant le droit du déposant de demander et d’obtenir un brevet et permettant d’identifier l’inventeur. Dans un tel cas, la phrase introductive de la déclaration est libellée comme suit :

“Déclaration combinée relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d’obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii)) et relative à l’identité de l’inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)i)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n’est pas appropriée :”

Le reste de la déclaration combinée est libellé comme indiqué aux paragraphes précédents.

Pour des précisions concernant la déclaration permettant d’identifier l’inventeur, voir les notes relatives au cadre n° VIII.i), ci-dessus.

CADRE N° VIII.iii)

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure (règle 4.17.iii) et instruction 213) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à viii) nécessaires aux fins de motiver le droit du déposant :

“Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande indiquée ci-dessous si le déposant n’est pas celui qui a déposé la demande antérieure ou si son nom a changé depuis le dépôt de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51bis.1.a)iii)) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (nom) a le droit de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure n° ... en vertu :

- i) du fait que le déposant est l’inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection a été demandée dans la demande antérieure
- ii) du fait que ... (nom) [possède] [possédait] ce droit en qualité d’employeur de l’inventeur, ... (nom de l’inventeur)
- iii) d’un contrat conclu entre ... (nom) et ... (nom), daté du ...
- iv) d’une cession de ... (nom) à ... (nom), datée du ...
- v) d’une autorisation consentie par ... (nom) à ... (nom), datée du ...

residence and citizenship, must be included for each inventor. Where the declaration is included in the request, the inventor(s) need not sign and date the declaration if they have signed in Box No. X of the request.

BOX No. VIII (v)

Declaration as to Non-prejudicial Disclosures or Exceptions to Lack of Novelty (Rule 4.17(v) and Section 215): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (iv) as is necessary:

“Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty (Rules 4.17(v) and 51*bis*.1(a)(v)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) declares that the subject matter claimed in [the] [this] international application was disclosed as follows:

- (i) kind of disclosure (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) international exhibition
 - (b) publication
 - (c) abuse
 - (d) other: ... (*specify*)
- (ii) date of disclosure: ...
- (iii) title of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...
- (iv) place of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...
- (v) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ...”

Either (a), (b), (c) or (d) of item (i) should always be included in the declaration. Item (ii) should also always be included in the declaration. Either (a) or (b) of item (v) should always be included in the declaration. Items (iii) and (iv) may be incorporated depending upon the circumstances.

BOX No. IX

Items Constituting the International Application: The number of sheets of the various parts of the international application must be given in the check list in Arabic numerals. Sheets containing any of Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) must be counted as part of the request.

Where the application contains disclosure of one or more *nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences*, the applicant has the following three options.

First, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listing part *in paper form only*, in which case the number of sheets must be indicated under item (a) in the left column of Box No. IX (and therefore included in the total number of sheets), noting that, a copy of that sequence listing part, in computer readable form, may accompany the international application but only for the purposes of international search under Rule 13*ter*; in such a case, check-boxes Nos. 9 and 9(i) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked in the right column of Box No. IX.

Second, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listing part *in computer readable form only*, under Section 801(a)(i), in which case check-box b(i) must be marked but the space for the number of sheets of the sequence listing part under item (a) must be left blank; the type and number of carriers must also be indicated on the dotted line under item (b); in addition, check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and, where applicable,

9(iii) must be marked if additional copies of the sequence listing in computer readable form are furnished.

Third, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listing part *both in computer readable form and in paper form* under Section 801(a)(ii), in which case check-box b(ii) must be marked and the number of sheets of that part in paper form must be indicated under item (a) (although that number of sheets will not be taken into account for calculation of the basic fee); the type and number of carriers must also be indicated on the dotted line under item (b); in addition, check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked if additional copies of the sequence listing in computer readable form are furnished.

Under all three options described above, the sequence listings must be presented as a separate part of the description (“sequence listing part of description”) in accordance with the standard contained in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions.

Items Accompanying the International Application:

Where the international application is accompanied by certain items, the applicable check-boxes must be marked, any applicable indication must be made on the dotted line after the applicable item, and the number of such items should be indicated at the end of the relevant line; detailed explanations are provided below only in respect of those items which so require.

Check-box No. 4: Mark this check-box where a copy of a general power of attorney is filed with the international application; where the general power of attorney has been deposited with the receiving Office, and that Office has accorded to it a reference number, that number may be indicated.

Check-box No. 5: Mark this check-box where a statement explaining the lack of signature of an inventor/applicant for the purposes of the United States of America is furnished together with the international application (see also Notes to Box No. X).

Check-box No. 7: Mark this check-box where a translation of the international application for the purposes of international search (Rule 12.3) is filed together with the international application and indicate the language of that translation.

Check-box No. 8: Mark this check-box where a filled-in Form PCT/RO/134 or any separate sheet containing indications concerning deposited microorganisms and/or other biological material is filed with the international application. If Form PCT/RO/134 or any sheet containing the said indications is included as one of the sheets of the description (as required by certain designated States (see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex L)), do not mark this check-box (for further information, see Rule 13*bis* and Section 209).

Check-box No. 9: Where the international application contains a sequence listing part and a copy thereof in computer readable form is required by the ISA, the applicant may furnish the listing in computer readable form (together with the required statement) to the receiving Office with the international application, in which case check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(i) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked. Where the applicant has chosen the second or third option mentioned above, and an additional copy or copies of the sequence listing part in computer readable form are required under Section 804, the applicant may furnish such additional copies together with the international application, in which case check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked. In all cases mentioned above, the applicant should indicate in the left column the type and number of diskettes, CD-ROMs, CD-Rs, or other data carriers furnished.

- vi) d'une décision de justice rendue par ... (*nom du tribunal*), ordonnant un transfert de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vii) d'un transfert de droits de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), sous la forme de ... (*préciser le type de transfert*), daté du ...
- viii) du changement de nom du déposant de ... (*nom*) en ... (*nom*), le ... (*date*)
- ix) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ..."
- iv) lieu de la divulgation (*s'il y a lieu*) : ...
- v) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ..."

L'un des éléments a), b), c) ou d) du point i) doit toujours être inclus dans la déclaration. Le point ii) doit aussi toujours être inclus dans la déclaration. L'un ou l'autre des éléments a) et b) du point v) doit toujours figurer dans la déclaration. Les points iii) et iv) peuvent être incorporés s'il y a lieu.

CADRE N° IX

Éléments constituant la demande internationale : Il faut indiquer en chiffres arabes, dans le bordereau, le nombre de feuilles des différentes parties de la demande internationale. Toute feuille sur laquelle figure l'un quelconque des cadres n°s VIII.i) à v) doit être comptée comme faisant partie de la requête.

Lorsque la demande internationale contient la divulgation d'une ou de plusieurs *séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés*, le déposant dispose des trois options suivantes.

Premièrement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer la partie réservée au listage des séquences *sous forme papier seulement*, auquel cas le nombre de feuilles doit être indiqué au point a) de la colonne de gauche du cadre n° IX (et par conséquent compris dans le nombre total de feuilles); on notera dans ce cas qu'une copie de la partie réservée au listage des séquences, sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, peut être remise avec la demande internationale mais seulement aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13ter; dans ce cas, les cases n°s 9, 9.i) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii), doivent être cochées dans la colonne de droite du cadre n° IX.

Deuxièmement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer la partie réservée au listage des séquences *sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur seulement*, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), auquel cas la case b)i) doit être cochée mais l'endroit réservé au nombre de feuilles de ladite partie sous le point a) doit être laissé en blanc; le type et le nombre de supports doivent également être indiqués sur la ligne pointillée sous le point b). De plus, les cases n°s 9, 9.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii), doivent être cochées si on joint des exemplaires supplémentaires du listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

Troisièmement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer la partie réservée au listage des séquences *à la fois sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et sous forme papier*, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), auquel cas la case b)ii) doit être cochée et le nombre de feuilles de ladite partie, sous forme papier, doit être indiqué sous le point a) (bien que ce nombre de feuilles ne soit pas utilisé aux fins du calcul de la taxe de base); le type et le nombre de supports doivent également être indiqués sur la ligne pointillée sous le point b). De plus, les cases n°s 9, 9.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii), doivent être cochées si on joint des exemplaires supplémentaires du listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

Dans le cadre des trois options décrites ci-dessus, les listages des séquences doivent être présentés dans une partie distincte de la description ("partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences") conformément à la norme figurant dans l'annexe C des instructions administratives.

Éléments joints à la demande internationale : lorsque des éléments sont joints à la demande internationale, les cases appropriées doivent être cochées et toute indication pertinente doit être portée sur la ligne pointillée correspondante, le nombre de chacun de ces éléments devant être indiqué dans la colonne, en fin de ligne; on trouvera ci-après des explications détaillées concernant uniquement les éléments qui le nécessitent.

CADRE N° VIII.iv)

Déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (règle 4.17.iv) et instruction 214) : le libellé standard pour la déclaration est pré-imprimé au cadre n° VIII.iv).

Tous les inventeurs doivent être mentionnés dans la déclaration même s'ils ne signent pas tous la même (copie de la) déclaration (instruction 214.b)). Les données bibliographiques, telles que l'adresse du domicile et la nationalité, doivent être fournies pour chaque inventeur. Dans le cas d'une déclaration incluse dans la requête, il n'est pas nécessaire que le ou les inventeurs signent ou datent la déclaration s'ils ont signé eux-mêmes dans le cadre n° X de la requête.

CADRE N° VIII.v)

Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règle 4.17.v) et instruction 215) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à iv), qui s'avérerait nécessaire :

"Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règles 4.17.v) et 51bis.1.a)v) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],
... (*nom*) déclare que l'objet revendiqué dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale a été divulgué comme suit :

- i) nature de la divulgation (*préciser selon le cas*) :
 - a) exposition internationale
 - b) publication
 - c) utilisation abusive
 - d) autre : ... (*préciser*)
- ii) date de la divulgation : ...
- iii) intitulé de la divulgation (*s'il y a lieu*) : ...

Language of Filing of the International Application (Rules 12.1(a) and 20.4(c) and (d)): With regard to the language in which the international application is filed, for the purposes of according an international filing date, it is, subject to the following sentence, sufficient that the description and the claims are in the language, or one of the languages, accepted by the receiving Office for the filing of international applications; that language should be indicated in that check-box (as regards the language of the abstract and any text matter in the drawings, see Rules 26.3ter(a) and (b); as regards the language of the request, see Rules 12.3(c) and 26.3ter(c) and (d)). Note that where the international application is filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, all elements of the international application (request, description, claims, abstract, text matter of drawings) must, for the purposes of according an international filing date, be in English except that the free text in any sequence listing part of the description, complying with the standard set out in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, may be in a language other than English.

BOX No. X

Signature (Rules 4.1(d), 4.15 and 90): The signature must be that of the applicant (if there are several applicants, all must sign); however, the signature may be that of the agent, or the common representative, where a separate power of attorney appointing the agent or the common representative, respectively, or a copy of a general power of attorney already in the possession of the receiving Office, is furnished. If the power is not filed with the request, the receiving Office will invite the applicant to furnish it.

If the United States of America is designated and an inventor/applicant for that State refused to sign the request or could not be found or reached after diligent effort, a statement explaining the lack of signature may be furnished. It should be noted that this applies only where there are two or more applicants and the international application has been signed by at least one other applicant. The statement must satisfy the receiving Office. If such a statement is furnished with the international application, check-box No. 5 in Box No. IX should be marked.

SUPPLEMENTAL BOX

The cases in which the Supplemental Box may be used and the manner of making indications in it are explained in the left column of that Box.

GENERAL REMARKS

Language of Correspondence (Rule 92.2 and Section 104): Any letter from the applicant to the receiving Office must be in the language of filing of the international application provided that, where the international application is to be published in the language of a translation required under Rule 12.3, such letter should be in the language of that translation; however, the receiving Office may authorize the use of another language.

Any letter from the applicant to the International Bureau must be in the same language as the international application if that language is English or French; otherwise, it must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant.

Any letter from the applicant to the ISA must be in the same language as the international application, provided that, where a translation of the international application for the purposes of international search has been transmitted under Rule 23.1(b), such letter is in the language of that translation. However, the ISA may authorize the use of another language.

Arrangement of Elements and Numbering of Sheets of the International Application (Rule 11.7 and Section 207): The elements of the international application must be placed in the following order: the request, the description (excluding the sequence listing part, if any), the claim(s), the abstract, the drawings (if any), the sequence listing part of the description (if any).

All sheets of the description (excluding the sequence listing part), claims and abstract must be numbered in consecutive Arabic numerals, which must be placed at the top or bottom of the sheet, in the middle, but not in the margin which must remain blank. The number of each sheet of the drawings must consist of two Arabic numerals separated by an oblique stroke, the first being the sheet number and the second being the total number of sheets of drawings (for example, 1/3, 2/3, 3/3). For numbering of the sheets of the sequence listing part of the description, see Section 207.

Indication of the Applicant's or Agent's File Reference on the sheets of the description (excluding the sequence listing part, if any), claim(s), abstract, drawings and sequence listing part of the description (Rule 11.6(f)): The file reference indicated on the request may also be indicated in the left-hand corner of the top margin, within 1.5 cm from the top of any sheet of the international application.

Case n° 4 : cocher cette case si la copie d'un pouvoir général est déposée avec la demande internationale; lorsque le pouvoir général a été déposé auprès de l'office récepteur, et que celui-ci lui a attribué un numéro de référence, ce dernier peut être indiqué.

Case n° 5 : cocher cette case si une explication de l'absence de signature d'un inventeur/déposant pour les États-Unis d'Amérique est fournie conjointement avec la demande internationale (voir aussi les notes du cadre n° X).

Case n° 7 : cocher cette case si une traduction de la demande internationale aux fins de la recherche internationale (règle 12.3) est fournie conjointement avec cette demande et indiquer la langue de la traduction.

Case n° 8 : cocher cette case si, avec la demande internationale, est déposé un formulaire PCT/RO/134 rempli ou une ou plusieurs feuilles séparées comportant des indications relatives à des micro-organismes ou autre matériel biologique déposés. Si le formulaire PCT/RO/134 ou toute autre feuille comportant les indications en question figurent en tant que feuilles de la description (comme le prescrivent certains États désignés (voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe L), ne pas cocher cette case (pour de plus amples renseignements, voir la règle 13*bis* et l'instruction 209).

Case n° 9 : lorsque la demande internationale contient une partie réservée au listage des séquences et qu'une copie de cette dernière, sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, est requise par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, le déposant peut fournir, conjointement avec la demande internationale, le listage en question sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (ainsi que la déclaration requise) à l'office récepteur. Si tel est le cas, les cases n°s 9, 9.i) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) doivent être cochées. Lorsque le déposant a choisi la deuxième ou la troisième option mentionnée ci-dessus, et qu'un ou plusieurs exemplaires supplémentaires de la partie réservée au listage des séquences sont requis en vertu de l'instruction 804, le déposant peut remettre de tels exemplaires supplémentaires, conjointement avec la demande internationale, auquel cas les cases n°s 9, 9.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) doivent être cochées. Dans tous les cas mentionnés ci-dessus, le déposant doit indiquer le type et le nombre de disquettes, CD-ROM, CD-R ou autres supports de données qu'il a remis.

Langue de dépôt de la demande internationale (règles 12.1.a) et 20.4.c) et d)) : en ce qui concerne la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée, il suffit, aux fins de l'attribution d'une date de dépôt international, et sous réserve de la phrase suivante, que la description et les revendications soient rédigées dans la langue ou l'une des langues acceptées par l'office récepteur pour le dépôt de demandes internationales; cette langue doit être indiquée dans cette case (en ce qui concerne la langue de l'abrégé et de tout texte des dessins, voir la règle 26.3*ter*.a) et b); en ce qui concerne la langue de la requête, voir les règles 12.3.c) et 26.3*ter*.c) et d)). On notera que, lorsque la demande internationale est déposée auprès de l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis d'Amérique en sa qualité d'office récepteur, tous les éléments de la demande internationale (requête, description, revendications, abrégé, texte des dessins) doivent, aux fins de l'attribution d'une date de dépôt international, être rédigés en anglais, hormis tout texte libre contenu dans la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences conforme à la norme figurant dans l'annexe C des instructions administratives, qui peut être rédigé dans une langue autre que l'anglais.

CADRE N° X

Signature (règles 4.1.d), 4.15 et 90) : la signature doit être celle du déposant (s'il y a plusieurs déposants, tous doivent signer); il peut toutefois s'agir de la signature du mandataire ou du représentant commun, si un pouvoir distinct désignant le mandataire ou le représentant commun, respectivement, ou une

copie du pouvoir général déjà détenu par l'office récepteur est fourni. Si la requête n'est pas déposée avec le pouvoir, l'office récepteur invitera le déposant à le remettre.

Si les États-Unis d'Amérique sont désignés et qu'un déposant pour cet État qui a la qualité d'inventeur a refusé de signer la requête ou que des efforts diligents n'ont pas permis de le trouver ou d'entrer en rapport avec lui, il est possible de fournir une explication de l'absence de signature. Cela vaut uniquement lorsqu'il y a plusieurs déposants et que la demande internationale a été signée par au moins un autre déposant. L'explication doit être jugée satisfaisante par l'office récepteur. Si cette explication est remise conjointement avec la demande internationale, il y a lieu de cocher la case n° 5 du cadre n° IX.

CADRE SUPPLÉMENTAIRE

Les cas dans lesquels le cadre supplémentaire peut être utilisé et la manière de fournir les indications prévues dans ce cadre sont expliqués dans la colonne de gauche de celui-ci.

REMARQUES GÉNÉRALES

Langue de la correspondance (règle 92.2 et instruction 104) : toute lettre du déposant à l'office récepteur doit être rédigée dans la langue de dépôt de la demande internationale étant entendu que, lorsque la demande internationale doit être publiée dans la langue d'une traduction remise en vertu de la règle 12.3, cette lettre doit être rédigée dans la langue de cette traduction; l'office récepteur peut cependant autoriser l'emploi d'une autre langue.

Toute lettre du déposant au Bureau international doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale si celle-ci est établie en français ou en anglais; sinon, elle doit être rédigée en français ou en anglais, au choix du déposant.

Toute lettre du déposant à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale étant entendu que, lorsqu'une traduction de la demande internationale aux fins de la recherche internationale a été transmise en vertu de la règle 23.1.b), cette lettre doit être rédigée dans la langue de cette traduction. Cependant, l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale peut autoriser l'emploi d'une autre langue.

Disposition des éléments et numérotation des feuilles de la demande internationale (règle 11.7 et instruction 207) : les éléments de la demande internationale doivent être présentés dans l'ordre suivant : requête, description (sauf la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant), revendication(s), abrégé, dessins (le cas échéant), partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant.

Toutes les feuilles de la description (sauf la partie réservée au listage des séquences), les revendications et l'abrégé doivent être numérotés consécutivement, en chiffres arabes qui doivent être inscrits, en milieu de ligne, en haut ou en bas de la feuille mais non dans la marge, qui doit rester vierge. Le numéro de chaque feuille des dessins doit consister en deux nombres en chiffres arabes séparés par une barre oblique, le premier indiquant le numéro de la feuille et le second le nombre total des feuilles de dessins (par exemple : 1/3, 2/3, 3/3). Pour la numérotation des feuilles de la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, se référer à l'instruction 207.

Indication de la référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire sur les feuilles de la description (sauf la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant), de la ou des revendications, de l'abrégé, des dessins et de la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences (règle 11.6.f)) : la référence de dossier indiquée sur la requête peut l'être également sur chaque feuille de la demande internationale, dans le coin gauche de la marge du haut, sans toutefois apparaître au-delà de 1,5 cm à partir du haut.

This sheet is not part of and does not count as a sheet of the international application.

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FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Request

For receiving Office use only

International Application No. _____

Date stamp of the receiving Office _____

Applicant's or agent's
file reference

Applicant

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

1. TRANSMITTAL FEE T

2. SEARCH FEE S

International search to be carried out by _____
(If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the name of the Authority which is chosen to carry out the international search.)

3. INTERNATIONAL FEE

Basic Fee

Where item (b) of Box No. IX applies, enter **Sub-total number of sheets** } _____
Where item (b) of Box No. IX does not apply, enter **Total number of sheets** }

b1 first 30 sheets b1

b2 _____ x _____ = b2
number of sheets in excess of 30 fee per sheet

b3 additional component (only if sequence listing part of description is filed in computer readable form under Section 801(a)(i), or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801(a)(ii):
400 x _____ = b3
fee per sheet

Add amounts entered at b1, b2 and b3 and enter total at B B

Designation Fees

The international application contains _____ designations.

_____ x _____ = D
number of designation fees payable (maximum 6) amount of designation fee

Add amounts entered at B and D and enter total at I I

(Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the international fee. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the total to be entered at I is 25% of the sum of the amounts entered at B and D.)

4. FEE FOR PRIORITY DOCUMENT (if applicable) P

5. TOTAL FEES PAYABLE TOTAL
Add amounts entered at T, S, I and P, and enter total in the TOTAL box

The designation fees are not paid at this time.

MODE OF PAYMENT

- authorization to charge deposit account (see below) postal money order cash coupons
- cheque bank draft revenue stamps other (specify): _____

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

(This mode of payment may not be available at all receiving Offices)

- Authorization to charge the total fees indicated above.
- (This check-box may be marked only if the conditions for deposit accounts of the receiving Office so permit) Authorization to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the total fees indicated above.
- Authorization to charge the fee for priority document.

Receiving Office: RO/ _____

Deposit Account No.: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

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FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES Annexe de la requête

Réservé à l'office récepteur

Demande internationale n°

Timbre à date de l'office récepteur

Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire

Déposant

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

1. TAXE DE TRANSMISSION T

2. TAXE DE RECHERCHE S

Recherche internationale à effectuer par _____
(Si plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes pour effectuer la recherche internationale, inscrire le nom de celle qui est choisie pour l'effectuer.)

3. TAXE INTERNATIONALE

Taxe de base

Lorsque le point b) du cadre n° IX s'applique, reporter le **sous-total des feuilles** } _____
Lorsque le point b) du cadre n° IX ne s'applique pas, reporter le **nombre total de feuilles** }

b1 30 premières feuilles b1

b2 _____ x _____ = b2
nombre de feuilles au-delà de 30 taxe par feuille

b3 composante supplémentaire (seulement si la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences est déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), ou à la fois sous cette forme et sur papier, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii)) :
400 x _____ = b3
taxe par feuille

Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres b1, b2 et b3 et inscrire le total dans le cadre B B

Taxes de désignation

La demande internationale contient _____ désignations.

_____ x _____ = D
nombre de taxes de désignation dues (maximum 6) montant de la taxe de désignation

Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres B et D et inscrire le total dans le cadre I I

(Les déposants de certains États ont droit à une réduction de 75 % de la taxe internationale. Lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à cette réduction, la somme devant figurer sous I est égale à 25 % de la somme des montants portés dans les cadres B et D.)

4. TAXE AFFÉRENTE AU DOCUMENT DE PRIORITÉ (le cas échéant) P

5. TOTAL DES TAXES DUES
Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres T, S, I et P et inscrire le résultat dans le cadre TOTAL TOTAL

Les taxes de désignation seront payées ultérieurement.

MODE DE PAIEMENT

- autorisation de débiter un compte de dépôt (voir ci-dessous) mandat postal espèces coupons
 chèque traite bancaire timbres fiscaux autre (préciser) :

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

(Les offices récepteurs ne permettent pas tous l'utilisation de ce mode de paiement)

- Autorisation de débiter le total des taxes indiqué ci-dessus.
 (Cette case ne peut être cochée que si les conditions relatives aux comptes de dépôt établies par l'office récepteur le permettent) Autorisation de débiter tout montant manquant – ou de créditer tout excédent – dans le paiement du total des taxes indiqué ci-dessus.
 Autorisation de débiter le montant de la taxe afférente à l'établissement du document de priorité.

Office récepteur : RO/ _____

N° du compte de dépôt : _____

Date : _____

Nom : _____

Signature : _____

NOTES TO THE FEE CALCULATION SHEET (ANNEX TO FORM PCT/RO/101)

The purpose of the fee calculation sheet is to help the applicant to identify the prescribed fees and to calculate the amounts to be paid. It is strongly recommended that the applicant complete the sheet by entering the appropriate amounts in the boxes provided and submit the fee calculation sheet at the time of filing the international application. This will help the receiving Office to verify the calculations and to identify any error in them.

Information about the applicable fees payable can be obtained from the receiving Office. The amounts of the international and search fees may change due to currency fluctuations. Applicants are advised to check what are the latest applicable amounts. All fees, except in some cases the designation fee, must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application. See below for further details concerning the possibility of later payment of the designation fee.

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

Box T: Transmittal Fee for the benefit of the receiving Office (Rule 14.1): The amount of the transmittal fee, if any, is fixed by the receiving Office. It must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office. Information about this fee is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Box S: Search Fee for the benefit of the International Searching Authority (ISA) (Rule 16.1): The amount of the search fee is fixed by the ISA. It must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office. Information about this fee is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex D.

Where two or more ISAs are competent, the applicant must indicate his choice in the space provided for this purpose and pay the amount of the international search fee fixed by the ISA chosen. Information on the competent ISA and whether the applicant has a choice between two or more ISAs is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Box I: International Fee for the benefit of the International Bureau (Rule 15): The international fee consists of a basic fee and as many designation fees as there are specific designations under Rule 4.9(a) in Box No. V of the request. The amounts of the basic fee and of the designation fee are as set out in Swiss francs in the Schedule of Fees and the applicable amounts of those fees in other currencies are as published in the *PCT Gazette* (Rule 15.2). Information about those fees is also contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Reduction of the International Fee Where PCT-EASY Software Is Used: A fee reduction of 200 Swiss francs (or the equivalent in the currency in which the international fee is paid to the receiving Office) is available in certain cases where the PCT-EASY software is used to prepare the request, provided that the necessary conditions are met. For further details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part, and information published in the *PCT Gazette* and the *PCT Newsletter*. Since applicants using the PCT-EASY software will file the Request Form and Fee Calculation Sheet in the form of a printout prepared using that software, no provision is made for this fee reduction in the Fee Calculation Sheet annexed to Form PCT/RO/101.

Reduction of the International Fee for Applicants from Certain States: An applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997) is entitled, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees, to a reduction of 75% of certain PCT fees including the international fee. If there are several applicants, each must satisfy the above-mentioned criteria. The reduction of the international fee (basic fee and

designation fees) is automatically available to any applicant (or applicants) who is (or are) so entitled on the basis of the indications of name, nationality and residence given in Boxes Nos. II and III of the request.

The fee reduction is available even if one or more of the applicants are not from PCT Contracting States, provided that each of them is a national and resident of a State that meets the above-mentioned requirements and that at least one of the applicants is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State and thus is entitled to file an international application.

Natural persons who are nationals of and reside in the following PCT Contracting States are eligible: AL Albania, AM Armenia, AZ Azerbaijan, BA Bosnia and Herzegovina, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgaria, BJ Benin, BR Brazil, BY Belarus, BZ Belize, CF Central African Republic, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroon, CN China, CO Colombia, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ Czech Republic, DM Dominica, DZ Algeria, EE Estonia, GA Gabon, GD Grenada, GE Georgia, GH Ghana, GM Gambia, GN Guinea, GW Guinea-Bissau, HR Croatia, HU Hungary, ID Indonesia, IN India, KE Kenya, KG Kyrgyzstan, KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Saint Lucia, LK Sri Lanka, LR Liberia, LS Lesotho, LT Lithuania, LV Latvia, MA Morocco, MD Republic of Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, ML Mali, MN Mongolia, MR Mauritania, MW Malawi, MX Mexico, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, PL Poland, RO Romania, RU Russian Federation, SD Sudan, SK Slovakia, SL Sierra Leone, SN Senegal, SZ Swaziland, TD Chad, TG Togo, TJ Tajikistan, TM Turkmenistan, TR Turkey, TZ United Republic of Tanzania, UA Ukraine, UG Uganda, UZ Uzbekistan, VN Viet Nam, YU Yugoslavia, ZA South Africa and ZW Zimbabwe. As far as other States are concerned, inquiries should be addressed to the International Bureau.

Calculation of the International Fee (Basic Fee and Designation Fees) in Case of Fee Reduction: Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) entitled to a reduction of the international fee, the total to be entered at box I is 25% of the sum of the amounts entered at boxes B and D (see below).

Box B: Basic Fee. The amount of the basic fee depends on the number of sheets of the international application indicated under item (a) of Box No. IX of the request as explained below.

That number is the **Total number of sheets** where item (b) of Box No. IX of the request does not apply (that is, where the international application either does not contain a sequence listing part or where it contains such a part but not filed in computer readable form under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii)), in such a case, item "b3" must not be filled in.

Otherwise, where item (b) of Box No. IX of the request applies (that is, where the international application contains a

NOTES RELATIVES A LA FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES (ANNEXE DU FORMULAIRE PCT/RO/101)

La feuille de calcul des taxes a pour objet d'aider le déposant à recenser les taxes prescrites et à calculer les montants à payer. Il lui est vivement recommandé de remplir cette feuille en portant les montants appropriés dans les cadres prévus et de la joindre au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale, ce qui permettra à l'office récepteur de vérifier les calculs et d'y déceler d'éventuelles erreurs.

Des renseignements sur le montant en vigueur des taxes à payer peuvent être obtenus auprès de l'office récepteur. Les montants de la taxe internationale et de la taxe de recherche peuvent varier en raison de fluctuations monétaires. Il est recommandé aux déposants de vérifier quels sont les tout derniers montants en vigueur. Toutes les taxes sauf, dans certains cas, la taxe de désignation doivent être payées dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de réception de la demande internationale. On trouvera ci-après quelques précisions supplémentaires relatives à un éventuel paiement différé de la taxe de désignation.

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

Cadre T : Taxe de transmission au profit de l'office récepteur (règle 14.1) : l'office récepteur fixe le montant de la taxe de transmission, s'il y en a une. Celui-ci doit être payé dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale. On peut trouver des renseignements sur cette taxe dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C.

Cadre S : Taxe de recherche au profit de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (règle 16.1) : le montant de la taxe de recherche est fixé par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale. Il doit être payé dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale. On peut trouver des renseignements sur cette taxe dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe D.

Lorsque plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes, le déposant doit indiquer son choix à l'emplacement prévu à cet effet et payer le montant de la taxe de recherche internationale fixé par l'administration qu'il a choisie. Le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C, donne des renseignements sur l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale qui est compétente et sur la question de savoir si le déposant a le choix entre plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale.

Cadre I : Taxe internationale au profit du Bureau international (règle 15) : la taxe internationale comprend une taxe de base et autant de taxes de désignation qu'il y a de désignations faites expressément selon la règle 4.9.a) dans le cadre n° V de la requête. Les montants de la taxe de base et de la taxe de désignation sont fixés en francs suisses dans le barème des taxes et les montants correspondants de ces taxes dans d'autres monnaies sont publiés dans la *Gazette du PCT* (règle 15.2). On peut trouver des renseignements sur ces taxes dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C.

Réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY : une réduction de 200 francs suisses (ou l'équivalent dans la monnaie dans laquelle la taxe internationale est payée à l'office récepteur) peut être obtenue dans certains cas où le logiciel PCT-EASY est utilisé pour la préparation de la requête, à condition que les conditions nécessaires soient remplies. On peut trouver des précisions sur cette réduction dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale, ainsi que dans les informations publiées dans la *Gazette du PCT* et le bulletin *PCT Newsletter*. Étant donné que les déposants qui utilisent le logiciel PCT-EASY déposeront le formulaire de requête et la feuille de calcul des taxes sous la forme d'un imprimé produit par ordinateur à l'aide de ce logiciel, la feuille de calcul des taxes annexée au formulaire PCT/RO/101 ne prévoit pas cette réduction de taxe.

Réduction de la taxe internationale pour les déposants de certains États : un déposant qui est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et est domiciliée dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3 000 dollars des États-Unis a droit, conformément au barème de taxes, à une réduction de 75 % de certaines taxes du PCT, dont la taxe internationale. S'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire à ces critères. La réduction de la taxe internationale (taxe de base et taxe de désignation) s'applique automatiquement à tout déposant qui y a droit (ou à tous les déposants qui y ont droit) au vu des indications de nom, de nationalité et de domicile données dans les cadres n°s II et III de la requête.

La réduction de la taxe s'applique même si l'un ou plusieurs des déposants ne viennent pas d'États contractants du PCT, à condition que chacun d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État, et domicilié dans un État, qui répond aux critères mentionnés ci-dessus et qu'au moins l'un d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT, et domicilié dans un tel État, et ait donc le droit de déposer une demande internationale.

Les personnes physiques qui sont ressortissantes des États contractants du PCT suivants, et qui sont domiciliées dans ces États, peuvent bénéficier de cette réduction : AL Albanie, AM Arménie, AZ Azerbaïdjan, BA Bosnie-Herzégovine, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgarie, BJ Bénin, BR Brésil, BY Bélarus, BZ Belize, CF République centrafricaine, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroun, CN Chine, CO Colombie, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ République tchèque, DM Dominique, DZ Algérie, EE Estonie, GA Gabon, GD Grenade, GE Géorgie, GH Ghana, GM Gambie, GN Guinée, GW Guinée-Bissau, HR Croatie, HU Hongrie, ID Indonésie, IN Inde, KE Kenya, KG Kirghizistan, KP République populaire démocratique de Corée, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Sainte-Lucie, LK Sri Lanka, LR Libéria, LS Lesotho, LT Lituanie, LV Lettonie, MA Maroc, MD République de Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, ML Mali, MN Mongolie, MR Mauritanie, MW Malawi, MX Mexique, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, PL Pologne, RO Roumanie, RU Fédération de Russie, SD Soudan, SK Slovaquie, SL Sierra Leone, SN Sénégal, SZ Swaziland, TD Tchad, TG Togo, TJ Tadjikistan, TM Turkménistan, TR Turquie, TZ République-Unie de Tanzanie, UA Ukraine, UG Ouganda, UZ Ouzbékistan, VN Viet Nam, YU Yougoslavie, ZA Afrique du Sud et ZW Zimbabwe. En ce qui concerne d'autres États, il convient de s'adresser au Bureau international.

sequence listing part which is filed in computer readable form only, under Section 801(a)(i), or both in that form and in paper form under Section 801(a)(ii)), the number of sheets to be used for the purpose of calculating the amount of the basic fee is the **Sub-total number of sheets**. In such a case, item "b3" must be filled in on the basis that the sequence listing part in computer readable form is considered to be equal to 400 sheets (see Section 803).

The basic fee must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office.

Box D: Designation Fees. Subject to what is said below, the number of designation fees due corresponds to the number of check-boxes marked in Box No. V of the request.

The number of designation fees which are due is the same as the number of national patents and regional patents in respect of which specific designations under Rule 4.9(a) are made. Only one designation fee is due for the designation AP, the designation EA, the designation EP or the designation OA, irrespective of the number of States for which an ARIPO patent, a Eurasian patent, a European patent or an OAPI patent, respectively, is sought.

Where any States are designated twice (once for the purposes of an ARIPO patent, a Eurasian patent or a European patent and once for the purposes of national protection), the applicant must pay one designation fee in respect of the ARIPO patent, the Eurasian patent or the European patent and a further designation fee in respect of each national patent or other title of protection sought (Rule 15.1(ii) and Section 210).

Any designation, in excess of six designations for which the fee is due, is free of charge. Therefore, the maximum amount to be indicated in box D is six times the amount of the designation fee. If, for example, 15 national patents and four regional patents (an ARIPO patent, a Eurasian patent, a European patent and an OAPI patent) are sought (totalling 19 designations), the figure to be indicated in box D is six times the amount of the designation fee.

The designation fees must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office or one year from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later.

Box P: Fee for Priority Document (Rule 17.1(b)): Where the applicant has requested, by marking the applicable check-box in Box No. VI of the request, that the receiving Office prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application the priority of which is claimed, the amount of the fee prescribed by the receiving Office for such service may be entered (for information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C).

If that fee is not paid at the latest before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date, the receiving Office may consider the request under Rule 17.1(b) as not having been made.

Total Box: The total of the amounts entered in boxes T, S, I and P should be entered in this box. If the applicant so wishes, the currency in which the fees are paid may be indicated next to or in the total box.

Later Payment of Designation Fees: Where the time limit of one year from the priority date expires later than one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office, and the applicant wishes to delay the payment of the designation fees, it is recommended that the corresponding check-box be marked.

MODE OF PAYMENT

In order to help the receiving Office identify the mode of payment of the prescribed fees, it is recommended that the applicable check-box(es) be marked.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The receiving Office will not charge (or credit) fees to deposit accounts unless the deposit account authorization is signed and indicates the deposit account number.

Calcul de la taxe internationale (taxe de base et taxes de désignation) en cas de réduction : lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à une réduction de la taxe internationale, la somme devant figurer sous I est égale à 25 % de la somme des montants figurant sous B et D (voir ci-dessous).

Cadre B : Taxe de base. Le montant de la taxe de base est fonction du nombre de feuilles de la demande internationale indiqué au point a) du cadre n° IX de la requête comme expliqué ci-dessous.

Ce nombre est le **nombre total de feuilles** lorsque le point b) du cadre n° IX de la requête ne s'applique pas (c'est-à-dire, si la demande internationale ne contient pas une partie réservée au listage des séquences ou qu'elle contient une telle partie mais que cette dernière n'est pas déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii) ou ii)), dans ce cas, le point "b3" ne doit pas être rempli.

Sinon, lorsque le point b) du cadre n° IX de la requête s'applique (c'est-à-dire, si la demande internationale contient une partie réservée au listage des séquences qui est déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur seulement, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), ou à la fois sous cette forme et sous forme papier en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), le nombre de feuilles à utiliser pour le calcul du montant de la taxe de base est le **sous-total des feuilles**. Dans un tel cas, le point "b3" doit être rempli étant entendu que la partie réservée au listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur est considérée comporter 400 pages (voir l'instruction 803).

La taxe de base doit être payée dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de réception de la demande internationale par l'office récepteur.

Cadre D : Taxes de désignation. Sous réserve de ce qui suit, le nombre des taxes de désignation dues correspond au nombre de cases cochées dans le cadre n° V de la requête.

Sont dues autant de taxes de désignation qu'il y a de brevets nationaux et de brevets régionaux pour lesquels une désignation expresse a été faite en vertu de la règle 4.9.a). Une seule taxe de désignation est due pour la désignation AP, la désignation EA, la désignation EP ou la désignation OA, quel que soit le nombre d'États pour lesquels un brevet ARIPO, un brevet eurasiens, un brevet européen ou un brevet OAPI, respectivement, est demandé.

Si un ou plusieurs États sont désignés deux fois (une fois aux fins d'un brevet ARIPO, d'un brevet eurasiens ou d'un brevet européen et une fois aux fins d'une protection nationale), le déposant doit payer une taxe de désignation pour le brevet ARIPO, le brevet eurasiens ou le brevet européen et une autre taxe de désignation pour chaque brevet ou autre titre de protection nationale demandé (règle 15.1.ii) et instruction 210).

Toute désignation faite au-delà de six désignations soumises à la taxe est gratuite. Le montant maximum à indiquer dans le cadre D est donc de six fois le montant de la taxe de désignation. Si, par exemple, 15 brevets nationaux et quatre brevets régionaux (un brevet ARIPO, un brevet eurasiens, un brevet européen et un brevet OAPI) sont demandés (soit un total de 19 désignations), la somme à indiquer dans le cadre D est de six fois le montant de la taxe de désignation.

Les taxes de désignation doivent être payées dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale ou d'un an à compter de la date de priorité, le délai applicable étant celui des deux qui arrive à expiration le plus tard.

Cadre P : Taxe afférente au document de priorité (règle 17.1.b)) : si, en cochant la case appropriée dans le cadre n° VI de la requête, le déposant a demandé que l'office récepteur prépare et transmette au Bureau international une copie certifiée conforme de la demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée, il peut indiquer le montant de la taxe prescrite par l'office récepteur pour ce service (pour information, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C).

Si cette taxe n'est pas payée au plus tard avant l'expiration d'un délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, l'office récepteur peut considérer la requête selon la règle 17.1.b) comme n'ayant pas été présentée.

Total : le total des montants inscrits dans les cadres T, S, I et P doit être porté dans ce cadre. Le déposant peut, s'il le souhaite, indiquer à proximité ou à l'intérieur du cadre "Total" la monnaie dans laquelle il paie les taxes.

Paiement différé des taxes de désignation : si le délai d'un an à compter de la date de priorité arrive à expiration plus d'un mois après la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale, et que le déposant souhaite différer le paiement des taxes de désignation, il est recommandé de cocher la case appropriée.

MODE DE PAIEMENT

Pour aider l'office récepteur à déterminer le mode de paiement des taxes prescrites qui a été utilisé, il est recommandé de cocher la ou les cases appropriées.

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

L'office récepteur ne débitera ou ne créditera un compte de dépôt du montant des taxes que si l'autorisation correspondante est signée et qu'elle indique le numéro du compte de dépôt.

The demand must be filed directly with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority or, if two or more Authorities are competent, with the one chosen by the applicant. The full name or two-letter code of that Authority may be indicated by the applicant on the line below:

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CHAPTER II

DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:
 The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only

Identification of IPEA		Date of receipt of DEMAND
Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION		Applicant's or agent's file reference
International application No.	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>)	(Earliest) Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>)
Title of invention		
Box No. II APPLICANT(S)		
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		Telephone No.
		Facsimile No.
		Teleprinter No.
		Applicant's registration No. with the Office
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants are indicated on a continuation sheet.		

La demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être présentée directement à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui est compétente ou, si plusieurs administrations sont compétentes, à l'une d'entre elles, au choix du déposant. Le déposant peut indiquer le nom complet ou le code à deux lettres de cette administration au-dessus de la ligne qui suit :

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CHAPITRE II

DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL

selon l'article 31 du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets :
Le soussigné requiert que la demande internationale spécifiée ci-après fasse l'objet d'un examen préliminaire international conformément au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets et fait élection de tous les États éligibles sauf indication contraire.

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

Administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international	Date de réception de la demande d'examen préliminaire international
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Cadre n° I IDENTIFICATION DE LA DEMANDE INTERNATIONALE		Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire	
Demande internationale n°	Date du dépôt international (<i>jour/mois/année</i>)	Date de priorité (la plus ancienne) (<i>jour/mois/année</i>)	
Titre de l'invention			
Cadre n° II DÉPOSANT(S)			
Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.</i>)		n° de téléphone	
		n° de télécopieur	
		n° de téléimprimeur	
		n° sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office	
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :		Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.</i>)			
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :		Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.</i>)			
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :		Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
<input type="checkbox"/> D'autres déposants sont indiqués sur une feuille annexe.			

Continuation of Box No. II APPLICANT(S)

If none of the following sub-boxes is used, this sheet should not be included in the demand.

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Further applicants are indicated on another continuation sheet.

Suite du cadre n° II DÉPOSANT(S)

Si aucun des sous-cadres suivants n'est utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

D'autres déposants sont indiqués sur une autre feuille annexe.

Box No. III AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The following person is agent common representative
 and has been appointed earlier and represents the applicant(s) also for international preliminary examination.
 is hereby appointed and any earlier appointment of (an) agent(s)/common representative is hereby revoked.
 is hereby appointed, specifically for the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority, in addition to the agent(s)/common representative appointed earlier.

Name and address: <i>(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)</i>	Telephone No.
	Facsimile No.
	Teleprinter No.
	Agent's registration No. with the Office

Address for correspondence: Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special address to which correspondence should be sent.

Box No. IV BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Statement concerning amendments:*

1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination **to start on the basis of:**

the international application as originally filed
 the description as originally filed
 as amended under Article 34

the claims as originally filed
 as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)
 as amended under Article 34

the drawings as originally filed
 as amended under Article 34

2. The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.

3. The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination **to be postponed** until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)). *(This check-box may be marked only where the time limit under Article 19 has not yet expired.)*

* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

which is the language in which the international application was filed.
 which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.
 which is the language of publication of the international application.
 which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES

The applicant hereby **elects all eligible States** *(that is, all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT)*
 excluding the following States which the applicant wishes **not to elect:**

Cadre n° III MANDATAIRE OU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN; OU ADRESSE POUR LA CORRESPONDANCE

La personne indiquée ci-dessous est mandataire représentant commun
 et a été désignée à une date antérieure; elle représente aussi le ou les déposants pour l'examen préliminaire international.
 est désignée par la présente; toute désignation antérieure de mandataires ou d'un représentant commun est de ce fait révoquée.
 est désignée par la présente, spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, en sus du ou des mandataires ou du représentant commun désignés antérieurement.

Nom et adresse : (Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)

n° de téléphone

n° de télécopieur

n° de téléimprimeur

n° sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office

Adresse pour la correspondance : cocher cette case lorsque aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est ou n'a été désigné et que l'espace ci-dessus est utilisé pour indiquer une adresse spéciale à laquelle la correspondance doit être envoyée.

Cadre n° IV BASE DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**Déclaration concernant les modifications :***

1. Le déposant souhaite que l'examen préliminaire international **commence sur la base suivante** :

- la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement
 la description telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement
 telle qu'elle a été modifiée en vertu de l'article 34
 les revendications telles qu'elles ont été déposées initialement
 telles qu'elles ont été modifiées en vertu de l'article 19 (avec, le cas échéant, la déclaration jointe aux modifications)
 telles qu'elles ont été modifiées en vertu de l'article 34
 les dessins tels qu'ils ont été déposés initialement
 tels qu'ils ont été modifiés en vertu de l'article 34

2. Le déposant souhaite que les modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 soient considérées comme écartées.

3. Le déposant souhaite que le commencement de l'examen préliminaire international **soit différé** jusqu'à l'expiration d'un délai de 20 mois à compter de la date de priorité, à moins que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ne reçoive une copie des modifications effectuées en vertu de l'article 19 ou une déclaration du déposant, aux termes de laquelle celui-ci ne souhaite pas effectuer de modifications en vertu de l'article 19 (règle 69.1.d). (Ne pas cocher cette case lorsque le délai visé à l'article 19 a expiré.)

* Lorsque aucune case n'est cochée, l'examen préliminaire international commencera sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement ou, si l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international reçoit copie des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 ou des modifications apportées à la demande internationale en vertu de l'article 34 avant d'avoir commencé à rédiger une opinion écrite ou le rapport d'examen préliminaire international, sur la base de la demande internationale ainsi modifiée.

Langue : l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué en, **qui est**

- la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale a été déposée.
 la langue d'une traduction remise aux fins de la recherche internationale.
 la langue de publication de la demande internationale.
 la langue de la traduction (qui sera) remise aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international.

Cadre n° V ÉLECTION D'ÉTATS

Le déposant **élit tous les États éligibles** (c'est-à-dire tous les États qui ont été désignés et qui sont liés par le chapitre II du PCT) à l'exclusion des États ci-après que le déposant souhaite **ne pas élire** :

Box No. VI CHECK LIST

The demand is accompanied by the following elements, in the language referred to in Box No. IV, for the purposes of international preliminary examination:			For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only	
			received	not received
1.	translation of international application	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	amendments under Article 34	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	letter	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	other (<i>specify</i>)	:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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The demand is also accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

1. <input type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet	5. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature
2. <input type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney	6. <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listing in computer readable form
3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney	7. <input type="checkbox"/> other (<i>specify</i>):
4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:	

Box No. VII SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the demand).

For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only

1. Date of actual receipt of DEMAND:	
2. Adjusted date of receipt of demand due to CORRECTIONS under Rule 60.1(b):	
3. <input type="checkbox"/> The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and item 4 or 5, below, does not apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> The applicant has been informed accordingly.
4. <input type="checkbox"/> The date of receipt of the demand is WITHIN the period of 19 months from the priority date as extended by virtue of Rule 80.5.	
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82.	

For International Bureau use only

Demand received from IPEA on:

Cadre n° VI BORDEREAU

Aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international, les éléments suivants, établis dans la langue indiquée au cadre n° IV, sont joints à la présente demande d'examen :

- | | | |
|--|---|----------|
| 1. traduction de la demande internationale | : | feuilles |
| 2. modifications selon l'article 34 | : | feuilles |
| 3. copie (ou, si elle est exigée, traduction) des modifications selon l'article 19 | : | feuilles |
| 4. copie (ou, si elle est exigée, traduction) de la déclaration selon l'article 19 | : | feuilles |
| 5. lettre | : | feuilles |
| 6. autres pièces (<i>préciser</i>) | : | feuilles |

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

reçu	non reçu
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Le ou les éléments cochés ci-après sont aussi joints à la demande d'examen préliminaire international :

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> feuille de calcul des taxes | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> explication de l'absence d'une signature |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> pouvoir distinct original | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> original du pouvoir général | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> autres éléments (<i>préciser</i>) : |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> copie du pouvoir général; le cas échéant, numéro de référence : | |

Cadre n° VII SIGNATURE DU DÉPOSANT, DU MANDATAIRE OU DU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN

À côté de chaque signature, indiquer le nom du signataire et, si cela n'apparaît pas clairement à la lecture de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, à quel titre l'intéressé signe.

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

1. Date effective de réception de la DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL :

2. Date modifiée de réception de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, en cas de CORRECTIONS apportées en vertu de la règle 60.1.b) :

3. La demande d'examen préliminaire international a été reçue PLUS DE 19 mois après la date de priorité et les points 4 et 5 ne sont pas applicables. Le déposant a été informé en conséquence.

4. La demande d'examen préliminaire international a été reçue dans le délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité, prorogé en vertu de la règle 80.5.

5. Bien que la demande d'examen préliminaire international ait été reçue plus de 19 mois après la date de priorité, le retard à l'arrivée est EXCUSÉ en vertu de la règle 82.

Réservé au Bureau international

Demande d'examen préliminaire international reçue de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international le :

NOTES TO THE DEMAND FORM (PCT/IPEA/401)

These Notes are intended to facilitate the filling in of the demand form and to give some information concerning international preliminary examination under Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). For more detailed information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a WIPO publication, which is available, together with other PCT related documents, at WIPO's Website: www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html. The Notes are based on the requirements of the PCT, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. In case of any discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable.

In the demand form and these Notes, "Article", "Rule" and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the Administrative Instructions, respectively.

Please use a typewriter; check-boxes may be marked by hand with dark ink (Rules 11.9(a) and (b) and 11.14).

The demand form and these Notes may be downloaded from WIPO's Website at the address given above.

IMPORTANT GENERAL INFORMATION

Who May File a Demand? (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54): A demand (for international preliminary examination) may only be filed by an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II of the PCT; furthermore, the international application must have been filed with a receiving Office of, or acting for, a State bound by Chapter II. Where there are two or more applicants (for the same or different elected States) at least one of them must qualify.

Where Must the Demand Be Filed? (Article 31(6)(a)): The demand must be filed with a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA). The receiving Office with which the international application was filed will, upon request, give information about the competent IPEA (or see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C). If several IPEAs are competent, the applicant has the choice and the demand must be filed with (and the fees must be paid to) the IPEA chosen by the applicant. The IPEA chosen by the applicant may be identified, preferably by an indication of the name or two-letter code of the IPEA, at the top of the first sheet of the demand in the space provided for that purpose.

When Must the Demand Be Filed? (Article 39(1)): The demand must be filed before the expiration of *19 months from the priority date* in order to extend the time limit for entering the national phase of the PCT procedure from 20 to 30 months from the priority date. *Warning:* if the demand is filed later, the national phase will not be delayed in respect of the elected States and the applicant must enter the national phase before the expiration of the time limit applicable under Article 22 (which is usually 20 months from the priority date).

In Which Language Must the Demand Be Filed? (Rule 55.1): The demand must be filed in the language in which international preliminary examination will be carried out (see Notes to Box No. IV).

What is the Language of Correspondence? (Rules 66.9 and 92.2 and Section 104): Any letter from the applicant to the IPEA must be in the same language as the international application to which it relates. However, where the international preliminary examination will be carried out on the basis of a translation (see Notes to Box No. IV), any letter from the applicant to the IPEA must be in the language of the translation. The IPEA may authorize the use of other languages for letters which do not contain or relate to amendments of the international application. Any letter from the applicant to the International Bureau must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

Which Fees Must Be Paid and When? (Rules 57 and 58):

Two fees are due in respect of the international preliminary examination: the preliminary examination fee and the handling fee. Both fees must be paid to the IPEA within one month from the date on which the demand is submitted. The Fee Calculation Sheet should be used for that purpose. For details concerning the payment of the fees, see the Notes to that Sheet.

BOX No. I

Applicant's or Agent's File Reference: A file reference may be indicated, if desired. It should not exceed 12 characters. Characters in excess of 12 may be disregarded (Section 109).

Identification of the International Application (Rule 53.6): The international application number must be indicated in Box No. I. Where the demand is filed at a time when the international application number has not yet been notified by the receiving Office, the name of that Office must be indicated instead of the international application number.

International Filing Date and (Earliest) Priority Date (Section 110): Dates must be indicated by the Arabic number of the day, the name of the month and the Arabic number of the year—in that order; after, below or above such indication, the date should be repeated in parentheses, using two-digit Arabic numerals for each of the number of the day, the number of the month and the last two digits of the year, in that order, and separated by periods, slants or hyphens, for example, "20 March 2001 (20.03.01)", "20 March 2001 (20/03/01)" or "20 March 2001 (20-03-01)". Where the international application claims the priority of several earlier applications, the filing date of the earliest application whose priority is claimed must be indicated as the priority date.

Title of the Invention: If a new title has been established by the International Searching Authority, that title must be indicated in Box No. I.

BOX No. II

Applicant(s) (Rule 53.4): All the applicants for the elected States must be indicated in the demand; an applicant named in the request (Form PCT/RO/101) for a State which is not elected need not be named in the demand. It should be noted that the persons named as "inventor only" in the request need not be named in the demand.

Make in Box No. II of the demand the required indications as appearing in Boxes Nos. II and III of the request. The Notes to the request apply *mutatis mutandis*. If there are two or more applicants for the States elected in the demand, give the required indications for each of them; if there are more than

NOTES RELATIVES AU FORMULAIRE DE DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL (PCT/IPEA/401)

Ces notes sont destinées à faciliter l'utilisation du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et à donner certains renseignements concernant l'examen préliminaire international prévu au chapitre II du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT). On peut aussi trouver de plus amples renseignements dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, publié par l'OMPI, qui est disponible, de même que d'autres documents relatifs au PCT, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/index.html. Les notes sont fondées sur les exigences du traité, du règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT. En cas de divergence entre les présentes notes et ces exigences, ce sont ces dernières qui priment.

Dans le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et dans les présentes notes, les termes "article", "règle" et "instruction" renvoient aux dispositions du traité, de son règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT, respectivement.

Prière de remplir le formulaire à la machine à écrire. Les cases appropriées peuvent être cochées à la main, à l'encre foncée (règles 11.9.a) et b) et 11.14).

Le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et les présentes notes peuvent être téléchargés depuis le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse donnée ci-dessus.

RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS D'ORDRE GÉNÉRAL

Qui peut présenter une demande d'examen préliminaire international ? (article 31.2a) et règle 54) : une demande d'examen préliminaire international ne peut être présentée que par un déposant qui est ressortissant d'un État contractant lié par le chapitre II du PCT ou qui a son domicile dans un tel État; en outre, la demande internationale doit avoir été déposée auprès de l'office récepteur d'un État lié par le chapitre II, ou agissant pour un tel État. S'il y a plusieurs déposants (pour les mêmes États élus ou pour des États élus différents), au moins l'un d'entre eux doit remplir les conditions requises.

Où la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (article 31.6a)) : la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être présentée à une administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (IPEA) compétente. L'office récepteur auprès duquel la demande internationale a été déposée donnera, sur demande, des renseignements au sujet de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui est compétente (voir aussi le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C). Si plusieurs administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international sont compétentes, le déposant doit présenter la demande d'examen préliminaire international à l'administration de son choix (et lui payer les taxes). Cette administration peut être indiquée, de préférence au moyen de son nom ou de son code à deux lettres, en haut de la première feuille de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, dans l'espace prévu à cet effet.

Quand la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (article 39.1)) : la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être présentée avant l'expiration d'un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité pour que le délai d'ouverture de la phase nationale de la procédure selon le PCT puisse passer, en ce qui concerne les États élus, de 20 à 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité. *Important* : si la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée plus tard, la phase nationale ne sera pas différée et le déposant devra l'aborder avant l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 (qui est habituellement de 20 mois à compter de la date de priorité).

En quelle langue la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (règle 55.1) : la demande d'examen doit être présentée dans la langue dans laquelle l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué (voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV).

Quelle est la langue à utiliser dans la correspondance ? (règles 66.9 et 92.2 et instruction 104) : toute lettre adressée par le déposant à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale qu'elle concerne. Cependant, lorsque l'examen préliminaire international doit être effectué sur la base d'une traduction (voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV), toute lettre adressée par le déposant à l'administration chargée de cet examen doit être rédigée dans la langue de la traduction. L'administration chargée de l'examen peut autoriser l'utilisation d'autres langues pour des lettres qui ne contiennent pas de modifications de la demande internationale ou qui ne se rapportent pas à des modifications. Toute lettre adressée par le déposant au Bureau international doit être rédigée en anglais ou en français, au choix du déposant. Toutefois, si la langue de la demande internationale est l'anglais, la lettre doit être rédigée en anglais; si la langue de la demande internationale est le français, la lettre doit être rédigée en français.

Quelles taxes doivent être payées et quand ? (règles 57 et 58) : l'examen préliminaire international donne lieu au paiement de deux taxes : la taxe d'examen préliminaire et la taxe de traitement. Ces deux taxes doivent être acquittées auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de présentation de la demande d'examen. La feuille de calcul des taxes devrait être utilisée à cette fin. Pour de plus amples renseignements concernant le paiement des taxes, voir les notes relatives à cette feuille.

CADRE N° I

Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire : il est possible d'indiquer, à titre facultatif, une telle référence de dossier. Celle-ci ne devrait pas dépasser 12 caractères. L'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international peut ne pas tenir compte des caractères en sus du douzième (instruction 109).

Identification de la demande internationale (règle 53.6) : le numéro de la demande internationale doit être indiqué dans le cadre n° I. Si la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée alors même que le numéro de la demande internationale n'a pas encore été notifié par l'office récepteur, le nom de cet office doit être indiqué en lieu et place du numéro de la demande internationale.

three applicants, make the required indications on the “Continuation Sheet”.

If different applicants are indicated in the request for different designated States, indicate in Box No. II of the demand only the applicants for the States elected in Box No. V (no indication of the States for which a person is applicant need be made, because those indications have been made in the request).

Applicant’s registration number with the Office (Rule 53.4): Where the applicant is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority, the demand may indicate the number or other indication under which the applicant is so registered.

BOX No. III

Agent or Common Representative (Rules 53.5, 90.1 and 90.2): Mark the applicable check-boxes to indicate *first* whether the person named in this Box is agent or common representative, *then* whether that person *has been appointed earlier* (i.e., during the procedure under Chapter I), or *is appointed in the demand* and any earlier appointment of another person is revoked, or *is appointed specifically for the procedure before the IPEA* (without revocation of any earlier appointment), in addition to the person(s) appointed earlier.

Where an additional person is appointed specifically for the procedure before the IPEA, all notifications issued by the IPEA will be addressed only to that additional person.

A separate power of attorney must be filed with the IPEA, the International Bureau or the receiving Office, if the person appointed at the time the demand is filed (i.e., was not appointed earlier) signs the demand on behalf of the applicant (Rule 90.4).

Agent’s registration number with the Office (Rule 53.5): Where the agent is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority, the demand may indicate the number or other indication under which the agent is so registered.

Address for Correspondence (Rule 4.4(d) and Section 108): Where an agent is appointed, any correspondence intended for the applicant will be sent to the address indicated for that agent (or for the first-mentioned agent, if more than one is appointed). Where one of two or more applicants is appointed as common representative, the address indicated for that applicant in Box No. III will be used.

Where no agent or common representative is appointed, any correspondence will be sent to the address, indicated in Box No. II, of the applicant (if only one person is named as applicant) or of the applicant who is considered to be common representative (if there are two or more persons named as applicants). However, if the applicant wishes correspondence to be sent to a different address in such a case, that address may be indicated in Box No. III instead of the designation of an agent or common representative. In this case, and only in this case, the last check-box of Box No. III must be marked (that is, the last check-box must not be marked if either of the check-boxes “agent” or “common representative” in Box No. III has been marked).

BOX No. IV

Statement Concerning Amendments (Rules 53.2(a)(v), 53.9, 62, 66.1 and 69.1): The international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application

as filed or, if amendments have been filed, as amended. Mark the appropriate check-box(es) to enable the IPEA to determine when and on what basis it can start international preliminary examination.

Mark the corresponding check-box(es) under No. 1 where the international preliminary examination should start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or where amendments are to be taken into account, as the case may be. Where amendments are to be taken into account, the applicant must submit *with the demand* a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 (Rule 53.9(a)(i)) and/or the amendments of the international application under Article 34 (Rule 53.9(c)), as the case may be. If a check-box is marked but the demand is not accompanied by the documents referred to, the start of international preliminary examination will be delayed until the IPEA receives them.

Mark check-box No. 2 if amendments of the claims under Article 19 have been filed with the International Bureau during the Chapter I procedure, but the applicant does not want these amendments to be taken into account for the purpose of international preliminary examination when the latter starts (Rule 53.9(a)(ii)).

Mark check-box No. 3 where the time limit for filing amendments of the claims under Article 19 has not expired at the time the demand is filed and the applicant wants to keep the option for the filing of such amendments open; the IPEA is thus requested to postpone the start of international preliminary examination (Rules 53.9(b) and 69.1(d)). It should be noted that the examination will start in any event after the expiration of 20 months from the priority date even where the time limit for filing amendments has not yet expired or no amendments have been received by the IPEA.

If no check-box is marked, refer to the footnote at the bottom of the Box.

Language for the Purposes of International Preliminary Examination (Rule 55.2): Where neither the language in which the international application is filed nor the language in which the international application is published is accepted by the IPEA that is to carry out the international preliminary examination, the applicant must furnish with the demand a translation of the international application into a language which is both a language accepted by that Authority and a language of publication.

Where such translation has already been furnished to the International Searching Authority for the purposes of carrying out international search and the IPEA is part of the same Office or intergovernmental organization as the International Searching Authority, the applicant need not furnish another translation. In such a case the international preliminary examination is carried out on the basis of the translation furnished for the purposes of international search.

The language for the purposes of international preliminary examination should be indicated in Box No. IV, on the dotted line, and the corresponding check-box should be marked.

Language of Amendments (Rules 55.3 and 66.9): Amendments and letters relating thereto must be in the same language as that in which the international preliminary examination is carried out, as explained in the preceding paragraphs.

Date du dépôt international et date de priorité (la plus ancienne) (instruction 110) : les dates doivent être indiquées au moyen du quantième, en chiffres arabes, suivi du nom du mois puis de l'année en chiffres arabes, dans cet ordre; à côté, au-dessous ou au-dessus de cette indication, il y a lieu de répéter la date, mais entre parenthèses, sous la forme de numéros à deux chiffres arabes, séparés par un point, une barre oblique ou un tiret, et dans l'ordre suivant : quantième, mois et année (celle-ci étant indiquée au moyen des deux derniers chiffres); exemples "20 mars 2001 (20.03.01)", "20 mars 2001 (20/03/01)" ou "20 mars 2001 (20-03-01)". Lorsque la demande internationale revendique la priorité de plusieurs demandes antérieures, la date de dépôt de la plus ancienne demande dont la priorité est revendiquée doit être indiquée en tant que date de priorité.

Titre de l'invention : si l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale a établi un nouveau titre, celui-ci doit être indiqué dans le cadre n° I.

CADRE N° II

Déposant(s) (règle 53.4) : tous les déposants qui ont cette qualité pour les États élus doivent être mentionnés dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international; un déposant mentionné dans la requête (formulaire PCT/RO/101) pour un État qui n'est pas élu n'a pas à être mentionné dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Il est à noter que les personnes mentionnées dans la requête comme "inventeur seulement" n'ont pas non plus à être mentionnées dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

Reprendre dans le cadre n° II de la demande d'examen préliminaire international les indications requises figurant dans les cadres n°s II et III de la requête. Les notes relatives à la requête s'appliquent *mutatis mutandis*. S'il y a pluralité de déposants pour les États élus dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international, fournir les indications requises sur chacun d'eux; si ces déposants sont plus de trois, porter les indications en question sur une "feuille annexe".

Si, dans la requête, des déposants différents sont indiqués pour différents États désignés, n'indiquer dans le cadre n° II de la demande d'examen préliminaire international que les déposants ayant cette qualité pour les États élus dans le cadre n° V (il n'y a pas lieu d'indiquer les États pour lesquels une personne est mentionnée comme déposant, car ces indications ont été fournies dans la requête).

Numéro sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 53.4) : lorsque le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, la demande d'examen préliminaire international peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

CADRE N° III

Mandataire ou représentant commun (règles 53.5, 90.1 et 90.2) : cocher les cases appropriées afin d'indiquer, *premièrement*, si la personne indiquée dans le cadre n° III est mandataire ou représentant commun, *deuxièmement*, si cette personne a été désignée à une date antérieure (c'est-à-dire au cours de la procédure prévue au chapitre I), *est désignée dans la demande d'examen préliminaire internationale* (toute désignation antérieure d'une autre personne étant révoquée) ou *est désignée spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire internationale* (sans qu'il y ait révocation d'une désignation antérieure) en sus de la ou des personnes désignées antérieurement.

Lorsqu'une personne supplémentaire est désignée spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, toute la correspondance émanant de cette administration sera adressée seulement à cette personne supplémentaire.

Un pouvoir distinct doit être déposé auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, du Bureau international ou de l'office récepteur si la personne qui est désignée au moment de la présentation de la demande d'examen préliminaire international (et qui n'a donc pas été désignée antérieurement) signe cette demande d'examen au nom du déposant (règle 90.4).

Numéro sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 53.5) : lorsque le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, la demande d'examen préliminaire international peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Adresse pour la correspondance (règle 4.4.d) et instruction 108) : si un mandataire est désigné, toute correspondance destinée au déposant sera envoyée à l'adresse indiquée pour ce mandataire (ou pour le mandataire mentionné en premier, si plusieurs mandataires ont été désignés). Lorsque, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux est désigné comme représentant commun, l'adresse indiquée pour ce déposant dans le cadre n° III sera utilisée.

Si aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est désigné, la correspondance sera envoyée à l'adresse – indiquée dans le cadre n° II – du déposant (s'il n'y a qu'une seule personne indiquée comme déposant) ou du déposant considéré comme le représentant commun (s'il y a plusieurs personnes indiquées comme déposants). Cependant, si le ou les déposants souhaitent dans ce cas que la correspondance soit envoyée à une adresse différente, il est possible d'indiquer cette adresse dans le cadre n° III, en lieu et place de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun. C'est dans ce cas et seulement dans ce cas qu'il y a lieu de cocher la dernière case du cadre n° III (c'est-à-dire que la dernière case ne doit pas être cochée si l'une des cases "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" a été cochée).

CADRE N° IV

Déclaration concernant les modifications (règles 53.2.a)v), 53.9, 62, 66.1 et 69.1) : l'examen préliminaire international commencera sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée ou, si des modifications ont été déposées, telle qu'elle a été modifiée. Cocher la ou les cases appropriées pour permettre à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international de déterminer si elle peut commencer l'examen préliminaire international et sur quelle base.

Cocher la ou les cases appropriées de la rubrique n° 1 pour indiquer si l'examen préliminaire international doit commencer sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée ou s'il doit être tenu compte de modifications, selon le cas. S'il y a des modifications à prendre en compte, le déposant doit présenter *avec la demande d'examen* une copie des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 (règle 53.9.a)i) ou des modifications apportées à la demande internationale en vertu de l'article 34 (règle 53.9.c)), ou une copie des deux types de modifications, selon le cas. Si une case est cochée et que les documents correspondants ne sont pas joints à la demande

Time Limit for Furnishing Translation of the International Application (Rule 55.2): Any required translation of the international application should be furnished (by the applicant) together with the demand. If it is not so furnished, the IPEA will invite the applicant to furnish it within a time limit which shall not be less than one month from the date of the invitation. That time limit may be extended by the IPEA.

BOX No. V

Election of States (Rule 53.7): Only States which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT *and* which have been designated in the international application (that is, States whose designations have been made under Rule 4.9(a), confirmed under Rule 4.9(c) or considered as having been made under Rule 32.2(a)(i)) can be elected. They are the “eligible States”.

For the convenience and protection of applicants, Box No. V contains a statement to the effect that all eligible States are elected. It is only where the applicant does not wish to elect certain eligible States that the name(s) or two-letter code(s) of those States must be indicated after the words “wishes not to elect:”.

The indication in the demand of the kind of protection or treatment desired for any elected State is not required since it follows the indication made when designating that State in the international application.

BOX No. VI

Check List: It is recommended that this Box be filled in carefully in order for the IPEA to determine as soon as possible whether it is in possession of the documents on the basis of which the applicant wishes international preliminary examination to start.

Where the international application contains disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences, and a copy of the sequence listing in computer readable form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions is required by the IPEA, the applicant may furnish the listing in computer readable form to the IPEA with the demand. If this is the case, check-box No. 5 must be marked.

BOX No. VII

Signature (Rules 53.8, 90.3(a) and 90.4(a)): The demand must be signed by the applicant or by his agent; if there are two or more applicants, the common representative may sign the demand. If the demand is not signed by (all) the persons who are applicants for the elected States (a person who is applicant only for a State which is not elected need not sign the demand), a power of attorney signed by that (all those) applicant(s) must be filed with the IPEA, with the International Bureau or with the receiving Office unless the agent has previously been appointed.

d'examen préliminaire international, le commencement de cet examen sera différé jusqu'à ce que l'administration qui en est chargée les reçoive.

Cocher la case n° 2 si des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 ont été déposées auprès du Bureau international lors de la procédure prévue au chapitre I, et que le déposant ne veut pas qu'il en soit tenu compte aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international lorsque celui-ci commencera (règle 53.9.a)ii).

Cocher la case n° 3 si le délai fixé pour le dépôt de modifications des revendications en vertu de l'article 19 n'a pas expiré au moment où la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée et que le déposant veut conserver la possibilité de déposer de telles modifications; il est ainsi demandé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international de différer le commencement de cet examen (règles 53.9.b) et 69.1.d)). Il est à noter que l'examen commencera, en tout état de cause, après l'expiration d'un délai de 20 mois à compter de la date de priorité, même si le délai pour déposer des modifications n'a pas expiré ou que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international n'a reçu aucune modification.

Si aucune case n'est cochée, la procédure décrite dans la note figurant au bas du cadre sera suivie.

Langue aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international (règle 55.2) : lorsque ni la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée ni la langue dans laquelle elle est publiée n'est acceptée par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui effectuera cet examen, le déposant doit remettre avec la demande d'examen préliminaire international une traduction de la demande internationale dans une langue qui est à la fois une langue acceptée par cette administration et une langue de publication.

Lorsqu'une traduction répondant à ces critères a déjà été remise à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale pour les besoins de cette recherche et que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international fait partie du même office ou de la même organisation intergouvernementale que l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, il n'est pas nécessaire pour le déposant de remettre une autre traduction. Dans ce cas, l'examen préliminaire international est effectué sur la base de la traduction remise aux fins de la recherche internationale.

La langue dans laquelle sera effectué l'examen préliminaire international doit être indiquée dans le cadre n° IV sur la ligne pointillée, et la case appropriée la concernant doit être cochée.

Langue des modifications (règles 55.3 et 66.9) : les modifications et les lettres qui s'y rapportent doivent être rédigées dans la langue dans laquelle l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué, comme il est expliqué aux paragraphes précédents.

Délai imparti pour remettre une traduction de la demande internationale (règle 55.2) : toute traduction de la demande internationale qui est exigée doit être remise (par le déposant) en même temps que la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Si la traduction n'est pas remise en

même temps, l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international invitera le déposant à remettre cette traduction dans un délai qui sera d'au moins un mois à compter de la date de l'invitation. Ce délai peut être prorogé par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

CADRE N° V

Élection d'États (règle 53.7) : seuls peuvent être élus les États qui sont liés par le chapitre II du PCT *et* qui ont été désignés dans la demande internationale (c'est-à-dire qui ont fait l'objet de désignations faites en vertu de la règle 4.9.a), confirmées en vertu de la règle 4.9.c) ou considérées comme ayant été faites, en vertu de la règle 32.2.a)i)). Ces États sont les "États éligibles".

Pour faciliter la tâche des déposants et les protéger, le cadre n° V contient une déclaration selon laquelle tous les États éligibles sont élus. Ce n'est que si le déposant ne souhaite pas élire certains États éligibles qu'il doit indiquer le nom ou le code à deux lettres de ces États après les mots "souhaite ne pas élire :".

Il n'est pas nécessaire d'indiquer dans la demande d'examen préliminaire internationale quelle forme de protection ou de traitement est souhaitée pour tel ou tel État élu puisque les indications portées dans la demande internationale lors de la désignation de cet État restent valables.

CADRE N° VI

Bordereau : il est recommandé de remplir soigneusement ce cadre pour que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international puisse déterminer le plus rapidement possible si elle est en possession de la ou des modifications ou de la ou des lettres sur la base desquelles le déposant souhaite que l'examen préliminaire international commence.

Lorsque la demande internationale contient la divulgation d'une ou plusieurs séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés, et qu'une copie du listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, conforme à la norme figurant dans les instructions administratives, est requise par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, le déposant peut fournir à cette administration, conjointement avec la demande d'examen préliminaire international, le listage en question sous une forme déchiffrable par ordinateur. S'il le fait, la case n° 5 doit être cochée.

CADRE N° VII

Signature (règles 53.8, 90.3.a) et 90.4.a) : la demande d'examen préliminaire internationale doit être signée par le déposant ou par son mandataire; s'il y a plusieurs déposants, elle peut l'être par le représentant commun. Si elle n'est pas signée par une ou plusieurs personnes qui ont la qualité de déposant pour les États élus (une personne qui est déposant seulement pour un État non élu n'a pas besoin de signer la demande d'examen préliminaire internationale), un pouvoir signé par ces personnes doit être déposé auprès du Bureau international, de l'office récepteur ou de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire internationale, sauf si le mandataire a été désigné à une date antérieure.

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FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Demand

International application No.	For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only	
Applicant's or agent's file reference	Date stamp of the IPEA	
Applicant		
CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES		
1. Preliminary examination fee		P
2. Handling fee (<i>Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the handling fee. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the amount to be entered at H is 25% of the handling fee.</i>)		H
3. Total of prescribed fees Add the amounts entered at P and H and enter total in the TOTAL box		
	TOTAL	
MODE OF PAYMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> authorization to charge deposit account with the IPEA (see below)	<input type="checkbox"/> cash	
<input type="checkbox"/> cheque	<input type="checkbox"/> revenue stamps	
<input type="checkbox"/> postal money order	<input type="checkbox"/> coupons	
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	Date: _____	
	Name: _____	
	Signature: _____	

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FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES

Annexe de la demande d'examen préliminaire international

Demande internationale n°	Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international								
Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire	Timbre à date de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international								
Déposant									
<p>Calcul des taxes prescrites</p> <p>1. Taxe d'examen préliminaire P</p> <p>2. Taxe de traitement (<i>Les déposants de certains États ont droit à une réduction de 75% de la taxe de traitement. Lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à cette réduction, le montant devant figurer sous H est égal à 25% de la taxe de traitement.</i>)..... H</p> <p>3. Total des taxes prescrites Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres P et H et inscrire le résultat dans le cadre TOTAL</p> <div style="text-align: center; border: 1px solid black; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto; padding: 5px;">TOTAL</div>									
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**NOTES TO THE FEE CALCULATION SHEET
(ANNEX TO FORM PCT/IPEA/401)**

The purpose of the fee calculation sheet is to help the applicant to identify the prescribed fees and to calculate the amounts to be paid. It is strongly recommended that the applicant complete, by entering the appropriate amounts in the boxes provided, and submit the fee calculation sheet at the time of filing of the demand. This will help the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) to verify the calculations and to identify any error in them.

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

Two fees must be paid for international preliminary examination:

- (i) the preliminary examination fee for the benefit of the IPEA (Rule 58.1);
- (ii) the handling fee for the benefit of the International Bureau (Rule 57).

Both fees must be paid to the IPEA within one month from the date on which the demand is submitted. The amount payable is the amount applicable on the date of submittal (Rules 57.3 and 58.1(b)). The fees must be paid in a currency acceptable to the IPEA.

Information about the amount of those fees or about equivalent amounts in other currencies can be obtained from the IPEA or the receiving Office. This information is also published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex E, and from time to time in Section IV of the *PCT Gazette*.

Box P: The amount of the preliminary examination fee must be entered in Box P.

Box H: The amount of the handling fee must be entered in Box H.

Reduction of the Handling Fee for Applicants from Certain States: An applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997) is entitled, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees, to a reduction of 75% of certain PCT fees including the handling fee. If there are several applicants, each must satisfy the above-mentioned criteria. The reduction of the handling fee will be automatically available to any applicant (or applicants) who is (or are) so entitled on the basis of the indications of name, nationality and residence given in Box No. II of the demand.

The fee reduction will be available even if one or more of the applicants are not from PCT Contracting States, provided that each of them is a national and resident of a State that meets the above-mentioned requirements and that at least one of the applicants is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State and thus is entitled to file an international application.

Natural persons who are nationals of and reside in the following PCT Contracting States are eligible: AL Albania, AM Armenia, AZ Azerbaijan, BA Bosnia and Herzegovina, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgaria, BJ Benin, BR Brazil,

BY Belarus, BZ Belize, CF Central African Republic, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroon, CN China, CO Colombia, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ Czech Republic, DM Dominica, DZ Algeria, EE Estonia, GA Gabon, GD Grenada, GE Georgia, GH Ghana, GM Gambia, GN Guinea, GW Guinea-Bissau, HR Croatia, HU Hungary, ID Indonesia, IN India, KE Kenya, KG Kyrgyzstan, KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Saint Lucia, LK Sri Lanka, LR Liberia, LS Lesotho, LT Lithuania, LV Latvia, MA Morocco, MD Republic of Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, ML Mali, MN Mongolia, MR Mauritania, MW Malawi, MX Mexico, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, PL Poland, RO Romania, RU Russian Federation, SD Sudan, SK Slovakia, SL Sierra Leone, SN Senegal, SZ Swaziland, TD Chad, TG Togo, TJ Tajikistan, TM Turkmenistan, TR Turkey, TZ United Republic of Tanzania, UA Ukraine, UG Uganda, UZ Uzbekistan, VN Viet Nam, YU Yugoslavia, ZA South Africa and ZW Zimbabwe. As far as other States are concerned, inquiries should be addressed to the International Bureau.

Calculation of the Handling Fee in Case of Fee Reduction: Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) entitled to a reduction of the handling fee, the total to be entered at Box H is 25% of the handling fee.

Total Box: The total of the amounts inserted in Boxes P and H is the amount which must be paid to the IPEA.

MODE OF PAYMENT

In order to help the IPEA identify the mode of payment of the prescribed fees, it is recommended to mark the applicable check-box(es).

**AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
(OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT**

The applicant should check whether the IPEA allows the use of deposit accounts for payment of PCT fees. In addition, it is recommended that the applicant check what are the specific conditions applicable to the use of deposit accounts with the IPEA since not all IPEAs provide the same services.

Finally, if the IPEA is not the same national Office or intergovernmental organization as that with which the international application was filed, the deposit account with the receiving Office cannot be charged for the purpose of paying the preliminary examination and handling fees due to the IPEA.

The IPEA will not charge fees to deposit accounts unless the deposit account authorization is signed and indicates the deposit account number.

NOTES RELATIVES À LA FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES (ANNEXE DU FORMULAIRE PCT/IPEA/401)

La feuille de calcul des taxes a pour objet d'aider le déposant à recenser les taxes prescrites et à calculer les montants à payer. Il lui est vivement recommandé de remplir cette feuille en portant les montants appropriés dans les cadres prévus et de la joindre à la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Cela aidera l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (IPEA) à vérifier les calculs et à y déceler d'éventuelles erreurs.

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

L'examen préliminaire international donne lieu au paiement de deux taxes :

- i) la taxe d'examen préliminaire, au profit de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (règle 58.1);
- ii) la taxe de traitement, au profit du Bureau international (règle 57).

Ces deux taxes doivent être payées à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée. Le montant dû est le montant applicable à la date de présentation de cette demande d'examen (règles 57.3 et 58.1.b)). Les taxes doivent être payées dans une monnaie que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international accepte.

Des renseignements au sujet du montant de ces taxes ou de leur contre-valeur en d'autres monnaies peuvent être obtenus auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ou de l'office récepteur. Ces renseignements figurent également dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe E, et sont aussi publiés périodiquement dans la section IV de la *Gazette du PCT*.

Cadre P : le montant de la taxe d'examen préliminaire doit être inscrit dans le cadre P.

Cadre H : le montant de la taxe de traitement doit être inscrit dans le cadre H.

Réduction de la taxe de traitement pour les déposants de certains États : un déposant qui est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et est domiciliée dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3 000 dollars des États-Unis a droit, conformément au barème de taxes, à une réduction de 75% de certaines taxes du PCT, dont la taxe de traitement. S'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire à ces critères. La réduction de la taxe de traitement s'appliquera automatiquement à tout déposant qui y a droit (ou à tous les déposants qui y ont droit) au vu des indications de nom, de nationalité et de domicile données dans le cadre n° II de la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

La réduction de la taxe s'appliquera même si l'un ou plusieurs des déposants ne viennent pas d'États contractants du PCT, à condition que chacun d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État, et domicilié dans un État, qui répond aux critères mentionnés ci-dessus et qu'au moins l'un d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT, et domicilié dans un tel État, et ait donc le droit de déposer une demande internationale.

Les personnes physiques qui sont ressortissantes des États contractants du PCT suivants, et qui sont domiciliées dans ces États, peuvent bénéficier de cette réduction : AL Albanie, AM Arménie, AZ Azerbaïdjan, BA Bosnie-Herzégovine, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgarie, BJ Bénin, BR Brésil, BY Bélarus,

BZ Belize, CF République centrafricaine, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroun, CN Chine, CO Colombie, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ République tchèque, DM Dominique, DZ Algérie, EE Estonie, GA Gabon, GD Grenade, GE Géorgie, GH Ghana, GM Gambie, GN Guinée, GW Guinée-Bissau, HR Croatie, HU Hongrie, ID Indonésie, IN Inde, KE Kenya, KG Kirghizistan, KP République populaire démocratique de Corée, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Sainte-Lucie, LK Sri Lanka, LR Libéria, LS Lesotho, LT Lituanie, LV Lettonie, MA Maroc, MD République de Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, ML Mali, MN Mongolie, MR Mauritanie, MW Malawi, MX Mexique, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, PL Pologne, RO Roumanie, RU Fédération de Russie, SD Soudan, SK Slovaquie, SL Sierra Leone, SN Sénégal, SZ Swaziland, TD Tchad, TG Togo, TJ Tadjikistan, TM Turkménistan, TR Turquie, TZ République-Unie de Tanzanie, UA Ukraine, UG Ouganda, UZ Ouzbékistan, VN Viet Nam, YU Yougoslavie, ZA Afrique du Sud et ZW Zimbabwe. En ce qui concerne d'autres États, il conviendra de s'adresser au Bureau international.

Calcul de la taxe de traitement en cas de réduction : lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à une réduction de la taxe de traitement, le montant devant figurer dans le cadre H est égal à 25% de la taxe de traitement.

Total : le total des montants inscrits dans les cadres P et H représente la somme à verser à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

MODE DE PAIEMENT

Pour aider l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international à déterminer le mode de paiement des taxes prescrites qui a été utilisé, il est recommandé de cocher la ou les cases appropriées.

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

Le déposant devrait s'assurer que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international permet l'utilisation de comptes de dépôt pour le paiement des taxes du PCT. En outre, il est recommandé qu'il prenne connaissance des modalités particulières d'utilisation des comptes de dépôt auprès de cette administration étant donné que toutes les administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international n'offrent pas les mêmes services.

Enfin, si l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international n'est pas l'office national auprès duquel, ou l'organisation intergouvernementale auprès de laquelle, la demande internationale a été déposée, le déposant ne peut pas utiliser le compte de dépôt auprès de l'office récepteur pour payer les taxes d'examen préliminaire et de traitement dues à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

L'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ne débitera un compte de dépôt du montant des taxes que si l'autorisation correspondante est signée et qu'elle indique le numéro du compte de dépôt.

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CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****EC Ecuador**

On 7 February 2001, **Ecuador** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Ecuador will become the 110th Contracting State of the PCT on 7 May 2001.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 7 May 2001, Ecuador (country code: EC) may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Ecuador will be entitled from 7 May 2001 to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex A, page 6]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the European Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from 1 April 2001.

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): ZAR 7,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex D(EP), page 295]

ZA South Africa

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30 and the designation fee, as well as for the reduction of the international fee where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 April 2001, are specified below:

Basic fee:	ZAR 3,152
Supplement per sheet over 30:	ZAR 72
Designation fee:	ZAR 680
PCT-EASY fee reduction:	ZAR 972

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex C(ZA), page 290]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**AM Armenia**

The **Armenian Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone:	(374-1) 52 06 73, 56 14 04
Facsimile machine:	(374-1) 15 18 23, 56 11 26

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex B1(AM), page 10]

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)****EC Équateur**

Le 7 février 2001, l'**Équateur** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT. L'Équateur deviendra le 110^e État contractant du PCT le 7 mai 2001.

En conséquence, l'Équateur pourra être désigné (code pour le pays : EC) dans toute demande internationale déposée le 7 mai 2001 ou ultérieurement et, étant lié par le chapitre II du PCT, pourra aussi être élu. En outre, à partir du 7 mai 2001, les nationaux de l'Équateur et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT no S-01/2001 (F), annexe A, page 6]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2001, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) :	ZAR 7.000
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ZA Afrique du Sud

Conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, de nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, ont été établis pour la taxe de base, le supplément par feuille à compter de la 31^e et la taxe de désignation, ainsi que pour la réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} avril 2001, sont les suivants :

Taxe de base :	ZAR 3.152
Supplément par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	ZAR 72
Taxe de désignation :	ZAR 680
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY :	ZAR 972

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe C(ZA), page 315]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**AM Arménie**

L'**Office arménien des brevets** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Téléphone :	(374-1) 52 06 73, 56 14 04
Télécopieur :	(374-1) 15 18 23, 56 11 26

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe B1(AM), page 10]

RECEIVING OFFICES**FI Finland**

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified a change in its requirement as to who can act as agent before the receiving Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in the European Economic Area
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex C(FI), page 232]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified changes in its requirements as to whether an agent is required by the receiving Office and who can act as agent before it, as follows:

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in Sweden May be required if he is a non-resident
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Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex C(SE), page 277]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**FI Finland**

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified changes in one of its special requirements for entry into the national phase and as to who can act as agent before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Statement justifying the applicant's right to the invention where the applicant is not the inventor or the only inventor
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Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in the European Economic Area
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Summary (FI), page 371]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office** has withdrawn the appointment of an agent as one of its special requirements for entry into the national phase and has notified a change in its requirement as to who can act as agent before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Summary (SE), page 425]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**FI Finlande**

L'**Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande** a notifié un changement dans son exigence concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office récepteur, comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Toute personne physique ou morale domiciliée dans l'Espace économique européen
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SE Suède

L'**Office suédois des brevets** a notifié des changements dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir si l'office récepteur exige un mandataire et qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office, comme suit :

L'office récepteur exige-t-il un mandataire ?	Non, si le déposant est domicilié en Suède Peut être exigé dans le cas contraire
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Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Toute personne physique ou morale
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe C(SE), page 296]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**FI Finlande**

L'**Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande** a notifié des changements dans l'une de ses exigences particulières pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale et concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51 <i>bis</i> du PCT) :	Déclaration justifiant du droit du déposant à l'invention lorsque le déposant n'est pas l'inventeur ou le seul inventeur
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Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Toute personne physique ou morale domiciliée dans l'Espace économique européen
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), résumé (FI), page 404]

SE Suède

L'**Office suédois des brevets** a retiré la désignation d'un mandataire de ses exigences particulières pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale et a notifié un changement dans son exigence relative à la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Toute personne physique ou morale
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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AT Austria**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the Austrian Patent Office. The new amount, applicable as from 1 April 2001, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Austrian Patent Office): KRW 188,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex D(AT), page 292]

AU Australia

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the Australian Patent Office. The new amount, applicable as from 1 April 2001, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Australian Patent Office): KRW 555,000

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EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **Canadian dollars (CAD)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** and **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the European Patent Office. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 April 2001, are as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): CAD 1,320 ISK 75,000 JPY 103,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex D(EP), page 295]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AT Autriche**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **won coréens (KRW)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office autrichien des brevets. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2001, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale
effectuée par l'Office autrichien des brevets) : KRW 188.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe D(AT), page 318]

AU Australie

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **won coréens (KRW)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office australien des brevets. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2001, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale
effectuée par l'Office australien des brevets) : KRW 555.000

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EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **dollars canadiens (CAD)**, **couronnes islandaises (ISK)** et **yen japonais (JPY)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} avril 2001, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale
effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) : CAD 1.320 ISK 75.000 JPY 103.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe D(EP), page 321]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO) (Cont'd)**

The **European Patent Office** has established new equivalent amounts in **pounds sterling (GBP)**, **Swedish kronor (SEK)** and **Greek drachmas (GRD)** of certain fees payable to it, as specified in the table which follows (published on two pages). The new equivalent amounts are applicable as from 6 March 2001.

	EUR	DEM	GBP	FRF	CHF	NLG	SEK	BEF LUF	ITL
Transmittal fee	102	199.49	67	669.08	160	224.78	940	4,115	197,500
Fee for priority document	30	58.67	20	196.79	45	66.11	275	1,210	58,088
Search fee (for an international search)	945	1,848.26	624	6,198.79	1,460	2,082.51	8,690	38,121	1,829,775
Preliminary examination fee	1,533	2,998.29	1,012	10,055.82	2,380	3,378.29	14,100	61,841	2,968,302
Protest fee	1,022	1,998.86	675	6,703.88	1,580	2,252.19	9,400	41,227	1,978,868
Fee for copies (per A4 page)	0.60	1.17	0.40	3.94	0.90	1.32	5.50	24	1,162
National fee	127	248.39	84	833.07	200	279.87	1,170	5,123	245,906
European search fee	690	1,349.52	455	4,526.10	1,070	1,520.56	6,350	27,835	1,336,026
European designation fee	76	148.64	50	498.53	120	167.48	700	3,066	147,157
Claims fee	40	78.23	26	262.38	60	88.15	370	1,614	77,451
Examination fee	1,431	2,798.79	944	9,386.74	2,220	3,153.51	13,170	57,726	2,770,802
Renewal fee (3 rd year)	383	749.08	253	2,512.32	590	844.02	3,520	15,450	741,591

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TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB) (suite)**

L'Office européen des brevets a établi de nouveaux montants équivalents en livres sterling (GBP), en couronnes suédoises (SEK) et en drachmes grecques (GRD) de certaines taxes qui doivent lui être payées, comme indiqué dans le tableau qui suit (publié sur deux pages). Les nouveaux montants équivalents sont applicables à compter du 6 mars 2001.

	EUR	DEM	GBP	FRF	CHF	NLG	SEK	BEF LUF	ITL
Taxe de transmission	102	199,49	67	669,08	160	224,78	940	4 115	197 500
Taxe pour le document de priorité	30	58,67	20	196,79	45	66,11	275	1 210	58 088
Taxe de recherche (pour une recherche internationale)	945	1 848,26	624	6 198,79	1 460	2 082,51	8 690	38 121	1 829 775
Taxe d'examen préliminaire	1 533	2 998,29	1 012	10 055,82	2 380	3 378,29	14 100	61 841	2 968 302
Taxe de réserve	1 022	1 998,86	675	6 703,88	1 580	2 252,19	9 400	41 227	1 978 868
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (par page A4)	0,60	1,17	0,40	3,94	0,90	1,32	5,50	24	1 162
Taxe nationale	127	248,39	84	833,07	200	279,87	1 170	5 123	245 906
Taxe de recherche européenne	690	1 349,52	455	4 526,10	1 070	1 520,56	6 350	27 835	1 336 026
Taxe de désignation européenne	76	148,64	50	498,53	120	167,48	700	3 066	147 157
Taxe de revendication	40	78,23	26	262,38	60	88,15	370	1 614	77 451
Taxe d'examen	1 431	2 798,79	944	9 386,74	2 220	3 153,51	13 170	57 726	2 770 802
Taxe de renouvellement (3 ^e année)	383	749,08	253	2 512,32	590	844,02	3 520	15 450	741 591

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	ATS	ESP	GRD	DKK	PTE	IEP	FIM	CYP
Transmittal fee	1,403.55	16,971	34,757	770	20,449.20	80.33	606.46	60
Fee for priority document	412.81	4,992	10,223	225	6,014.50	23.63	178.37	18
Search fee (for an international search)	13,003.48	157,235	322,009	7,090	189,455.50	744.25	5,618.71	558
Preliminary examination fee	21,094.54	255,070	522,370	11,500	307,338.90	1,207.34	9,114.80	904
Protest fee	14,063.03	170,046	348,247	7,670	204,892.60	804.89	6,076.54	603
Fee for copies (per A4 page)	8.26	100	204	4.50	120.30	0.47	3.57	0.40
National fee	1,747.56	21,131	43,275	950	25,461.20	100.02	755.11	75
European search fee	9,494.61	114,806	235,118	5,180	138,332.60	543.42	4,102.55	407
European designation fee	1,045.78	12,645	25,897	570	15,236.60	59.85	451.88	45
Claims fee	550.41	6,655	13,630	300	8,019.30	31.50	237.83	24
Examination fee	19,690.99	238,098	487,613	10,730	286,889.70	1,127	8,508.34	844
Renewal fee (3 rd year)	5,270.19	63,726	130,507	2,870	76,784.60	301.64	2,277.21	226

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex D(EP), page 295, and Annex E(EP), page 306, as well as PCT Gazette No. 48/2000, the table published on page 18062]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB) (suite)**

	ATS	ESP	GRD	DKK	PTE	IEP	FIM	CYP
Taxe de transmission	1 403,55	16 971	34 757	770	20 449,20	80,33	606,46	60
Taxe pour le document de priorité	412,81	4 992	10 223	225	6 014,50	23,63	178,37	18
Taxe de recherche (pour une recherche internationale)	13 003,48	157 235	322 009	7 090	189 455,50	744,25	5 618,71	558
Taxe d'examen préliminaire	21 094,54	255 070	522 370	11 500	307 338,90	1 207,34	9 114,80	904
Taxe de réserve	14 063,03	170 046	348 247	7 670	204 892,60	804,89	6 076,54	603
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (par page A4)	8,26	100	204	4,50	120,30	0,47	3,57	0,40
Taxe nationale	1 747,56	21 131	43 275	950	25 461,20	100,02	755,11	75
Taxe de recherche européenne	9 494,61	114 806	235 118	5 180	138 332,60	543,42	4 102,55	407
Taxe de désignation européenne	1 045,78	12 645	25 897	570	15 236,60	59,85	451,88	45
Taxe de revendication	550,41	6 655	13 630	300	8 019,30	31,50	237,83	24
Taxe d'examen	19 690,99	238 098	487 613	10 730	286 889,70	1 127	8 508,34	844
Taxe de renouvellement (3 ^e année)	5 270,19	63 726	130 507	2 870	76 784,60	301,64	2 277,21	226

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe D(EP), page 321, et annexe E(EP), page 333, ainsi que de la Gazette du PCT n° 48/2000, le tableau publié à la page 18063]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**JP Japan**

New equivalent amounts in **Japanese yen (JPY)** have been established, for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), as well as for the reduction of the international fee where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 April 2001, are as follows:

Basic fee:	JPY 46,200
Supplement per sheet over 30:	JPY 1,100
Designation fee:	JPY 10,000
PCT-EASY fee reduction:	JPY 14,000
Handling fee:	JPY 16,600

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex C(JP), page 250, and Annex E(JP), page 308, and PCT Gazette No. 48/1998, the table published on page 16556]

KR Republic of Korea

New equivalent amounts in **Korean won (KRW)** have been established, for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), as well as for the reduction of the international fee where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 April 2001, are as follows:

Basic fee:	KRW 500,000
Supplement per sheet over 30:	KRW 12,000
Designation fee:	KRW 108,000
PCT-EASY fee reduction:	KRW 154,000
Handling fee:	KRW 179,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex C(KR), page 255, and Annex E(KR), page 309, and PCT Gazette No. 48/1998, the table published on page 16556]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee and of additional search fee in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, applicable as from 6 March 2001, and of the corresponding equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, applicable as from 1 April 2001, payable for an international search carried out by it, as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Swedish Patent Office):	SEK 8,690	ISK 75,000
Additional search fee (international search by the Swedish Patent Office):	SEK 8,690	

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex D(SE), page 301]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**JP Japon**

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **yen japonais (JPY)**, ont été établis, pour la taxe de base, le supplément par feuille à compter de la 31^e, la taxe de désignation, et la taxe de traitement, conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} avril 2001, sont les suivants :

Taxe de base :	JPY 46.200
Supplément par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	JPY 1.100
Taxe de désignation :	JPY 10.000
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY :	JPY 14.000
Taxe de traitement :	JPY 16.600

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe C(JP), page 261, et annexe E(JP), page 335, et de la Gazette du PCT n° 48/1998, le tableau publié à la page 16557]

KR République de Corée

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **won coréens (KRW)**, ont été établis, pour la taxe de base, le supplément par feuille à compter de la 31^e, la taxe de désignation, et la taxe de traitement, conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} avril 2001, sont les suivants :

Taxe de base :	KRW 500.000
Supplément par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	KRW 12.000
Taxe de désignation :	KRW 108.000
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY :	KRW 154.000
Taxe de traitement :	KRW 179.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe C(KR), page 267, et annexe E(KR), page 336, et de la Gazette du PCT n° 48/1998, le tableau publié à la page 16557]

SE Suède

L'**Office suédois des brevets** a notifié au Bureau international de nouveaux montants de la taxe de recherche et de la taxe de recherche additionnelle, exprimés en **couronnes suédoises (SEK)**, applicables à compter du 6 mars 2001, et un montant équivalent correspondant, exprimé en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, applicable à compter du 1^{er} avril 2001, pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office, comme suit :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office suédois des brevets) :	SEK 8.690	ISK 75.000
Taxe de recherche additionnelle (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office suédois des brevets) :	SEK 8.690	

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**US United States of America**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 April 2001, are as follows:

Search fee (international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office):	NZD 1,600 (1,030) The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee paid
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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

SE Agreement between the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹

Amendment to Annex C

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. The amendments will enter into force on 6 March 2001. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

“Annex C

Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Swedish kronor)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	8,690
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	8,690
Translation of the international application (Rule 48.3), per word	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), ² 71.2(b) and 94.1), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change].”

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, page 29550, No. 06/1999, page 1518, No. 27/1999, page 7672, No. 28/1999, page 7974, and No. 27/2000, page 9880.

² Applicants receive free of charge, together with the international search report, a copy of each of the documents cited therein; the amount indicated is payable only where applicants request additional copies of such documents.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} avril 2001, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :	NZD 1.600 (1.030)
	Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante, selon le paragraphe 111.a) du titre 35 USC, accompagnée d'une taxe de dépôt de base, a été déposée aux États-Unis

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ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL

SE Accord entre l'Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹

Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office suédois des brevets a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à l'annexe C de cet accord. Les modifications entreront en vigueur le 6 mars 2001. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

“Annexe C

Taxes et droits

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Couronnes suédoises)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	8.690
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	8.690
Traduction de la demande internationale (règle 48.3), par mot	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3. b), ² 71.2. b) et 94.1), par page	[Sans changement]

Partie II. [Sans changement].”

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, page 29611, n° 06/1999, page 1519, n° 27/1999, page 7673, n° 28/1999, page 7975, et n° 27/2000, page 9881.

² Les déposants reçoivent gratuitement avec le rapport de recherche internationale une copie de chacun des documents cités; le montant indiqué est à payer uniquement dans le cas où les déposants demandent des copies supplémentaires de ces documents.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**AU Australia**

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau that it will no longer be possible to apply for a petty patent in international applications filed on or after 24 May 2001. The types of protection available in Australia via the PCT as from that date will be as follows:

Types of protection available via the PCT: Patents, patents of addition

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex B1(AU), page 14]

DZ Algeria

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified a change in its mailing address, as follows:

Mailing address: B.P. 403, Alger-Gare, Algeria

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex B1(DZ), page 55]

KZ Kazakhstan

The **Kazakh Patent Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, as follows:

E-mail: kazpat@nursat.kz

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex B1(KZ), page 103]

TZ United Republic of Tanzania

The **Business Registrations and Licensing Agency, Ministry of Industry and Trade, of the United Republic of Tanzania** has notified changes in its location and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location: Co-operative Bldg., 4th floor, Lumumba Street,
Dar es Salaam, United Republic of Tanzania

Telephone: (255-22) 218 01 39, 218 00 48, 218 03 85, 218 01 41

Facsimile machine: (255-22) 218 03 71

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex B1(TZ), page 176]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**AU Australie**

L'**Office australien des brevets** a informé le Bureau international qu'il ne sera plus possible de demander un "petty patent" dans des demandes internationales déposées le 24 mai 2001 ou ultérieurement. Les types de protection disponibles en Australie par la voie PCT à compter de cette date seront les suivants :

Types de protection disponibles
par la voie PCT :

Brevets, brevets d'addition

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DZ Algérie

L'**Institut national algérien de la propriété industrielle** a notifié un changement dans son adresse postale, comme suit :

Adresse postale :

B.P. 403, Alger-Gare, Algérie

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe B1(DZ), page 55]

KZ Kazakhstan

L'**Office kazakh des brevets** a notifié un changement dans son adresse électronique, comme suit :

Courrier électronique :

kazpat@nursat.kz

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TZ République-Unie de Tanzanie

Le **Service d'enregistrement des sociétés et des licences commerciales, Ministère de l'industrie et du commerce, de la République-Unie de Tanzanie** a notifié des changements dans l'adresse de son siège et dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Siège :

Co-operative Bldg., 4th floor, Lumumba Street,
Dar es Salaam, République-Unie de Tanzanie

Téléphone :

(255-22) 218 01 39, 218 00 48, 218 03 85, 218 01 41

Télécopieur :

(255-22) 218 03 71

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SECTION IV**NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER****NOTIFICATIONS ET INFORMATIONS DE CARACTÈRE GÉNÉRAL**

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**JP Japan**

The **Japanese Patent Office** has notified a change in the name of the Office, as follows:

Name of Office: Japan Patent Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex B1(JP), page 93]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**CN China**

The **China Intellectual Property Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **yuan renminbi (CNY)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

National fee:

For patent:

Application fee:	CNY 900
Fee for priority claims, per claim:	[No change]
Maintenance fee:	[No change]
Examination fee:	CNY 2,500

For utility model:

Application fee:	CNY 500
Fee for priority claims, per claim:	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Summary (CN), page 351]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**JP Japon**

L'**Office japonais des brevets** a notifié un changement relatif à son nom, comme suit :

Nom de l'office : Office des brevets du Japon

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe B1(JP), page 95]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**CN Chine**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **yuan renminbi (CNY)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme indiqué ci-dessous :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt :	CNY 900
Taxe de revendication de priorité, par revendication :	[Sans changement]
Taxe de renouvellement :	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen :	CNY 2.500

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt :	CNY 500
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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AT Austria**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the Austrian Patent Office. The new amount, applicable as from 15 April 2001, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Austrian Patent Office):	ZAR 1,165
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SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified changes in the amount of the transmittal fee in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as well as in the amounts of the preliminary examination fee and of the additional preliminary examination fee, payable in the same currency for an international preliminary examination carried out by it. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 April 2001, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	SEK 1,200
Preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 58):	SEK 5,000
Additional preliminary examination fee (PCT Rule 68.3):	SEK 5,000

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹****Amendments to Annexes A and D**

In accordance with Article 11(3)(i) and (iii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, Annexes A and D thereof have been amended. The amendments will enter into force on 2 April 2001. The amended Annexes A and D read as follows:

**“Annex A
Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

Japanese and, where the international application is filed with the Japanese Patent Office or the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State that the Authority will specify, English.

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, page 29538, and No. 21/2000, page 7448.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AT Autriche**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office autrichien des brevets. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 avril 2001, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office autrichien des brevets) :	ZAR 1.165
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SE Suède

L'**Office suédois des brevets** a notifié des changements dans le montant de la taxe de transmission, exprimé en **couronnes suédoises (SEK)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, ainsi que dans les montants de la taxe d'examen préliminaire et de la taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle, payables dans la même monnaie pour un examen préliminaire international effectué par l'office. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} avril 2001, sont les suivants :

Taxe de transmission :	SEK 1.200
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58 du PCT) :	SEK 5.000
Taxe d'examen préliminaire additionnelle (règle 68.3 du PCT) :	SEK 5.000

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ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL

JP Accord entre l'Office japonais des brevets et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹

Modifications des annexes A et D

En vertu de l'article 11.3)i) et iii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, les annexes A et D de cet accord ont été modifiées. Les modifications entreront en vigueur le 2 avril 2001. Les annexes A et D modifiées ont la teneur suivante :

“Annexe A
Langues

Conformément à l'article 3 de l'accord, l'Administration spécifie les langues suivantes :

japonais et, lorsque la demande internationale est déposée auprès de l'Office japonais des brevets ou de l'office récepteur de tout État contractant, ou agissant pour tout État contractant, que l'Administration précisera, anglais.

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, page 29592, et n° 21/2000, page 7449.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES (Cont'd)
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES (Cont'd)

**JP Agreement between the Japanese Patent Office and
the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization (Cont'd)**

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:
Japanese, English.”

**JP International Searching Authorities
International Preliminary Examining Authorities**

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a change, applicable as from 2 April 2001, relating to the languages accepted for international search and for international preliminary examination, as follows:

Languages accepted for international search:	Japanese, English ²
Languages accepted for international preliminary examination:	Japanese, English ²

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex D(JP), page 298, and Annex E(JP), page 308]

**SE Agreement between the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and
the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization³**

Amendment to Annex C

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. The amendments will enter into force on 1 April 2001. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Swedish kronor)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Translation of the international application (Rule 48.3), per word	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	5,000
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	5,000
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), ⁴ 71.2(b) and 94.1), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change].”

² Where the international application is filed with the Japanese Patent Office or the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State that the Authority will specify.

³ Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, page 29550, No. 06/1999, page 1518, No. 27/1999, page 7672, No. 28/1999, page 7974, No. 27/2000, page 9880, and No. 09/2001, page 3752.

⁴ Applicants receive free of charge, together with the international search report, a copy of each of the documents cited therein; the amount indicated is payable only where applicants request additional copies of such documents.

ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE (suite)
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL (suite)

**JP Accord entre l'Office japonais des brevets et
le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle (suite)**

Annexe D
Langues utilisées pour la correspondance

Conformément à l'article 7 de l'accord, l'Administration spécifie les langues suivantes :
japonais, anglais."

JP Administrations chargées de la recherche internationale
Administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international

L'Office des brevets du Japon a notifié un changement, applicable à compter du 2 avril 2001, relatif aux langues admises pour la recherche internationale et pour l'examen préliminaire international, comme suit :

Langues admises pour la recherche internationale :	Japonais, anglais ²
Langues admises pour l'examen préliminaire international :	Japonais, anglais ²

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe D(JP), page 324, et annexe E(JP), page 335]

**SE Accord entre l'Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement et
le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle³**

Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office suédois des brevets a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à l'annexe C de cet accord. Les modifications entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2001. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

"Annexe C
Taxes et droits

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Couronnes suédoises)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	[Sans changement]
Traduction de la demande internationale (règle 48.3), par mot	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	5.000
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	5.000
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3. b), ⁴ 71.2. b) et 94.1), par page	[Sans changement]

Partie II. [Sans changement]."

² Lorsque la demande internationale est déposée auprès de l'Office japonais des brevets ou de l'office récepteur de tout État contractant, ou agissant pour tout État contractant, que l'Administration précisera.

³ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, page 29611, n° 06/1999, page 1519, n° 27/1999, page 7673, n° 28/1999, page 7975, n° 27/2000, page 9881, et n° 09/2001, page 3753.

⁴ Les déposants reçoivent gratuitement avec le rapport de recherche internationale une copie de chacun des documents cités; le montant indiqué est à payer uniquement dans le cas où les déposants demandent des copies supplémentaires de ces documents.

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**THE PATENT COOPERATION TREATY (PCT)
IN 2000***

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), Geneva, announces the main events which occurred in 2000 in relation to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) and the results of operations under the PCT for that year.

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1. The PCT system offers inventors and industry an advantageous route for obtaining patent protection internationally. By filing one “international” patent application under the PCT, protection for an invention can be sought simultaneously in each of a large number of countries. Both applicants and patent Offices of PCT member States benefit from the uniform formality requirements, the international search and preliminary examination reports, and the centralized international publication provided by the PCT system.

2. **Developments in 2000.** The International Bureau of WIPO received 90,948 international applications filed worldwide,¹ which is 16,925 (22.9%) more than in 1999. The 90,948 international applications had the effect of 4,806,623 national applications, and of 262,793 regional applications which would be equivalent to 3,650,549 applications for patent protection in the member States of the regional patent systems, that is, a notional equivalent effect, in total, of 8,457,172 national applications. In March 2000, the PCT reached a milestone in its history with the filing of the 500,000th application. It is interesting to note that the 250,000th application was received in February 1996, 18 years after the start of PCT operations, and it took only four years to receive the next 250,000.

3. During 2000, four new Contracting States became bound by the PCT (on the dates shown in parentheses):

Algeria (March 8, 2000);

Antigua and Barbuda (March 17, 2000);

Mozambique (May 18, 2000);

Belize (June 17, 2000).

* Was published in the Information Note “The Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT) in 2000” dated 13 February 2001.

¹ Figures in this information note for international applications filed in 2000 are based on the number of record copies of international applications received, under PCT Article 12, by the International Bureau in 2000 from PCT receiving Offices (including the Receiving Office Section of the International Bureau).

**LE TRAITÉ DE COOPÉRATION EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS (PCT)
EN 2000***

L'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle (OMPI), à Genève, communique les principaux faits survenus en 2000 en rapport avec le Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT) ainsi que les résultats des opérations effectuées au titre de ce traité pendant l'année considérée.

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1. Le PCT constitue pour les inventeurs et les industriels une voie intéressante d'obtention de la protection par brevet à l'échelon international. En effet, en déposant une seule demande "internationale" de brevet dans le cadre du PCT, il est possible d'obtenir simultanément la protection d'une invention dans un grand nombre de pays. Le système est avantageux tant pour les déposants que pour les offices de brevets des États contractants, puisqu'il prévoit des formalités uniformes, un rapport de recherche internationale et un rapport d'examen préliminaire international ainsi qu'une publication internationale centralisée.

2. *Faits nouveaux survenus en 2000.* Le Bureau international de l'OMPI a reçu 90 948 demandes internationales provenant du monde entier¹, soit 16 925 (22,9%) de plus qu'en 1999. Ces 90 948 demandes internationales ont produit les effets de 4 806 623 demandes nationales et de 262 793 demandes régionales, correspondant à leur tour aux effets de 3 650 549 demandes de protection par brevet dans les États parties à des systèmes de brevets régionaux, ce qui équivaut à l'effet total de 8 457 172 demandes nationales. Mars 2000 a constitué une étape dans l'histoire du PCT puisque c'est ce mois-là que la 500 000^e demande a été déposée. Il est à noter que la 250 000^e demande a été reçue en février 1996, soit 18 ans après le début du fonctionnement du PCT, et qu'il n'a fallu que quatre années pour recevoir la 250 000^e demande suivante.

3. Au cours de l'année 2000, quatre nouveaux États sont devenus liés par le PCT (aux dates indiquées entre parenthèses) :

Algérie (8 mars 2000);

Antigua-et-Barbuda (17 mars 2000);

Mozambique (18 mai 2000);

Belize (17 juin 2000).

* A été publié dans la Note d'information "Le Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT) en 2000" du 13 février 2001.

¹ Les chiffres relatifs aux demandes internationales déposées en 2000 ont été calculés à partir du nombre d'exemplaires originaux de demandes internationales transmis, en vertu de l'article 12 du PCT, au Bureau international en 2000 par les offices récepteurs du PCT (y compris par la Section "Office récepteur du PCT" du Bureau international).

4. Colombia deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT on November 29, 2000, bringing the number of States which had acceded to the PCT by December 31, 2000, to 109, as follows:

Albania	Cyprus	Latvia	Slovakia
Algeria	Czech Republic	Lesotho	Slovenia
Antigua and Barbuda	Democratic People's Republic of Korea	Liberia	South Africa
Armenia	Denmark	Liechtenstein	Spain
Australia	Dominica	Lithuania	Sri Lanka
Austria	Estonia	Luxembourg	Sudan
Azerbaijan	Finland	Madagascar	Swaziland
Barbados	France	Malawi	Sweden
Belarus	Gabon	Mali	Switzerland
Belgium	Gambia	Mauritania	Tajikistan
Belize	Georgia	Mexico	The former Yugoslav Republic of
Benin	Germany	Monaco	Macedonia
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Ghana	Mongolia	Togo
Brazil	Greece	Morocco	Trinidad and Tobago
Bulgaria	Grenada	Mozambique	Turkey
Burkina Faso	Guinea	Netherlands	Turkmenistan
Cameroon	Guinea-Bissau	New Zealand	Turkmenistan
Canada	Hungary	Niger	Uganda
Central African Republic	Iceland	Norway	Ukraine
Chad	India	Poland	United Arab Emirates
China	Indonesia	Portugal	United Kingdom
Colombia	Ireland	Republic of Korea	United Republic of Tanzania
Congo	Israel	Republic of Moldova	United States of America
Costa Rica	Italy	Romania	Uzbekistan
Côte d'Ivoire	Japan	Russian Federation	Viet Nam
Croatia	Kazakhstan	Saint Lucia	Yugoslavia
Cuba	Kenya	Senegal	Zimbabwe
	Kyrgyzstan	Sierra Leone	
		Singapore	

5. On May 8, 2000, Mozambique became bound by the Harare Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the framework of the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO). Consequently, as from May 18, 2000 (the date on which Mozambique became bound by the PCT), it became possible for PCT applicants to designate Mozambique for an ARIPO patent, as well as for a national patent. On November 1, 2000, Turkey became bound by the European Patent Convention, and thus, as from that date, it became possible for PCT applicants to designate Turkey for a European patent, as well as for a national patent.

6. **Summary of the procedure under the PCT.** The system of patent cooperation established by the PCT means that, by filing only one international application with one Office, an applicant can obtain the effect of regular national filings in any of the designated PCT Contracting States without initially having to furnish a translation of the application or pay national fees. The national patent granting procedure and the related high expenses are postponed, in the majority of cases, by up to 18 months (or even longer in the case of some Offices), as compared with the traditional patent system.

4. La Colombie a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT le 29 novembre 2000; par conséquent, à la date du 31 décembre 2000, les 109 États ci-après avaient adhéré au PCT :

Afrique du Sud	Dominique	Kenya	République
Albanie	Émirats arabes	Kirghizistan	populaire
Algérie	unis	Lesotho	démocratique
Allemagne	Espagne	Lettonie	de Corée
Antigua-et- Barbuda	Estonie	Libéria	République
Arménie	États-Unis	Liechtenstein	tchèque
Australie	d'Amérique	Lituanie	République-Unie
Autriche	Ex-République	Luxembourg	de Tanzanie
Azerbaïdjan	yougoslave de	Madagascar	Roumanie
Barbade	Macédoine	Malawi	Royaume-Uni
Bélarus	Fédération de	Mali	Sainte-Lucie
Belgique	Russie	Maroc	Sénégal
Belize	Finlande	Mauritanie	Sierra Leone
Bénin	France	Mexique	Singapour
Bosnie- Herzégovine	Gabon	Monaco	Slovaquie
Brésil	Gambie	Mongolie	Slovénie
Bulgarie	Géorgie	Mozambique	Soudan
Burkina Faso	Ghana	Niger	Sri Lanka
Cameroun	Grèce	Norvège	Suède
Canada	Grenade	Nouvelle-Zélande	Suisse
Chine	Guinée	Ouganda	Swaziland
Chypre	Guinée-Bissau	Ouzbékistan	Tadjikistan
Colombie	Hongrie	Pays-Bas	Tchad
Congo	Inde	Pologne	Togo
Costa Rica	Indonésie	Portugal	Trinité-et-Tobago
Côte d'Ivoire	Irlande	République	Turkménistan
Croatie	Islande	centrafricaine	Turquie
Cuba	Israël	République de	Ukraine
Danemark	Italie	Corée	Viet Nam
	Japon	République de	Yougoslavie
	Kazakhstan	Moldova	Zimbabwe

5. Le 8 mai 2000, le Mozambique est devenu lié par le Protocole de Harare sur les brevets et les dessins et modèles industriels dans le cadre de l'Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO). De ce fait, à compter du 18 mai 2000 (date à laquelle le Mozambique est devenu lié par le PCT), il est devenu possible pour les déposants utilisant le système du PCT de désigner cet État pour un brevet ARIPO, de même que pour un brevet national. Le 1^{er} novembre 2000, la Turquie est devenue liée par la Convention sur le brevet européen, rendant ainsi possible pour les déposants utilisant le système du PCT de désigner, à compter de cette date, cet État pour un brevet européen, de même que pour un brevet national.

6. **Résumé de la procédure selon le PCT.** Grâce au système de coopération en matière de brevets instauré par le PCT, le déposant a la possibilité, en déposant une seule demande internationale auprès d'un seul office, d'obtenir l'effet de dépôts nationaux réguliers dans plusieurs ou la totalité des États contractants du traité qu'il a désignés sans devoir initialement remettre de traduction de la demande ni payer de taxes nationales. La procédure nationale de délivrance et le paiement des frais élevés qui s'y rapportent sont, dans la plupart des cas, différés d'une durée pouvant aller jusqu'à 18 mois (voire plus dans le cas de certains offices), si l'on compare avec le système traditionnel de brevets.

7. In addition to designations of PCT Contracting States for the purpose of obtaining national patents, an international application may include designations for regional patents: ARIPO (African Regional Industrial Property Organization) patents have effect in those States party to the Harare Protocol on Patents and Industrial Designs within the framework of ARIPO which are also Contracting States of the PCT; Eurasian patents have effect in States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention; European patents have effect in States party to the European Patent Convention; and OAPI (African Intellectual Property Organization) patents have effect in States party to the revised Bangui Agreement Relating to the Creation of an African Intellectual Property Organization.

8. Each international application is subjected to an international search carried out by one of the major patent Offices, acting as an International Searching Authority under the PCT, which establishes a report setting out the relevant prior art. That report is received by the applicant about 16 months after the priority date. Eighteen months after the priority date, the international application is published by the International Bureau, together with the international search report and any amendments of claims which may be made by the applicant, and is then transmitted to the applicant and the designated Offices.

9. If the applicant so requests (by filing a “demand” for international preliminary examination), and most do so (see paragraph 27), the international application is then subjected to international preliminary examination under PCT Chapter II by one of the Offices that act as International Preliminary Examining Authority. The entry into the national phase of the procedure is also postponed from 20 months after the priority date until 30 months after that date (later time limits apply in some cases) and the applicant is given an additional opportunity to amend the application. The examination results in a report that includes an opinion as to whether the claimed invention fulfills the criteria of novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability. The international preliminary examination report is usually received by the applicant about 28 months after the priority date, and is also sent to the designated Offices which were elected under Chapter II.

10. With the international search report and the international preliminary examination report, the applicant is in a much better position to decide whether to proceed with the national patent granting procedure before the various designated patent Offices. If the applicant considers, in the light of those reports, that it is worthwhile to continue seeking patent protection in several countries, he may then decide to pay the national fees and professional fees for patent agents abroad, and to incur the cost of preparing translations. This need not be done until 20 months or more after the priority date (that is, eight months later than under the traditional system), or, if the applicant has filed a demand for international preliminary examination in time, until 30 months or more after the priority date (that is, 18 months later than under the traditional patent system). At that later time the applicant is also in a much better position to decide about the need for patent protection having regard to increased knowledge of the technical value and commercial prospects of the invention.

11. **Meetings.** The Assembly of the PCT Union held its twenty-eighth (16th extraordinary) session in Geneva from March 13 to 17, 2000. The Assembly unanimously adopted a number of amendments to the PCT Regulations, which will enter into force on March 1, 2001. The amendments aim mainly at simplifying the national phase processing of PCT applications and aligning the PCT with the Patent Law Treaty (PLT) which was adopted on June 2, 2000. In particular, the amended Regulations will allow applicants to complete, when filing their international applications, declarations, containing standardized wording, concerning certain matters on which documents or evidence are required for the purposes of the national law in one or more designated States; such matters relate, in particular, to the identity of the inventor, the right to apply for a patent, the right to claim priority, inventorship, and non-prejudicial disclosures. Where declarations are submitted as provided, the circumstances under which further documents or evidence may be required by designated Offices will be restricted to cases where the Offices may reasonably doubt the veracity of the declarations. An amendment to the Regulations was also adopted allowing designated Offices to require that the applicant furnish a translation of the priority document, but only where the validity of the priority claim is relevant to the determination of whether the invention concerned is patentable. Another amendment to the Regulations was adopted with a view to limiting the cases in respect of which the International Preliminary Examining Authority is entitled to invite the applicant to furnish a translation of the priority document: the cases concerned would be those where the validity of a priority claim made in the international application is relevant for the formulation of the opinion as to the patentability of the invention.

7. Outre les désignations d'États contractants du PCT en vue de l'obtention de brevets nationaux, une demande internationale peut comporter des désignations pour des brevets régionaux : les brevets ARIPO (Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle) produisent leurs effets dans les États parties au Protocole de Harare relatif aux brevets et aux dessins et modèles industriels dans le cadre de l'ARIPO qui sont également des États contractants du PCT; les brevets eurasiens produisent leurs effets dans les États parties à la Convention sur le brevet eurasien; les brevets européens produisent leurs effets dans les États parties à la Convention sur le brevet européen; et les brevets OAPI (Organisation africaine de la propriété intellectuelle) produisent leurs effets dans les États parties à l'Accord portant révision de l'Accord de Bangui instituant une Organisation africaine de la propriété intellectuelle.

8. Chaque demande internationale fait l'objet d'une recherche internationale effectuée par l'un des grands offices de brevets, agissant en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale selon le PCT. Cet office établit un rapport de recherche internationale indiquant l'état de la technique pertinent. Le déposant reçoit ce rapport environ 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité. Dix-huit mois après la date de priorité, le Bureau international publie la demande internationale avec le rapport de recherche internationale et avec les éventuelles modifications que le déposant a pu apporter aux revendications. Il la transmet ensuite aux offices désignés et au déposant.

9. Si le déposant le demande (en présentant une demande d'examen préliminaire international), comme il le fait d'ailleurs dans la plupart des cas (voir le paragraphe 27), la demande internationale fait alors l'objet d'un examen préliminaire international conformément au chapitre II du PCT, effectué par l'un des offices agissant en qualité d'administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international, et l'ouverture de la phase nationale est retardée de 20 à 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité (les délais étant même plus longs dans certains cas), ce qui donne au déposant une occasion supplémentaire de modifier la demande. Cet examen aboutit à l'établissement d'un rapport dans lequel est formulée une opinion sur le point de savoir si l'invention revendiquée satisfait aux critères de nouveauté, d'activité inventive et de possibilité d'application industrielle. Le déposant reçoit le rapport d'examen préliminaire international environ 28 mois après la date de priorité et ce rapport est aussi adressé aux offices désignés qui ont été élus selon le chapitre II.

10. Une fois en possession du rapport de recherche internationale et du rapport d'examen préliminaire international, le déposant est bien mieux placé pour déterminer s'il convient d'entamer la procédure nationale de délivrance auprès des différents offices de brevets désignés. S'il estime, au vu de ces rapports, qu'il a intérêt à obtenir une protection par brevet dans différents pays, il peut décider d'acquiescer les taxes nationales et les honoraires des mandataires étrangers et d'engager les frais afférents à l'établissement des traductions. Pour prendre cette décision, il dispose d'un délai de 20 mois au moins à compter de la date de priorité (soit huit mois de plus que dans le système traditionnel), ou même de 30 mois au moins à compter de la date de priorité (soit 18 mois de plus que dans le système traditionnel) s'il a déposé une demande d'examen préliminaire international en temps utile. À ce moment-là, le déposant sera également bien mieux à même de se prononcer sur la nécessité d'une protection par brevet, car il aura une meilleure connaissance des perspectives offertes par l'invention sur les plans technique et commercial.

11. **Réunions.** L'Assemblée de l'Union du PCT a tenu sa vingt-huitième session (16^e session extraordinaire) à Genève, du 13 au 17 mars 2000. L'Assemblée a adopté à l'unanimité un certain nombre de modifications du règlement d'exécution du PCT, qui entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} mars 2001. Ces modifications visent essentiellement à simplifier le traitement, dans la phase nationale, des demandes déposées en vertu du PCT et à harmoniser le PCT avec le Traité sur le droit des brevets (PLT), qui a été adopté le 2 juin 2000. Les règles telles que modifiées permettront notamment aux déposants, au moment où ils déposent leur demande internationale, de compléter des déclarations rédigées selon le libellé standard sur certains points pour lesquels des documents ou des preuves sont exigées conformément à la législation nationale d'un ou de plusieurs offices désignés; ces points portent en particulier sur l'identité de l'inventeur, le droit du déposant de demander un brevet, le droit du déposant de revendiquer la priorité d'une demande antérieure, la qualité d'inventeur et les divulgations non opposables. Lorsqu'une déclaration est remise conformément à ce qui est prescrit, l'office désigné ne pourra exiger d'autres documents ou preuves que lorsqu'il peut raisonnablement douter de la véracité de la déclaration. Une autre modification du règlement d'exécution a été adoptée pour permettre aux offices désignés d'exiger du déposant qu'il ne fournisse une traduction du document de priorité que lorsque la validité de la revendication de priorité faite dans la demande internationale a une incidence pour déterminer si l'invention en cause est brevetable. Une autre modification encore du règlement d'exécution vise à restreindre le droit de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international d'inviter le déposant à lui remettre une traduction du document de priorité aux cas où la validité de la revendication de priorité faite dans la demande internationale a une incidence sur la formulation de l'opinion sur la brevetabilité de l'invention.

12. From July 11 to 14, 2000, a PCT Informal Consultation Meeting on Electronic Filing was held in Geneva. Proposed modifications of the PCT Administrative Instructions (new Part 7) relating to the electronic filing, processing, storage and records management of international applications, as well as a proposed technical standard in new Annex F to the Administrative Instructions, were discussed. The Meeting made significant progress towards the establishment of a legal framework and technical standard for the electronic filing and processing of PCT applications. It discussed, in particular, a set of common procedures for use by PCT applicants who have access to a personal computer and the Internet, and by PCT receiving Offices, using WIPO-furnished software. (See also paragraph 16.)

13. The Assembly of the PCT Union held its twenty-ninth (17th extraordinary) session in Geneva from September 25 to October 3, 2000. The Assembly decided to amend the Schedule of Fees to decrease the maximum number of designation fees payable, with effect from January 1, 2001, from eight to six (following the reduction from ten to eight as from January 1, 2000). Now, any designation made under PCT Rule 4.9(a) in excess of six does not require the payment of a designation fee. It was also announced at the Assembly that the Director General of WIPO had decided that, with effect from January 1, 2001, the transmittal fee charged by the International Bureau acting as receiving Office would be reduced from 300 Swiss francs to 100 Swiss francs, and that those applicants who presently qualify for a 75% reduction in the international fee would not pay any transmittal fee when filing international applications with that Office. The Assembly also discussed proposals for reform of the PCT, which had been made by the United States of America, and decided that a special body (consisting of Member States, the International Searching and Preliminary Authorities and observers, in particular, intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, including the European Commission) would be set up to consider proposals for reform of the PCT.

14. **Seminars.** In 2000, officials of the International Bureau participated in 136 seminars and presentations that dealt with the use and advantages of the PCT and the promotion of accession to it. Those seminars and presentations were held in Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belize, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Denmark, Dominica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Finland, France, the Gambia, Germany, Guatemala, Honduras, India, Indonesia, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Madagascar, Mauritania, Morocco, Nicaragua, Niger, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Slovakia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Thailand, Trinidad and Tobago, Turkey, the United Kingdom, the United Republic of Tanzania, the United States of America and Venezuela. They were given to about 8,900 users and potential users of the PCT system in the following languages: Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Korean, Russian and Spanish. They included 13 specialized presentations that were given to some 540 people on the use of the PCT-EASY software.

15. **PCT Information Line.** The PCT Information Line answers general inquiries about the filing of international applications and the procedure during the international phase under the PCT. Where necessary, inquiries are referred to the authorized officer responsible for a particular application, or to the PCT Legal Division. The PCT Information Line can be contacted as follows:

by telephone: (41–22) 338 83 38
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12. Une réunion consultative informelle du PCT relative au dépôt électronique s'est tenue à Genève, du 11 au 14 juillet 2000. Les participants ont examiné les propositions de modification des Instructions administratives du PCT (nouvelle septième partie) relatives au dépôt, au traitement et à l'archivage électroniques des demandes internationales et à la gestion des dossiers électroniques relatifs à ces demandes ainsi que la norme technique qu'il était proposé d'incorporer dans la nouvelle annexe F de ces instructions. Les travaux sur la création d'un cadre juridique et d'une norme technique aux fins du dépôt et du traitement électroniques des demandes déposées en vertu du PCT ont considérablement progressé. Les participants ont notamment débattu d'un ensemble de procédures communes qui seraient suivies par les déposants dotés d'un ordinateur individuel et ayant accès à l'Internet et par les offices récepteurs du PCT utilisant le logiciel fourni par l'OMPI (voir aussi le paragraphe 16).

13. L'Assemblée de l'Union du PCT a tenu sa vingt-neuvième session (17^e session extraordinaire) à Genève, du 25 septembre au 3 octobre 2000. Elle a décidé de modifier le barème de taxes en vue de ramener de huit à six le nombre maximum de taxes de désignation à payer à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2001 (ce nombre ayant déjà été ramené de 10 à huit au 1^{er} janvier 2000). Aujourd'hui, toute désignation faite en vertu de la règle 4.9.a) du PCT après paiement de six taxes de désignation n'entraîne le paiement d'aucune autre taxe de ce type. L'Assemblée a aussi été informée du fait que le directeur général de l'OMPI a décidé, avec effet au 1^{er} janvier 2001, de réduire de 300 francs suisses à 100 francs suisses le montant de la taxe de transmission perçue par le Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur et que les déposants bénéficiant d'une réduction de 75% de la taxe internationale seraient entièrement exonérés de la taxe de transmission lorsqu'ils déposeront leur demande internationale auprès de cet office. L'Assemblée a aussi examiné une proposition de réforme du PCT émanant des États-Unis d'Amérique et a décidé qu'un organe spécial (composé d'États membres, d'administrations chargées de la recherche internationale ou de l'examen préliminaire international et d'observateurs, c'est-à-dire notamment des organisations intergouvernementales ou non gouvernementales y compris la Commission européenne) serait créé en vue d'examiner les propositions de réforme du PCT.

14. **Séminaires.** En 2000, des fonctionnaires du Bureau international ont participé à 136 séminaires et conférences sur l'utilisation et les avantages du PCT, visant également à favoriser les adhésions à ce traité. Ces séminaires et conférences ont eu lieu dans les pays suivants : Afrique du Sud, Allemagne, Antigua-et-Barbuda, Argentine, Bangladesh, Barbade, Belize, Bolivie, Brésil, Canada, Chine, Colombie, Costa Rica, Cuba, Danemark, Dominique, El Salvador, Équateur, Espagne, États-Unis d'Amérique, Finlande, France, Gambie, Guatemala, Honduras, Inde, Indonésie, Israël, Italie, Jamahiriya arabe libyenne, Jamaïque, Japon, Jordanie, Madagascar, Maroc, Mauritanie, Nicaragua, Niger, Panama, Paraguay, Pérou, République de Corée, République-Unie de Tanzanie, Royaume-Uni, Singapour, Slovaquie, Soudan, Sri Lanka, Suède, Suisse, Suriname, Thaïlande, Trinité-et-Tobago, Turquie et Venezuela. Environ 8900 utilisateurs effectifs ou potentiels du système du PCT ont ainsi pu suivre des exposés présentés dans les langues suivantes : français, allemand, anglais, arabe, chinois, coréen, espagnol, japonais et russe. Parmi ceux-ci, il faut citer 13 exposés consacrés spécialement à l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY, auxquels ont assisté plus de 540 personnes.

15. **Service d'information directe du PCT.** Le service d'information directe du PCT est chargé de répondre aux questions d'ordre général concernant le dépôt des demandes internationales et la procédure de la phase internationale du PCT. Au besoin, les questions sont soumises au fonctionnaire autorisé responsable de la demande en cause, ou à la Division juridique du PCT. Les coordonnées du Service d'information directe du PCT sont les suivantes :

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16. *Developments in PCT Automation.*

– PCT-EASY: during 2000, four receiving Offices notified the International Bureau that they are prepared to accept the filing of international applications containing requests prepared using PCT-EASY together with PCT-EASY diskettes, bringing the number of receiving Offices which have made such notifications to 58 (out of the 81 PCT receiving Offices). Regular updates (five in 2000) of the PCT-EASY software are issued to take into account changes, such as new PCT Contracting States and changes in PCT fees. A new export/import functionality was also introduced to facilitate data exchange between EASY systems, to provide the possibility for creating a backup of essential PCT-EASY data and enable the transfer of PCT-EASY address book data to/from external programs. The software is available, together with supporting documentation, in Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Russian and Spanish, and can be downloaded from the Internet from the PCT-EASY home page (<http://pcteasy.wipo.int>) or the PCT home page (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>). It may also be obtained from the PCT-EASY Help Desk:

by telephone: (41–22) 338 95 23
by fax: (41–22) 338 80 40
by e-mail: pcteasy.help@wipo.int

For statistics on the filing of international applications using the PCT-EASY software, see paragraph 20.

– PCT IMPACT (Information Management for the PATent Cooperation Treaty): following the completion, in December 1999, of the tender process and the selection of a consortium of three companies led by Xerox Professional Services (XPS) (United Kingdom), work on the project continued in 2000. (The other companies are Cap Gemini Ernst & Young (France) and Hewlett Packard (Switzerland).) According to the IMPACT project plan, the project will be implemented in three phases: (i) the IMPACT Communication System phase; (ii) the IMPACT/IB (International Bureau) phase; and (iii) the IMPACT/RO/IB (receiving Office of the International Bureau) phase. The objective of the first phase of the IMPACT Project, the IMPACT Communication System, is to establish a new system for the communication of certain PCT-related documents (such as PCT pamphlets, copies of priority documents, various PCT Forms and, under Chapter II of the PCT, international preliminary examination reports and any English translations thereof) to designated/elected Offices, International Searching Authorities, International Preliminary Examining Authorities and/or national/regional Offices of PCT Contracting States. At the end of 2000, this first phase of the project entered the prototype stage. The objective of the second and third phases of the project, IMPACT/IB and IMPACT/RO/IB, on which the IMPACT project team will focus its activities in 2001, is to establish a new system for the processing (including automated publication) of international applications within the International Bureau, including its receiving Office section.

– PCT electronic filing project: the main objectives of this project are to adopt a standard for the electronic filing and processing of international applications and to develop a system for the electronic filing of international applications based on the present PCT-EASY software. Step one of this project includes the construction of a pilot system. It is expected that the International Bureau as receiving Office will, in November 2001, commence receipt of international applications prepared using extended PCT-EASY software, in paper form with parallel electronic submission, on a pilot basis. In December 2001, other receiving Offices with the necessary technical capacity are expected to have the possibility of receiving international applications in electronic form. Step two of the project will more fully implement electronic filing, including the provision of electronic filing software for other receiving Offices. (See also paragraph 12.)

For further information, see documents PCT/A/29/2 and PCT/A/29/2 Add. at:

http://www.wipo.int/eng/document/govbody/wo_pct/index_29.htm

and, for the drafting of the technical and legal framework for electronic filing, see:

http://pcteasy.wipo.int/efiling_standards/EFPage.htm

17. *Statistics.* The following graph shows the number of international applications received by the International Bureau in each calendar year since the beginning of PCT operations:

16. *Faits nouveaux relatifs à l'automatisation du PCT.*

– PCT-EASY : en 2000, quatre office récepteurs ont informé le Bureau international qu'ils étaient prêts à accepter le dépôt de demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec des disquettes PCT-EASY, portant ainsi à 58 (sur les 81) le nombre d'offices récepteurs ayant procédé à cette notification. Le logiciel PCT-EASY est régulièrement mis à jour (cinq mises à jour en 2000) pour tenir compte de modifications telles que l'adhésion de nouveaux États contractants ou la modification des taxes du PCT. Une nouvelle fonction d'exportation/importation a été incorporée en vue de faciliter les échanges de données entre systèmes utilisant le logiciel PCT-EASY ainsi que de permettre la création d'une copie de sauvegarde des données essentielles PCT-EASY et le transfert des données figurant dans le carnet d'adresses PCT-EASY vers des programmes extérieurs où l'incorporation de données provenant de programmes extérieurs dans le carnet d'adresses PCT-EASY. Le logiciel et sa documentation sont disponibles en français, en allemand, en anglais, en chinois, en espagnol, en japonais, et en russe, et peut être téléchargé sur l'Internet à partir de la page d'accueil PCT-EASY (<http://pcteasy.wipo.int>) ou de la page d'accueil du PCT (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/index.html>). On peut aussi s'adresser au groupe d'assistance PCT-EASY :

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On trouvera au paragraphe 20 des statistiques sur le dépôt des demandes internationales au moyen du logiciel PCT-EASY.

– Projet IMPACT (Information Management for the Patent Cooperation Treaty – Gestion de l'information concernant le Traité de coopération en matière de brevets) : à la suite de l'achèvement, en décembre 1999, du processus d'appel d'offres et du choix d'un consortium composé de trois sociétés et dirigé par Xerox Professional Services (XPS) (Royaume-Uni), les travaux relatifs au projet se sont poursuivis en 2000 (les autres sociétés membres du consortium sont Cap Gemini Ernst & Young (France) et Hewlett Packard (Suisse)). Selon le plan établi, le projet comprend les trois phases suivantes : i) IMPACT - système de communication; ii) IMPACT - Bureau international ("IB") et iii) IMPACT - Office récepteur du Bureau international ("RO/IB"). La première phase (IMPACT - système de communication) du projet doit permettre de créer un nouveau système pour la communication de certains documents en rapport avec le PCT (tels que brochures PCT, copies de documents de priorité, divers formulaires PCT et, dans le cadre du chapitre II du PCT, rapports d'examen préliminaire international et toute traduction en anglais de ces rapports) à destination des offices désignés ou élus, des administrations chargées de la recherche internationale, des administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international et des offices nationaux ou régionaux des États contractants du PCT. À la fin de 2000, cette première phase du projet en était au stade du prototype. L'objectif des deuxième et troisième phases (IMPACT-IB et IMPACT-RO/IB) du projet, sur lequel seront axées les activités de l'équipe chargée du projet IMPACT en 2001, est d'établir un nouveau système de traitement (y compris la publication automatisée) des demandes internationales au sein du Bureau international et de son office récepteur.

– Projet de dépôt électronique dans le cadre du PCT : les principaux objectifs de ce projet sont l'adoption d'une norme relative au dépôt et au traitement électroniques des demandes internationales et la mise en œuvre d'un système de dépôt électronique des demandes internationales s'appuyant sur le logiciel PCT-EASY actuel. Le premier stade de ce projet comprend la mise au point d'un système pilote. Il est prévu que le Bureau international, en sa qualité d'office récepteur, commence, en novembre 2001, à recevoir des demandes internationales préparées à l'aide du logiciel PCT-EASY, sur support papier avec dépôt électronique en parallèle, dans le cadre d'un essai. En décembre 2001, d'autres offices récepteurs dotés des moyens techniques nécessaires devraient pouvoir recevoir des demandes internationales sous forme électronique. Le second stade du projet, qui devrait permettre de renforcer la mise en place du dépôt électronique, comprend la fourniture d'un logiciel de dépôt électronique à d'autres offices récepteurs (voir aussi le paragraphe 12).

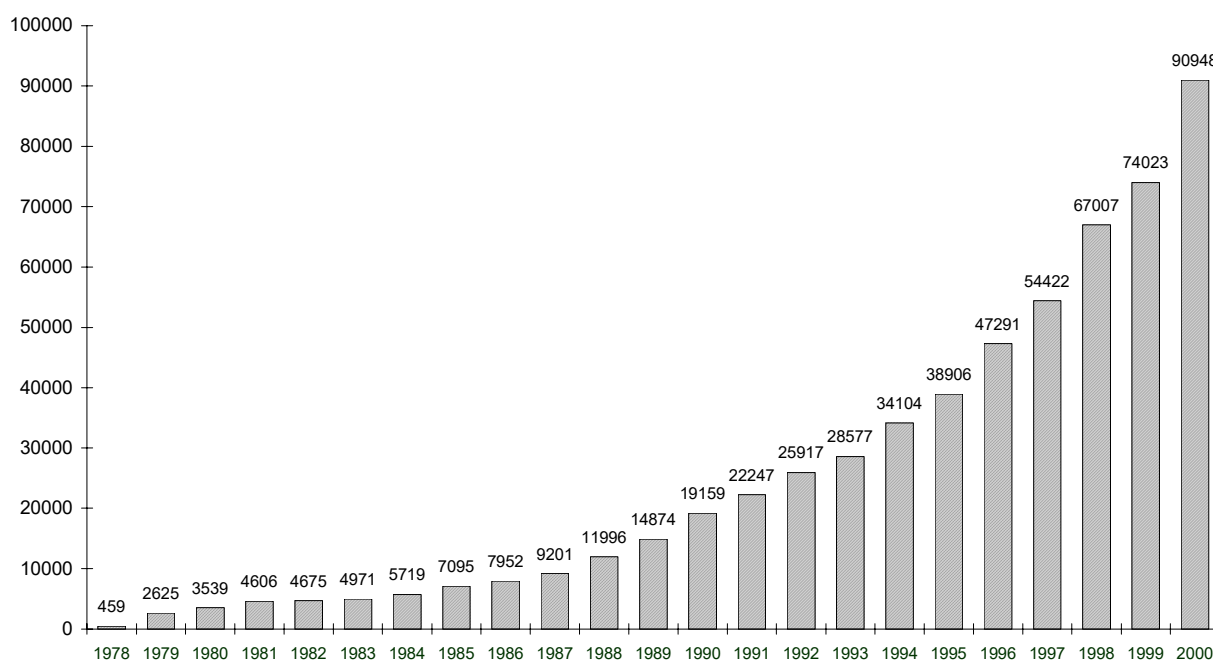
Pour de plus amples renseignements, voir les documents PCT/A/29/2 et PCT/A/29/2 Add. à l'adresse suivante :

http://www.wipo.int/fre/document/govbody/wo_pct/index_29.htm

et pour tout complément d'information sur l'élaboration du cadre technique et juridique du dépôt électronique, se rendre à l'adresse suivante :

http://pcteasy.wipo.int/efiling_standards/EFPPage.htm

17. *Statistiques.* Le graphique ci-après indique le nombre de demandes internationales reçues par le Bureau international chaque année civile depuis le début du fonctionnement du PCT.

Number of international applications received since 1978

18. The following table shows, by country of origin, the number of international applications filed, and the corresponding percentages of the total, in 2000 as compared with 1999:

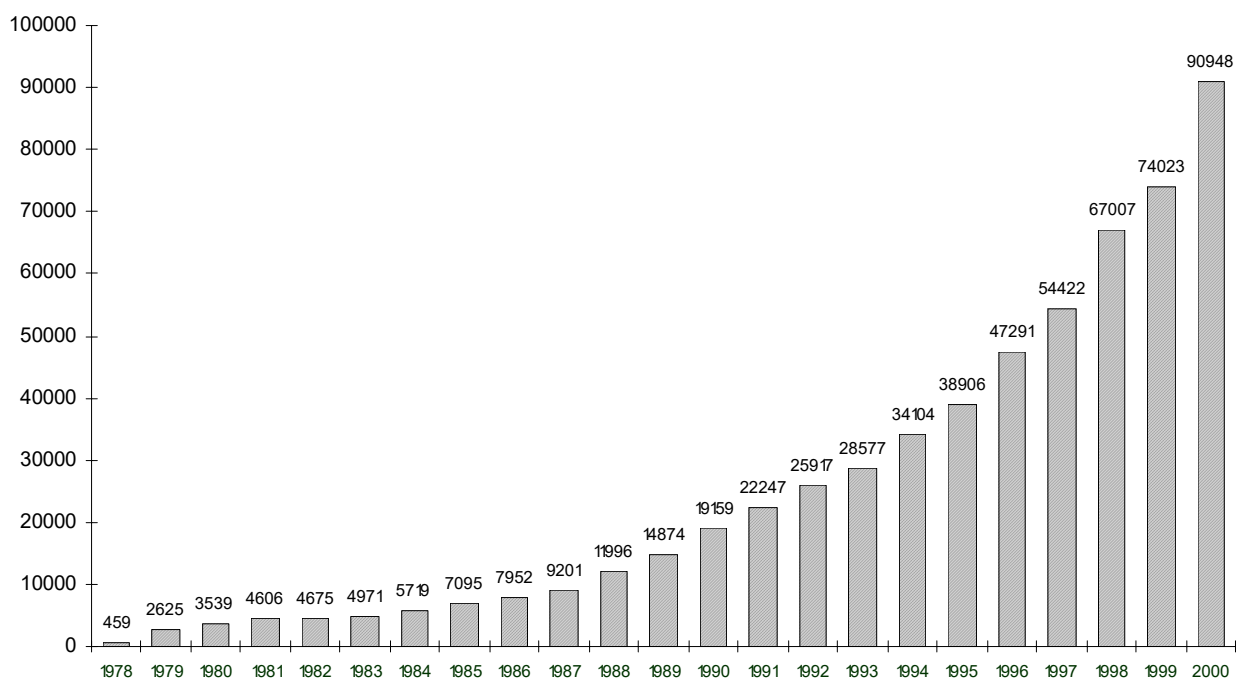
<i>Country of origin</i> ²		<i>Number of applications</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
		2000	(1999)	2000	(1999)
US	United States of America	38,171	(29,463)	42.0	(39.8)
DE	Germany	12,039	(10,897)	13.2	(14.7)
JP	Japan	9,402	(7,255)	10.3	(9.8)
GB	United Kingdom	5,538	(4,741)	6.1	(6.4)
FR	France	3,601	(3,633)	4.0	(4.9)
SE	Sweden	3,071	(2,619)	3.4	(3.5)
NL	Netherlands	2,587	(2,153)	2.8	(2.9)
CH&LI	Switzerland and Liechtenstein ³	1,701	(1,564)	1.9	(2.1)
AU	Australia	1,627	(1,154)	1.8	(1.6)
CA	Canada	1,600	(1,398)	1.8	(1.9)
KR	Republic of Korea	1,514	(790)	1.7	(1.1)
FI	Finland	1,437	(1,269)	1.6	(1.7)
IT	Italy	1,354	(1,130)	1.5	(1.5)
IL	Israel	924	(729)	1.0	(1.0)
DK	Denmark	789	(792)	0.9	(1.1)
RU	Russian Federation	590	(532)	0.7	(0.7)
CN	China	579	(240)	0.6	(0.3)
BE	Belgium	574	(513)	0.6	(0.7)
ES	Spain	519	(457)	0.6	(0.6)
AT	Austria	476	(432)	0.5	(0.6)

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² Figures relate to receiving Offices with which international applications were filed, except that applications filed with regional Offices or with the International Bureau as receiving Offices are included under the applicant's country of residence. Of the total, 12,666 (= 13.9%) were filed with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office and 1,975 (= 2.2%) were filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

³ The national Office of Switzerland also acts as receiving Office for nationals and residents of Liechtenstein.

Nombre de demandes internationales reçues depuis 1978



18. Le tableau qui suit donne la répartition par pays d'origine des demandes internationales déposées en 2000, avec les pourcentages correspondants, et rappelle à titre de comparaison les chiffres de 1999 :

<i>Pays d'origine²</i>	<i>Nombre de demandes</i>		<i>Pourcentage</i>	
	2000	(1999)	2000	(1999)
US États-Unis d'Amérique	38 171	(29 463)	42,0	(39,8)
DE Allemagne	12 039	(10 897)	13,2	(14,7)
JP Japon	9 402	(7 255)	10,3	(9,8)
GB Royaume-Uni	5 538	(4 741)	6,1	(6,4)
FR France	3 601	(3 633)	4,0	(4,9)
SE Suède	3 071	(2 619)	3,4	(3,5)
NL Pays-Bas	2 587	(2 153)	2,8	(2,9)
CH&LI Suisse et Liechtenstein ³	1 701	(1 564)	1,9	(2,1)
AU Australie	1 627	(1 154)	1,8	(1,6)
CA Canada	1 600	(1 398)	1,8	(1,9)
KR République de Corée	1 514	(790)	1,7	(1,1)
FI Finlande	1 437	(1 269)	1,6	(1,7)
IT Italie	1 354	(1 130)	1,5	(1,5)
IL Israël	924	(729)	1,0	(1,0)
DK Danemark	789	(792)	0,9	(1,1)
RU Fédération de Russie	590	(532)	0,7	(0,7)
CN Chine	579	(240)	0,6	(0,3)
BE Belgique	574	(513)	0,6	(0,7)
ES Espagne	519	(457)	0,6	(0,6)
AT Autriche	476	(432)	0,5	(0,6)

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² Chiffres calculés sur la base des offices récepteurs auprès desquels les demandes internationales ont été déposées, excepté pour les demandes déposées auprès d'offices régionaux ou auprès du Bureau international agissant en qualité d'offices récepteurs, qui sont comptabilisées dans les chiffres relatifs au pays où le déposant est domicilié. Sur le nombre total de demandes, 12 666 (= 13,9%) ont été déposées auprès de l'Office européen des brevets (OEB) et 1975 (= 2,2%) auprès du Bureau international, tous deux agissant en qualité d'offices récepteurs.

³ L'Office national de la Suisse agit en qualité d'office récepteur pour les nationaux du Liechtenstein et les personnes domiciliées dans cet État.

Country of origin ⁴		Number of applications		Percentage	
		2000	(1999)	2000	(1999)
NO	Norway	470	(436)	0.5	(0.6)
ZA	South Africa	386	(281)	0.4	(0.4)
NZ	New Zealand	264	(242)	0.3	(0.3)
SG	Singapore	225	(144)	0.3	(0.2)
IE	Ireland	184	(167)	0.2	(0.2)
BR	Brazil	161	(126)	0.2	(0.2)
IN	India	156	(61)	0.2	(0.1)
HU	Hungary	140	(115)	0.2	(0.2)
PL	Poland	104	(52)	0.1	(0.1)
LU	Luxembourg	93	(111)	0.1	(0.2)
CZ	Czech Republic	91	(55)	0.1	(0.1)
MX	Mexico	71	(51)	0.1	(0.1)
TR	Turkey	70	(56)	0.1	(0.1)
GR	Greece	50	(51)	0.1	(0.1)
HR	Croatia	49	(31)	0.1	(<0.1)
UA	Ukraine	44	(28)	0.1	(<0.1)
SI	Slovenia	38	(33)	<0.1	(<0.1)
SK	Slovakia	31	(18)	<0.1	(<0.1)
BG	Bulgaria	29	(27)	<0.1	(<0.1)
RO	Romania	27	(14)	<0.1	(<0.1)
YU	Yugoslavia	22	(13)	<0.1	(<0.1)
PT	Portugal	19	(20)	<0.1	(<0.1)
IS	Iceland	18	(15)	<0.1	(<0.1)
CY	Cyprus	12	(5)	<0.1	(<0.1)
BY	Belarus	10	(16)	<0.1	(<0.1)
ID	Indonesia	10	(7)	<0.1	(<0.1)
CR	Costa Rica	8	(0)	<0.1	(0)
BB	Barbados	7	(22)	<0.1	(<0.1)
MC	Monaco	6	(7)	<0.1	(<0.1)
AM	Armenia	5	(0)	<0.1	(0)
CU	Cuba	5	(7)	<0.1	(<0.1)
EE	Estonia	5	(1)	<0.1	(<0.1)
KZ	Kazakhstan	5	(9)	<0.1	(<0.1)
SD	Sudan	5	(3)	<0.1	(<0.1)
BA	Bosnia and Herzegovina	4	(1)	<0.1	(<0.1)
GE	Georgia	4	(8)	<0.1	(<0.1)
LK	Sri Lanka	4	(1)	<0.1	(<0.1)
LV	Latvia	4	(5)	<0.1	(<0.1)
DZ	Algeria	3	N/A	<0.1	N/A
MK	The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	3	(8)	<0.1	(<0.1)
AZ	Azerbaijan	2	(1)	<0.1	(<0.1)
CM	Cameroon	2	(0)	<0.1	(0)
MD	Republic of Moldova	2	(0)	<0.1	(0)
UZ	Uzbekistan	2	(5)	<0.1	(<0.1)

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⁴ Figures relate to receiving Offices with which international applications were filed, except that applications filed with regional Offices or with the International Bureau as receiving Offices are included under the applicant's country of residence. Of the total, 12,666 (= 13.9%) were filed with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office and 1,975 (= 2.2%) were filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

<i>Pays d'origine</i> ⁴		<i>Nombre de demandes</i>		<i>Pourcentage</i>	
		2000	(1999)	2000	(1999)
NO	Norvège	470	(436)	0,5	(0,6)
ZA	Afrique du Sud	386	(281)	0,4	(0,4)
NZ	Nouvelle-Zélande	264	(242)	0,3	(0,3)
SG	Singapour	225	(144)	0,3	(0,2)
IE	Irlande	184	(167)	0,2	(0,2)
BR	Brésil	161	(126)	0,2	(0,2)
IN	Inde	156	(61)	0,2	(0,1)
HU	Hongrie	140	(115)	0,2	(0,2)
PL	Pologne	104	(52)	0,1	(0,1)
LU	Luxembourg	93	(111)	0,1	(0,2)
CZ	République tchèque	91	(55)	0,1	(0,1)
MX	Mexique	71	(51)	0,1	(0,1)
TR	Turquie	70	(56)	0,1	(0,1)
GR	Grèce	50	(51)	0,1	(0,1)
HR	Croatie	49	(31)	0,1	(<0,1)
UA	Ukraine	44	(28)	0,1	(<0,1)
SI	Slovénie	38	(33)	<0,1	(<0,1)
SK	Slovaquie	31	(18)	<0,1	(<0,1)
BG	Bulgarie	29	(27)	<0,1	(<0,1)
RO	Roumanie	27	(14)	<0,1	(<0,1)
YU	Yougoslavie	22	(13)	<0,1	(<0,1)
PT	Portugal	19	(20)	<0,1	(<0,1)
IS	Islande	18	(15)	<0,1	(<0,1)
CY	Chypre	12	(5)	<0,1	(<0,1)
BY	Bélarus	10	(16)	<0,1	(<0,1)
ID	Indonésie	10	(7)	<0,1	(<0,1)
CR	Costa Rica	8	(0)	<0,1	(0)
BB	Barbade	7	(22)	<0,1	(<0,1)
MC	Monaco	6	(7)	<0,1	(<0,1)
AM	Arménie	5	(0)	<0,1	(0)
CU	Cuba	5	(7)	<0,1	(<0,1)
EE	Estonie	5	(1)	<0,1	(<0,1)
KZ	Kazakhstan	5	(9)	<0,1	(<0,1)
SD	Soudan	5	(3)	<0,1	(<0,1)
BA	Bosnie-Herzégovine	4	(1)	<0,1	(<0,1)
GE	Géorgie	4	(8)	<0,1	(<0,1)
LK	Sri Lanka	4	(1)	<0,1	(<0,1)
LV	Lettonie	4	(5)	<0,1	(<0,1)
DZ	Algérie	3	N/A	<0,1	N/A
MK	Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine	3	(8)	<0,1	(<0,1)
AZ	Azerbaïdjan	2	(1)	<0,1	(<0,1)
CM	Cameroun	2	(0)	<0,1	(0)
MD	République de Moldova	2	(0)	<0,1	(0)
UZ	Ouzbékistan	2	(5)	<0,1	(<0,1)

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⁴ Chiffres calculés sur la base des offices récepteurs auprès desquels les demandes internationales ont été déposées, excepté pour les demandes déposées auprès d'offices régionaux ou auprès du Bureau international agissant en qualité d'offices récepteurs, qui sont comptabilisées dans les chiffres relatifs au pays où le déposant est domicilié. Sur le nombre total de demandes, 12 666 (= 13,9%) ont été déposées auprès de l'Office européen des brevets (OEB) et 1975 (= 2,2%) auprès du Bureau international, tous deux agissant en qualité d'offices récepteurs.

<i>Country of origin⁵</i>		<i>Number of applications</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
		2000	(1999)	2000	(1999)
AE	United Arab Emirates	1	(0)	<0.1	(0)
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	1	(0)	<0.1	(0)
LS	Lesotho	1	(0)	<0.1	(0)
LT	Lithuania	1	(2)	<0.1	(<0.1)
VN	Viet Nam	1	(0)	<0.1	(0)
GH	Ghana	0	(1)	0	(<0.1)
KE	Kenya	0	(1)	0	(<0.1)
ZW	Zimbabwe	0	(5)	0	(<0.1)
TOTAL		90,948	(74,023)	100.0	(100.00)

19. Applicants from the United States of America filed the largest number of PCT applications in 2000, having filed 42.0% of all applications, followed by Germany (13.2%), Japan (10.3%), the United Kingdom (6.1%) and France (4.0%), thus repeating the trend of 1999. The filing of PCT applications in developing countries that are members of the PCT increased overall by 80.6% over 1999, with a particularly high increase in applications filed by applicants from India (155.8%), China (141.3%), the Republic of Korea (91.6%) and South Africa (37.4%). A total of 3,152 international applications originated from developing countries, the highest number originating from the Republic of Korea (1,514), China (579), South Africa (386), Singapore (225), Brazil (161) and India (156).

20. An increasing number of applicants are taking advantage of the benefits of filing international applications containing requests prepared using the PCT-EASY software. Of the 90,948 international applications filed in 2000, 24,882 (27.4%) were prepared using the PCT-EASY software (1999: 13%).

21. In 2000, the average number of designations made per international application was 56 (1999: 45). This figure is much higher than the number of States for which patent protection will eventually be sought, because the applicants in respect of 68.4% of international applications filed in 2000 (1999: 58.7%) used the possibility of paying the maximum of eight designation fees⁶ while making as many as all possible designations. Such applicants extend the effects of their international applications to as many States as might later be of interest to them, deferring the decision as to which States they wish to proceed in. Most applicants make designations for regional patents, which designations themselves have effect in a number of States. For example, in 2000, a European patent was sought in 97.1% of all international applications.

⁵ Figures relate to receiving Offices with which international applications were filed, except that applications filed with regional Offices or with the International Bureau as receiving Offices are included under the applicant's country of residence. Of the total, 12,666 (= 13.9%) were filed with the European Patent Office (EPO) as receiving Office and 1,975 (= 2.2%) were filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office.

⁶ With effect from January 1, 2001, the maximum number of designation fees payable is six.

<i>Pays d'origine</i> ⁵		<i>Nombre de demandes</i>		<i>Pourcentage</i>	
		2000	(1999)	2000	(1999)
AE	Émirats arabes unis	1	(0)	<0,1	(0)
CI	Côte d'Ivoire	1	(0)	<0,1	(0)
LS	Lesotho	1	(0)	<0,1	(0)
LT	Lituanie	1	(2)	<0,1	(<0,1)
VN	Viet Nam	1	(0)	<0,1	(0)
GH	Ghana	0	(1)	0	(<0,1)
KE	Kenya	0	(1)	0	(<0,1)
ZW	Zimbabwe	0	(5)	0	(<0,1)
TOTAL		90 948	(74 023)	100,0	(100,0)

19. En 2000, ce sont les déposants des États-Unis d'Amérique qui ont le plus recouru au système du PCT (42% de toutes les demandes déposées), suivis des déposants de l'Allemagne (13,2%), du Japon (10,3%), du Royaume-Uni (6,1%) et de la France (4%), confirmant ainsi la tendance de 1999. Le nombre de demandes émanant de déposants de pays en développement ayant adhéré au PCT a augmenté globalement de 80,6% par rapport à 1999, cette augmentation étant particulièrement élevée pour l'Inde (155,8%), la Chine (141,3%), la République de Corée (91,6%) et l'Afrique du Sud (37,4%). Trois mille cent cinquante-deux (3152) demandes internationales émanaient de déposants de pays en développement, les chiffres les plus élevés concernant la République de Corée (1514), la Chine (579), l'Afrique du Sud (386), Singapour (225), le Brésil (161) et l'Inde (156).

20. Un nombre croissant de déposants profitent des avantages qu'offre le dépôt des demandes internationales contenant les requêtes établies à l'aide du logiciel PCT-EASY. Sur les 90 948 demandes internationales déposées en 2000, 24 882 (27,4%) ont été établies à l'aide du logiciel PCT-EASY (contre 13% en 1999).

21. En 2000, le nombre moyen de désignations par demande internationale a été de 56 (contre 45 en 1999). Ce chiffre est beaucoup plus élevé que le nombre d'États dans lesquels les déposants chercheront en fin de compte à obtenir une protection par brevet; en effet, pour 68,4% des demandes internationales déposées en 2000 (contre 58,7% en 1999), les déposants ont opté pour le paiement du maximum de huit taxes de désignation⁶, ce qui leur permet de désigner autant d'États contractants du PCT qu'ils le souhaitent. Les déposants étendent ainsi les effets de la demande internationale à tous les États qui peuvent présenter un intérêt pour eux, tout en gardant la possibilité de ne décider qu'à un stade ultérieur dans quels États ils vont poursuivre la procédure. La plupart des déposants font des désignations en vue de l'obtention de brevets régionaux, qui produisent leurs effets dans plusieurs États; ainsi, en 2000, un brevet européen a été demandé dans 97,1% des demandes internationales.

⁵ Chiffres calculés sur la base des offices récepteurs auprès desquels les demandes internationales ont été déposées, excepté pour les demandes déposées auprès d'offices régionaux ou auprès du Bureau international agissant en qualité d'offices récepteurs, qui sont comptabilisées dans les chiffres relatifs au pays où le déposant est domicilié. Sur le nombre total de demandes, 12 666 (= 13,9%) ont été déposées auprès de l'Office européen des brevets (OEB) et 1975 (= 2,2%) auprès du Bureau international, tous deux agissant en qualité d'offices récepteurs.

⁶ À compter du 1^{er} janvier 2001, le nombre maximum de taxes de désignation à payer est de six.

22. In 2000, international applications were filed in the following languages:

<i>Language of filing</i> ⁷	<i>Number of applications</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
	2000	(1999)	2000	(1999)
English	60,571	(47,980)	66.6	(64.8)
German	12,869	(11,891)	14.1	(16.1)
Japanese	8,854	(6,827)	9.7	(9.2)
French	3,588	(3,655)	3.9	(4.9)
Swedish	985	(881)	1.1	(1.2)
Korean	786	(0)	0.9	(0)
Russian	575	(517)	0.6	(0.7)
Spanish	548	(463)	0.6	(0.6)
Finnish	508	(506)	0.6	(0.7)
Chinese	501	(208)	0.6	(0.3)
Dutch	479	(471)	0.5	(0.6)
Norwegian	250	(246)	0.3	(0.3)
Italian	240	(165)	0.3	(0.2)
Danish	147	(184)	0.2	(0.2)
Hungarian	13	(9)	<0.1	(<0.1)
Czech	11	(3)	<0.1	(<0.1)
Croatian	10	(6)	<0.1	(<0.1)
Slovenian	9	(5)	<0.1	(<0.1)
Slovakian	2	(4)	<0.1	(<0.1)
Turkish	2	(1)	<0.1	(<0.1)
TOTAL	90,948	(74,023)	100.0	(100.0)

23. In 2000, the International Bureau as receiving Office received 2,045 international applications from applicants from 50 countries, and in July 2000, it received its 10,000th application since it began operations. The 2,045 applications include 654 (32% of applications received by that Office) which benefited from the safeguard procedure under which international applications are transmitted from another receiving Office to the International Bureau in its capacity as receiving Office while retaining their initial filing date (for example, where they have been filed with a “non-competent” receiving Office, for reasons of nationality or residence of the applicant or where the application was not filed in the prescribed language).

⁷ An international application filed in a language other than one of the languages of publication under the PCT are published as a translation into a language of publication; see paragraph 32.

22. En 2000, des demandes internationales ont été déposées dans les langues suivantes :

<i>Langue de dépôt⁷</i>	<i>Nombre de demandes</i>		<i>Pourcentage</i>	
	2000	(1999)	2000	(1999)
anglais	60 571	(47 980)	66,6	(64,8)
allemand	12 869	(11 891)	14,1	(16,1)
japonais	8 854	(6 827)	9,7	(9,2)
français	3 588	(3 655)	3,9	(4,9)
suédois	985	(881)	1,1	(1,2)
coréen	786	(0)	0,9	(0)
russe	575	(517)	0,6	(0,7)
espagnol	548	(463)	0,6	(0,6)
finnois	508	(506)	0,6	(0,7)
chinois	501	(208)	0,6	(0,3)
néerlandais	479	(471)	0,5	(0,6)
norvégien	250	(246)	0,3	(0,3)
italien	240	(165)	0,3	(0,2)
danois	147	(184)	0,2	(0,2)
hongrois	13	(9)	<0,1	(<0,1)
tchèque	11	(3)	<0,1	(<0,1)
croate	10	(6)	<0,1	(<0,1)
slovène	9	(5)	<0,1	(<0,1)
slovaque	2	(4)	<0,1	(<0,1)
turc	2	(1)	<0,1	(<0,1)
TOTAL	90 948	(74 023)	100,0	(100,0)

23. En 2000, le Bureau international de l'OMPI agissant en qualité d'office récepteur a reçu 2045 demandes internationales, qui provenaient de déposants de 50 pays et, en juillet 2000, il a reçu la 10 000^e demande depuis que les opérations effectuées au titre de ce traité ont commencé. Parmi ces demandes, 654, soit 32% du total, ont bénéficié de la procédure de sauvegarde en vertu de laquelle une demande internationale déposée auprès d'un autre office récepteur est transmise au Bureau international agissant en qualité d'office récepteur tout en conservant sa date de dépôt initiale (par exemple, lorsqu'elle a été déposée auprès d'un office récepteur "non compétent", en raison de la nationalité ou du domicile du déposant, ou lorsqu'elle n'a pas été déposée dans la langue prescrite).

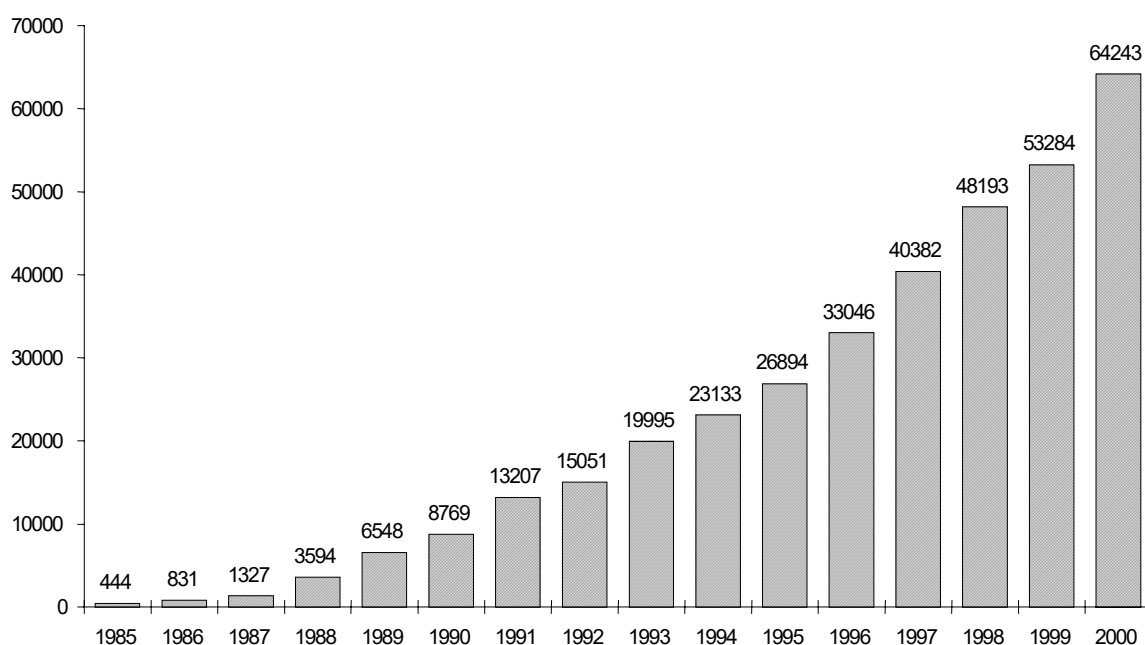
⁷ Les demandes internationales déposées dans une langue ne faisant pas partie des langues de publication prévues par le PCT sont publiées et traduites dans une des langues de publication; voir le paragraphe 32.

24. A copy of the international application is sent to the International Searching Authority competent for carrying out the international search. Where more than one Authority is competent, the applicant chooses the one he would like to carry out the search. The number of international applications that were sent to each International Searching Authority in 2000 is indicated below:

<i>International Searching Authority</i>	<i>Number of applications</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
	2000	(1999)	2000	(1999)
European Patent Office	55,414	(44,713)	60.9	(60.4)
United States of America	17,386	(14,640)	19.1	(19.8)
Japan	8,850	(6,827)	9.7	(9.2)
Sweden	4,040	(4,380)	4.5	(5.9)
Australia	1,886	(1,378)	2.1	(1.9)
Republic of Korea	1,217	(4) ⁸	1.3	(<0.1)
Russian Federation	595	(526)	0.7	(0.7)
China	573	(231)	0.6	(0.3)
Austria	545	(965)	0.6	(1.3)
Spain	440	(356)	0.5	(0.5)
TOTAL	90,946⁹	(74,020)¹⁰	100.0	(100.0)

25. The number of demands for international preliminary examination sent to the International Bureau by the International Preliminary Examining Authorities in 2000 amounted to 64,243, which represents an increase over 1999 of 20.6%. The number of demands received in each calendar year since 1985 is indicated below:

Number of demands received since 1985



⁸ The Korean Intellectual Property Office started functioning as an International Searching Authority on December 1, 1999.

⁹ Two of the 90,948 international applications filed in 2000 are not included in this total because international processing had been discontinued.

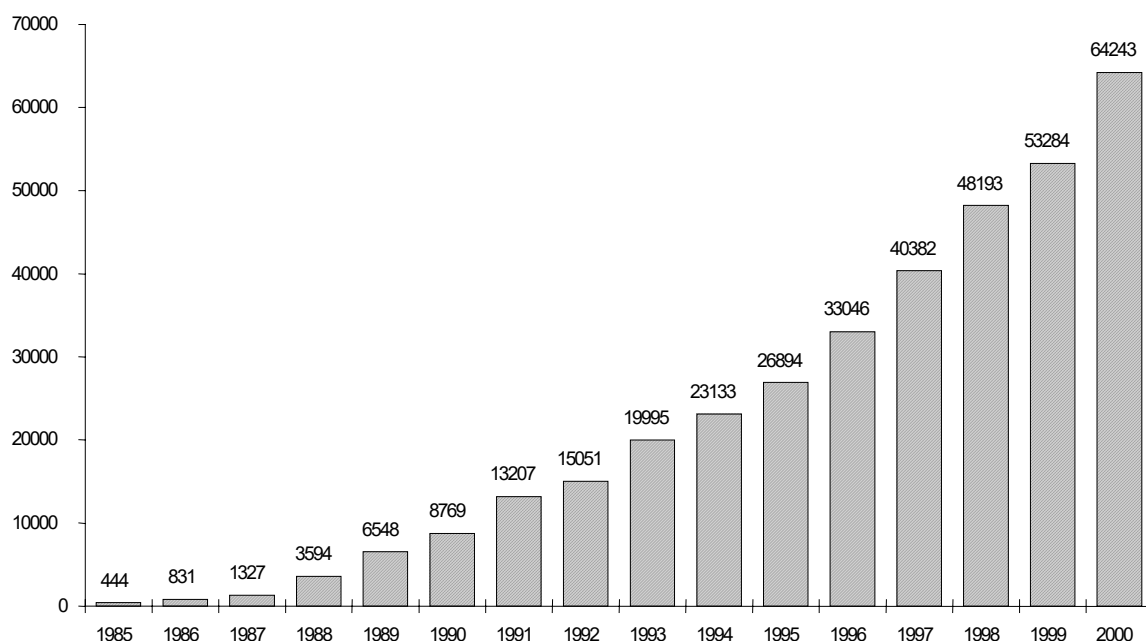
¹⁰ Three of the 74,023 international applications filed in 1999 are not included in this total because international processing had been discontinued.

24. Une copie de chaque demande internationale est envoyée à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale qui est compétente pour procéder à cette recherche. Lorsque plusieurs administrations sont compétentes, le déposant choisit celle à laquelle il préfère confier cette recherche. Le nombre de demandes internationales envoyées aux différentes administrations en question en 2000 s'établit comme suit :

<i>Administration chargée de la recherche internationale</i>	<i>Nombre de demandes</i>		<i>Pourcentage</i>	
	2000	(1999)	2000	(1999)
Office européen des brevets	55 414	(44 713)	60,9	(60,4)
États-Unis d'Amérique	17 386	(14 640)	19,1	(19,8)
Japon	8 850	(6 827)	9,7	(9,2)
Suède	4 040	(4 380)	4,5	(5,9)
Australie	1 886	(1 378)	2,1	(1,9)
République de Corée	1 217	(4) ⁸	1,3	(<0,1)
Fédération de Russie	595	(526)	0,7	(0,7)
Chine	573	(231)	0,6	(0,3)
Autriche	545	(965)	0,6	(1,3)
Espagne	440	(356)	0,5	(0,5)
TOTAL	90 946⁹	(74 020¹⁰)	100,0	(100,0)

25. Le nombre de demandes d'examen préliminaire international envoyées au Bureau international en 2000 par les administrations chargées de cet examen s'est élevé à 64 243, ce qui représente une augmentation de 20,6% par rapport à 1999. Le graphique ci-après indique le nombre correspondant à chaque année civile depuis 1985 :

Nombre de demandes d'examen préliminaire international reçues depuis 1985



⁸ L'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle agit en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale depuis le 1^{er} décembre 1999.

⁹ Deux des 90 948 demandes internationales déposées en 2000 ne sont pas prises en compte dans ce total parce que le traitement international a été arrêté.

¹⁰ Trois des 74 023 demandes internationales déposées en 1999 ne sont pas prises en compte dans ce total parce que le traitement international a été arrêté.

26. The number of demands sent to the International Bureau by each International Preliminary Examining Authority is indicated below:

<i>International Preliminary Examining Authority</i>	<i>Number of demands</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
	2000	(1999)	2000	(1999)
European Patent Office	37,427	(30,801)	58.3	(57.8)
United States of America	16,389	(14,218)	25.5	(26.7)
Japan	4,401	(3,283)	6.9	(6.2)
Sweden	3,420	(3,007)	5.3	(5.6)
Australia	1,372	(1,126)	2.1	(2.1)
Republic of Korea	346	(1) ¹¹	0.5	(<0.1)
Russian Federation	342	(244)	0.5	(0.5)
Austria	302	(418)	0.5	(0.8)
China	244	(186)	0.4	(0.3)
TOTAL	64,243	(53,284)	100.0	(100.0)

27. The demands for international preliminary examination received in 2000 relate mainly to international applications filed in 1999. Demands are filed in respect of about 85% of all applications.

28. Where required, the International Bureau prepares translations of the international search report and the international preliminary examination report (into English), and of the abstract (into English and/or French). In 2000, the International Bureau translated 102,844 abstracts, 1,000 international search reports and 11,640 international preliminary examination reports.

29. **Publications under the PCT.** The *PCT Gazette* contains, in English and French, the following sections:

- Section I: Published International Applications (the bibliographic data, the abstract and any drawing, for each international application published)
- Section II: Notices and Information Relating to Published International Applications
- Section III: Weekly Indexes
- Section IV: Notices and Information of a General Character

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30. There are two series of CD-ROMs containing information from the *Gazette*, as follows:

- the monthly ESPACE-FIRST CD-ROMs that are produced by the European Patent Office, in cooperation with WIPO (see also paragraphs 36 and 40);
- the CD-ROMs produced by Bundesdruckerei GmbH, in cooperation with WIPO, issued every week on the day on which WIPO publishes the corresponding international applications (see also paragraph 41).

¹¹ The Korean Intellectual Property Office started functioning as an International Preliminary Examining Authority on December 1, 1999.

26. Le nombre de demandes d'examen préliminaire international envoyées au Bureau international par chaque administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international s'établit comme suit :

<i>Administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international</i>	<i>Nombre de demandes</i>		<i>Pourcentage</i>	
	2000	(1999)	2000	(1999)
Office européen des brevets	37 427	(30 801)	58,3	(57,8)
États-Unis d'Amérique	16 389	(14 218)	25,5	(26,7)
Japon	4 401	(3 283)	6,9	(6,2)
Suède	3 420	(3 007)	5,3	(5,6)
Australie	1 372	(1 126)	2,1	(2,1)
République de Corée	346	(1) ¹¹	0,5	(<0,1)
Fédération de Russie	342	(244)	0,5	(0,5)
Autriche	302	(418)	0,5	(0,8)
Chine	244	(186)	0,4	(0,3)
TOTAL	64 243	(53 284)	100,0	(100,0)

27. Les demandes d'examen préliminaire international reçues en 2000 concernent essentiellement des demandes internationales déposées en 1999. Des demandes d'examen préliminaire international sont déposées pour environ 85% des demandes internationales.

28. Lorsque cela est nécessaire, le Bureau international établit des traductions du rapport de recherche internationale et du rapport d'examen préliminaire international (en anglais) ainsi que de l'abrégé (en anglais ou en français). En 2000, le Bureau international a traduit 102 844 abrégés, 1000 rapports de recherche internationale et 11 640 rapports d'examen préliminaire international.

29. **Publications du PCT.** La *Gazette du PCT* contient, en français et en anglais, les sections suivantes :

- Section I : Demandes internationales publiées (données bibliographiques, abrégé et éventuellement dessin pour chaque demande internationale publiée)
- Section II : Notifications et informations relatives aux demandes internationales publiées
- Section III : Index hebdomadaires
- Section IV : Notifications et informations de caractère général.

La version Internet de la *Gazette du PCT* est disponible gratuitement via la page d'accueil de l'OMPI (<http://ipdl.wipo.int>). Dans cette version de la *Gazette*, la Section I permet une recherche sur tous les éléments par mots isolés, symboles ou groupes de mots et en fonction de différentes rubriques. Les utilisateurs de la version électronique de la *Gazette* peuvent accéder, grâce au bouton "VIEW IMAGES" situé en haut de la page de l'entrée correspondante de la *Gazette*, au service esp@cenet de l'Office européen des brevets et visionner le texte intégral des demandes PCT publiées (à savoir, données bibliographiques, description, revendications, dessins et abrégé) et des rapports de recherche internationale correspondants. Ce service comprend toutes les demandes internationales publiées entre le 1^{er} janvier 1997 et l'antépénultième semaine de publication.

30. Il existe deux séries de disques compacts ROM contenant des renseignements tirés de la *Gazette du PCT* :

- le disque compact ROM mensuel ESPACE-FIRST qui est produit par l'Office européen des brevets en collaboration avec l'OMPI (voir aussi les paragraphes 36 et 40);
- les disques compacts ROM produits par Bundesdruckerei GmbH, en collaboration avec l'OMPI, publiés chaque semaine le jour où l'OMPI publie les demandes internationales correspondantes (voir aussi le paragraphe 41).

¹¹ L'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle agit en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international depuis le 1^{er} décembre 1999.

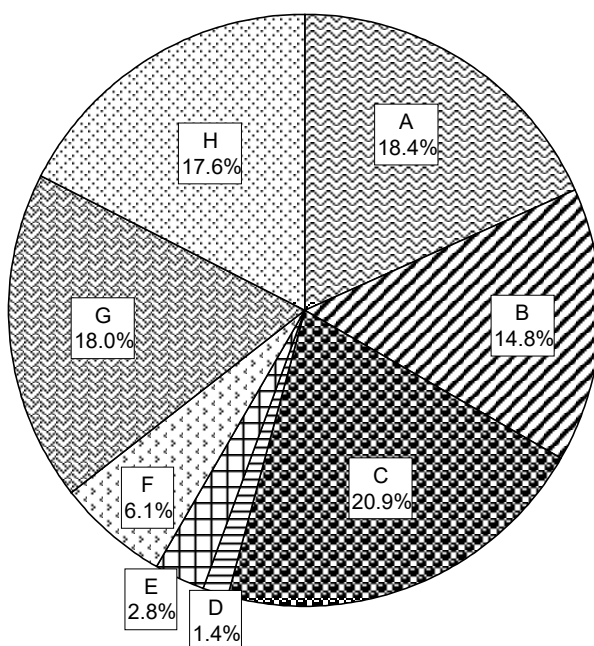
31. In 2000, the *Gazette* included entries relating to the 79,947 international applications (1999: 68,038) which were published in 2000 in the form of PCT pamphlets (in Chinese, English, French, German, Japanese, Russian or Spanish, depending on the language of filing and/or translation furnished) on the same day as the relevant issue of the *Gazette*. The *Gazette* also included, in Section IV, a substantial volume of information of a general character concerning new Contracting States and the requirements of the various Offices and International Authorities. In September, a bilingual (English/French) index to the 1999 *Gazette issues*, containing over 1,600 pages, was published. In January and July, special issues of the *Gazette* were published (Nos. S-01/2000 (E) and (F) (January) and S-02/2000 (E) and (F) (July)), in separate English and French versions, containing consolidated general information relating to PCT Contracting States, national and regional Offices and International Authorities under the PCT.

32. The number of international applications published in 2000 in each of the languages of publication was as follows:

<i>Language of publication</i>	<i>Number of applications</i>		<i>Percentage</i>	
	2000	(1999)	2000	(1999)
English	56,084	(47,389)	70.2	(69.6)
German	12,010	(10,565)	15.0	(15.5)
Japanese	7,057	(5,777)	8.8	(8.5)
French	3,654	(3,334)	4.6	(4.9)
Russian	496	(406)	0.6	(0.6)
Spanish	422	(389)	0.5	(0.6)
Chinese	224	(178)	0.3	(0.3)
TOTAL	79,947	(68,038)	100.0	(100.0)

33. The main fields of technology to which those published international applications related were chemistry and metallurgy, human necessities and physics. The chart below shows the breakdown of PCT applications published in 2000 according to the eight main technical fields of the International Patent Classification (IPC) System.

PCT applications published in 2000: breakdown according to the main technical fields under the IPC



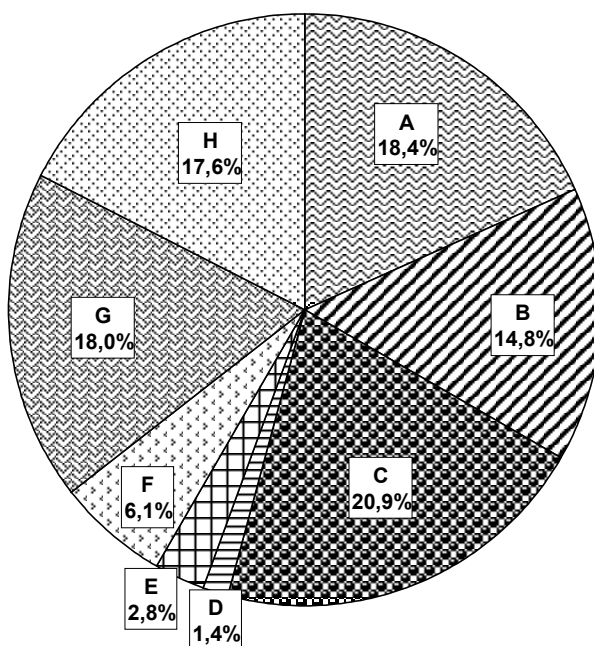
31. En 2000, la *Gazette du PCT* a comporté des rubriques relatives aux 79 947 demandes internationales (68 038 en 1999) qui ont été publiées en 2000 sous la forme de brochures PCT (en français, en allemand, en anglais, en chinois, en espagnol, en japonais ou en russe, selon la langue de dépôt et la traduction fournie) le même jour que les numéros correspondants de la *Gazette*. La *Gazette* a également comporté, dans sa section IV, de nombreuses informations de caractère général concernant les nouveaux États contractants et les exigences des divers offices et administrations internationales. En septembre, un index bilingue (français et anglais) des numéros publiés en 1999, contenant plus de 1600 pages, a été publié. En janvier et juillet, des numéros spéciaux de la *Gazette* ont été publiés (n^{os} S-01/2000 (F) et (E) (janvier) et S-02/2000 (F) et (E) (juillet)), dans des versions distinctes en français et en anglais. Ces numéros spéciaux contenaient une récapitulation des informations de caractère général relatives aux États contractants du PCT, aux offices nationaux et régionaux et aux administrations internationales du PCT.

32. Le nombre de demandes internationales publiées en 2000 dans chacune des langues de publication s'établit comme suit :

<i>Langue de publication</i>	<i>Nombre de demandes</i>		<i>Pourcentage</i>	
	2000	(1999)	2000	(1999)
anglais	56 084	(47 389)	70,2	(69,6)
allemand	12 010	(10 565)	15,0	(15,5)
japonais	7 057	(5 777)	8,8	(8,5)
français	3 654	(3 334)	4,6	(4,9)
russe	496	(406)	0,6	(0,6)
espagnol	422	(389)	0,5	(0,6)
chinois	224	(178)	0,3	(0,3)
TOTAL	79 947	(68 038)	100,0	(100,0)

33. Les principaux domaines techniques sur lesquels ont porté ces demandes internationales publiées ont été la chimie et la métallurgie, les nécessités courantes de la vie et la physique. Le graphique ci-après montre la répartition des demandes PCT publiées en 2000 en fonction des huit grands domaines techniques du système de la classification internationale des brevets (CIB).

Demandses PCT publiées en 2000 : répartition par grands domaines techniques de la CIB



Main technical fields (sections) under the IPC:

A	Human necessities	E	Fixed constructions
B	Performing operations; transporting	F	Mechanical engineering; lighting, heating, weapons, blasting
C	Chemistry; metallurgy	G	Physics
D	Textiles; paper	H	Electricity

34. The *PCT Applicant's Guide*, which contains information on the filing of international applications and the procedure during the international phase, as well as information on the national phase and the procedure before the designated (or elected) Offices, was updated twice in 2000 to include the many changes that had occurred during the year. About 455 updating sheets, per language, were sent to each subscriber in 2000.

35. Twelve issues of the *PCT Newsletter* were published in 2000. This monthly publication provides up-to-date news for users of the PCT. It contains information on the essential items included in Section IV of the *PCT Gazette* and supplements the *PCT Applicant's Guide* with practical advice for applicants and agents, lists of forthcoming PCT seminars, consolidated tables of PCT fees in various currencies, and other items of general interest. It also includes tear-out provisional sheets permitting easy inclusion of certain important changes in the *PCT Applicant's Guide* prior to the issuance of half-yearly updates.

36. In 2000, the International Bureau continued, in cooperation with the European Patent Office, the weekly production of ESPACE WORLD CD-ROMs, which contain, in facsimile form, the full text and the drawings of all international applications and international search reports published each week, as well as the corresponding bibliographic data in coded, searchable form. All international applications published since 1978 are available in CD-ROM format (a total of 1,221 CD-ROMs had been produced by the end of 2000).

37. In 2000, a new PCT Wheel, covering priority dates from January 2000 to December 2001, was produced and made available to PCT users via the January 2001 issue of the *PCT Newsletter*. The Wheel, which was created by a firm of patent attorneys in Australia (Davies Collison Cave), enables PCT users to quickly calculate the due date for international publication, and the time limits for submitting priority documents, filing a demand for international preliminary examination, and entering the national or regional phase under PCT Chapters I and II.

38. **Ordering of PCT publications.** PCT publications may be ordered from WIPO, Marketing and Distribution Section, P.O. Box 18, CH-1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, fax: (41-22) 740 18 12 or 733 54 28, e-mail: publications.mail@wipo.int; electronic bookshop: www.wipo.int/ebookshop. Publications of particular interest include:

- the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a five-binder loose-leaf publication of about 1,600 pages (available in English and French from WIPO, also available from other sources in Chinese, German and Japanese—contact WIPO for details);

- PCT pamphlets containing published international applications (in various languages—see paragraph 32—and containing the title, the abstract and the corresponding international search reports in both the language of publication and English);

- the *PCT Gazette* (available in bilingual (English and French) format) (for electronic version, see paragraph 29);

- the *PCT Newsletter* (available in English);

- booklets containing the text of the PCT and the PCT Regulations (in Arabic, Chinese, English, French, German, Italian, Portuguese, Russian and Spanish);

- special issues of the *PCT Gazette* (see paragraph 31) (in English and French);

- PCT Wheel (see paragraph 37) (priority dates January 2000 to December 2001).

Grands domaines techniques (sections) de la CIB :

A	Nécessités courantes de la vie	E	Constructions fixes
B	Techniques industrielles diverses; transports	F	Mécanique; éclairage; chauffage; armement; sautage
C	Chimie; métallurgie	G	Physique
D	Textiles; papier	H	Électricité

34. Le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, qui contient des informations sur le dépôt des demandes internationales et la procédure de la phase internationale ainsi que des informations sur la phase nationale et la procédure auprès des offices désignés (ou élus), a été mis à jour à deux reprises en 2000 afin d'y consigner les nombreux changements intervenus pendant l'année considérée. Environ 455 feuilles de mise à jour, établies dans chacune des langues, ont été envoyées à chaque abonné en 2000.

35. Douze numéros du bulletin *PCT Newsletter* ont été diffusés en 2000. Cette publication mensuelle contient, à l'intention des utilisateurs du PCT, des informations récentes sur les sujets essentiels traités dans la section IV de la *Gazette du PCT* et complète le *Guide du déposant du PCT* par des conseils pratiques aux déposants et aux mandataires, une liste des séminaires prévus sur le PCT, des tableaux récapitulatifs des taxes du PCT en diverses monnaies ainsi que d'autres informations générales. Ce bulletin comprend aussi des feuilles provisoires détachables qu'il est possible d'insérer aisément dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT* pour tenir compte de certains changements importants avant la diffusion des mises à jour semestrielles.

36. En 2000, le Bureau international a poursuivi, en collaboration avec l'Office européen des brevets, la production hebdomadaire des disques compacts ROM ESPACE WORLD, qui contiennent chacun, en fac-similé, le texte complet et les dessins de toutes les demandes internationales et de tous les rapports de recherche internationale publiés chaque semaine ainsi que, sous une forme codée se prêtant à la recherche, les données bibliographiques correspondantes. Toutes les demandes internationales publiées depuis 1978 sont disponibles sur disque compact ROM (au total, 1221 disques avaient été produits à la fin de 2000).

37. En 2000, est sorti un nouveau Chronodisque PCT, indiquant les dates de priorité de janvier 2000 à décembre 2001, qui a été distribué aux utilisateurs du PCT via le bulletin *PCT Newsletter* de janvier 2001. Ce disque, créé par un cabinet australien de conseils en brevets (Davies Collison Cave), permet aux utilisateurs du PCT de calculer rapidement le délai pour la publication internationale, ainsi que les délais pour la remise des documents de priorité, le dépôt de la demande d'examen préliminaire international et l'ouverture de la phase nationale ou régionale en vertu des chapitres I et II du PCT.

38. **Commande de publications du PCT.** Les publications du PCT peuvent être commandées auprès de l'OMPI, Section de la commercialisation et de la diffusion, case postale 18, CH-1211 Genève 20 (Suisse), télécopieur n° (41-22) 740 18 12 ou 733 54 28, mél. : publications.mail@wipo.int; voir la librairie électronique : www.wipo.int/ebookshop. Il convient de citer notamment :

- le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, publication sur feuilles mobiles de cinq classeurs et d'environ 1600 pages (disponible en français et en anglais auprès de l'OMPI; également disponible en allemand, en chinois et en japonais auprès d'autres sources – s'adresser à l'OMPI pour plus de précisions);

- les brochures PCT, contenant les demandes internationales publiées (en diverses langues – voir le paragraphe 32 – avec titre, abrégé et rapports de recherche internationale correspondants dans la langue de publication ainsi qu'en anglais);

- la *Gazette du PCT* (bilingue – français et anglais) (pour la version électronique, voir le paragraphe 29);

- le bulletin *PCT Newsletter* (disponible en anglais seulement);

- la brochure contenant le texte du traité (PCT) et de son règlement d'exécution (disponible en français, en allemand, en anglais, en arabe, en chinois, en espagnol, en italien, en portugais et en russe);

- les numéros spéciaux de la *Gazette du PCT* (voir le paragraphe 31) (disponibles en français et en anglais);

- le Chronodisque PCT (voir le paragraphe 37) (dates de priorité de janvier 2000 à décembre 2001).

39. A leaflet entitled *Basic Facts about the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)* is published in English, French, German, Japanese, Portuguese and Spanish, and is available free of charge.

40. The ESPACE WORLD CD-ROMs containing published international applications may be ordered from the European Patent Office, P.O. Box 90, A-1031 Vienna, Austria, e-mail: infowien@epo.org. However, CD-ROMs containing the international applications published between 1978 and 1989 can be obtained only from WIPO, at the address indicated in paragraph 38.

41. CD-ROMs containing information from the *PCT Gazette*, which are produced by Bundesdruckerei GmbH, may be ordered from the following address: Bundesdruckerei GmbH, Sparte Elektronische Publikationen, Oranienstraße 91, D-10958 Berlin, Germany.

42. **Internet.** During 2000, the PCT website received 7.6 million hits and over this period, some 531,000 visits were made to the site. The following may be viewed, free of charge on the site (<http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>):

PCT InfoLine and contacts

Filing PCT applications

Basic Facts about the PCT

PCT forms

Direct filing of PCT applications with the International Bureau as PCT receiving Office

PCT Applicant's Guide

Practical advice published in the PCT Newsletter between March 1994 and December 1996 (practical advice published after December 1996 is accessed via the PCT Newsletter itself)

PCT-EASY

PCT legal texts

About the Treaty

Text of the Patent Cooperation Treaty and Regulations

Administrative Instructions under the PCT

PCT Receiving Office Guidelines

PCT International Search Guidelines

PCT International Preliminary Examination Guidelines

Ratification situation

PCT Gazette

PCT News

PCT Newsletter (No. 01/1997 to current issue)

PCT press releases/updates

The PCT in 2000

PCT seminars

PCT meetings

PCT Assembly documents: 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997

PCT Informal Consultation Meeting on Electronic Filing (11–14 July 2000)

PCT Committee for Administrative and Legal Matters documents: 1999

Ordering PCT publications

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39. Un dépliant intitulé *Données essentielles concernant le Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)* est publié en français, en allemand, en anglais, en espagnol, en japonais et en portugais et peut être obtenu gratuitement.

40. Les disques compacts ROM ESPACE WORLD, qui contiennent les demandes internationales publiées, peuvent être commandés auprès de l'Office européen des brevets, B.P. 90, A-1031 Vienne (Autriche), mél. : infowien@epo.org. Toutefois, les disques contenant les demandes internationales publiées entre 1978 et 1989 peuvent être obtenus uniquement auprès de l'OMPI, à l'adresse indiquée au paragraphe 38.

41. Les disques compacts ROM contenant les informations de la *Gazette du PCT*, qui sont produits par Bundesdruckerei GmbH, peuvent être commandés à l'adresse suivante : Bundesdruckerei GmbH, Sparte Elektronische Publikationen, Oranienstraße 91, D-10958 Berlin (Allemagne).

42. **Internet.** En 2000, le site Internet du PCT a enregistré 7,6 millions de demandes d'accès et 531 000 visites. Les documents ci-après peuvent être consultés, gratuitement, sur ce site (<http://www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/index.html>) :

Service d'information directe du PCT – comment le contacter

Dépôt des demandes PCT

Données essentielles concernant le PCT

Formulaires du PCT

Dépôt direct de demandes PCT auprès du Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur selon le PCT

Guide du déposant du PCT

Conseils pratiques publiés dans le bulletin PCT Newsletter entre mars 1994 et décembre 1996 (les conseils pratiques publiés après décembre 1996 peuvent être consultés directement sous la rubrique PCT Newsletter) (en anglais seulement)

PCT-EASY (en anglais seulement)

Textes juridiques relatifs au PCT

Au sujet du traité

Texte du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets et du règlement d'exécution

Instructions administratives du PCT

Directives à l'usage des offices récepteurs du PCT

Directives concernant la recherche internationale selon le PCT

Directives concernant l'examen préliminaire international selon le PCT

État des ratifications

Gazette du PCT

Nouveautés

Bulletin PCT Newsletter (en anglais seulement) (à partir du n° 01/1997)

Communiqués de presse et actualités concernant le PCT

Le PCT en 2000

Séminaires sur le PCT

Réunions du PCT

Documents de l'Assemblée du PCT : 2000, 1999, 1998, 1997

Documents de la Réunion consultative informelle du PCT relative au dépôt électronique (11-14 juillet 2000)

Documents du Comité des questions administratives et juridiques du PCT : 1999

Commande de publications PCT (librairie électronique)

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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTING PART FILED ON AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT SUCH FILINGS AND SPECIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA

The following receiving Offices have notified the International Bureau that they are prepared to accept the filing of international applications containing a sequence listing part filed on an electronic medium under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii) of the Administrative Instructions and have specified, under Section 801(b), that they will accept such filings on the following electronic media:

CZ	Industrial Property Office (Czech Republic)	CD-ROM CD-R CD-RW DVD-ROM
GB	United Kingdom Patent Office	Any electronic medium referred to in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 02/2001, page 828]

DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT UNE PARTIE RÉSERVÉE AU LISTAGE DES SÉQUENCES DÉPOSÉE SUR UN SUPPORT ÉLECTRONIQUE : OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DISPOSÉS À ACCEPTER DE TELS DÉPÔTS ET SPÉCIFICATION DES SUPPORTS ÉLECTRONIQUES

Les offices récepteurs suivants ont informé le Bureau international qu'ils sont disposés à accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales dont la partie réservée au listage des séquences est déposée sur un support électronique en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801.a)i) ou ii) et ont spécifié, en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801.b), qu'ils accepteront de tels dépôts sur les supports électroniques suivants :

CZ	Office de la propriété industrielle (République tchèque)	CD-ROM CD-R CD-RW DVD-ROM
GB	Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni	Tout support électronique visé à l'annexe C des instructions administratives.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° 02/2001, page 829]

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**SG Singapore**

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified a change in its Internet address, as follows:

Internet: <http://www.ipos.gov.sg>

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex B1(SG), page 156]

RECEIVING OFFICES**IB International Bureau**

The **Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property of Saint Lucia** has specified the Austrian Patent Office as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saint Lucia with the International Bureau as receiving Office. The consolidated list of competent Authorities now reads as follows:

Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office or European Patent Office
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Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office or European Patent Office ¹
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex C(IB), page 240]

¹ The European Patent Office is competent only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office or the Austrian Patent Office.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**SG Singapour**

L'Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Singapour a notifié un changement dans son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Internet: <http://www.ipos.gov.sg>

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe B1(SG), page 158]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**IB Bureau international**

L'Office pour l'enregistrement des sociétés et de la propriété intellectuelle de Sainte-Lucie a spécifié l'Office autrichien des brevets en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées par les nationaux et résidents de Sainte-Lucie auprès du Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur. La liste récapitulative des administrations compétentes est la suivante :

Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale :

Office australien des brevets, Office autrichien des brevets ou Office européen des brevets

Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international :

Office australien des brevets, Office autrichien des brevets ou Office européen des brevets¹

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe C(IB), page 250]

¹ L'Office européen des brevets n'est compétent que si la recherche a été effectuée par ses soins ou par l'Office autrichien des brevets.

SECTION IV

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Corrigendum)**CR Costa Rica**

The **Registry of Intellectual Property of Costa Rica** has notified the International Bureau of an error in the information published in PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Summary (CR), concerning the currency of the fees payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The correct currency and amounts of fees are as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee: USD 150

For utility model:

Filing fee: USD 75

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Summary (CR), page 353]

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES
DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES****MZ Mozambique**

General information on **Mozambique** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Central Department of Industrial Property of Mozambique** as designated (or elected) Office is given in Annex B1(MZ) and in the Summary (MZ), which are published on the following pages.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (rectificatif)**CR Costa Rica**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle du Costa Rica** a informé le Bureau international d'une erreur dans l'indication publiée dans la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), résumé (CR), en ce qui concerne la monnaie utilisée pour le paiement des taxes à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). La monnaie et le montant corrects des taxes sont les suivants :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt : USD 150

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt : USD 75

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), résumé (CR), page 384]

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS
OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)****MZ Mozambique**

Des informations de caractère général concernant le **Mozambique**, ainsi que des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences du **Département central de la propriété industrielle du Mozambique** en tant qu'office désigné (ou élu), sont reproduits dans l'annexe B1(MZ) ainsi que dans le résumé (MZ), publiés sur les pages suivantes.

B1 Information on Contracting States B1**MZ MOZAMBIQUE MZ****General information**

Name of Office:	Central Department of Industrial Property
Location and mailing address:	Avenida 25 de Setembro No. 1502, P.O. Box 654, Maputo, Mozambique
Telephone:	(258-1) 311 565
Facsimile machine:	(258-1) 311 564
Teleprinter:	—
E-mail:	—
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Mozambique:	ARIPO Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Mozambique is designated (or elected):	National patent: Central Department of Industrial Property (see Volume II) ARIPO patent: ARIPO Office (see Volume II)
May Mozambique be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models ARIPO: Patents
Provisions of the law of Mozambique concerning international-type search:	None

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B1 **Informations sur les États contractants** **B1**
MZ **MOZAMBIQUE** **MZ**

Informations générales

Nom de l'office :	Central Department of Industrial Property Département central de la propriété industrielle
Siège et adresse postale :	Avenida 25 de Setembro No. 1502, P.O. Box 654, Maputo, Mozambique
Téléphone :	(258-1) 311 565
Télécopieur :	(258-1) 311 564
Téléimprimeur :	–
Courrier électronique :	–
Internet :	–
L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT)?	Oui, par télécopieur
Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens?	Tous types de documents
L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas?	Oui, dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de la transmission
L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT)?	Oui
Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux du Mozambique et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées :	Office de l'ARIPO ou Bureau international de l'OMPI, au choix du déposant (voir l'annexe C)
Office désigné (ou élu) compétent si le Mozambique est désigné (ou élu) :	Brevet national : Département central de la propriété industrielle (voir le volume II) Brevet ARIPO : Office de l'ARIPO (voir le volume II)
Le Mozambique peut-il être élu?	Oui (lié par le chapitre II du PCT)
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Nationale : Brevets, modèles d'utilité ARIPO : Brevets

[Suite sur la page suivante]

B1 **Information on Contracting States** **B1****MZ** **MOZAMBIQUE** **MZ***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication:

Provisional protection (see Article 54 of the Industrial Property Code) applies as from the date of the publication of a notice (with a summary description of the patent) in the Industrial Property Bulletin

Information of interest if Mozambique is designated (or elected)

For national protection

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Mozambique is designated (or elected):

Must be in the request. If the data concerning the inventor are missing at the expiry of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material?

No

For an ARIPO patent — See African Regional Industrial Property Organization (AP) in Annex B2

B1 Informations sur les États contractants B1**MZ MOZAMBIQUE MZ***[Suite]*

Dispositions de la législation du Mozambique relatives à la recherche de type international :

Néant

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :

La protection provisoire (voir l'article 54 du Code de la propriété industrielle) s'applique à compter de la date de publication d'un avis (contenant une description sommaire du brevet) dans le Bulletin de la propriété industrielle

Informations utiles si le Mozambique est désigné (ou élu)**Pour la protection nationale**

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si le Mozambique est désigné (ou élu) :

Doivent figurer dans la requête. S'ils n'ont pas été communiqués à l'expiration du délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1)a) du PCT, l'office invitera le déposant à faire le nécessaire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique ?

Non

Pour un brevet ARIPO – Voir Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (AP) à l'annexe B2

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****MZ****CENTRAL DEPARTMENT OF
INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY
(MOZAMBIQUE)****MZ****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: 21 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into:	Portuguese
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee: ¹	Currency: Mozambique metical (MZM) Filing fee: MZM ² ...
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>): ³	Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in the international publication or in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) Instrument of assignment if the applicant is not the inventor Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Mozambique
Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or patent agent registered to practice before the Office

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² The amount of the fee is not yet known. It will be fixed in the near future. The Office or agent should be consulted for the latest applicable schedule of fees.

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

RÉSUMÉ

**Office désigné
(ou élu)**

RÉSUMÉ

MZ

**DÉPARTEMENT CENTRAL DE LA
PROPRIÉTÉ INDUSTRIELLE
(MOZAMBIQUE)**

MZ

Résumé des exigences pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale:	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT: 21 mois à compter de la date de priorité En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT: 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
Traduction de la demande internationale requise en:	Portugais
Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale ¹ :	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT: Description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, à la fois telles que déposées initialement et telles que modifiées, ainsi que toute déclaration faite en vertu de l'article 19 du PCT), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT: Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer à la fois tel que déposé initialement et tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international)
Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise?	Non
Taxe nationale ¹ :	Monnaie: Metical mozambicain (MZM) Taxe de dépôt: MZM ² ...
Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale:	Néant
Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51bis du PCT) ³ :	Justification du changement du nom du déposant si le changement est survenu après la date du dépôt international et qu'il n'a pas été reflété dans la publication internationale ou dans une notification émanant du Bureau international (formulaire PCT/IB/306) Acte de cession si le déposant n'est pas l'inventeur Désignation d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié au Mozambique
Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?	Tout conseil en brevets ou agent de brevets habilité à exercer auprès de l'office

¹ Doit être remise ou payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

² Le montant de la taxe n'est pas encore connu. Il sera fixé prochainement. Pour connaître le barème de taxes en vigueur, se renseigner auprès de l'office ou du mandataire.

³ Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**SG Singapore**

The **Intellectual Property Office of Singapore** has notified a change in the amount of the transmittal fee in **Singapore dollars (SGD)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee: SGD 150

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex C(SG), page 278]

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTING PART FILED ON AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT SUCH FILINGS AND SPECIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA

The following receiving Office has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept the filing of international applications containing a sequence listing part filed on an electronic medium under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii) of the Administrative Instructions and has specified, under Section 801(b), that it will accept such filings on the following electronic media:

AT Austrian Patent Office CD-ROM
CD-R

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 02/2001, page 828]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**SG Singapour**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de Singapour** a notifié un changement dans le montant de la taxe de transmission, exprimé en **dollars de Singapour (SGD)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe de transmission : SGD 150

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe C(SG), page 297]

DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT UNE PARTIE RÉSERVÉE AU LISTAGE DES SÉQUENCES DÉPOSÉE SUR UN SUPPORT ÉLECTRONIQUE : OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DISPOSÉS À ACCEPTER DE TELS DÉPÔTS ET SPÉCIFICATION DES SUPPORTS ÉLECTRONIQUES

L'office récepteur suivant a informé le Bureau international qu'il est disposé à accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales dont la partie réservée au listage des séquences est déposée sur un support électronique en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801.a)i) ou ii) et a spécifié, en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801.b), qu'il acceptera de tels dépôts sur les supports électroniques suivants :

AT Office autrichien des brevets CD-ROM
CD-R

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**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES**

GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Patent Office** has specified the removal of a requirement, as well as the introduction of changes to the special provisions applying to international applications filed on or after 6 July 2001, concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. The consolidated text of the entry “United Kingdom” in Annex L, as amended, is reproduced below:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:	Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13 <i>bis</i> .3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column
[No change]	[No change]
	None

Deposits may also be made for the purposes of patent procedure before the UK Patent Office with “any depositary institution anywhere in the world.” It is the responsibility of the applicant to select the depositary institution with which he wishes to make his deposit and to ensure that samples of the culture deposited will be made available in accordance with Rule 17 and Schedule 2 of the UK Patents Rules 1995 as amended by the Patents (Amendment) Rules 2001. The applicant may give notice in writing to the International Bureau before technical preparations for publication of the international application are completed that a sample should be made available only to an expert.

WARNING: Where the invention involves the use of or concerns biological material which is not available to the public at the date of filing the application and which has been deposited by a person other than the applicant, the name and address of the depositor must be stated in the application and a document must be filed which will satisfy the comptroller that the depositor has authorized the applicant to refer to the deposited material in the application and has given his unreserved and irrevocable consent to the deposited material being made available to the public in accordance with Schedule 2 of the UK Patents Rules 1995 as amended by the Patents (Amendment) Rules 2001.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex L, page 325]

DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE EXIGENCES DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS ET ÉLUS

GB Royaume-Uni

L'Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni a notifié la suppression d'une exigence ainsi que l'introduction de changements aux dispositions particulières s'appliquant aux demandes internationales déposées le 6 juillet 2001 ou ultérieurement, relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique. Le texte récapitulatif de la rubrique "Royaume-Uni" de l'annexe L, telle que modifiée, est reproduit ci-dessous :

<p>Délai (éventuel) inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, dans lequel le déposant doit fournir :</p>	<p>Indications (éventuelles) qui doivent figurer outre celles exigées dans la règle 13<i>bis</i>.3.a)i) à iii) selon les notifications des offices intéressés</p>
<p>les indications exigées dans la règle 13<i>bis</i>.3.a)i) à iii)</p>	<p>toute indication supplémentaire spécifiée dans la colonne adjacente de droite</p>
<p>[Sans changement]</p>	<p>[Sans changement]</p>
	<p>Aucune</p>

Les dépôts aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets devant l'Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni peuvent également être effectués auprès de toute institution de dépôt en tout lieu du monde. Il incombe au déposant de choisir l'institution de dépôt auprès de laquelle il désire effectuer son dépôt et de s'assurer que les échantillons de la culture déposée seront accessibles conformément à la règle 17 et au barème 2 du Règlement sur les brevets du Royaume-Uni de 1995, tel que modifié par le Règlement (modification) sur les brevets de 2001. Le déposant peut aviser le Bureau international par écrit, avant l'achèvement de la préparation technique de la publication de la demande internationale, qu'un échantillon ne peut être remis qu'à un expert en la matière.

ATTENTION : Lorsque l'invention comporte l'utilisation d'un matériel biologique ou qu'elle concerne un matériel biologique auquel le public n'a pas accès à la date du dépôt de la demande et qui a été déposé par une personne autre que le déposant de la demande, le nom et l'adresse du déposant du matériel biologique doivent figurer dans la demande et un document doit être remis qui établira à la satisfaction du *comptroller* que le déposant du matériel biologique a autorisé le déposant de la demande à se référer dans cette demande au matériel déposé, et a consenti sans réserve et de manière irrévocable à mettre le matériel déposé à la disposition du public, conformément au barème 2 du Règlement sur les brevets du Royaume-Uni de 1995, tel que modifié par le Règlement (modification) sur les brevets de 2001.

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AU Australia	7696	AU Australie	7697
EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)	7696	EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)	7697
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AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)	7696	AP Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO)	7697

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AU Australia**

New equivalent amounts in **Australian dollars (AUD)** have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), as well as for the reduction of the international fee where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 June 2001, are specified below:

Basic fee:	AUD	759
Supplement per sheet over 30:	AUD	18
Designation fee:	AUD	164
PCT-EASY fee reduction:	AUD	234
Handling fee:	AUD	272

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex C(AU), page 208, and Annex E(AU), page 304]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the European Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from 1 June 2001.

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	NZD	2,000
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex D(EP), page 295]

INFORMATION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)**

The **African Regional Industrial Property Organization** has notified changes in its location and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location:	11 Natal Road, Belgravia, Harare, Zimbabwe
Telephone:	(263-4) 79 40 54, 79 40 65
Facsimile machine:	(263-4) 79 40 73

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex B2(AP), page 194]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AU Australie**

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **dollars australiens (AUD)**, ont été établis pour la taxe de base, le supplément par feuille à compter de la 31^e, la taxe de désignation et la taxe de traitement, conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} juin 2001, sont les suivants :

Taxe de base :	AUD	759
Supplément par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	AUD	18
Taxe de désignation :	AUD	164
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY :	AUD	234
Taxe de traitement :	AUD	272

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe C(AU), page 212, et annexe E(AU), page 331]

EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets. Le nouveau montant est applicable à compter du 1^{er} juin 2001.

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) :	NZD	2.000
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe D(EP), page 321]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES**AP Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO)**

L'**Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle** a notifié des changements dans l'adresse de son siège et dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Siège :	11 Natal Road, Belgravia, Harare, Zimbabwe
Téléphone :	(263-4) 79 40 54, 79 40 65
Télécopieur :	(263-4) 79 40 73

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GQ Equatorial Guinea	8152	GQ Guinée équatoriale	8153

CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****GQ Equatorial Guinea**

On 17 April 2001, **Equatorial Guinea** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Equatorial Guinea will become the 111th Contracting State of the PCT on 17 July 2001.

Consequently, as from 17 July 2001, nationals and residents of Equatorial Guinea may file international applications under the PCT. Also, in any international application filed on or after 17 July 2001, it will be possible to designate Equatorial Guinea (country code: GQ), and because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, it will be possible to elect that State for the purposes of international preliminary examination. Since Equatorial Guinea is a member State of the African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI), the designation (or election) of Equatorial Guinea will have the effect of a designation (or election) of that State for the purposes of a regional patent issued by OAPI. Any designation in an international application for an OAPI patent will, as from 17 July 2001, automatically include the designation of Equatorial Guinea for that purpose.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex A, page 6]

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)****GQ Guinée équatoriale**

Le 17 avril 2001, la **Guinée équatoriale** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT. La Guinée équatoriale deviendra le 111^e État contractant du PCT le 17 juillet 2001.

En conséquence, à partir du 17 juillet 2001, les nationaux de la Guinée équatoriale et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT. En outre, la Guinée équatoriale pourra être désignée (code pour le pays : GQ) dans toute demande internationale déposée le 17 juillet 2001 ou ultérieurement et, étant liée par le chapitre II du PCT, pourra aussi être élue. Puisque la Guinée équatoriale est État membre de l'Organisation africaine de la propriété intellectuelle (OAPI), la désignation (ou l'élection) de la Guinée équatoriale aura l'effet d'une désignation (ou d'une élection) de cet État en vue de l'obtention d'un brevet régional délivré par l'OAPI. Toute désignation faite dans une demande internationale en vue de l'obtention d'un brevet OAPI emportera automatiquement, dès le 17 juillet 2001, la désignation de la Guinée équatoriale à cet effet.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe A, page 6]

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US United States of America	9468	US États-Unis d'Amérique	9469
Receiving Offices		Offices récepteurs	
DK Denmark	9468	DK Danemark	9469
Request in PCT-EASY Format:		Requête en mode de présentation PCT-EASY :	
Receiving Offices Prepared to Accept		Offices récepteurs disposés à accepter	
Filings		les dépôts	
NZ New Zealand	9468	NZ Nouvelle-Zélande	9469
Designated (or Elected) Offices		Offices désignés (ou élus)	
DK Denmark	9470	DK Danemark	9471

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**US United States of America**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **New Zealand dollars (NZD)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 August 2001, are as follows:

Search fee (international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office):	NZD 1,700 (1,100) The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee paid
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex D(US), page 302]

RECEIVING OFFICES**DK Denmark**

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes in its requirements as to whether an agent is required by the receiving Office and who can act as agent before it, as follows:

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in the European Economic Area

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex C(DK), page 225]

REQUEST IN PCT-EASY FORMAT: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT FILINGS**NZ New Zealand**

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified the International Bureau that, as from 1 July 2001, it is prepared to accept the filing of international applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes. The corresponding PCT-EASY fee reduction is as follows:

PCT-EASY fee reduction:	NZD 284
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 52/1998, table published on page 17572, and No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex C(NZ), page 270]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **dollars néo-zélandais (NZD)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} août 2001, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :	NZD 1.700 (1.100)
	Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante, selon le paragraphe 111.a) du titre 35 USC, accompagnée d'une taxe de dépôt de base, a été déposée aux États-Unis

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe D(US), page 329]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**DK Danemark**

L'**Office danois des brevets et des marques** a notifié des changements dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir si l'office récepteur exige un mandataire et qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office, comme suit :

L'office récepteur exige-t-il un mandataire ?	Non
Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Toute personne physique ou morale domiciliée dans l'Espace économique européen

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe C(DK), page 231]

REQUÊTE EN MODE DE PRÉSENTATION PCT-EASY : OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DISPOSÉS À ACCEPTER LES DÉPÔTS**NZ Nouvelle-Zélande**

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Nouvelle-Zélande** a informé le Bureau international que, à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2001, il est disposé à accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec des disquettes PCT-EASY. La réduction de taxe PCT-EASY correspondante est la suivante :

Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY :	NZD 284
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° 52/1998, tableau publié à la page 17573, et n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe C(NZ), page 288]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**DK Denmark**

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change in its requirement as to who can act as agent before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in the European Economic Area
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Summary (DK), page 361]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**DK Danemark**

L'**Office danois des brevets et des marques** a notifié un changement dans son exigence relative à la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Toute personne physique ou morale domiciliée dans l'Espace économique européen
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), résumé (DK), page 392]

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CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****PH Philippines**

On 17 May 2001, the **Philippines** deposited its instrument of ratification of the PCT. The Philippines will become the 112th Contracting State of the PCT on 17 August 2001.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 17 August 2001, the Philippines (country code: PH) may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, nationals and residents of the Philippines will be entitled from 17 August 2001 to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex A, page 6]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**IS Iceland**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 15.2(d), new equivalent amounts in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30 and the designation fee. The new amounts, applicable as from 15 August 2001, are specified below:

Basic fee:	ISK 38,500
Supplement per sheet over 30:	ISK 900
Designation fee:	ISK 8,300

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex C(IS), page 247]

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTING PART FILED ON AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT SUCH FILINGS AND SPECIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA

The following receiving Office has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept the filing of international applications containing a sequence listing part filed on an electronic medium under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii) of the Administrative Instructions and has specified, under Section 801(b), that it will accept such filings on the following electronic media:

IN Indian Patent Office	CD-ROM
	DVD-ROM

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 02/2001, page 828]

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)****PH Philippines**

Le 17 mai 2001, les **Philippines** ont déposé leur instrument de ratification au PCT. Les Philippines deviendront le 112^e État contractant du PCT le 17 août 2001.

En conséquence, les Philippines pourront être désignées (code pour le pays : PH) dans toute demande internationale déposée le 17 août 2001 ou ultérieurement et, étant liées par le chapitre II du PCT, pourront aussi être élues. En outre, à partir du 17 août 2001, les nationaux des Philippines et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe A, page 6]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**IS Islande**

Conformément à la règle 15.2.d) du PCT, de nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, ont été établis pour la taxe de base, le supplément par feuille à compter de la 31^e et la taxe de désignation. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 15 août 2001, sont les suivants :

Taxe de base :	ISK	38.500
Supplément par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	ISK	900
Taxe de désignation :	ISK	8.300

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe C(IS), page 258]

DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT UNE PARTIE RÉSERVÉE AU LISTAGE DES SÉQUENCES DÉPOSÉE SUR UN SUPPORT ÉLECTRONIQUE : OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DISPOSÉS À ACCEPTER DE TELS DÉPÔTS ET SPÉCIFICATION DES SUPPORTS ÉLECTRONIQUES

L'office récepteur suivant a informé le Bureau international qu'il est disposé à accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales dont la partie réservée au listage des séquences est déposée sur un support électronique en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801.a)i) ou ii) et a spécifié, en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801.b), qu'il acceptera de tels dépôts sur les supports électroniques suivants :

IN	Office indien des brevets	CD-ROM
		DVD-ROM

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° 02/2001, page 829]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE****JP Japan**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name and address of the National Institute of Bioscience and Human-Technology (NIBH), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

International Patent Organism Depositary (IPOD)
AIST Tsukuba Central 6, 1-1, Higashi 1-chome
Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-Ken 305-8566
Japan

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex L, page 330]

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT
MODIFICATION OF ANNEX A—FORMS****Form PCT/RO/101 (Request)**

The Request Form has been modified to take into account the entry into force of the PCT for **Ecuador** (as from 7 May 2001).

This modification concerns Box No. V of the Request Form and the Notes to the Fee Calculation Sheet. The Notes to the request form relating to Box No. V have also been modified to take into account that, in **Australia**, a petty patent can no longer be sought.

All the sheets of the Request Form, including the Notes to the request form, the Fee Calculation Sheet (annex to the Request Form) and the Notes thereto, are dated July 2001 (the date of issuance or of reprinting of the sheet) and are reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction).

Only the updated version of the Request Form should be used for international applications filed as from 1 July 2001. Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices and the International Bureau, and will also be available on the Internet.

Form PCT/IPEA/401 (Demand)

The Demand Form itself and the Fee Calculation Sheet (annex to the Demand Form) have not been modified except for the date of reprinting on each sheet (July 2001).

The Notes to the Fee Calculation Sheet (annex to the Demand Form) relating to the reduction of the handling fee for qualifying applicants from certain States have been modified to take into account the entry into force of the PCT for **Ecuador**.

All the sheets of the Demand Form, including the Notes to the demand form, the Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes thereto, are dated July 2001 (the date of issuance or of reprinting of the sheet) and are reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction). Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices, International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau, and will also be available on the Internet.

DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE INSTITUTIONS AUPRÈS DESQUELLES DES DÉPÔTS PEUVENT ÊTRE EFFECTUÉS

JP Japon

Conformément à la règle 13bis.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office des brevets du Japon** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à un changement de nom et d'adresse du National Institute of Bioscience and Human-Technology (NIBH), institution de dépôt internationale reconnue en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès de laquelle des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, comme suit :

International Patent Organism Depositary (IPOD)
AIST Tsukuba Central 6, 1-1, Higashi 1-chome
Tsukuba-shi, Ibaraki-Ken 305-8566
Japon

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe L, page 359]

INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT MODIFICATION DE L'ANNEXE A – FORMULAIRES

Formulaire PCT/RO/101 (requête)

Le formulaire de requête a été modifié pour tenir compte de l'entrée en vigueur du PCT pour l'**Équateur** (à compter du 7 mai 2001).

Cette modification concerne le cadre n° V du formulaire de requête et les notes relatives à la feuille de calcul des taxes. Les notes du formulaire de requête relatives au cadre n° V ont également été modifiées pour tenir compte du fait que, en **Australie**, un petty patent ne peut plus être demandé.

Toutes les feuilles du formulaire de requête, y compris les notes y relatives, la feuille de calcul des taxes (annexe de la requête) et les notes y relatives, ont été datées de juillet 2001 (date d'émission ou de réimpression de la feuille) et sont reproduites sur les pages suivantes (sans pagination pour qu'il soit possible de les reproduire aisément).

Seule la version mise à jour du formulaire de requête devrait être utilisée pour les demandes internationales déposées à partir du 1^{er} juillet 2001. Des exemplaires peuvent être obtenus gratuitement auprès des offices récepteurs et du Bureau international et seront également disponibles sur l'Internet.

Formulaire PCT/IPEA/401 (demande d'examen préliminaire international)

Le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international lui-même et la feuille de calcul des taxes (annexe du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international) n'ont pas été modifiés, si ce n'est que la date de réimpression a été ajoutée sur chacune des feuilles (juillet 2001).

Les notes relatives à la feuille de calcul des taxes (annexe de la demande d'examen préliminaire international) concernant la réduction de la taxe de traitement pour les déposants de certains États qui y ont droit ont été modifiées pour tenir compte de l'entrée en vigueur du PCT pour l'**Équateur**.

Toutes les feuilles du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international, y compris les notes y relatives, la feuille de calcul des taxes et les notes y relatives ont été datées de juillet 2001 (date d'émission ou de réimpression de la feuille) et sont reproduites sur les pages suivantes (sans pagination pour qu'il soit possible de les reproduire aisément). Des exemplaires peuvent être obtenus gratuitement auprès des offices récepteurs, des administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international et du Bureau international et seront également disponibles sur l'Internet.

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

For receiving Office use only

International Application No.

International Filing Date

Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum)

Box No. I TITLE OF INVENTION	
Box No. II APPLICANT <input type="checkbox"/> This person is also inventor	
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)	Telephone No.
	Facsimile No.
	Teleprinter No.
	Applicant's registration No. with the Office
State (that is, country) of nationality:	State (that is, country) of residence:
This person is applicant for the purposes of: <input type="checkbox"/> all designated States <input type="checkbox"/> all designated States except the United States of America <input type="checkbox"/> the United States of America only <input type="checkbox"/> the States indicated in the Supplemental Box	
Box No. III FURTHER APPLICANT(S) AND/OR (FURTHER) INVENTOR(S)	
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)	This person is: <input type="checkbox"/> applicant only <input type="checkbox"/> applicant and inventor <input type="checkbox"/> inventor only (If this check-box is marked, do not fill in below.)
	Applicant's registration No. with the Office
State (that is, country) of nationality:	State (that is, country) of residence:
This person is applicant for the purposes of: <input type="checkbox"/> all designated States <input type="checkbox"/> all designated States except the United States of America <input type="checkbox"/> the United States of America only <input type="checkbox"/> the States indicated in the Supplemental Box	
<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on a continuation sheet.	
Box No. IV AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE	
The person identified below is hereby/has been appointed to act on behalf of the applicant(s) before the competent International Authorities as: <input type="checkbox"/> agent <input type="checkbox"/> common representative	
Name and address: (Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)	Telephone No.
	Facsimile No.
	Teleprinter No.
	Agent's registration No. with the Office
<input type="checkbox"/> Address for correspondence: Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special address to which correspondence should be sent.	

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REQUÊTE

Le soussigné requiert que la présente demande internationale soit traitée conformément au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets.

Réservé à l'office récepteur

Demande internationale n°

Date du dépôt international

Nom de l'office récepteur et "Demande internationale PCT"

Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire (*facultatif*)
(12 caractères au maximum)

Cadre n° I TITRE DE L'INVENTION

Cadre n° II DÉPOSANT

Cette personne est aussi inventeur

Nom et adresse : (*Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays. Le pays de l'adresse indiquée dans ce cadre est l'État où le déposant a son domicile si aucun domicile n'est indiqué ci-dessous.*)

n° de téléphone

n° de télécopieur

n° de tél'imprimeur

n° sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office

Nationalité (*nom de l'État*) :

Domicile (*nom de l'État*) :

Cette personne est déposant pour : tous les États désignés tous les États désignés sauf les États-Unis d'Amérique les États-Unis d'Amérique seulement les États indiqués dans le cadre supplémentaire

Cadre n° III AUTRE(S) DÉPOSANT(S) OU (AUTRE(S)) INVENTEUR(S)

Nom et adresse : (*Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays. Le pays de l'adresse indiquée dans ce cadre est l'État où le déposant a son domicile si aucun domicile n'est indiqué ci-dessous.*)

Cette personne est :

déposant seulement

déposant et inventeur

inventeur seulement (*Si cette case est cochée, ne pas remplir la suite.*)

n° sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office

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D'autres déposants ou inventeurs sont indiqués sur une feuille annexe.

Cadre n° IV MANDATAIRE OU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN; OU ADRESSE POUR LA CORRESPONDANCE

La personne dont l'identité est donnée ci-dessous est/a été désignée pour agir au nom du ou des déposants auprès des autorités internationales compétentes, comme: mandataire représentant commun

Nom et adresse : (*Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.*)

n° de téléphone

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n° sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office

Adresse pour la correspondance : cocher cette case lorsque aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est/n'a été désigné et que l'espace ci-dessus est utilisé pour indiquer une adresse spéciale à laquelle la correspondance doit être envoyée.

Continuation of Box No. III FURTHER APPLICANT(S) AND/OR (FURTHER) INVENTOR(S)

If none of the following sub-boxes is used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Name and address: <i>(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below.)</i>	This person is: <input type="checkbox"/> applicant only <input type="checkbox"/> applicant and inventor <input type="checkbox"/> inventor only <i>(If this check-box is marked, do not fill in below.)</i>
Applicant's registration No. with the Office	

State <i>(that is, country)</i> of nationality:	State <i>(that is, country)</i> of residence:
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This person is applicant for the purposes of:
 all designated States
 all designated States except the United States of America
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Further applicants and/or (further) inventors are indicated on another continuation sheet.

Suite du cadre n° III AUTRE(S) DÉPOSANT(S) OU (AUTRE(S)) INVENTEUR(S)

Si aucun des sous-cadres suivants n'est utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Nom et adresse : <i>(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays. Le pays de l'adresse indiquée dans ce cadre est l'État où le déposant a son domicile si aucun domicile n'est indiqué ci-dessous.)</i>		Cette personne est : <input type="checkbox"/> déposant seulement <input type="checkbox"/> déposant et inventeur <input type="checkbox"/> inventeur seulement <i>(Si cette case est cochée, ne pas remplir la suite.)</i>
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Box No. V DESIGNATION OF STATES *Mark the applicable check-boxes below; at least one must be marked.*

The following designations are hereby made under Rule 4.9(a):

Regional Patent

- AP ARIPO Patent:** **GH** Ghana, **GM** Gambia, **KE** Kenya, **LS** Lesotho, **MW** Malawi, **MZ** Mozambique, **SD** Sudan, **SL** Sierra Leone, **SZ** Swaziland, **TZ** United Republic of Tanzania, **UG** Uganda, **ZW** Zimbabwe, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Harare Protocol and of the PCT
- EA Eurasian Patent:** **AM** Armenia, **AZ** Azerbaijan, **BY** Belarus, **KG** Kyrgyzstan, **KZ** Kazakhstan, **MD** Republic of Moldova, **RU** Russian Federation, **TJ** Tajikistan, **TM** Turkmenistan, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the Eurasian Patent Convention and of the PCT
- EP European Patent:** **AT** Austria, **BE** Belgium, **CH & LI** Switzerland and Liechtenstein, **CY** Cyprus, **DE** Germany, **DK** Denmark, **ES** Spain, **FI** Finland, **FR** France, **GB** United Kingdom, **GR** Greece, **IE** Ireland, **IT** Italy, **LU** Luxembourg, **MC** Monaco, **NL** Netherlands, **PT** Portugal, **SE** Sweden, **TR** Turkey, and any other State which is a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention and of the PCT
- OA OAPI Patent:** **BF** Burkina Faso, **BJ** Benin, **CF** Central African Republic, **CG** Congo, **CI** Côte d'Ivoire, **CM** Cameroon, **GA** Gabon, **GN** Guinea, **GW** Guinea-Bissau, **ML** Mali, **MR** Mauritania, **NE** Niger, **SN** Senegal, **TD** Chad, **TG** Togo, and any other State which is a member State of OAPI and a Contracting State of the PCT *(if other kind of protection or treatment desired, specify on dotted line)*

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Precautionary Designation Statement: In addition to the designations made above, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all other designations which would be permitted under the PCT except any designation(s) indicated in the Supplemental Box as being excluded from the scope of this statement. The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit. *(Confirmation (including fees) must reach the receiving Office within the 15-month time limit.)*

Cadre n° V DÉSIGNATION D'ÉTATS *Cocher les cases appropriées; une au moins doit être cochée.*

Les désignations suivantes sont faites conformément à la règle 4.9.a) :

Brevet régional

- AP Brevet ARIPO** : **GH** Ghana, **GM** Gambie, **KE** Kenya, **LS** Lesotho, **MW** Malawi, **MZ** Mozambique, **SD** Soudan, **SL** Sierra Leone, **SZ** Swaziland, **TZ** République-Unie de Tanzanie, **UG** Ouganda, **ZW** Zimbabwe et tout autre État qui est un État contractant du Protocole de Harare et du PCT
- EA Brevet eurasién** : **AM** Arménie, **AZ** Azerbaïdjan, **BY** Bélarus, **KG** Kirghizistan, **KZ** Kazakhstan, **MD** République de Moldova, **RU** Fédération de Russie, **TJ** Tadjikistan, **TM** Turkménistan et tout autre État qui est un État contractant de la Convention sur le brevet eurasién et du PCT
- EP Brevet européen** : **AT** Autriche, **BE** Belgique, **CH & LI** Suisse et Liechtenstein, **CY** Chypre, **DE** Allemagne, **DK** Danemark, **ES** Espagne, **FI** Finlande, **FR** France, **GB** Royaume-Uni, **GR** Grèce, **IE** Irlande, **IT** Italie, **LU** Luxembourg, **MC** Monaco, **NL** Pays-Bas, **PT** Portugal, **SE** Suède, **TR** Turquie et tout autre État qui est un État contractant de la Convention sur le brevet européen et du PCT
- OA Brevet OAPI** : **BF** Burkina Faso, **BJ** Bénin, **CF** République centrafricaine, **CG** Congo, **CI** Côte d'Ivoire, **CM** Cameroun, **GA** Gabon, **GN** Guinée, **GW** Guinée-Bissau, **ML** Mali, **MR** Mauritanie, **NE** Niger, **SN** Sénégal, **TD** Tchad, **TG** Togo et tout autre État qui est un État membre de l'OAPI et un État contractant du PCT (*si une autre forme de protection ou de traitement est souhaitée, le préciser sur la ligne pointillée*)

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Les cases ci-dessous sont réservées à la désignation d'États qui sont devenus parties au PCT après la publication de la présente feuille :

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Déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution : outre les désignations faites ci-dessus, le déposant fait aussi conformément à la règle 4.9.b) toutes les désignations qui seraient autorisées en vertu du PCT, à l'exception de toute désignation indiquée dans le cadre supplémentaire comme étant exclue de la portée de cette déclaration. Le déposant déclare que ces désignations additionnelles sont faites sous réserve de confirmation et que toute désignation qui n'est pas confirmée avant l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité doit être considérée comme retirée par le déposant à l'expiration de ce délai. (*La confirmation (y compris les taxes) doit parvenir à l'office récepteur dans le délai de 15 mois.*)

Supplemental Box

If the Supplemental Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

1. *If, in any of the Boxes, except Boxes Nos. VIII(i) to (v) for which a special continuation box is provided, **the space is insufficient** to furnish all the information: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No...." (indicate the number of the Box) and furnish the information in the same manner as required according to the captions of the Box in which the space was insufficient, in particular:*
 - (i) *if more than two persons are to be indicated as applicants and/or inventors and no "continuation sheet" is available: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. III" and indicate for each additional person the same type of information as required in Box No. III. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below;*
 - (ii) *if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the indication "**the States indicated in the Supplemental Box**" is checked: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the applicant(s) involved and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is applicant;*
 - (iii) *if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, **the inventor or the inventor/applicant is not inventor for the purposes of all designated States or for the purposes of the United States of America**: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the inventor(s) and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is inventor;*
 - (iv) *if, in addition to the agent(s) indicated in Box No. IV, there are **further agents**: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. IV" and indicate for each further agent the same type of information as required in Box No. IV;*
 - (v) *if, in Box No. V, the name of any State (or OAPI) is accompanied by the indication "**patent of addition**," or "**certificate of addition**," or if, in Box No. V, the name of the United States of America is accompanied by an indication "**continuation**" or "**continuation-in-part**": in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. V" and the name of each State involved (or OAPI), and after the name of each such State (or OAPI), the number of the parent title or parent application and the date of grant of the parent title or filing of the parent application;*
 - (vi) *if, in Box No. VI, there are **more than five earlier applications whose priority is claimed**: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VI" and indicate for each additional earlier application the same type of information as required in Box No. VI.*
2. *If, with regard to the **precautionary designation statement** contained in Box No. V, the applicant wishes to exclude any State(s) from the scope of that statement: in such case, write "Designation(s) excluded from precautionary designation statement" and indicate the name or two-letter code of each State so excluded.*

Cadre supplémentaire Si le cadre supplémentaire n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

1. Si l'un des cadres du présent formulaire – à l'exception des cadres n^{os} VIII.i) à v) pour lesquels une feuille annexe spéciale est prévue – **ne suffit pas** à contenir tous les renseignements : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o..." (préciser le numéro du cadre) et fournir les renseignements conformément aux instructions données dans le cadre dans lequel la place était insuffisante; en particulier :
 - i) si plus de deux personnes doivent être indiquées comme **déposants ou inventeurs** et que l'on ne dispose d'aucune "feuille annexe" : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o III" et fournir pour chaque personne supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n^o III. Le pays de l'adresse indiquée dans ce cadre est l'État où le déposant a son domicile si aucun domicile n'est indiqué ci-dessous;
 - ii) si, dans le cadre n^o II ou dans l'un des sous-cadres du cadre n^o III, la case "**les États indiqués dans le cadre supplémentaire**" est cochée : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o II" ou "Suite du cadre n^o III" ou "Suite des cadres n^{os} II et III" (selon le cas), ainsi que le nom du ou des déposants en cause et, à côté de chaque nom, le ou les États pour lesquels la personne mentionnée a la qualité de déposant (ou, le cas échéant, la mention "brevet ARIPO", "brevet eurasién", "brevet européen" ou "brevet OAPI");
 - iii) si, dans le cadre n^o II ou dans l'un des sous-cadres du cadre n^o III, **l'inventeur ou l'inventeur/déposant n'a pas la qualité d'inventeur pour tous les États désignés ou pour les États-Unis d'Amérique** : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o II" ou "Suite du cadre n^o III" ou "Suite des cadres n^{os} II et III" (selon le cas), ainsi que le nom du ou des inventeurs et, à côté de chaque nom, le ou les États pour lesquels la personne mentionnée a la qualité d'inventeur (ou, le cas échéant, la mention "brevet ARIPO", "brevet eurasién", "brevet européen" ou "brevet OAPI");
 - iv) si, en plus du ou des mandataires indiqués dans le cadre n^o IV, il y a **d'autres mandataires** : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o IV" et fournir pour chaque mandataire supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n^o IV;
 - v) si, dans le cadre n^o V, le nom d'un État (ou de l'OAPI) est assorti de la mention "**brevet d'addition**" ou "**certificat d'addition**" ou si, dans le cadre n^o V le nom des États-Unis d'Amérique est assorti de la mention "**continuation**" ou "**continuation-in-part**" : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o V" ainsi que le nom de chaque État en cause (ou de l'OAPI) en précisant après chaque nom le numéro du titre principal ou de la demande principale ainsi que la date de délivrance du titre principal ou la date de dépôt de la demande principale;
 - vi) si, dans le cadre n^o VI, **la priorité de plus de cinq demandes antérieures est revendiquée** : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o VI" et fournir pour chaque demande antérieure supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n^o VI.
2. Si, en ce qui concerne la **déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution** contenue dans le cadre n^o V, le déposant souhaite exclure un ou plusieurs États de la portée de cette déclaration : dans ce cas, indiquer "Désignations exclues de la portée de la déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution" et fournir le nom ou le code à deux lettres de chaque État concerné.

Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM				
The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:				
Filing date of earlier application <i>(day/month/year)</i>	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country	regional application:* regional Office	international application: receiving Office
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item (2)				
item (3)				
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item (5)				
<input type="checkbox"/> Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.				
The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) <i>(only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office)</i> identified above as:				
<input type="checkbox"/> all items <input type="checkbox"/> item (1) <input type="checkbox"/> item (2) <input type="checkbox"/> item (3) <input type="checkbox"/> item (4) <input type="checkbox"/> item (5) <input type="checkbox"/> other, see Supplemental Box				
* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)):				
Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY				
Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) <i>(if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):</i>				
ISA /				
Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search <i>(if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):</i>				
Date <i>(day/month/year)</i>	Number	Country <i>(or regional Office)</i>		
Box No. VIII DECLARATIONS				
The following declarations are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) <i>(mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration):</i>				Number of declarations
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (i)	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor	:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (ii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iii)	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iv)	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)	:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (v)	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	:		

Box No. VIII (i) DECLARATION: IDENTITY OF THE INVENTOR

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 211; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (i). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (i)".

Cadre n° VIII.i) DÉCLARATION : IDENTITÉ DE L'INVENTEUR

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 211; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.i). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)i) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.i)".

Box No. VIII (ii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO APPLY FOR AND BE GRANTED A PATENT

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 212; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (ii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (ii)".

Cadre n° VIII.ii) DÉCLARATION : DROIT DE DEMANDER ET D'OBTENIR UN BREVET

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 212; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.ii). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n'est pas appropriée :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.ii)".

Box No. VIII (iii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO CLAIM PRIORITY

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 213; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iii)".

Cadre n° VIII.iii) DÉCLARATION : DROIT DE REVENDIQUER LA PRIORITÉ

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 213; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.iii). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure indiquée ci-dessous si le déposant n'est pas celui qui a déposé la demande antérieure ou si son nom a changé depuis le dépôt de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51bis.1.a)iii) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.iii)".

Box No. VIII (iv) DECLARATION: INVENTORSHIP (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)

The declaration must conform to the following standardized wording provided for in Section 214; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iv). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

**Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))
for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:**

I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/. (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26ter).

I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified international application, including the claims of said application. I have identified in the request of said application, in compliance with PCT Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading "Prior Applications," by application number, country or Member of the World Trade Organization, day, month and year of filing, any application for a patent or inventor's certificate filed in a country other than the United States of America, including any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed.

Prior Applications:
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I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Name:

Residence:
(city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address:
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Citizenship:

Inventor's Signature:
(if not contained in the request, or if declaration is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application. The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

Date:
(of signature which is not contained in the request, or of the declaration that is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application)

Name:

Residence:
(city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

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Inventor's Signature:
(if not contained in the request, or if declaration is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application. The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

Date:
(of signature which is not contained in the request, or of the declaration that is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application)

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iv)".

**Cadre n° VIII.iv) DÉCLARATION : QUALITÉ D'INVENTEUR
(seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique)**

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 214; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.iv). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

**Déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (règles 4.17.iv) et 51bis.1.a)iv))
aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique :**

Par la présente, je déclare que je crois être le premier inventeur original et unique (si un seul inventeur est mentionné ci-dessous) ou l'un des premiers co-inventeurs (si plusieurs inventeurs sont mentionnés ci-dessous) de l'objet revendiqué pour lequel un brevet est demandé.

La présente déclaration a trait à la demande internationale dont elle fait partie (si la déclaration est déposée avec la demande).

La présente déclaration a trait à la demande internationale n° PCT/ (si la déclaration est remise en vertu de la règle 26ter).

Par la présente, je déclare que mon domicile, mon adresse postale et ma nationalité sont tels qu'indiqués près de mon nom.

Par la présente, je déclare avoir passé en revue et compris le contenu de la demande internationale à laquelle il est fait référence ci-dessus, y compris les revendications de ladite demande. J'ai indiqué dans la requête de ladite demande, conformément à la règle 4.10 du PCT, toute revendication de priorité d'une demande étrangère et j'ai identifié ci-dessous, sous l'intitulé "Demandes antérieures", au moyen du numéro de demande, du pays ou du membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce, du jour, du mois et de l'année du dépôt, toute demande de brevet ou de certificat d'auteur d'invention déposée dans un pays autre que les États-Unis d'Amérique, y compris toute demande internationale selon le PCT désignant au moins un pays autre que les États-Unis d'Amérique, dont la date de dépôt est antérieure à celle de la demande étrangère dont la priorité est revendiquée.

Demandes antérieures :
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Par la présente, je reconnais l'obligation qui m'est faite de divulguer les renseignements dont j'ai connaissance et qui sont pertinents quant à la brevetabilité de l'invention, tels qu'ils sont définis dans le Titre 37, § 1.56, du Code fédéral des réglementations, y compris, en ce qui concerne les demandes de continuation-in-part les renseignements pertinents qui sont devenus accessibles entre la date de dépôt de la demande antérieure et la date du dépôt international de la demande de continuation-in-part.

Je déclare par la présente que toute déclaration ci-incluse est, à ma connaissance, véridique et que toute déclaration formulée à partir de renseignements ou de suppositions est tenue pour véridique; et de plus, que toutes ces déclarations ont été formulées en sachant que toute fausse déclaration volontaire ou son équivalent est passible d'une amende ou d'une incarcération, ou des deux, en vertu de la Section 1001 du Titre 18 du Code des États-Unis, et que de telles déclarations volontairement fausses risquent de compromettre la validité de la demande de brevet ou du brevet délivré à partir de celle-ci.

Nom :

Domicile :
(ville et État (des États-Unis d'Amérique), le cas échéant, ou pays)

Adresse postale :
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Nationalité :

Signature de l'inventeur : (si elle ne figure pas dans la requête, ou si la déclaration a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale. La signature doit être celle de l'inventeur, il ne peut s'agir de celle du mandataire)	Date : (de la signature qui ne figure pas dans la requête, ou de la déclaration qui a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale)
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Nom :

Domicile :
(ville et État (des États-Unis d'Amérique), le cas échéant, ou pays)

Adresse postale :
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Nationalité :

Signature de l'inventeur : (si elle ne figure pas dans la requête, ou si la déclaration a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale. La signature doit être celle de l'inventeur, il ne peut s'agir de celle du mandataire)	Date : (de la signature qui ne figure pas dans la requête, ou de la déclaration qui a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale)
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Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.iv)".

Box No. VIII (v) DECLARATION: NON-PREJUDICIAL DISCLOSURES OR EXCEPTIONS TO LACK OF NOVELTY

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 215; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (v). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty (Rules 4.17(v) and 51bis.1(a)(v)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (v)".

Cadre n° VIII.v) DÉCLARATION : DIVULGATIONS NON OPPOSABLES OU EXCEPTIONS AU DÉFAUT DE NOUVEAUTÉ

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 215; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n^{os} VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.v). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règles 4.17.v) et 51bis.1.a)v) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.v)".

Continuation of Box No. VIII (i) to (v) DECLARATION

*If the space is insufficient in any of Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) to furnish all the information, including in the case where **more than two inventors are to be named** in Box No. VIII (iv), in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VIII ..." (indicate the item number of the Box) and furnish the information in the same manner as required for the purposes of the Box in which the space was insufficient. If additional space is needed in respect of two or more declarations, a separate continuation box must be used for each such declaration. If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.*

Suite du Cadre n° VIII.i) à v) DÉCLARATION

*Si l'un des cadres n° VIII.i) à v) ne suffit pas à contenir tous les renseignements, y compris dans le cas où **plus de deux inventeurs doivent être nommés** dans le cadre n° VIII.iv), dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n° VIII..." (compléter le numéro du cadre en précisant le point) et fournir les renseignements conformément aux instructions données dans le cadre dans lequel la place était insuffisante. Si on a besoin de place supplémentaire dans deux ou plusieurs cadres, il faut utiliser le cadre "Suite" du cadre correspondant pour continuer chacune des déclarations. Si le présent cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.*

Box No. IX CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING		
<p>This international application contains:</p> <p>(a) the following number of sheets in paper form:</p> <p>request (including declaration sheets) : _____</p> <p>description (excluding sequence listing part) : _____</p> <p>claims : _____</p> <p>abstract : _____</p> <p>drawings : _____</p> <p>Sub-total number of sheets :</p> <p>sequence listing part of description (<i>actual number of sheets if filed in paper form, whether or not also filed in computer readable form; see (b) below</i>) : _____</p> <p>Total number of sheets :</p> <p>(b) sequence listing part of description filed in computer readable form</p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> only (under Section 801(a)(i))</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> in addition to being filed in paper form (under Section 801(a)(ii))</p> <p>Type and number of carriers (diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R or other) on which the sequence listing part is contained (<i>additional copies to be indicated under item 9(ii), in right column</i>):</p> <p>.....</p>	<p>This international application is accompanied by the following item(s) (<i>mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in right column the number of each item</i>):</p> <p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet : _____</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney : _____</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney : _____</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any: : _____</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature : _____</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s): : _____</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> translation of international application into (<i>language</i>): : _____</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> separate indications concerning deposited microorganism or other biological material : _____</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listing in computer readable form (indicate also type and number of carriers (diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R or other))</p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> copy submitted for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter only (and not as part of the international application) : _____</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>only where check-box (b)(i) or (b)(ii) is marked in left column</i>) additional copies including, where applicable, the copy for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter : _____</p> <p>(iii) <input type="checkbox"/> together with relevant statement as to the identity of the copy or copies with the sequence listing part mentioned in left column : _____</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> other (<i>specify</i>): : _____</p>	<p>Number of items</p>
<p>Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract:</p>	<p>Language of filing of the international application:</p>	
<p>Box No. X SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE</p> <p><i>Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request).</i></p> 		

For receiving Office use only		
1. Date of actual receipt of the purported international application:		2. Drawings:
3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application:		<input type="checkbox"/> received:
4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2):		<input type="checkbox"/> not received:
5. International Searching Authority (if two or more are competent): ISA /	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid	

For International Bureau use only
Date of receipt of the record copy by the International Bureau:

Cadre n° IX BORDEREAU; LANGUE DE DÉPÔT		
<p>La présente demande internationale contient :</p> <p>a) le nombre de feuilles suivant sous forme papier :</p> <p>requête (y compris la ou les feuilles pour déclaration) :</p> <p>description (à l'exception de la partie réservée au listage des séquences) :</p> <p>revendications :</p> <p>abrégé :</p> <p>dessins :</p> <p>Sous-total de feuilles :</p> <p>partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences (<i>nombre réel de feuilles si cette partie est déposée sous forme papier, qu'elle soit ou non également déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur; voir b) ci-après</i>):</p> <p>Nombre total de feuilles :</p> <p>b) partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur</p> <p>i) <input type="checkbox"/> seulement (en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii))</p> <p>ii) <input type="checkbox"/> et également sous forme papier (en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii))</p> <p>Type et nombre de supports (disquette, CD-ROM, CD-R ou autre) sur lesquels figure la partie réservée au listage des séquences (<i>exemplaires supplémentaires à indiquer au point 9.ii), dans la colonne de droite</i>) :</p>	<p>Le ou les éléments suivants sont joint(s) à la présente demande internationale (<i>cocher la ou les cases appropriées et indiquer dans la colonne de droite le nombre de chaque élément</i>)</p> <p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> feuille de calcul des taxes :</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> pouvoir distinct original :</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> original du pouvoir général :</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> copie du pouvoir général; le cas échéant, numéro de référence :</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> explication de l'absence d'une signature :</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> document(s) de priorité indiqué(s) dans le cadre n° VI au(x) point(s) :</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> traduction de la demande internationale en (<i>langue</i>) :</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> indications séparées concernant des micro-organismes ou autre matériel biologique déposés :</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (indiquer aussi le type et le nombre de supports (disquette, CD-ROM, CD-R ou autre))</p> <p>i) <input type="checkbox"/> copie remise aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13ter seulement (et non en tant que partie de la demande internationale) :</p> <p>ii) <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>seulement lorsque la case b) i) ou b) ii) de la colonne de gauche est cochée</i>) exemplaires supplémentaires, y compris, le cas échéant, copie remise aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13ter :</p> <p>iii) <input type="checkbox"/> avec la déclaration pertinente quant à l'identité entre la copie – ou les exemplaires supplémentaires – et la partie réservée au listage des séquences mentionnée dans la colonne de gauche :</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> autres éléments (<i>préciser</i>) :</p>	<p>Nombre d'éléments</p>
<p>Figure des dessins qui doit accompagner l'abrégé :</p>	<p>Langue de dépôt de la demande internationale :</p>	
Cadre n° X SIGNATURE DU DÉPOSANT, DU MANDATAIRE OU DU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN		
<p>À côté de chaque signature, indiquer le nom du signataire et à quel titre l'intéressé signe (si cela n'apparaît pas clairement à la lecture de la requête).</p>		

Réservé à l'office récepteur		
1. Date effective de réception des pièces supposées constituer la demande internationale :		2. Dessins : <input type="checkbox"/> reçus : <input type="checkbox"/> non reçus :
3. Date effective de réception, rectifiée en raison de la réception ultérieure, mais dans les délais, de documents ou de dessins complétant ce qui est supposé constituer la demande internationale :		
4. Date de réception, dans les délais, des corrections demandées selon l'article 11.2) du PCT :		
5. Administration chargée de la recherche internationale (si plusieurs sont compétentes) : ISA /	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmission de la copie de recherche différée jusqu'au paiement de la taxe de recherche	

Réservé au Bureau international	
Date de réception de l'exemplaire original par le Bureau international :	

NOTES TO THE REQUEST FORM (PCT/RO/101)

These Notes are intended to facilitate the filling in of the request form. For more detailed information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a WIPO publication, which is available, together with other PCT related documents, at WIPO's Website: www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. In case of any discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable.

In the request form and these Notes, "Article", "Rule" and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions, respectively.

Please use a typewriter; check-boxes may be marked by hand with black ink (Rule 11.9(a) and (b)).

The request form and these Notes may be downloaded from WIPO's Website at the address given above.

WHERE TO FILE THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

The international application (request, description, claims, abstract and drawings, if any) must be filed with a competent receiving Office (Article 11(1)(i))—that is, subject to any applicable prescriptions concerning national security, at the choice of the applicant, either:

(i) the receiving Office of, or acting for, a PCT Contracting State of which the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, at least one of them, is a resident or national (Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii) or (b)), or

(ii) the International Bureau of WIPO in Geneva, Switzerland, if the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, at least one of the applicants is a resident or national of any PCT Contracting State (Rule 19.1(a)(iii)).

APPLICANT'S OR AGENT'S FILE REFERENCE

A **file reference** may be indicated, if desired. It should not exceed 12 characters. Characters in excess of 12 may be disregarded by the receiving Office or any International Authority (Rule 11.6(f) and Section 109).

BOX No. I

Title of Invention (Rules 4.3 and 5.1(a)): The title must be short (preferably two to seven words when in English or translated into English) and precise. It must be identical with the title heading the description.

BOXES Nos. II AND III

General: At least one of the applicants named must be a resident or national of a PCT Contracting State for which the receiving Office acts (Articles 9 and 11(1)(i) and Rules 18 and 19). If the international application is filed with the International Bureau under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), at least one of the applicants must be a resident or national of any PCT Contracting State.

If the United States of America is designated, all of the inventors must be named also as applicants for the purposes of that designation (see "Different Applicants for Different Designated States", below).

Indication Whether a Person is Applicant and/or Inventor (Rules 4.5(a) and 4.6(a) and (b)):

Check-box "This person is also inventor" (Box No. II): Mark this check-box if the applicant named is also the inventor or one of the inventors; do not mark this check-box if the applicant is a legal entity.

Check-box "applicant and inventor" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is both applicant and inventor; do not mark this check-box if the person is a legal entity.

Check-box "applicant only" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is a legal entity or if the person named is not also inventor.

Check-box "inventor only" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is inventor but not also applicant; do not mark this check-box if the person is a legal entity.

In Box No. III, one of the three check-boxes must always be marked for each person named.

A person must not be named more than once in Boxes Nos. II and III, even where that person is both applicant and inventor.

Names and Addresses (Rule 4.4): The family name (preferably in capital letters) must be indicated before the given name(s). Titles and academic degrees must be omitted. Names of legal entities must be indicated by their full official designations.

The address must be indicated in such a way that it allows prompt postal delivery; it must consist of all the relevant administrative units (up to and including the indication of the house number, if any), the postal code (if any), and the name of the country.

Only one address may be indicated per person. For the indication of a special "address for correspondence", see the notes to Box No. IV.

Telephone, Facsimile and/or Teleprinter Numbers should be indicated for the person named in Box No. II in order to allow rapid communication with the applicant. Any such number should include the applicable country and area codes.

Applicant's registration number with the Office (Rule 4.5(e)): Where the applicant is registered with the national or regional Office acting as receiving Office, the request may indicate the number or other indication under which the applicant is so registered.

Nationality (Rules 4.5(a) and (b) and 18.1): For each applicant, the nationality must be indicated by the name or two-letter code of the State (that is, country) of which the person is a national. A legal entity constituted according to the national law of a State is considered a national of that State. The indication of the nationality is not required where a person is inventor only.

Residence (Rules 4.5(a) and (c) and 18.1): For each applicant, the residence must be indicated by the name or two-letter code of the State (that is, country) of which the person is a resident. If the State of residence is not indicated, it will be assumed to be the same as the State indicated in the address. Possession of a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in a State is considered residence in that State. The indication of the residence is not required where a person is inventor only.

NOTES RELATIVES AU FORMULAIRE DE REQUÊTE (PCT/RO/101)

Ces notes sont destinées à faciliter l'utilisation du formulaire de requête. On peut aussi trouver de plus amples renseignements dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, publié par l'OMPI, qui est disponible, de même que d'autres documents relatifs au PCT, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/index.html. Les notes sont fondées sur les exigences du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT), du règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT. En cas de divergence entre les présentes notes et ces exigences, ce sont ces dernières qui priment.

Dans le formulaire de requête et dans les présentes notes, les termes "article", "règle" et "instruction" renvoient aux dispositions du traité, de son règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT, respectivement.

Prière de remplir le formulaire à la machine à écrire; les cases appropriées peuvent être cochées à la main, à l'encre noire (règle 11.9.a) et b)).

Le formulaire de requête et les présentes notes peuvent être téléchargés depuis le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse donnée ci-dessus.

OÙ DÉPOSER LA DEMANDE INTERNATIONALE

Il faut que la demande internationale (requête, description, revendications, abrégé et, le cas échéant, dessins) soit déposée auprès d'un office récepteur compétent (article 11.1)i)), c'est-à-dire sous réserve des dispositions applicables en matière de défense nationale et au choix du déposant,

i) l'office récepteur d'un État contractant du PCT ou l'office agissant pour un tel État, dans lequel le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux au moins, est domicilié ou dont il a la nationalité (règle 19.1.a)i) ou ii) ou b)), ou

ii) le Bureau international de l'OMPI à Genève (Suisse) si le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux au moins, est domicilié dans l'un quelconque des États contractants du PCT ou a la nationalité d'un tel État (règle 19.1.a)iii)).

RÉFÉRENCE DU DOSSIER DU DÉPOSANT OU DU MANDATAIRE

Il est possible d'indiquer, à titre facultatif, une telle **référence de dossier**. Celle-ci ne devrait pas dépasser 12 caractères. L'office récepteur ou toute administration internationale peut ne pas tenir compte des caractères en sus du douzième (règle 11.6.f) et instruction 109).

CADRE N° I

Titre de l'invention (règles 4.3 et 5.1.a)) : le titre doit être bref (de préférence de deux à sept mots lorsqu'il est établi ou traduit en anglais) et précis. Il doit être identique à celui qui figure en tête de la description.

CADRES N°s II ET III

Remarque générale : l'un au moins des déposants mentionnés doit être domicilié dans un État contractant du PCT pour lequel l'office récepteur agit, ou avoir la nationalité d'un tel État (articles 9 et 11.1)i) et règles 18 et 19). Si la demande internationale est déposée auprès du Bureau international en vertu de la règle 19.1.a)iii), l'un au moins des déposants doit être domicilié dans un État contractant du PCT ou avoir la nationalité d'un tel État.

Si les États-Unis d'Amérique sont désignés, tous les inventeurs doivent être mentionnés également comme déposants pour cette désignation (voir, ci-après, "Déposants différents pour différents États désignés").

Indication visant à établir si une personne est déposant ou inventeur, ou les deux à la fois (règles 4.5.a) et 4.6.a) et b)) :

Case "Cette personne est aussi inventeur" (cadre n° II) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée est aussi l'inventeur ou l'un des inventeurs; ne pas la cocher si le déposant est une personne morale.

Case "déposant et inventeur" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée a les deux qualités, celle de déposant et celle d'inventeur; ne pas la cocher si cette personne est une personne morale.

Case "déposant seulement" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée est une personne morale ou si elle n'a pas aussi la qualité d'inventeur.

Case "inventeur seulement" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée a la qualité d'inventeur mais pas celle de déposant; ne pas la cocher si cette personne est une personne morale.

Dans le cadre n° III, il faut que l'une des trois cases soit cochée pour chaque personne mentionnée.

Une personne ne doit être mentionnée qu'une seule fois dans les cadres n° II et III, même si elle est à la fois déposant et inventeur.

Noms et adresses (règle 4.4) : le nom de famille (de préférence en lettres majuscules) doit précéder le ou les prénoms. Les titres et les diplômes universitaires ne doivent pas être mentionnés. Les personnes morales doivent être nommées par leurs désignations officielles complètes.

L'adresse doit être indiquée de manière à permettre une distribution postale rapide; elle doit comprendre toutes les unités administratives pertinentes (jusques et y compris le numéro de la maison, s'il y en a un), le code postal, s'il y en a un, et le nom du pays.

Il ne peut être indiqué qu'une seule adresse par personne. En ce qui concerne l'indication d'une adresse spéciale pour la correspondance, voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV.

Pour permettre une communication rapide avec le déposant, il y a lieu d'indiquer les **numéros de téléphone, de télécopieur ou de téléimprimeur** de la personne mentionnée dans le cadre n° II. Tout numéro de ce type doit comporter les indicatifs de pays et de zone en vigueur.

Numéro sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 4.5.e)) : lorsque le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, la requête peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Nationalité (règles 4.5.a) et b) et 18.1) : la nationalité de chaque déposant doit être indiquée au moyen du nom ou du code à deux lettres de l'État (c'est-à-dire, pays) dont l'intéressé

Names of States (Section 115): For the indication of names of States, the two-letter codes appearing in WIPO Standard ST.3 and in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex K, may be used.

Different Applicants for Different Designated States (Rules 4.5(d), 18.3 and 19.2): It is possible to indicate different applicants for the purposes of different designated States. At least one of all the applicants named must be a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State for which the receiving Office acts, irrespective of the designated State(s) for the purposes of which that applicant is named. *Where the United States of America is one of the designated States, all of the inventors must be named also as applicants for the United States of America and the check-boxes "This person is also inventor" (in Box No. II) and/or "applicant and inventor" (in Box No. III) must be marked.*

For the indication of the designated States for which a person is applicant, mark the applicable check-box (only one for each person). The check-box "the States indicated in the Supplemental Box" must be marked where none of the other three check-boxes fits the circumstances; in such a case, the name of the person must be repeated in the Supplemental Box with an indication of the States for which that person is applicant (see item 1(ii) in that Box).

Naming of Inventor (Rule 4.1(a)(v) and (c)(i)): The inventor's name and address must be indicated where the national law of at least one of the designated States requires that the name of the inventor be furnished at the time of filing; for details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, Annexes B1 and B2. It is strongly recommended to always name the inventor.

Different Inventors for Different Designated States (Rule 4.6(c)): Different persons may be indicated as inventors for different designated States (for example, where, in this respect, the requirements of the national laws of the designated States are not the same); in such a case, the Supplemental Box must be used (see item 1(iii) in that Box). In the absence of any indication, it will be assumed that the inventor(s) named is (are) inventor(s) for all designated States.

BOX No. IV

Who Can Act as Agent (Article 49 and Rule 83.1bis): For each of the receiving Offices, information as to who can act as agent is given in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Agent or Common Representative (Rules 4.7, 4.8, 90.1 and 90.2 and Section 108): Mark the applicable check-box in order to indicate whether the person named is (or has been) appointed as "agent" or "common representative" (the "common representative" must be one of the applicants). For the manner in which name(s) and address(es) (including names of States) must be indicated, see the notes to Boxes Nos. II and III. Where several agents are listed, the agent to whom correspondence should be addressed is to be listed first. If there are two or more applicants but no common agent is appointed to represent all of them, one of the applicants who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State may be appointed by the other applicants as their common representative. If this is not done, the applicant first named in the request who is entitled to file an international application with the receiving Office concerned will automatically be considered to be the common representative.

Manner of Appointment of Agent or Common Representative (Rules 90.4 and 90.5 and Section 106): Any such appointment may be made by designating the agent(s) or the common representative in the request or in one or more separate powers of attorney. Each applicant must sign either the request or a separate power of attorney. Where the

international application is filed with reference to a general power of attorney, a copy thereof must be attached to the request. Any applicant who did not sign the general power of attorney must sign either the request or a separate power of attorney.

Agent's registration number with the Office (Rule 4.7(b)): Where the agent is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as receiving Office, the request may indicate the number or other indication under which the agent is so registered.

Address for Correspondence (Rule 4.4(d) and Section 108): Where an agent is appointed, any correspondence intended for the applicant will be sent to the address indicated for that agent (or for the first-mentioned agent, if more than one is appointed). Where one of two or more applicants is appointed as common representative, the address indicated for that applicant in Box No. IV will be used.

Where no agent or common representative is appointed, any correspondence will be sent to the address, indicated in Box No. II or III, of the applicant (if only one person is named as applicant) or of the applicant who is considered to be common representative (if there are two or more persons named as applicants). However, if the applicant wishes correspondence to be sent to a different address in such a case, that address must be indicated in Box No. IV instead of the designation of an agent or common representative. In this case, and only in this case, the last check-box of Box No. IV must be marked (that is, the last check-box must not be marked if either of the check-boxes "agent" or "common representative" has been marked).

BOX No. V

Designation of States (Rules 4.1(a)(iv) and 4.9(a)): The Contracting States in which protection is desired must be designated under Rule 4.9(a) in the request by marking the applicable check-boxes. At least one check-box effecting a specific designation must be marked. *While the general rule is that designations cannot be added after the filing of the international application, it is possible to make a precautionary designation under Rule 4.9(b) covering all other designations which would, as at the international filing date, be permitted under the PCT (see "Precautionary Designation of States Subject to Confirmation", below).*

Where regional (ARIPO, Eurasian, European and/or OAPI) patents are desired, only one PCT designation fee must be paid for each regional designation made, independently of how many States are covered by each such designation.

AP ARIPO Patent: Note that **SZ Swaziland** can only be designated for the purposes of an ARIPO patent and not for the purposes of a national patent. All other PCT Contracting States which are also party to the Harare Protocol can be designated either for a national or an ARIPO patent, or both a national and an ARIPO patent.

EA Eurasian Patent: All PCT Contracting States which are also party to the Eurasian Patent Convention can be designated either for a national or a Eurasian patent, or both a national and a Eurasian patent. Note, however, that it is not possible to designate only some of these States for a Eurasian patent and that any designation of one or more States for a Eurasian patent will be treated as a designation of all the States which are party to both the Convention and the PCT for a Eurasian patent.

EP European Patent: Note that **BE Belgium, CY Cyprus, FR France, GR Greece, IE Ireland, IT Italy, MC Monaco and NL Netherlands** can only be designated for the purposes of a European patent and not for the purposes of a national patent. All other PCT Contracting States which are also party

est ressortissant. Une personne morale constituée conformément à la législation d'un État contractant est considérée comme ayant la nationalité de cet État. L'indication de la nationalité n'est pas exigée lorsqu'une personne est inventeur seulement.

Domicile (règles 4.5.a) et c) et 18.1) : le domicile de chaque déposant doit être indiqué au moyen du nom ou du code à deux lettres de l'État (c'est-à-dire, pays) où l'intéressé a son domicile. Si, cependant, le domicile n'est pas indiqué, l'État du domicile sera présumé être le même que celui qui est indiqué dans l'adresse. La possession d'un établissement industriel ou commercial effectif et sérieux dans un État est considérée comme constituant domicile dans cet État. L'indication du domicile n'est pas exigée lorsqu'une personne est inventeur seulement.

Nom des États (instruction 115) : pour indiquer le nom des États, on peut utiliser le code à deux lettres qui figure dans la norme ST.3 de l'OMPI et dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe K.

Dépôtsants différents pour différents États désignés (règles 4.5.d), 18.3 et 19.2) : il est possible d'indiquer des dépôtsants différents pour différents États désignés. L'un au moins des dépôtsants indiqués – quels que soient l'État ou les États désignés pour lesquels il est indiqué – doit être ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT pour lequel l'office récepteur agit ou avoir son domicile dans un tel État. *Lorsque les États-Unis d'Amérique sont l'un des États désignés, tous les inventeurs doivent être indiqués comme dépôtsants pour les États-Unis d'Amérique et les cases "Cette personne est aussi inventeur" (dans le cadre n° II) ou "dépôtant et inventeur" (dans le cadre n° III) doivent être cochées.*

Afin d'indiquer les États désignés pour lesquels une personne est déposant, il y a lieu de cocher la case appropriée (une seule case par personne). La case "les États indiqués dans le cadre supplémentaire" doit être cochée lorsque aucune des trois autres cases ne convient; en pareil cas, le nom de la personne doit être repris dans le cadre supplémentaire et assorti de l'indication des États pour lesquels cette personne est déposant (voir le point 1.ii) de ce cadre).

Mention de l'inventeur (règle 4.1.a)v) et c)i)) : le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être indiqués lorsque la législation nationale d'un État désigné au moins exige la communication du nom de celui-ci lors du dépôt; pour plus de précisions, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, annexes B1 et B2. Il est vivement recommandé de toujours indiquer le nom de l'inventeur.

Inventeurs différents pour différents États désignés (règle 4.6.c)) : des personnes différentes peuvent être indiquées en tant qu'inventeurs pour différents États désignés (par exemple, lorsque, en la matière, les exigences des législations nationales des États désignés diffèrent); en pareil cas, il y a lieu d'utiliser le cadre supplémentaire (voir le point 1.iii) de ce cadre). En l'absence d'indication, il sera supposé que l'inventeur ou les inventeurs mentionnés ont la qualité d'inventeur pour tous les États désignés.

CADRE N° IV

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ? (article 49 et règle 83.1bis) : pour chacun des office récepteurs, on trouvera, dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C, des informations sur le point de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire.

Mandataire ou représentant commun (règles 4.7, 4.8, 90.1 et 90.2 et instruction 108) : cocher la case appropriée pour indiquer si la personne mentionnée est (ou a été) désignée comme "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" (le

"représentant commun" doit être l'un des déposants). Pour ce qui est de la façon d'indiquer les noms et adresses (y compris le nom des États), il convient de se reporter aux notes relatives aux cadres n°s II et III. Lorsque plusieurs mandataires sont indiqués, il faut mentionner en premier lieu celui à qui la correspondance doit être adressée. S'il y a plusieurs déposants mais aucun mandataire commun désigné pour les représenter tous, l'un des déposants qui est ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT ou qui a son domicile dans un tel État peut être désigné par les autres comme leur représentant commun. A défaut, le déposant nommé en premier lieu dans la requête qui est autorisé à déposer une demande internationale auprès de l'office récepteur en question sera automatiquement considéré comme le représentant commun.

Mode de désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun (règles 90.4 et 90.5 et instruction 106) : la désignation du ou des mandataires ou du représentant commun peut être effectuée dans la requête ou dans un ou plusieurs pouvoirs distincts. Chaque déposant doit signer la requête ou un pouvoir distinct. Si la demande internationale déposée fait état d'un pouvoir général, une copie de celui-ci doit être jointe à la requête. Tout déposant n'ayant pas signé le pouvoir général doit signer soit la requête soit un pouvoir distinct.

Numéro sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 4.7.b)) : lorsque le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, la requête peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Adresse pour la correspondance (règle 4.4.d) et instruction 108) : si un mandataire est désigné, toute correspondance destinée au déposant sera envoyée à l'adresse indiquée pour ce mandataire (ou pour le mandataire mentionné en premier, si plusieurs mandataires ont été désignés). Lorsque, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux est désigné comme représentant commun, l'adresse indiquée pour ce déposant dans le cadre n° IV sera utilisée.

Si aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est désigné, la correspondance sera envoyée à l'adresse – indiquée dans le cadre n° II ou III – du déposant (s'il n'y a qu'une seule personne indiquée comme déposant) ou du déposant considéré comme le représentant commun (s'il y a plusieurs personnes indiquées comme déposants). Cependant, si le ou les déposants souhaitent dans ce cas que la correspondance soit envoyée à une adresse différente, cette adresse doit être indiquée dans le cadre n° IV, en lieu et place de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun. C'est dans ce cas, et seulement dans ce cas, qu'il y a lieu de cocher la dernière case du cadre n° IV (c'est-à-dire que la dernière case ne doit pas être cochée si l'une des cases "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" a été cochée).

CADRE N° V

Désignation d'États (règles 4.1.a)iv) et 4.9.a)) : pour désigner conformément à la règle 4.9.a), dans la requête, les États contractants où la protection est demandée, il faut cocher les cases appropriées. Il faut qu'au moins une case, correspondant à une désignation expresse, soit cochée. *Bien que la règle générale soit qu'aucune désignation ne peut être ajoutée après le dépôt de la demande internationale, il est possible d'effectuer une désignation de précaution conformément à la règle 4.9.b) pour couvrir toutes les autres désignations qui, à la date du dépôt international, seraient autorisées selon le PCT (voir ci-après la rubrique "Désignation d'États à titre de précaution sous réserve de confirmation").*

Lorsque des brevets régionaux (ARIPO, eurasiatique, européen ou OAPI) sont demandés, une seule taxe de désignation du PCT est due pour chaque désignation régionale effectuée, quel que soit le nombre d'États couverts par celle-ci.

to the European Patent Convention can be designated either for a national or a European patent, or both a national and a European patent.

If an ARIPO or a European patent is desired for only some of the Contracting States of the Harare Protocol or the European Patent Convention, respectively, the names of those States for which a regional patent is not desired may be deleted by striking them out. However, it is recommended that the applicant always designate for the purposes of a regional patent all PCT Contracting States which are also Contracting States of the Protocol or the Convention, respectively. A decision to proceed with only some of those designations need not be made until entry into the regional phase, at which stage the corresponding regional designation fees must be paid.

Where any of the Contracting States of the Harare Protocol, the Eurasian Patent Convention or the European Patent Convention and the PCT is designated twice, namely *both* for the purposes of an ARIPO, a Eurasian or a European patent *and* for the purposes of national protection, the applicant must pay one designation fee in respect of the regional patent and as many designation fees as there are national patents or other titles of protection sought (Rule 15.1(ii) and Section 210).

Extension of EP European Patent to Certain States: If it is intended, at the time of entry into the European regional phase, to request the extension of the subsequently granted European patent to AL Albania, LT Lithuania, LV Latvia, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, RO Romania and/or SI Slovenia (and/or to any other PCT Contracting State for which, on the date of filing of the international application, an extension agreement with the European Patent Organisation is in force), Box No. V must contain *both* a designation of the State concerned for the purposes of a national patent and *also* a designation, for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, of at least one PCT Contracting State party to the European Patent Convention.

OA OAPI Patent: The designation of States members of OAPI and party to the PCT can only be made for the purposes of an OAPI patent (no national protection is available); furthermore, it is not possible to designate only some of them.

Choice of Certain Kinds of Protection or Treatment (Rules 4.12 to 4.14 and Section 202): Where, in any country where it is possible, a national title other than a patent is desired, write the name or two-letter code of that country followed by the name of the title; that is, “petty patent” (available in YU Yugoslavia), “provisional patent” (available in AM Armenia, KG Kyrgyzstan, KZ Kazakhstan, TM Turkmenistan, UZ Uzbekistan), “utility model” (available in AL Albania, AM Armenia, AT Austria, BG Bulgaria, BR Brazil, BY Belarus, BZ Belize, CN China, CR Costa Rica, CZ Czech Republic, DE Germany, DK Denmark, EE Estonia, ES Spain, FI Finland, GE Georgia, HU Hungary, JP Japan, KE Kenya, KG Kyrgyzstan, KR Republic of Korea, KZ Kazakhstan, LS Lesotho, MD Republic of Moldova, MX Mexico, PL Poland, PT Portugal, RU Russian Federation, SK Slovakia, SL Sierra Leone, TJ Tajikistan, TR Turkey, UA Ukraine, UZ Uzbekistan, VN Viet Nam, OA OAPI), “consensual patent” (available in HR Croatia), “utility certificate” (available in GH Ghana, TT Trinidad and Tobago, UG Uganda) or “inventor’s certificate” (available in CU Cuba and KP Democratic People’s Republic of Korea). Where, in AT Austria, CZ Czech Republic, DE Germany, DK Denmark, EE Estonia, FI Finland or SK Slovakia (the only countries in which this possibility exists), in addition to a patent, a utility model is also desired, write after the name of that country “and utility model”.

Where, in respect of any country where it is possible, it is desired that the international application be treated as an application for a certain title “of addition” or as an application for a “continuation” or a “continuation-in-part”, write after the name of that country the appropriate words; that is, “patent of

addition” (available in AT Austria, AU Australia, BA Bosnia and Herzegovina, CU Cuba, DE Germany, ES Spain, IL Israel, IN India, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, MW Malawi, NZ New Zealand, SI Slovenia, TR Turkey, YU Yugoslavia, ZA South Africa, ZW Zimbabwe), “certificate of addition” (available in BR Brazil, DZ Algeria, MA Morocco, MG Madagascar, OA OAPI), “inventor’s certificate of addition” (available in CU Cuba), “continuation” or “continuation-in-part” (both available in US United States of America). If any of these indications is used, also indicate in the Supplemental Box the State for which such treatment is desired, the number of the parent title or parent application, and the date of the grant of the parent title or the date of filing of the parent application, as the case may be (see item 1(v) in that Box).

If, in Box No. V, the check-boxes for making designations are marked with consecutive Arabic numerals, those indications will be taken to express the applicant’s *choice of the order of the designations*; if another form of marking is used, the order will be taken as that in which the marked check-boxes appear on the form. This order will only have any significance if the amount received for the designation fees is insufficient to cover all the designations and remains insufficient after the applicant has been invited to pay the balance due; in that case, the amount received will be applied in payment of the fees for the designations following the said order (Rule 16bis.1(c) and Section 321).

The check-boxes located towards the bottom of Box No. V are reserved for designating, for the purposes of a national patent, States which have become party to the PCT after the date appearing at the bottom of the second sheet of the request form; in such a case, the name of the State, preferably preceded by the two-letter code, must be indicated on the dotted line and the corresponding check-box must be marked (together with an indication, where applicable, whether a special kind of protection or treatment is desired).

Precautionary Designation of States Subject to Confirmation (Rules 4.9(b) and (c) and 15.5): For the applicant’s safeguard, the lower part of Box No. V contains a statement (“Precautionary Designation Statement”) indicating the applicant’s wish to make, as a matter of precaution, in addition to the specific designations made by marking the check-boxes in the upper part of Box No. V (at least one such designation must be made), a precautionary designation of all other PCT Contracting States which are not specifically designated.

If the applicant does not wish to avail himself of this safeguard and does not want to make any such precautionary designations, the statement must be crossed out.

If the applicant wishes to expressly exclude a certain State from such precautionary designation so that the international application does not have any effect in that State, the name or two-letter code of that State should be indicated in the Supplemental Box. In no other case is it necessary to make use of this possibility.

If, after filing the international application, the applicant notices that there are any omissions and/or mistakes in respect of the specific designations made, it will be possible to rectify the situation by confirming the precautionary designations concerned. The confirmation of any precautionary designation is possible before the expiration of 15 months from the (earliest) priority date indicated in Box No. VI or, where no priority is claimed, the international filing date. To effect such confirmation, the applicant must file with the receiving Office a written notice specifying the name of each State the designation of which is confirmed (with, where applicable, an indication of the kind of treatment or protection desired) and pay to the receiving Office, for each such designation, a designation fee (even where six designation fees have already been paid) together with a confirmation fee corresponding to 50% of the designation fee.

AP brevet ARIPO : il est à noter que **SZ Swaziland** ne peut être désigné que pour un brevet ARIPO et non aux fins d'un brevet national. Tous les autres États contractants du PCT qui sont aussi parties au Protocole de Harare peuvent être désignés soit aux fins d'un brevet national ou d'un brevet ARIPO, soit à la fois aux fins d'un brevet national et d'un brevet ARIPO.

EA brevet eurasién : tous les États contractants du PCT qui sont aussi parties à la Convention sur le brevet eurasién peuvent être désignés soit aux fins d'un brevet national ou d'un brevet eurasién, soit à la fois aux fins d'un brevet national et d'un brevet eurasién. Cependant, il est à noter qu'il n'est pas possible de désigner seulement certains de ces États aux fins d'un brevet eurasién et que toute désignation d'un ou de plusieurs États aux fins d'un brevet eurasién sera traitée comme une désignation aux fins d'un brevet eurasién de tous les États qui sont parties à la fois à la Convention et au PCT.

EP brevet européen : il est à noter que **BE Belgique, CY Chypre, FR France, GR Grèce, IE Irlande, IT Italie, MC Monaco et NL Pays-Bas** ne peuvent être désignés que pour un brevet européen et non aux fins d'un brevet national. Tous les autres États contractants du PCT qui sont aussi parties à la Convention sur le brevet européen peuvent être désignés soit aux fins d'un brevet national ou d'un brevet européen, soit à la fois aux fins d'un brevet national et d'un brevet européen.

Si un brevet ARIPO ou un brevet européen est demandé pour certains seulement des États contractants du Protocole de Harare ou de la Convention sur le brevet européen, respectivement, le nom des États pour lesquels un brevet régional n'est pas demandé peut être biffé. Il est cependant recommandé de toujours désigner aux fins d'un brevet régional tous les États contractants du Protocole ou de la Convention, respectivement. Ce n'est que lorsqu'il s'agira d'aborder la phase régionale et de payer les taxes de désignation régionales que la décision de ne poursuivre la procédure d'obtention de brevet que pour certaines des désignations devra être prise.

Lorsqu'un ou plusieurs États parties au Protocole de Harare, à la Convention sur le brevet eurasién ou à la Convention sur le brevet européen et au PCT sont désignés deux fois, une fois aux fins d'un brevet ARIPO, d'un brevet eurasién ou d'un brevet européen et une autre fois aux fins d'une protection nationale, le déposant doit acquitter une taxe de désignation pour le brevet régional et autant de taxes de désignation qu'il y a de brevets ou autres titres de protection nationaux demandés (règle 15.1.ii) et instruction 210).

Extension du brevet européen (EP) à certains États : s'il est envisagé de demander, au moment de l'ouverture de la phase régionale européenne, l'extension du brevet européen qui sera obtenu ultérieurement à AL Albanie, LT Lituanie, LV Lettonie, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, RO Roumanie, ou SI Slovénie (ou à tout autre État contractant du PCT pour lequel, à la date du dépôt de la demande internationale, un accord d'extension conclu avec l'Organisation européenne des brevets est en vigueur), le cadre n° V doit contenir **à la fois** la désignation de l'État concerné en vue de l'obtention d'un brevet national et la désignation, en vue de l'obtention d'un brevet européen, d'au moins un État contractant du PCT partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen.

OA brevet OAPI : la désignation des États membres de l'OAPI qui sont parties au PCT ne peut être effectuée qu'aux fins d'un brevet OAPI (aucune protection nationale n'est offerte); de plus, il n'est pas possible de ne désigner que certains de ces États.

Choix de certaines formes de protection ou de traitement (règles 4.12 à 4.14 et instruction 202) : si, dans un pays, il est possible de demander un titre de protection autre qu'un brevet, écrire le nom de ce pays, ou le code à deux lettres, suivi

du nom du titre en question, c'est-à-dire "petty patent" (pour YU Yougoslavie), "brevet provisoire" (pour AM Arménie, KG Kirghizistan, KZ Kazakhstan, TM Turkménistan, UZ Ouzbékistan), "modèle d'utilité" (pour AL Albanie, AM Arménie, AT Autriche, BG Bulgarie, BR Brésil, BY Bélarus, BZ Belize, CN Chine, CR Costa Rica, CZ République tchèque, DE Allemagne, DK Danemark, EE Estonie, ES Espagne, FI Finlande, GE Géorgie, HU Hongrie, JP Japon, KE Kenya, KG Kirghizistan, KR République de Corée, KZ Kazakhstan, LS Lesotho, MD République de Moldova, MX Mexique, PL Pologne, PT Portugal, RU Fédération de Russie, SK Slovaquie, SL Sierra Leone, TJ Tadjikistan, TR Turquie, UA Ukraine, UZ Ouzbékistan, VN Viet Nam, OA OAPI), "brevet consensuel" (pour HR Croatie), "certificat d'utilité" (pour GH Ghana, TT Trinité-et-Tobago, UG Ouganda), ou "certificat d'auteur d'invention" (pour CU Cuba, KP République populaire démocratique de Corée). Si, pour AT Autriche, CZ République tchèque, DE Allemagne, DK Danemark, EE Estonie, FI Finlande ou SK Slovaquie (seuls pays où cela est possible), un modèle d'utilité est demandé en plus du brevet, écrire après le nom de ce pays "et modèle d'utilité".

Si, pour un pays où cela est possible, il est souhaité que la demande internationale soit traitée comme une demande d'obtention d'un certain titre "d'addition" ou comme une demande de "continuation" ou de "continuation-in-part", écrire après le nom de ce pays la mention appropriée, c'est-à-dire "brevet d'addition" (pour AT Autriche, AU Australie, BA Bosnie-Herzégovine, CU Cuba, DE Allemagne, ES Espagne, IL Israël, IN Inde, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, MW Malawi, NZ Nouvelle-Zélande, SI Slovénie, TR Turquie, YU Yougoslavie, ZA Afrique du Sud, ZW Zimbabwe), "certificat d'addition" (pour BR Brésil, DZ Algérie, MA Maroc, MG Madagascar, OA OAPI), "certificat d'auteur d'invention additionnel" (pour CU Cuba), "continuation" ou "continuation-in-part" (pour US États-Unis d'Amérique). Si l'une de ces mentions est utilisée, indiquer également le numéro du titre principal ou de la demande principale et la date de délivrance du titre principal ou du dépôt de la demande principale, selon le cas (voir le point 1.v) de ce cadre).

L'indication, dans les cases du cadre n° V correspondant aux désignations, de numéros d'ordre en chiffres arabes sera considérée comme reflétant l'ordre des désignations choisi par le déposant; si les cases sont cochées d'une autre manière, l'ordre considéré sera celui dans lequel les cases cochées apparaissent sur le formulaire. Cet ordre n'aura de signification que si le montant reçu pour les taxes de désignation n'est pas suffisant pour couvrir l'ensemble des désignations et reste insuffisant après que le déposant a été invité à acquitter le solde débiteur; dans ce cas, le montant reçu sera affecté au paiement des taxes pour les désignations dans l'ordre en question (règle 16bis.1.c) et instruction 321).

Les cases situées en bas des colonnes sont réservées à la désignation, aux fins d'un brevet national, d'États qui sont devenus partie au PCT après la date qui figure au bas de la deuxième feuille du formulaire de requête; dans ce cas, il faut mentionner sur la ligne pointillée le nom de l'État, précédé de préférence du code à deux lettres, et cocher la case correspondante (en indiquant, le cas échéant, si une forme particulière de protection ou de traitement est souhaitée).

Désignation d'États à titre de précaution sous réserve de confirmation (règles 4.9.b) et c) et 15.5) : dans l'intérêt du déposant, le cadre n° V comporte une déclaration ("Déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution") indiquant que le déposant souhaite, en sus des désignations expresses effectuées en cochant les cases de la première partie de ce cadre (il doit y avoir au moins une désignation de ce type), désigner à titre de précaution tous les autres États contractants du PCT qui n'ont pas été désignés expressément.

The receiving Office will not send to the applicant any reminder or invitation to confirm precautionary designations.

If no precautionary designation is to be confirmed, no action is required by the applicant, and the precautionary designations will then be automatically regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of 15 months from the priority date.

BOX No. VI

Priority Claim(s) (Rule 4.10): If the priority of an earlier application is claimed, the declaration containing the priority claim must be made in the request.

The request must indicate the *date* on which the earlier application from which priority is claimed was filed and the *number* it was assigned. Note that that date must fall within the period of 12 months preceding the international filing date.

Where the earlier application is a national application, the *country* party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or the *Member* of the World Trade Organization that is not a party to that Convention, in which that earlier application was filed must be indicated. Where the earlier application is a regional application, the *regional Office* concerned must be indicated. Where the earlier application is an international application, the *receiving Office* with which that earlier application was filed must be indicated.

Where the earlier application is a regional application (other than an ARIPO application), or an international application, the priority claim may also, if the applicant so wishes, indicate one or more countries party to the Paris Convention for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(i)); such an indication is not, however, mandatory. Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, at least one country party to the Paris Convention or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed must be indicated (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)).

As to the possibility of correcting or adding a priority claim, see Rule 26*bis* and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part.

Certified Copy of Earlier Application (Rule 17.1): A certified copy of each earlier application the priority of which is claimed (priority document) must be submitted by the applicant, irrespective of whether that earlier application is a national, regional or international application. The priority document must be submitted to the receiving Office or to the International Bureau before the expiration of 16 months from the (earliest) priority date or, where an early start of the national phase is requested, not later than at the time such request is made. Any priority document received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the 16-month time limit but before the date of international publication shall be considered to have been received on the last day of that time limit (Rule 17.1(a)).

Where the priority document is issued by the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the receiving Office (not later than 16 months after the priority date) to prepare and transmit the priority document to the International Bureau (Rule 4.1(c)(ii)). Such request may be made by marking the applicable check-boxes which identify the respective documents. *Attention:* where such a request is made, the applicant must, where applicable, pay to the receiving Office the *fee for priority document*, otherwise, the request will be considered not to have been made (see Rule 17.1(b)).

Dates (Section 110): Dates must be indicated by the Arabic number of the day, the name of the month and the Arabic number of the year—in that order; after, below or above such

indication, the date should be repeated in parentheses, using two-digit Arabic numerals for the number of the day, the number of the month and the last two digits of the year, in that order and separated by periods, slants or hyphens, for example, “20 March 2001 (20.03.01)”, “20 March 2001 (20/03/01)” or “20 March 2001 (20-03-01)”.

BOX No. VII

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (Rules 4.1(b)(vi) and 4.14*bis*): If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent for carrying out the international search in relation to the international application—depending on the language in which that application is filed and the receiving Office with which it is filed—the name of the competent Authority chosen by the applicant must be indicated in the space provided, either by its full name or two-letter code.

Request to Use Results of Earlier Search; Reference to that Search (Rules 4.11 and 41.1): The earlier search, if any, must be identified in such a manner that the ISA can retrieve the results easily. Where those results can be used, the ISA may refund the international search fee or a portion thereof.

BOX No. VIII

Declarations Containing Standardized Wording (Rules 4.1(c)(iii) and 4.17): At the option of the applicant, the request may, for the purposes of the national law applicable in one or more designated States, contain one or more of the following declarations:

- (i) declaration as to the identity of the inventor;
- (ii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent;
- (iii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application;
- (iv) declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America);
- (v) declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty;

which must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Sections 211 to 215, respectively, and which must be set forth in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v), as detailed below. Where any such declarations are included, the appropriate check-boxes in Box No. VIII should be marked and the number of each type of declaration should be indicated in the right-hand column. As to the possibility of correcting or adding a declaration, see Rule 26*ter*, Section 216 and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part.

If the circumstances of a particular case are such that the standardized wordings are not applicable, the applicant should not attempt to make use of the declarations provided for in Rule 4.17 but rather will have to comply with the national requirements concerned upon entry into the national phase.

The fact that a declaration is made under Rule 4.17 does not of itself establish the matters declared; the effect of those matters in the designated States concerned will be determined by the designated Offices in accordance with the applicable national law.

Even if the wording of a declaration does not conform to the standardized wording provided for in the Administrative Instructions pursuant to Rule 4.17, any designated Office may accept that declaration for the purposes of the applicable national law, but is not required to do so.

Details as to National Law Requirements: For information on the declarations required by each designated Office, see the

Si le déposant ne souhaite pas faire usage de cette mesure de sécurité ni ne veut faire de désignations de précaution, la déclaration doit être biffée.

Si le déposant souhaite expressément exclure tel ou tel État d'une telle désignation faite à titre de précaution afin que la demande internationale ne produise aucun effet dans cet État, il y aura lieu d'indiquer le nom ou le code à deux lettres de cet État dans le cadre supplémentaire. Cette mention n'est nécessaire dans aucun autre cas.

Si le déposant constate, après le dépôt de la demande internationale, qu'il y a des erreurs ou des omissions en ce qui concerne les désignations faites expressément, il pourra rectifier les erreurs ou corriger les omissions en confirmant les désignations de précaution en question. Il est possible de confirmer une désignation de précaution jusqu'à l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité (la plus ancienne) indiquée dans le cadre n° VI ou, si aucune priorité n'est revendiquée, de la date du dépôt international. Pour confirmer une telle désignation, il faut déposer auprès de l'office récepteur une déclaration écrite contenant l'indication du nom de chaque État dont la désignation est confirmée (avec, le cas échéant, une indication de la forme de traitement ou de protection souhaitée) et payer à l'office récepteur, pour chaque désignation ainsi confirmée, une taxe de désignation (même lorsque six taxes de désignation ont déjà été payées) ainsi qu'une taxe de confirmation correspondant à 50 % de la taxe de désignation.

L'office récepteur n'enverra au déposant aucun rappel ni invitation à confirmer des désignations de précaution.

Le déposant ne doit rien faire s'il ne veut confirmer aucune désignation de précaution; les désignations de précaution seront alors automatiquement considérées comme retirées par le déposant à l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité.

CADRE N° VI

Revendication(s) de priorité (règle 4.10) : si la priorité d'une demande antérieure est revendiquée, la déclaration contenant la revendication de priorité doit figurer dans la requête.

La requête doit indiquer la *date* du dépôt de la demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée et son *numéro*. Cette date doit tomber dans la période de 12 mois précédant la date du dépôt international.

Lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande nationale, il faut indiquer le *pays* partie à la Convention de Paris pour la protection de la propriété industrielle, ou le *membre* de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce qui n'est pas partie à ladite convention, où elle a été déposée; lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande régionale, l'*office régional* concerné; et lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande internationale, l'*office récepteur* auprès duquel elle a été déposée.

Lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande régionale (autre qu'une demande ARIPO) ou une demande internationale, la revendication de priorité peut aussi, si le déposant le souhaite, indiquer un ou plusieurs pays parties à la Convention de Paris pour lesquels cette demande a été déposée (règle 4.10.b)i); cette indication n'est cependant pas obligatoire. Lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande ARIPO, il faut indiquer au moins un pays partie à la Convention de Paris ou un membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce pour lequel cette demande a été déposée (règle 4.10.b)ii).

En ce qui concerne les possibilités de correction ou d'adjonction d'une revendication de priorité, voir la règle 26*bis* et le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale.

Copie certifiée conforme de la demande antérieure (règle 17.1) : le déposant doit présenter une copie certifiée conforme de chaque demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée (document de priorité), que la demande antérieure soit une demande nationale, régionale ou internationale. Le document de priorité doit être présenté à l'office récepteur ou au Bureau international avant l'expiration d'un délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité (la plus ancienne) ou, lorsque l'ouverture anticipée de la phase nationale est demandée, au plus tard à la date à laquelle est faite cette demande. Tout document de priorité qui parvient au Bureau international après l'expiration du délai de 16 mois mais avant la date de publication internationale est réputé avoir été reçu le dernier jour de ce délai (règle 17.1.a)).

Lorsque le document de priorité est délivré par l'office récepteur, le déposant peut, au lieu de présenter ce document, demander à l'office récepteur (au plus tard dans le délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité) de l'établir et de le transmettre au Bureau international (règle 4.1.c)ii). Pour effectuer une requête à cet effet, il faut cocher la case appropriée comportant les indications qui permettent d'identifier le document. *Important* : lorsqu'une telle requête est présentée, le déposant doit, le cas échéant, verser à l'office récepteur la *taxe afférente au document de priorité*; à défaut, cette requête sera considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée (voir la règle 17.1.b)).

Dates (instruction 110) : les dates doivent être indiquées au moyen du quantième, en chiffres arabes, suivi du nom du mois puis de l'année en chiffres arabes, dans cet ordre; à côté, au-dessous ou au-dessus de cette indication, il y a lieu de répéter la date, mais entre parenthèses, sous la forme de numéros à deux chiffres arabes, séparés par un point, une barre oblique ou un tiret, et dans l'ordre suivant : quantième, mois et année (celle-ci étant indiquée au moyen des deux derniers chiffres); exemples : "20 mars 2001 (20.03.01)", "20 mars 2001 (20/03/01)" ou "20 mars 2001 (20-03-01)".

CADRE N° VII

Choix de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (ISA) (règles 4.1.b)vi) et 4.14*bis*) : si plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes pour procéder à la recherche internationale concernant la demande internationale – en fonction de la langue dans laquelle cette demande est déposée et de l'office récepteur auprès duquel elle est déposée – le nom de l'administration compétente choisie par le déposant doit être indiqué dans l'espace prévu, soit en clair soit au moyen du code à deux lettres correspondant.

Demande d'utilisation des résultats d'une recherche antérieure; mention de cette recherche (règles 4.11 et 41.1) : la mention de la recherche antérieure éventuelle doit comporter des indications qui permettent à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale d'en retrouver aisément les résultats. Si ces résultats sont utilisables, l'administration en question pourra rembourser la taxe de recherche internationale ou une fraction de celle-ci.

CADRE N° VIII

Déclarations comportant un libellé standard (règles 4.1.c)iii) et 4.17) : au choix du déposant, la requête peut, aux fins de la législation nationale applicable dans un ou plusieurs États désignés, contenir une ou plusieurs des déclarations suivantes :

- i) une déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur;
- ii) une déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet;
- iii) une déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure;

PCT Applicant's Guide, Volume II, in the relevant National Chapter.

Effect in Designated Offices (Rule 51bis.2): Where the applicant submits any of the declarations provided for in Rule 4.17(i) to (iv) containing the required standardized wording (either with the international application, or to the International Bureau within the relevant time limit under Rule 26ter, or directly to the designated Office during the national phase), the designated Office may not, in the national phase, require further documents or evidence on the matter to which the declaration relates, unless that designated Office may reasonably doubt the veracity of the declaration concerned.

Incompatibility of Certain Items of Rule 51bis.2(a) with National Laws (Rule 51bis.2(c)): The designated Offices listed below have informed the International Bureau that the applicable national law is not compatible in respect of the following declarations provided in Rule 4.17(i), (ii) and (iii). Those designated Offices are therefore entitled to require further documents or evidence on the matters to which those declarations relate.

Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)): The respective national laws of CH Switzerland, DK Denmark and SE Sweden are not compatible with Rule 51bis.2(a)(i).

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)): The respective national laws of CA Canada, CH Switzerland, DK Denmark, HU Hungary and SE Sweden are not compatible with Rule 51bis.2(a)(ii).

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)): The respective national laws of CH Switzerland and DK Denmark are not compatible with Rule 51bis.2(a)(iii).

BOXES Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (IN GENERAL)

Different Declaration Boxes: There are six different declaration boxes in the pre-printed request form—one box for each of the five different types of declarations provided for in Rule 4.17 (Box No. VIII (i) to Box No. VIII (v)) and a continuation sheet (Continuation of Box No. VIII (i) to (v)) to be used in case any single declaration does not fit in the corresponding box. The title of each type of declaration which is found in the standardized wording provided for in the Administrative Instructions is pre-printed on the appropriate sheet of the request.

Separate Sheet for Each Declaration: Each declaration must start on a separate sheet of the request form in the appropriate Declaration Box.

Titles, Items, Item Numbers, Dotted Lines, Words in Parentheses and Words in Brackets: The prescribed standardized wording of the declarations includes titles, various items, item numbers, dotted lines, words in parentheses and words in brackets. Except for Box No. VIII (iv) which contains the pre-printed standardized wording, only those items which are applicable should be included in a declaration where necessary to support the statements in that declaration (that is, omit those items which do not apply) and item numbers need not be included. Dotted lines indicate where information is required to be inserted. Words in parentheses are instructions to applicants as to the information which may be included in the declaration depending upon the factual circumstances.

Words in brackets are optional and should appear in the declaration without the brackets if they apply; if they do not apply, they should be omitted together with the corresponding brackets.

Naming of Several Persons: More than one person may be named in a single declaration. In the alternative, with one exception, a separate declaration may be made for each person. With respect to the declaration of inventorship set forth in Box No. VIII (iv), which is applicable only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, all inventors must be indicated in a single declaration (see Notes to Box No. VIII (iv), below). The wording of declarations to be set forth in Boxes Nos. VIII (i), (ii), (iii) and (v) may be adapted from the singular to the plural as necessary.

Designated States to Which the Declarations Apply: Each declaration must indicate the designated States to which it applies. In this regard, the standardized wording of the declaration of inventorship (Box No. VIII (iv); see also Rule 4.17(iv) and Section 214) indicates in the title that it is for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America. The other declarations include prescribed wording to indicate whether the declaration is made for all designations or specific designations; one of these choices should always be included in the declaration. Where the declaration is for more than one person, the declaration may include separate statements indicating whether the declaration is made for all designations or specific designations with respect to each separate applicant. For example, this may be expected to occur where the request indicates different applicants for different States in accordance with Rule 4.5(d). However, in such a case, it is advisable to include a separate declaration for each person.

BOX No. VIII (i)

Declaration as to the Identity of the Inventor (Rule 4.17(i) and Section 211): The declaration must be worded as follows:

“Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

- (i) ... (*name*) of ... (*address*) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application
- (ii) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations [except the designation of the United States of America]
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ...”

Such a declaration is not necessary in respect of any inventor who is indicated as such (either as inventor only or applicant and inventor) in Box No. II or No. III in accordance with Rule 4.5 or 4.6. However, where the inventor is indicated as applicant in Box No. II or No. III in accordance with Rule 4.5, a declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent (Rule 4.17(ii)) may be appropriate for the purposes of all designated States except the United States of America. Where indications regarding the inventor in accordance with Rule 4.5 or 4.6 are not included in Box No. II or No. III, this declaration may be combined with the prescribed wording of the declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent (Rule 4.17(ii)). For details on such a combined declaration, see Notes to Box No. VIII (ii), below. For details as to the declaration of inventorship for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, see Notes to Box No. VIII (iv), below.

- iv) une déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique);
- v) une déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté;

qui doivent être conformes au libellé standard fixé dans les instructions 211 à 215, respectivement, et qui doivent être présentées dans les cadres n^{os} VIII.i) à v), comme précisé ci-après. Lorsque de telles déclarations sont incluses, il convient de cocher les cases appropriées dans le cadre n^o VIII et d'indiquer dans la colonne de droite le nombre de déclarations de chaque type. En ce qui concerne les possibilités de correction ou d'adjonction d'une déclaration, voir la règle 26ter, l'instruction 216 et le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale.

Si les circonstances d'un cas particulier sont telles que les libellés standards ne sont pas applicables, le déposant s'abstiendra de faire les déclarations prévues à la règle 4.17, mais il devra satisfaire aux exigences de la législation nationale concernée lors de l'entrée dans la phase nationale.

Le fait qu'une déclaration soit faite en vertu de la règle 4.17 ne suffit pas à prouver les points sur lesquels elle porte; il appartient aux offices désignés de statuer à leur sujet en fonction de la législation nationale applicable.

Même si le texte d'une déclaration ne respecte pas le libellé standard fixé dans les instructions administratives en vertu de la règle 4.17, tout office désigné est libre d'accepter ou non cette déclaration aux fins de la législation nationale applicable.

Précisions quant aux exigences des législations nationales : pour des précisions concernant les déclarations qui sont exigées par chaque office désigné, voir les chapitres nationaux pertinents dans le volume II du *Guide du déposant du PCT*.

Effets dans les offices désignés (règle 51bis.2) : lorsqu'un déposant remet l'une des déclarations visées à la règle 4.17.i) à v) comportant le libellé standard exigé (soit avec la demande internationale, soit au Bureau international dans le délai applicable en vertu de la règle 26ter, ou directement à l'office désigné durant la phase nationale), l'office désigné ne peut, pendant la phase nationale, exiger d'autres documents ou preuves relatifs à l'objet auquel se rapporte la déclaration, à moins qu'il puisse raisonnablement douter de la véracité de la déclaration en question.

Incompatibilité de certains points de la règle 51bis.2.a) avec les législations nationales (règle 51bis.2.c) : les offices désignés dont la liste figure ci-après ont informé le Bureau international que la législation nationale qui leur est applicable n'est pas compatible en ce qui concerne les déclarations suivantes visées à la règle 4.17.i), ii) et iii). Ces offices désignés pourront donc exiger des documents ou des preuves supplémentaires relatifs aux objets auxquels se rapportent ces déclarations.

Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)i) : les législations nationales respectives de CH Suisse, DK Danemark et SE Suède ne sont pas compatibles avec la règle 51bis.2.a)i).

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii) : les législations nationales respectives de CA Canada, CH Suisse, DK Danemark, HU Hongrie et SE Suède ne sont pas compatibles avec la règle 51bis.2.a)ii).

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51bis.1.a)iii) : les législations nationales respectives de CH Suisse et DK Danemark ne sont pas compatibles avec la règle 51bis.2.a)iii).

CADRES N^{os} VIII j) à v) (GÉNÉRALITÉS)

Différents cadres pour déclarations : le formulaire pré-imprimé contient six cadres différents pour déclarations, un pour chaque type de déclaration prévue selon la règle 4.17 (du cadre n^o VIII.i) au cadre n^o VIII.v)) et une feuille annexe (Suite du cadre n^o VIII.i) à v)) à utiliser dans le cas où une des déclarations ne tient pas dans le cadre approprié. Le titre de chaque déclaration qui figure dans le libellé standard prévu dans les instructions administratives est pré-imprimé sur la feuille correspondante de la requête.

Feuille distincte pour chaque déclaration : chaque déclaration doit commencer sur une feuille distincte de la requête et dans le cadre pour déclaration approprié.

Titres, éléments, numéros d'éléments, lignes pointillées, mots entre parenthèses et mots entre crochets : le libellé standard fixé pour les déclarations comporte un titre, différents éléments, des numéros d'éléments, des lignes pointillées, des mots entre parenthèses et des mots entre crochets. Sauf en ce qui concerne le cadre n^o VIII.iv) dans lequel le libellé standard est pré-imprimé, seuls les éléments pertinents doivent figurer dans une déclaration lorsque cela est nécessaire à l'énoncé des faits invoqués dans cette déclaration (en d'autres termes, il y a lieu d'omettre les éléments non pertinents) et il n'est pas nécessaire d'inclure les numéros d'éléments. Les lignes pointillées signalent les endroits où il y a lieu d'indiquer les renseignements demandés. Les mots entre parenthèses indiquent au déposant quels renseignements peuvent être inclus dans la déclaration selon la situation de fait. Les mots entre crochets sont facultatifs; s'ils sont applicables, ils doivent figurer dans la déclaration sans les crochets; s'ils ne sont pas applicables, il convient de les omettre ainsi que les crochets.

Mention de plusieurs personnes : plusieurs personnes peuvent être mentionnées dans une même déclaration. Il est aussi possible, sauf dans un cas, de faire une déclaration distincte par personne. Pour la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur, figurant dans le cadre n^o VIII.iv), qui est applicable seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique, tous les inventeurs doivent être indiqués dans une même déclaration (voir les notes du cadre n^o VIII.iv), ci-après). Dans les déclarations devant figurer dans les cadres n^{os} VIII.i), ii), iii) et v), le libellé au singulier peut être mis au pluriel si cela s'avère nécessaire.

États désignés auxquels les déclarations s'appliquent : chaque déclaration doit comporter l'indication des États désignés auxquels elle s'applique. À cet égard, le libellé standard pour la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (cadre n^o VIII.iv); voir également la règle 4.17.iv) et l'instruction 214) indique dans le titre que la déclaration est faite aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique. Les autres déclarations comportent des libellés prescrits pour indiquer si la déclaration est faite aux fins de toutes les désignations ou aux fins de désignations particulières. Une de ces options doit toujours figurer dans la déclaration. Lorsque la déclaration est faite en ce qui concerne plusieurs personnes, elle peut comporter des mentions distinctes indiquant si elle est faite aux fins de toutes les désignations ou aux fins de désignations particulières en ce qui concerne chacun des déposants. Le cas peut par exemple se présenter si la requête indique des déposants différents pour différents États, conformément à la règle 4.5.d). Dans une telle situation, toutefois, il est conseillé d'inclure une déclaration distincte par personne.

CADRE N^o VIII.i)

Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règle 4.17.i) et instruction 211) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit:

BOX No. VIII (ii)

Declaration as to the Applicant's Entitlement to Apply for and Be Granted a Patent (Rule 4.17(ii) and Section 212): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement:

"Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (name) is entitled to apply for and be granted a patent by virtue of the following:

- (i) ... (name) of ... (address) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application
- (ii) ... (name) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (inventor's name)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (name) and ... (name), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (name) to ... (name), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (name) in favor of ... (name), dated ...
- (vi) a court order issued by ... (name of court), effecting a transfer from ... (name) to ... (name), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (name) to ... (name) by way of ... (specify kind of transfer), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant's name changed from ... (name) to ... (name) on ... (date)
- (ix) this declaration is made for the purposes of (include as applicable):
 - (a) all designations [except the designation of the United States of America]
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ..."

Either (a) or (b) of item (ix) should always be included in the declaration. The remainder of the items may be incorporated as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. **This declaration is only applicable to those events which have occurred prior to the international filing date.** The possible kinds of transfer of entitlement in item (vii) include merger, acquisition, inheritance, donation, etc. Where there has been a succession of transfers from the inventor, the order in which transfers are listed should follow the actual succession of transfers, and items may be included more than once, as necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. Where the inventor is not indicated in Box No. II or No. III, this declaration may be presented as a combined declaration explaining the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent and identifying the inventor. In such a case, the introductory phrase of the declaration must be as follows:

"Combined declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)) and as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:"

The remainder of the combined declaration must be worded as indicated in the preceding paragraphs.

For details as to the declaration as to the identity of the inventor, see the Notes to Box No. VIII (i), above.

BOX No. VIII (iii)

Declaration as to the Applicant's Entitlement to Claim Priority of the Earlier Application (Rule 4.17(iii) and Section 213): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement:

"Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (name) is entitled to claim priority of earlier application No. ... by virtue of the following:

- (i) the applicant is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection was sought by way of the earlier application
- (ii) ... (name) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (inventor's name)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (name) and ... (name), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (name) to ... (name), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (name) in favor of ... (name), dated ...
- (vi) a court order, issued by ... (name of court), effecting a transfer from ... (name) to ... (name), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (name) to ... (name) by way of ... (specify kind of transfer), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant's name changed from ... (name) to ... (name) on ... (date)
- (ix) this declaration is made for the purposes of (include as applicable):
 - (a) all designations
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ..."

Either (a) or (b) of item (ix) should always be included in the declaration. The remainder of the items may be incorporated as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. **This declaration is only applicable to those events which have occurred prior to the international filing date.** In addition, this declaration is only applicable where the person or name of the applicant is different from that of the applicant who filed the earlier application from which priority is claimed. For example, this declaration may be applicable where only one applicant out of five is different from the applicants indicated in respect of an earlier application. The possible kinds of transfer of entitlement in item (vii) include merger, acquisition, inheritance, donation, etc. Where there has been a succession of transfers from the applicant in respect of the earlier application, the order in which transfers are listed should follow the actual succession of transfers, and items may be included more than once, as necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement.

BOX No. VIII (iv)

Declaration of Inventorship (Rule 4.17(iv) and Section 214): The standardized wording for the declaration is pre-printed in Box No. VIII (iv).

All inventors must be named in the declaration, even if they do not all sign the same (copy of) the declaration (Section 214(b)). Bibliographic data, such as address of

“Déclaration relative à l’identité de l’inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)ii) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

- i) ... (*nom*), ... (*adresse*), est l’inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection est demandée dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale
- ii) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations [sauf la désignation des États-Unis d’Amérique]
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

Une déclaration de cette nature n’est pas nécessaire en ce qui concerne tout inventeur qui est indiqué comme tel (que ce soit comme inventeur seulement ou en qualité à la fois de déposant et d’inventeur) dans le cadre n° II ou le cadre n° III en application de la règle 4.5 ou 4.6. Toutefois, lorsque l’inventeur est indiqué comme étant le déposant dans le cadre n° II ou n° III en application de la règle 4.5, une déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d’obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii) peut être appropriée aux fins de tous les États désignés sauf des États-Unis d’Amérique. Lorsque les indications concernant l’inventeur qui sont à fournir en application de la règle 4.5 ou 4.6 ne sont pas portées dans le cadre n° II ou n° III, cette déclaration peut être combinée avec le libellé standard pour la déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d’obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii). Pour des précisions concernant cette déclaration combinée, voir les notes du cadre n° VIII.ii), ci-après. Pour des précisions quant à la déclaration relative à la qualité d’inventeur aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d’Amérique, voir les notes du cadre n° VIII.iv), ci-après.

CADRE N° VIII.ii)

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d’obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii) et instruction 212) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à viii) nécessaires aux fins de motiver le droit du déposant :

“Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d’obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n’est pas appropriée :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*) a le droit de demander et d’obtenir un brevet en vertu :

- i) du fait que ... (*nom*), ... (*adresse*), est l’inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection est demandée dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale
- ii) du fait que... (*nom*) [possède] [possédait] ce droit en qualité d’employeur de l’inventeur, ... (*nom de l’inventeur*)
- iii) d’un contrat conclu entre ... (*nom*) et ... (*nom*), daté du ...
- iv) d’une cession de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- v) d’une autorisation consentie par ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vi) d’une décision de justice rendue par ... (*nom du tribunal*), ordonnant un transfert de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vii) d’un transfert de droits de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), sous la forme de ... (*préciser le type de transfert*), daté du ...

viii) du changement de nom du déposant de ... (*nom*) en ... (*nom*), le ... (*date*)

ix) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)

- a) de toutes les désignations [sauf la désignation des États-Unis d’Amérique]
- b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

L’une ou l’autre des variantes a) et b) du point ix) doit toujours être incluse dans la déclaration. On ne retiendra parmi les autres éléments que ceux qui sont nécessaires pour motiver le droit du déposant. **Cette déclaration est exclusivement applicable à des faits qui se sont produits avant la date du dépôt international.** Les types possibles de transfert de droits visés au point vii) comprennent la fusion, l’acquisition, l’héritage, la donation, etc. Lorsqu’il y a eu succession de transferts des droits de l’inventeur, l’ordre dans lequel les transferts sont énumérés doit suivre l’ordre effectif de ces transferts successifs et certains points peuvent être cités plus d’une fois si cela s’avère nécessaire pour motiver le droit du déposant. Lorsque l’inventeur n’est pas indiqué dans le cadre n° II ou le cadre n° III, cette déclaration peut être présentée sous la forme d’une déclaration combinée motivant le droit du déposant de demander et d’obtenir un brevet et permettant d’identifier l’inventeur. Dans un tel cas, la phrase introductive de la déclaration est libellée comme suit :

“Déclaration combinée relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d’obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii)) et relative à l’identité de l’inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)ii)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n’est pas appropriée :”

Le reste de la déclaration combinée est libellé comme indiqué aux paragraphes précédents.

Pour des précisions concernant la déclaration permettant d’identifier l’inventeur, voir les notes relatives au cadre n° VIII.i), ci-dessus.

CADRE N° VIII.iii)

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure (règle 4.17.iii) et instruction 213) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à viii) nécessaires aux fins de motiver le droit du déposant :

“Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande indiquée ci-dessous si le déposant n’est pas celui qui a déposé la demande antérieure ou si son nom a changé depuis le dépôt de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51bis.1.a)iii)) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*) a le droit de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure n° ... en vertu :

- i) du fait que le déposant est l’inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection a été demandée dans la demande antérieure
- ii) du fait que ... (*nom*) [possède] [possédait] ce droit en qualité d’employeur de l’inventeur, ... (*nom de l’inventeur*)
- iii) d’un contrat conclu entre ... (*nom*) et ... (*nom*), daté du ...
- iv) d’une cession de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- v) d’une autorisation consentie par ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...

residence and citizenship, must be included for each inventor. Where the declaration is included in the request, the inventor(s) need not sign and date the declaration if they have signed in Box No. X of the request.

BOX No. VIII (v)

Declaration as to Non-prejudicial Disclosures or Exceptions to Lack of Novelty (Rule 4.17(v) and Section 215): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (iv) as is necessary:

“Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty (Rules 4.17(v) and 51*bis*.1(a)(v)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) declares that the subject matter claimed in [the] [this] international application was disclosed as follows:

- (i) kind of disclosure (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) international exhibition
 - (b) publication
 - (c) abuse
 - (d) other: ... (*specify*)
- (ii) date of disclosure: ...
- (iii) title of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...
- (iv) place of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...
- (v) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ...”

Either (a), (b), (c) or (d) of item (i) should always be included in the declaration. Item (ii) should also always be included in the declaration. Either (a) or (b) of item (v) should always be included in the declaration. Items (iii) and (iv) may be incorporated depending upon the circumstances.

BOX No. IX

Items Constituting the International Application: The number of sheets of the various parts of the international application must be given in the check list in Arabic numerals. Sheets containing any of Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) must be counted as part of the request.

Where the application contains disclosure of one or more *nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences*, the applicant has the following three options.

First, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listing part *in paper form only*, in which case the number of sheets must be indicated under item (a) in the left column of Box No. IX (and therefore included in the total number of sheets), noting that, a copy of that sequence listing part, in computer readable form, may accompany the international application but only for the purposes of international search under Rule 13*ter*; in such a case, check-boxes Nos. 9 and 9(i) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked in the right column of Box No. IX.

Second, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listing part *in computer readable form only*, under Section 801(a)(i), in which case check-box b(i) must be marked but the space for the number of sheets of the sequence listing part under item (a) must be left blank; the type and number of carriers must also be indicated on the dotted line under item (b); in addition, check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and, where applicable,

9(iii) must be marked if additional copies of the sequence listing in computer readable form are furnished.

Third, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listing part *both in computer readable form and in paper form* under Section 801(a)(ii), in which case check-box b(ii) must be marked and the number of sheets of that part in paper form must be indicated under item (a) (although that number of sheets will not be taken into account for calculation of the basic fee); the type and number of carriers must also be indicated on the dotted line under item (b); in addition, check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked if additional copies of the sequence listing in computer readable form are furnished.

Under all three options described above, the sequence listings must be presented as a separate part of the description (“sequence listing part of description”) in accordance with the standard contained in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions.

Items Accompanying the International Application:

Where the international application is accompanied by certain items, the applicable check-boxes must be marked, any applicable indication must be made on the dotted line after the applicable item, and the number of such items should be indicated at the end of the relevant line; detailed explanations are provided below only in respect of those items which so require.

Check-box No. 4: Mark this check-box where a copy of a general power of attorney is filed with the international application; where the general power of attorney has been deposited with the receiving Office, and that Office has accorded to it a reference number, that number may be indicated.

Check-box No. 5: Mark this check-box where a statement explaining the lack of signature of an inventor/applicant for the purposes of the United States of America is furnished together with the international application (see also Notes to Box No. X).

Check-box No. 7: Mark this check-box where a translation of the international application for the purposes of international search (Rule 12.3) is filed together with the international application and indicate the language of that translation.

Check-box No. 8: Mark this check-box where a filled-in Form PCT/RO/134 or any separate sheet containing indications concerning deposited microorganisms and/or other biological material is filed with the international application. If Form PCT/RO/134 or any sheet containing the said indications is included as one of the sheets of the description (as required by certain designated States (see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex L)), do not mark this check-box (for further information, see Rule 13*bis* and Section 209).

Check-box No. 9: Where the international application contains a sequence listing part and a copy thereof in computer readable form is required by the ISA, the applicant may furnish the listing in computer readable form (together with the required statement) to the receiving Office with the international application, in which case check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(i) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked. Where the applicant has chosen the second or third option mentioned above, and an additional copy or copies of the sequence listing part in computer readable form are required under Section 804, the applicant may furnish such additional copies together with the international application, in which case check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked. In all cases mentioned above, the applicant should indicate in the left column the type and number of diskettes, CD-ROMs, CD-Rs, or other data carriers furnished.

- vi) d'une décision de justice rendue par ... (*nom du tribunal*), ordonnant un transfert de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vii) d'un transfert de droits de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), sous la forme de ... (*préciser le type de transfert*), daté du ...
- viii) du changement de nom du déposant de ... (*nom*) en ... (*nom*), le ... (*date*)
- ix) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ..."
- iv) lieu de la divulgation (*s'il y a lieu*) : ...
- v) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ..."

L'un des éléments a), b), c) ou d) du point i) doit toujours être inclus dans la déclaration. Le point ii) doit aussi toujours être inclus dans la déclaration. L'un ou l'autre des éléments a) et b) du point v) doit toujours figurer dans la déclaration. Les points iii) et iv) peuvent être incorporés s'il y a lieu.

CADRE N° IX

Éléments constituant la demande internationale : Il faut indiquer en chiffres arabes, dans le bordereau, le nombre de feuilles des différentes parties de la demande internationale. Toute feuille sur laquelle figure l'un quelconque des cadres n^{os} VIII.i) à v) doit être comptée comme faisant partie de la requête.

Lorsque la demande internationale contient la divulgation d'une ou de plusieurs *séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés*, le déposant dispose de trois options suivantes.

Premièrement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer la partie réservée au listage des séquences *sous forme papier seulement*, auquel cas le nombre de feuilles doit être indiqué au point a) de la colonne de gauche du cadre n° IX (et par conséquent compris dans le nombre total de feuilles); on notera dans ce cas qu'une copie de la partie réservée au listage des séquences, sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, peut être remise avec la demande internationale mais seulement aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13ter; dans ce cas, les cases n^{os} 9, 9.i) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii), doivent être cochées dans la colonne de droite du cadre n° IX.

Deuxièmement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer la partie réservée au listage des séquences *sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur seulement*, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), auquel cas la case b)i) doit être cochée mais l'endroit réservé au nombre de feuilles de ladite partie sous le point a) doit être laissé en blanc; le type et le nombre de supports doivent également être indiqués sur la ligne pointillée sous le point b). De plus, les cases n^{os} 9, 9.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii), doivent être cochées si on joint des exemplaires supplémentaires du listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

Troisièmement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer la partie réservée au listage des séquences *à la fois sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et sous forme papier*, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), auquel cas la case b)ii) doit être cochée et le nombre de feuilles de ladite partie, sous forme papier, doit être indiqué sous le point a) (bien que ce nombre de feuilles ne soit pas utilisé aux fins du calcul de la taxe de base); le type et le nombre de supports doivent également être indiqués sur la ligne pointillée sous le point b). De plus, les cases n^{os} 9, 9.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii), doivent être cochées si on joint des exemplaires supplémentaires du listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

Dans le cadre des trois options décrites ci-dessus, les listages des séquences doivent être présentés dans une partie distincte de la description ("partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences") conformément à la norme figurant dans l'annexe C des instructions administratives.

Éléments joints à la demande internationale : lorsque des éléments sont joints à la demande internationale, les cases appropriées doivent être cochées et toute indication pertinente doit être portée sur la ligne pointillée correspondante, le nombre de chacun de ces éléments devant être indiqué dans la colonne, en fin de ligne; on trouvera ci-après des explications détaillées concernant uniquement les éléments qui le nécessitent.

CADRE N° VIII.iv)

Déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (règle 4.17.iv) et instruction 214) : le libellé standard pour la déclaration est pré-imprimé au cadre n° VIII.iv).

Tous les inventeurs doivent être mentionnés dans la déclaration même s'ils ne signent pas tous la même (copie de la) déclaration (instruction 214.b)). Les données bibliographiques, telles que l'adresse du domicile et la nationalité, doivent être fournies pour chaque inventeur. Dans le cas d'une déclaration incluse dans la requête, il n'est pas nécessaire que le ou les inventeurs signent ou datent la déclaration s'ils ont signé eux-mêmes dans le cadre n° X de la requête.

CADRE N° VIII.v)

Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règle 4.17.v) et instruction 215) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à iv), qui s'avérerait nécessaire :

"Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règles 4.17.v) et 51bis.1.a)v) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*) déclare que l'objet revendiqué dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale a été divulgué comme suit :

- i) nature de la divulgation (*préciser selon le cas*) :
 - a) exposition internationale
 - b) publication
 - c) utilisation abusive
 - d) autre : ... (*préciser*)
- ii) date de la divulgation : ...
- iii) intitulé de la divulgation (*s'il y a lieu*) : ...

Language of Filing of the International Application (Rules 12.1(a) and 20.4(c) and (d)): With regard to the language in which the international application is filed, for the purposes of according an international filing date, it is, subject to the following sentence, sufficient that the description and the claims are in the language, or one of the languages, accepted by the receiving Office for the filing of international applications; that language should be indicated in that check-box (as regards the language of the abstract and any text matter in the drawings, see Rules 26.3*ter*(a) and (b); as regards the language of the request, see Rules 12.3(c) and 26.3*ter*(c) and (d)). Note that where the international application is filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, all elements of the international application (request, description, claims, abstract, text matter of drawings) must, for the purposes of according an international filing date, be in English except that the free text in any sequence listing part of the description, complying with the standard set out in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, may be in a language other than English.

BOX No. X

Signature (Rules 4.1(d), 4.15 and 90): The signature must be that of the applicant (if there are several applicants, all must sign); however, the signature may be that of the agent, or the common representative, where a separate power of attorney appointing the agent or the common representative, respectively, or a copy of a general power of attorney already in the possession of the receiving Office, is furnished. If the power is not filed with the request, the receiving Office will invite the applicant to furnish it.

If the United States of America is designated and an inventor/applicant for that State refused to sign the request or could not be found or reached after diligent effort, a statement explaining the lack of signature may be furnished. It should be noted that this applies only where there are two or more applicants and the international application has been signed by at least one other applicant. The statement must satisfy the receiving Office. If such a statement is furnished with the international application, check-box No. 5 in Box No. IX should be marked.

SUPPLEMENTAL BOX

The cases in which the Supplemental Box may be used and the manner of making indications in it are explained in the left column of that Box.

GENERAL REMARKS

Language of Correspondence (Rule 92.2 and Section 104): Any letter from the applicant to the receiving Office must be in the language of filing of the international application provided that, where the international application is to be published in the language of a translation required under Rule 12.3, such letter should be in the language of that translation; however, the receiving Office may authorize the use of another language.

Any letter from the applicant to the International Bureau must be in the same language as the international application if that language is English or French; otherwise, it must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant.

Any letter from the applicant to the ISA must be in the same language as the international application, provided that, where a translation of the international application for the purposes of international search has been transmitted under Rule 23.1(b), such letter is in the language of that translation. However, the ISA may authorize the use of another language.

Arrangement of Elements and Numbering of Sheets of the International Application (Rule 11.7 and Section 207): The elements of the international application must be placed in the following order: the request, the description (excluding the sequence listing part, if any), the claim(s), the abstract, the drawings (if any), the sequence listing part of the description (if any).

All sheets of the description (excluding the sequence listing part), claims and abstract must be numbered in consecutive Arabic numerals, which must be placed at the top or bottom of the sheet, in the middle, but not in the margin which must remain blank. The number of each sheet of the drawings must consist of two Arabic numerals separated by an oblique stroke, the first being the sheet number and the second being the total number of sheets of drawings (for example, 1/3, 2/3, 3/3). For numbering of the sheets of the sequence listing part of the description, see Section 207.

Indication of the Applicant's or Agent's File Reference on the sheets of the description (excluding the sequence listing part, if any), claim(s), abstract, drawings and sequence listing part of the description (Rule 11.6(f)): The file reference indicated on the request may also be indicated in the left-hand corner of the top margin, within 1.5 cm from the top of any sheet of the international application.

Case n° 4 : cocher cette case si la copie d'un pouvoir général est déposée avec la demande internationale; lorsque le pouvoir général a été déposé auprès de l'office récepteur, et que celui-ci lui a attribué un numéro de référence, ce dernier peut être indiqué.

Case n° 5 : cocher cette case si une explication de l'absence de signature d'un inventeur/déposant pour les États-Unis d'Amérique est fournie conjointement avec la demande internationale (voir aussi les notes du cadre n° X).

Case n° 7 : cocher cette case si une traduction de la demande internationale aux fins de la recherche internationale (règle 12.3) est fournie conjointement avec cette demande et indiquer la langue de la traduction.

Case n° 8 : cocher cette case si, avec la demande internationale, est déposé un formulaire PCT/RO/134 rempli ou une ou plusieurs feuilles séparées comportant des indications relatives à des micro-organismes ou autre matériel biologique déposés. Si le formulaire PCT/RO/134 ou toute autre feuille comportant les indications en question figurent en tant que feuilles de la description (comme le prescrivent certains États désignés (voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe L), ne pas cocher cette case (pour de plus amples renseignements, voir la règle 13*bis* et l'instruction 209).

Case n° 9 : lorsque la demande internationale contient une partie réservée au listage des séquences et qu'une copie de cette dernière, sous forme déchiffirable par ordinateur, est requise par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, le déposant peut fournir, conjointement avec la demande internationale, le listage en question sous forme déchiffirable par ordinateur (ainsi que la déclaration requise) à l'office récepteur. Si tel est le cas, les cases n°s 9, 9.i) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) doivent être cochées. Lorsque le déposant a choisi la deuxième ou la troisième option mentionnée ci-dessus, et qu'un ou plusieurs exemplaires supplémentaires de la partie réservée au listage des séquences sont requis en vertu de l'instruction 804, le déposant peut remettre de tels exemplaires supplémentaires, conjointement avec la demande internationale, auquel cas les cases n°s 9, 9.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) doivent être cochées. Dans tous les cas mentionnés ci-dessus, le déposant doit indiquer le type et le nombre de disquettes, CD-ROM, CD-R ou autres supports de données qu'il a remis.

Langue de dépôt de la demande internationale (règles 12.1.a) et 20.4.c) et d)) : en ce qui concerne la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée, il suffit, aux fins de l'attribution d'une date de dépôt international, et sous réserve de la phrase suivante, que la description et les revendications soient rédigées dans la langue ou l'une des langues acceptées par l'office récepteur pour le dépôt de demandes internationales; cette langue doit être indiquée dans cette case (en ce qui concerne la langue de l'abrégé et de tout texte des dessins, voir la règle 26.3*ter*.a) et b); en ce qui concerne la langue de la requête, voir les règles 12.3.c) et 26.3*ter*.c) et d)). On notera que, lorsque la demande internationale est déposée auprès de l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis d'Amérique en sa qualité d'office récepteur, tous les éléments de la demande internationale (requête, description, revendications, abrégé, texte des dessins) doivent, aux fins de l'attribution d'une date de dépôt international, être rédigés en anglais, hormis tout texte libre contenu dans la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences conforme à la norme figurant dans l'annexe C des instructions administratives, qui peut être rédigé dans une langue autre que l'anglais.

CADRE N° X

Signature (règles 4.1.d), 4.15 et 90) : la signature doit être celle du déposant (s'il y a plusieurs déposants, tous doivent signer); il peut toutefois s'agir de la signature du mandataire ou du représentant commun, si un pouvoir distinct désignant le mandataire ou le représentant commun, respectivement, ou une

copie du pouvoir général déjà détenu par l'office récepteur est fourni. Si la requête n'est pas déposée avec le pouvoir, l'office récepteur invitera le déposant à le remettre.

Si les États-Unis d'Amérique sont désignés et qu'un déposant pour cet État qui a la qualité d'inventeur a refusé de signer la requête ou que des efforts diligents n'ont pas permis de le trouver ou d'entrer en rapport avec lui, il est possible de fournir une explication de l'absence de signature. Cela vaut uniquement lorsqu'il y a plusieurs déposants et que la demande internationale a été signée par au moins un autre déposant. L'explication doit être jugée satisfaisante par l'office récepteur. Si cette explication est remise conjointement avec la demande internationale, il y a lieu de cocher la case n° 5 du cadre n° IX.

CADRE SUPPLÉMENTAIRE

Les cas dans lesquels le cadre supplémentaire peut être utilisé et la manière de fournir les indications prévues dans ce cadre sont expliqués dans la colonne de gauche de celui-ci.

REMARQUES GÉNÉRALES

Langue de la correspondance (règle 92.2 et instruction 104) : toute lettre du déposant à l'office récepteur doit être rédigée dans la langue de dépôt de la demande internationale étant entendu que, lorsque la demande internationale doit être publiée dans la langue d'une traduction remise en vertu de la règle 12.3, cette lettre doit être rédigée dans la langue de cette traduction; l'office récepteur peut cependant autoriser l'emploi d'une autre langue.

Toute lettre du déposant au Bureau international doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale si celle-ci est établie en français ou en anglais; sinon, elle doit être rédigée en français ou en anglais, au choix du déposant.

Toute lettre du déposant à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale étant entendu que, lorsqu'une traduction de la demande internationale aux fins de la recherche internationale a été transmise en vertu de la règle 23.1.b), cette lettre doit être rédigée dans la langue de cette traduction. Cependant, l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale peut autoriser l'emploi d'une autre langue.

Disposition des éléments et numérotation des feuilles de la demande internationale (règle 11.7 et instruction 207) : les éléments de la demande internationale doivent être présentés dans l'ordre suivant : requête, description (sauf la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant), revendication(s), abrégé, dessins (le cas échéant), partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant.

Toutes les feuilles de la description (sauf la partie réservée au listage des séquences), les revendications et l'abrégé doivent être numérotés consécutivement, en chiffres arabes qui doivent être inscrits, en milieu de ligne, en haut ou en bas de la feuille mais non dans la marge, qui doit rester vierge. Le numéro de chaque feuille des dessins doit consister en deux nombres en chiffres arabes séparés par une barre oblique, le premier indiquant le numéro de la feuille et le second le nombre total des feuilles de dessins (par exemple : 1/3, 2/3, 3/3). Pour la numérotation des feuilles de la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, se référer à l'instruction 207.

Indication de la référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire sur les feuilles de la description (sauf la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant), de la ou des revendications, de l'abrégé, des dessins et de la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences (règle 11.6.f) : la référence de dossier indiquée sur la requête peut l'être également sur chaque feuille de la demande internationale, dans le coin gauche de la marge du haut, sans toutefois apparaître au-delà de 1,5 cm à partir du haut.

This sheet is not part of and does not count as a sheet of the international application.

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FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Request

For receiving Office use only

International Application No. _____

Date stamp of the receiving Office _____

Applicant's or agent's
file reference _____

Applicant _____

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

1. TRANSMITTAL FEE T

2. SEARCH FEE S

International search to be carried out by _____
(If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the name of the Authority which is chosen to carry out the international search.)

3. INTERNATIONAL FEE

Basic Fee

Where item (b) of Box No. IX applies, enter **Sub-total number of sheets** } _____
Where item (b) of Box No. IX does not apply, enter **Total number of sheets** }

b1 first 30 sheets b1

b2 _____ x _____ = b2
number of sheets in excess of 30 fee per sheet

b3 additional component (only if sequence listing part of description is filed in computer readable form under Section 801(a)(i), or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801(a)(ii)):
400 x _____ = b3
fee per sheet

Add amounts entered at b1, b2 and b3 and enter total at B B

Designation Fees

The international application contains _____ designations.

_____ x _____ = D
number of designation fees payable (maximum 6) amount of designation fee

Add amounts entered at B and D and enter total at I I

(Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the international fee. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the total to be entered at I is 25% of the sum of the amounts entered at B and D.)

4. FEE FOR PRIORITY DOCUMENT (if applicable) P

5. TOTAL FEES PAYABLE TOTAL
Add amounts entered at T, S, I and P, and enter total in the TOTAL box

The designation fees are not paid at this time.

MODE OF PAYMENT

- authorization to charge deposit account (see below) postal money order cash coupons
- cheque bank draft revenue stamps other (specify): _____

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

(This mode of payment may not be available at all receiving Offices)

- Authorization to charge the total fees indicated above.
- (This check-box may be marked only if the conditions for deposit accounts of the receiving Office so permit)* Authorization to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the total fees indicated above.
- Authorization to charge the fee for priority document.

Receiving Office: RO/ _____

Deposit Account No.: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

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FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES

Annexe de la requête

Réservé à l'office récepteur

Demande internationale n°

Timbre à date de l'office récepteur

Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire

Déposant

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

1. TAXE DE TRANSMISSION T

2. TAXE DE RECHERCHE S

Recherche internationale à effectuer par _____
(Si plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes pour effectuer la recherche internationale, inscrire le nom de celle qui est choisie pour l'effectuer.)

3. TAXE INTERNATIONALE

Taxe de base

Lorsque le point b) du cadre n° IX s'applique, reporter le **sous-total des feuilles** } _____
Lorsque le point b) du cadre n° IX ne s'applique pas, reporter le **nombre total de feuilles** }

b1 30 premières feuilles b1

b2 _____ x _____ = b2
nombre de feuilles au-delà de 30 taxe par feuille

b3 composante supplémentaire (seulement si la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences est déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), ou à la fois sous cette forme et sur papier, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii)) :
400 x _____ = b3
taxe par feuille

Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres b1, b2 et b3 et inscrire le total dans le cadre B B

Taxes de désignation

La demande internationale contient _____ désignations.

_____ x _____ = D
nombre de taxes de désignation dues (maximum 6) montant de la taxe de désignation

Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres B et D et inscrire le total dans le cadre I I

(Les déposants de certains États ont droit à une réduction de 75 % de la taxe internationale. Lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à cette réduction, la somme devant figurer sous I est égale à 25 % de la somme des montants portés dans les cadres B et D.)

4. TAXE AFFÉRENTE AU DOCUMENT DE PRIORITÉ (le cas échéant) P

5. TOTAL DES TAXES DUES
Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres T, S, I et P et inscrire le résultat dans le cadre TOTAL TOTAL

Les taxes de désignation seront payées ultérieurement.

MODE DE PAIEMENT

- autorisation de débiter un compte de dépôt (voir ci-dessous) mandat postal espèces coupons
 chèque traite bancaire timbres fiscaux autre (préciser) :

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

(Les offices récepteurs ne permettent pas tous l'utilisation de ce mode de paiement)

- Autorisation de débiter le total des taxes indiqué ci-dessus.
 (Cette case ne peut être cochée que si les conditions relatives aux comptes de dépôt établies par l'office récepteur le permettent) Autorisation de débiter tout montant manquant – ou de créditer tout excédent – dans le paiement du total des taxes indiqué ci-dessus.
 Autorisation de débiter le montant de la taxe afférente à l'établissement du document de priorité.

Office récepteur : RO/ _____

N° du compte de dépôt : _____

Date : _____

Nom : _____

Signature : _____

NOTES TO THE FEE CALCULATION SHEET (ANNEX TO FORM PCT/RO/101)

The purpose of the fee calculation sheet is to help the applicant to identify the prescribed fees and to calculate the amounts to be paid. It is strongly recommended that the applicant complete the sheet by entering the appropriate amounts in the boxes provided and submit the fee calculation sheet at the time of filing the international application. This will help the receiving Office to verify the calculations and to identify any error in them.

Information about the applicable fees payable can be obtained from the receiving Office. The amounts of the international and search fees may change due to currency fluctuations. Applicants are advised to check what are the latest applicable amounts. All fees, except in some cases the designation fee, must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application. See below for further details concerning the possibility of later payment of the designation fee.

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

Box T: Transmittal Fee for the benefit of the receiving Office (Rule 14.1): The amount of the transmittal fee, if any, is fixed by the receiving Office. It must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office. Information about this fee is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Box S: Search Fee for the benefit of the International Searching Authority (ISA) (Rule 16.1): The amount of the search fee is fixed by the ISA. It must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office. Information about this fee is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex D.

Where two or more ISAs are competent, the applicant must indicate his choice in the space provided for this purpose and pay the amount of the international search fee fixed by the ISA chosen. Information on the competent ISA and whether the applicant has a choice between two or more ISAs is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Box I: International Fee for the benefit of the International Bureau (Rule 15): The international fee consists of a basic fee and as many designation fees as there are specific designations under Rule 4.9(a) in Box No. V of the request. The amounts of the basic fee and of the designation fee are as set out in Swiss francs in the Schedule of Fees and the applicable amounts of those fees in other currencies are as published in the *PCT Gazette* (Rule 15.2). Information about those fees is also contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Reduction of the International Fee Where PCT-EASY Software Is Used: A fee reduction of 200 Swiss francs (or the equivalent in the currency in which the international fee is paid to the receiving Office) is available in certain cases where the PCT-EASY software is used to prepare the request, provided that the necessary conditions are met. For further details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part, and information published in the *PCT Gazette* and the *PCT Newsletter*. Since applicants using the PCT-EASY software will file the Request Form and Fee Calculation Sheet in the form of a printout prepared using that software, no provision is made for this fee reduction in the Fee Calculation Sheet annexed to Form PCT/RO/101.

Reduction of the International Fee for Applicants from Certain States: An applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997) is entitled, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees, to a reduction of 75% of certain PCT fees including the international fee. If there are several applicants, each must satisfy the above-mentioned criteria. The reduction of the international fee (basic fee and

designation fees) is automatically available to any applicant (or applicants) who is (or are) so entitled on the basis of the indications of name, nationality and residence given in Boxes Nos. II and III of the request.

The fee reduction is available even if one or more of the applicants are not from PCT Contracting States, provided that each of them is a national and resident of a State that meets the above-mentioned requirements and that at least one of the applicants is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State and thus is entitled to file an international application.

Natural persons who are nationals of and reside in the following PCT Contracting States are eligible: AL Albania, AM Armenia, AZ Azerbaijan, BA Bosnia and Herzegovina, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgaria, BJ Benin, BR Brazil, BY Belarus, BZ Belize, CF Central African Republic, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroon, CN China, CO Colombia, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ Czech Republic, DM Dominica, DZ Algeria, EC Ecuador, EE Estonia, GA Gabon, GD Grenada, GE Georgia, GH Ghana, GM Gambia, GN Guinea, GW Guinea-Bissau, HR Croatia, HU Hungary, ID Indonesia, IN India, KE Kenya, KG Kyrgyzstan, KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Saint Lucia, LK Sri Lanka, LR Liberia, LS Lesotho, LT Lithuania, LV Latvia, MA Morocco, MD Republic of Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, ML Mali, MN Mongolia, MR Mauritania, MW Malawi, MX Mexico, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, PL Poland, RO Romania, RU Russian Federation, SD Sudan, SK Slovakia, SL Sierra Leone, SN Senegal, SZ Swaziland, TD Chad, TG Togo, TJ Tajikistan, TM Turkmenistan, TR Turkey, TZ United Republic of Tanzania, UA Ukraine, UG Uganda, UZ Uzbekistan, VN Viet Nam, YU Yugoslavia, ZA South Africa and ZW Zimbabwe. As far as other States are concerned, inquiries should be addressed to the International Bureau.

Calculation of the International Fee (Basic Fee and Designation Fees) in Case of Fee Reduction: Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) entitled to a reduction of the international fee, the total to be entered at box I is 25% of the sum of the amounts entered at boxes B and D (see below).

Box B: Basic Fee. The amount of the basic fee depends on the number of sheets of the international application indicated under item (a) of Box No. IX of the request as explained below.

That number is the **Total number of sheets** where item (b) of Box No. IX of the request does not apply (that is, where the international application either does not contain a sequence listing part or where it contains such a part but not filed in computer readable form under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii)), in such a case, item "b3" must not be filled in.

Otherwise, where item (b) of Box No. IX of the request applies (that is, where the international application contains a

NOTES RELATIVES A LA FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES (ANNEXE DU FORMULAIRE PCT/RO/101)

La feuille de calcul des taxes a pour objet d'aider le déposant à recenser les taxes prescrites et à calculer les montants à payer. Il lui est vivement recommandé de remplir cette feuille en portant les montants appropriés dans les cadres prévus et de la joindre au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale, ce qui permettra à l'office récepteur de vérifier les calculs et d'y déceler d'éventuelles erreurs.

Des renseignements sur le montant en vigueur des taxes à payer peuvent être obtenus auprès de l'office récepteur. Les montants de la taxe internationale et de la taxe de recherche peuvent varier en raison de fluctuations monétaires. Il est recommandé aux déposants de vérifier quels sont les tout derniers montants en vigueur. Toutes les taxes sauf, dans certains cas, la taxe de désignation doivent être payées dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de réception de la demande internationale. On trouvera ci-après quelques précisions supplémentaires relatives à un éventuel paiement différé de la taxe de désignation.

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

Cadre T : Taxe de transmission au profit de l'office récepteur (règle 14.1) : l'office récepteur fixe le montant de la taxe de transmission, s'il y en a une. Celui-ci doit être payé dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale. On peut trouver des renseignements sur cette taxe dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C.

Cadre S : Taxe de recherche au profit de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (règle 16.1) : le montant de la taxe de recherche est fixé par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale. Il doit être payé dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale. On peut trouver des renseignements sur cette taxe dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe D.

Lorsque plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes, le déposant doit indiquer son choix à l'emplacement prévu à cet effet et payer le montant de la taxe de recherche internationale fixé par l'administration qu'il a choisie. Le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C, donne des renseignements sur l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale qui est compétente et sur la question de savoir si le déposant a le choix entre plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale.

Cadre I : Taxe internationale au profit du Bureau international (règle 15) : la taxe internationale comprend une taxe de base et autant de taxes de désignation qu'il y a de désignations faites expressément selon la règle 4.9.a) dans le cadre n° V de la requête. Les montants de la taxe de base et de la taxe de désignation sont fixés en francs suisses dans le barème des taxes et les montants correspondants de ces taxes dans d'autres monnaies sont publiés dans la *Gazette du PCT* (règle 15.2). On peut trouver des renseignements sur ces taxes dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C.

Réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY : une réduction de 200 francs suisses (ou l'équivalent dans la monnaie dans laquelle la taxe internationale est payée à l'office récepteur) peut être obtenue dans certains cas où le logiciel PCT-EASY est utilisé pour la préparation de la requête, à condition que les conditions nécessaires soient remplies. On peut trouver des précisions sur cette réduction dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale, ainsi que dans les informations publiées dans la *Gazette du PCT* et le bulletin *PCT Newsletter*. Étant donné que les déposants qui utilisent le logiciel PCT-EASY déposeront le formulaire de requête et la feuille de calcul des taxes sous la forme d'un imprimé produit par ordinateur à l'aide de ce logiciel, la feuille de calcul des taxes annexée au formulaire PCT/RO/101 ne prévoit pas cette réduction de taxe.

Réduction de la taxe internationale pour les déposants de certains États : un déposant qui est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et est domiciliée dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3 000 dollars des États-Unis a droit, conformément au barème de taxes, à une réduction de 75 % de certaines taxes du PCT, dont la taxe internationale. S'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire à ces critères. La réduction de la taxe internationale (taxe de base et taxe de désignation) s'applique automatiquement à tout déposant qui y a droit (ou à tous les déposants qui y ont droit) au vu des indications de nom, de nationalité et de domicile données dans les cadres n°s II et III de la requête.

La réduction de la taxe s'applique même si l'un ou plusieurs des déposants ne viennent pas d'États contractants du PCT, à condition que chacun d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État, et domicilié dans un État, qui répond aux critères mentionnés ci-dessus et qu'au moins l'un d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT, et domicilié dans un tel État, et ait donc le droit de déposer une demande internationale.

Les personnes physiques qui sont ressortissantes des États contractants du PCT suivants, et qui sont domiciliées dans ces États, peuvent bénéficier de cette réduction : AL Albanie, AM Arménie, AZ Azerbaïdjan, BA Bosnie-Herzégovine, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgarie, BJ Bénin, BR Brésil, BY Bélarus, BZ Belize, CF République centrafricaine, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroun, CN Chine, CO Colombie, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ République tchèque, DM Dominique, DZ Algérie, EC Équateur, EE Estonie, GA Gabon, GD Grenade, GE Géorgie, GH Ghana, GM Gambie, GN Guinée, GW Guinée-Bissau, HR Croatie, HU Hongrie, ID Indonésie, IN Inde, KE Kenya, KG Kirghizistan, KP République populaire démocratique de Corée, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Sainte-Lucie, LK Sri Lanka, LR Libéria, LS Lesotho, LT Lituanie, LV Lettonie, MA Maroc, MD République de Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, ML Mali, MN Mongolie, MR Mauritanie, MW Malawi, MX Mexique, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, PL Pologne, RO Roumanie, RU Fédération de Russie, SD Soudan, SK Slovaquie, SL Sierra Leone, SN Sénégal, SZ Swaziland, TD Tchad, TG Togo, TJ Tadjikistan, TM Turkménistan, TR Turquie, TZ République-Unie de Tanzanie, UA Ukraine, UG Ouganda, UZ Ouzbékistan, VN Viet Nam, YU Yougoslavie, ZA Afrique du Sud et ZW Zimbabwe. En ce qui concerne d'autres États, il convient de s'adresser au Bureau international.

sequence listing part which is filed in computer readable form only, under Section 801(a)(i), or both in that form and in paper form under Section 801(a)(ii)), the number of sheets to be used for the purpose of calculating the amount of the basic fee is the **Sub-total number of sheets**. In such a case, item "b3" must be filled in on the basis that the sequence listing part in computer readable form is considered to be equal to 400 sheets (see Section 803).

The basic fee must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office.

Box D: Designation Fees. Subject to what is said below, the number of designation fees due corresponds to the number of check-boxes marked in Box No. V of the request.

The number of designation fees which are due is the same as the number of national patents and regional patents in respect of which specific designations under Rule 4.9(a) are made. Only one designation fee is due for the designation AP, the designation EA, the designation EP or the designation OA, irrespective of the number of States for which an ARIPO patent, a Eurasian patent, a European patent or an OAPI patent, respectively, is sought.

Where any States are designated twice (once for the purposes of an ARIPO patent, a Eurasian patent or a European patent and once for the purposes of national protection), the applicant must pay one designation fee in respect of the ARIPO patent, the Eurasian patent or the European patent and a further designation fee in respect of each national patent or other title of protection sought (Rule 15.1(ii) and Section 210).

Any designation, in excess of six designations for which the fee is due, is free of charge. Therefore, the maximum amount to be indicated in box D is six times the amount of the designation fee. If, for example, 15 national patents and four regional patents (an ARIPO patent, a Eurasian patent, a European patent and an OAPI patent) are sought (totalling 19 designations), the figure to be indicated in box D is six times the amount of the designation fee.

The designation fees must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office or one year from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later.

Box P: Fee for Priority Document (Rule 17.1(b)): Where the applicant has requested, by marking the applicable check-box in Box No. VI of the request, that the receiving Office prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application the priority of which is claimed, the amount of the fee prescribed by the receiving Office for such service may be entered (for information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C).

If that fee is not paid at the latest before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date, the receiving Office may consider the request under Rule 17.1(b) as not having been made.

Total Box: The total of the amounts entered in boxes T, S, I and P should be entered in this box. If the applicant so wishes, the currency in which the fees are paid may be indicated next to or in the total box.

Later Payment of Designation Fees: Where the time limit of one year from the priority date expires later than one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office, and the applicant wishes to delay the payment of the designation fees, it is recommended that the corresponding check-box be marked.

MODE OF PAYMENT

In order to help the receiving Office identify the mode of payment of the prescribed fees, it is recommended that the applicable check-box(es) be marked.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The receiving Office will not charge (or credit) fees to deposit accounts unless the deposit account authorization is signed and indicates the deposit account number.

Calcul de la taxe internationale (taxe de base et taxes de désignation) en cas de réduction : lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à une réduction de la taxe internationale, la somme devant figurer sous I est égale à 25 % de la somme des montants figurant sous B et D (voir ci-dessous).

Cadre B : Taxe de base. Le montant de la taxe de base est fonction du nombre de feuilles de la demande internationale indiqué au point a) du cadre n° IX de la requête comme expliqué ci-dessous.

Ce nombre est le **nombre total de feuilles** lorsque le point b) du cadre n° IX de la requête ne s'applique pas (c'est-à-dire, si la demande internationale ne contient pas une partie réservée au listage des séquences ou qu'elle contient une telle partie mais que cette dernière n'est pas déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii) ou ii)), dans ce cas, le point "b3" ne doit pas être rempli.

Sinon, lorsque le point b) du cadre n° IX de la requête s'applique (c'est-à-dire, si la demande internationale contient une partie réservée au listage des séquences qui est déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur seulement, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), ou à la fois sous cette forme et sous forme papier en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), le nombre de feuilles à utiliser pour le calcul du montant de la taxe de base est le **sous-total des feuilles**. Dans un tel cas, le point "b3" doit être rempli étant entendu que la partie réservée au listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur est considérée comporter 400 pages (voir l'instruction 803).

La taxe de base doit être payée dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de réception de la demande internationale par l'office récepteur.

Cadre D : Taxes de désignation. Sous réserve de ce qui suit, le nombre des taxes de désignation dues correspond au nombre de cases cochées dans le cadre n° V de la requête.

Sont dues autant de taxes de désignation qu'il y a de brevets nationaux et de brevets régionaux pour lesquels une désignation expresse a été faite en vertu de la règle 4.9.a). Une seule taxe de désignation est due pour la désignation AP, la désignation EA, la désignation EP ou la désignation OA, quel que soit le nombre d'États pour lesquels un brevet ARIPO, un brevet eurasien, un brevet européen ou un brevet OAPI, respectivement, est demandé.

Si un ou plusieurs États sont désignés deux fois (une fois aux fins d'un brevet ARIPO, d'un brevet eurasien ou d'un brevet européen et une fois aux fins d'une protection nationale), le déposant doit payer une taxe de désignation pour le brevet ARIPO, le brevet eurasien ou le brevet européen et une autre taxe de désignation pour chaque brevet ou autre titre de protection national demandé (règle 15.1.ii) et instruction 210).

Toute désignation faite au-delà de six désignations soumises à la taxe est gratuite. Le montant maximum à indiquer dans le cadre D est donc de six fois le montant de la taxe de désignation. Si, par exemple, 15 brevets nationaux et quatre brevets régionaux (un brevet ARIPO, un brevet eurasien, un brevet européen et un brevet OAPI) sont demandés (soit un total de 19 désignations), la somme à indiquer dans le cadre D est de six fois le montant de la taxe de désignation.

Les taxes de désignation doivent être payées dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale ou d'un an à compter de la date de priorité, le délai applicable étant celui des deux qui arrive à expiration le plus tard.

Cadre P : Taxe afférente au document de priorité (règle 17.1.b)) : si, en cochant la case appropriée dans le cadre n° VI de la requête, le déposant a demandé que l'office récepteur prépare et transmette au Bureau international une copie certifiée conforme de la demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée, il peut indiquer le montant de la taxe prescrite par l'office récepteur pour ce service (pour information, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C).

Si cette taxe n'est pas payée au plus tard avant l'expiration d'un délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, l'office récepteur peut considérer la requête selon la règle 17.1.b) comme n'ayant pas été présentée.

Total : le total des montants inscrits dans les cadres T, S, I et P doit être porté dans ce cadre. Le déposant peut, s'il le souhaite, indiquer à proximité ou à l'intérieur du cadre "Total" la monnaie dans laquelle il paie les taxes.

Paiement différé des taxes de désignation : si le délai d'un an à compter de la date de priorité arrive à expiration plus d'un mois après la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale, et que le déposant souhaite différer le paiement des taxes de désignation, il est recommandé de cocher la case appropriée.

MODE DE PAIEMENT

Pour aider l'office récepteur à déterminer le mode de paiement des taxes prescrites qui a été utilisé, il est recommandé de cocher la ou les cases appropriées.

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

L'office récepteur ne débitera ou ne créditera un compte de dépôt du montant des taxes que si l'autorisation correspondante est signée et qu'elle indique le numéro du compte de dépôt.

The demand must be filed directly with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority or, if two or more Authorities are competent, with the one chosen by the applicant. The full name or two-letter code of that Authority may be indicated by the applicant on the line below:

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CHAPTER II

DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:
 The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

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Identification of IPEA		Date of receipt of DEMAND
Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION		Applicant's or agent's file reference
International application No.	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>)	(Earliest) Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>)
Title of invention		
Box No. II APPLICANT(S)		
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		Telephone No.
		Facsimile No.
		Teleprinter No.
		Applicant's registration No. with the Office
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants are indicated on a continuation sheet.		

La demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être présentée directement à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui est compétente ou, si plusieurs administrations sont compétentes, à l'une d'entre elles, au choix du déposant. Le déposant peut indiquer le nom complet ou le code à deux lettres de cette administration au-dessus de la ligne qui suit :

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CHAPITRE II

DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL

selon l'article 31 du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets :
Le soussigné requiert que la demande internationale spécifiée ci-après fasse l'objet d'un examen préliminaire international conformément au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets et fait élection de tous les États éligibles sauf indication contraire.

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

Administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international	Date de réception de la demande d'examen préliminaire international
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Cadre n° I IDENTIFICATION DE LA DEMANDE INTERNATIONALE		Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire	
Demande internationale n°	Date du dépôt international (<i>jour/mois/année</i>)	Date de priorité (la plus ancienne) (<i>jour/mois/année</i>)	
Titre de l'invention			
Cadre n° II DÉPOSANT(S)			
Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.</i>)		n° de téléphone	
		n° de télécopieur	
		n° de téléimprimeur	
		n° sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office	
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :		Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.</i>)			
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :		Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.</i>)			
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :		Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
<input type="checkbox"/> D'autres déposants sont indiqués sur une feuille annexe.			

Continuation of Box No. II APPLICANT(S)

If none of the following sub-boxes is used, this sheet should not be included in the demand.

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

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State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Further applicants are indicated on another continuation sheet.

Suite du cadre n° II DÉPOSANT(S)

Si aucun des sous-cadres suivants n'est utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

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Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

D'autres déposants sont indiqués sur une autre feuille annexe.

Box No. III AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The following person is agent common representative
 and has been appointed earlier and represents the applicant(s) also for international preliminary examination.
 is hereby appointed and any earlier appointment of (an) agent(s)/common representative is hereby revoked.
 is hereby appointed, specifically for the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority, in addition to the agent(s)/common representative appointed earlier.

Name and address: <i>(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)</i>	Telephone No.
	Facsimile No.
	Teleprinter No.
	Agent's registration No. with the Office

Address for correspondence: Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special address to which correspondence should be sent.

Box No. IV BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Statement concerning amendments:*

1. The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination **to start on the basis of:**

the international application as originally filed
 the description as originally filed
 as amended under Article 34

the claims as originally filed
 as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)
 as amended under Article 34

the drawings as originally filed
 as amended under Article 34

2. The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.

3. The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination **to be postponed** until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)). *(This check-box may be marked only where the time limit under Article 19 has not yet expired.)*

* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

which is the language in which the international application was filed.
 which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.
 which is the language of publication of the international application.
 which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES

The applicant hereby **elects all eligible States** *(that is, all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT)*
 excluding the following States which the applicant wishes **not to elect:**

Cadre n° III MANDATAIRE OU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN; OU ADRESSE POUR LA CORRESPONDANCE

La personne indiquée ci-dessous est mandataire représentant commun
 et a été désignée à une date antérieure; elle représente aussi le ou les déposants pour l'examen préliminaire international.
 est désignée par la présente; toute désignation antérieure de mandataires ou d'un représentant commun est de ce fait révoquée.
 est désignée par la présente, spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, en sus du ou des mandataires ou du représentant commun désignés antérieurement.

Nom et adresse : (<i>Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.</i>)	n° de téléphone
	n° de télécopieur
	n° de tél'imprimeur
	n° sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office

Adresse pour la correspondance : cocher cette case lorsque aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est ou n'a été désigné et que l'espace ci-dessus est utilisé pour indiquer une adresse spéciale à laquelle la correspondance doit être envoyée.

Cadre n° IV BASE DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**Déclaration concernant les modifications :***

1. Le déposant souhaite que l'examen préliminaire international **commence sur la base suivante** :
- la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement
 la description telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement
 telle qu'elle a été modifiée en vertu de l'article 34
- les revendications telles qu'elles ont été déposées initialement
 telles qu'elles ont été modifiées en vertu de l'article 19 (avec, le cas échéant, la déclaration jointe aux modifications)
 telles qu'elles ont été modifiées en vertu de l'article 34
- les dessins tels qu'ils ont été déposés initialement
 tels qu'ils ont été modifiés en vertu de l'article 34
2. Le déposant souhaite que les modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 soient considérées comme écartées.
3. Le déposant souhaite que le commencement de l'examen préliminaire international **soit différé** jusqu'à l'expiration d'un délai de 20 mois à compter de la date de priorité, à moins que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ne reçoive une copie des modifications effectuées en vertu de l'article 19 ou une déclaration du déposant, aux termes de laquelle celui-ci ne souhaite pas effectuer de modifications en vertu de l'article 19 (règle 69.1.d)). (*Ne pas cocher cette case lorsque le délai visé à l'article 19 a expiré.*)
- * Lorsque aucune case n'est cochée, l'examen préliminaire international commencera sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement ou, si l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international reçoit copie des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 ou des modifications apportées à la demande internationale en vertu de l'article 34 avant d'avoir commencé à rédiger une opinion écrite ou le rapport d'examen préliminaire international, sur la base de la demande internationale ainsi modifiée.

Langue : l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué en , **qui est**

- la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale a été déposée.
 la langue d'une traduction remise aux fins de la recherche internationale.
 la langue de publication de la demande internationale.
 la langue de la traduction (qui sera) remise aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international.

Cadre n° V ÉLECTION D'ÉTATS

Le déposant **élit tous les États éligibles** (*c'est-à-dire tous les États qui ont été désignés et qui sont liés par le chapitre II du PCT*) à l'exclusion des États ci-après que le déposant souhaite **ne pas élire** :

Sheet No. . . .

International application No.

Box No. VI CHECK LIST

The demand is accompanied by the following elements, in the language referred to in Box No. IV, for the purposes of international preliminary examination:			For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only	
			received	not received
1.	translation of international application	: sheets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	amendments under Article 34	: sheets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19	: sheets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19	: sheets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	letter	: sheets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	other (<i>specify</i>)	: sheets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The demand is also accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

1. <input type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet	5. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature
2. <input type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney	6. <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listing in computer readable form
3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney	7. <input type="checkbox"/> other (<i>specify</i>):
4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:	

Box No. VII SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the demand).

For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only

1. Date of actual receipt of DEMAND:	
2. Adjusted date of receipt of demand due to CORRECTIONS under Rule 60.1(b):	
3. <input type="checkbox"/> The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and item 4 or 5, below, does not apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> The applicant has been informed accordingly.
4. <input type="checkbox"/> The date of receipt of the demand is WITHIN the period of 19 months from the priority date as extended by virtue of Rule 80.5.	
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82.	

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Demand received from IPEA on:

Cadre n° VI BORDEREAU

Aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international, les éléments suivants, établis dans la langue indiquée au cadre n° IV, sont joints à la présente demande d'examen :

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| 1. traduction de la demande internationale | : | feuilles |
| 2. modifications selon l'article 34 | : | feuilles |
| 3. copie (ou, si elle est exigée, traduction) des modifications selon l'article 19 | : | feuilles |
| 4. copie (ou, si elle est exigée, traduction) de la déclaration selon l'article 19 | : | feuilles |
| 5. lettre | : | feuilles |
| 6. autres pièces (<i>préciser</i>) | : | feuilles |

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

reçu non reçu

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Le ou les éléments cochés ci-après sont aussi joints à la demande d'examen préliminaire international :

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> feuille de calcul des taxes | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> explication de l'absence d'une signature |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> pouvoir distinct original | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> original du pouvoir général | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> autres éléments (<i>préciser</i>) : |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> copie du pouvoir général; le cas échéant, numéro de référence : | |

Cadre n° VII SIGNATURE DU DÉPOSANT, DU MANDATAIRE OU DU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN

À côté de chaque signature, indiquer le nom du signataire et, si cela n'apparaît pas clairement à la lecture de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, à quel titre l'intéressé signe.

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

1. Date effective de réception de la DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL :

2. Date modifiée de réception de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, en cas de CORRECTIONS apportées en vertu de la règle 60.1.b) :

3. La demande d'examen préliminaire international a été reçue PLUS DE 19 mois après la date de priorité et les points 4 et 5 ne sont pas applicables. Le déposant a été informé en conséquence.

4. La demande d'examen préliminaire international a été reçue dans le délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité, prorogé en vertu de la règle 80.5.

5. Bien que la demande d'examen préliminaire international ait été reçue plus de 19 mois après la date de priorité, le retard à l'arrivée est EXCUSÉ en vertu de la règle 82.

Réservé au Bureau international

Demande d'examen préliminaire international reçue de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international le :

NOTES TO THE DEMAND FORM (PCT/IPEA/401)

These Notes are intended to facilitate the filling in of the demand form and to give some information concerning international preliminary examination under Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). For more detailed information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a WIPO publication, which is available, together with other PCT related documents, at WIPO's Website: www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html. The Notes are based on the requirements of the PCT, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. In case of any discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable.

In the demand form and these Notes, "Article", "Rule" and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the Administrative Instructions, respectively.

Please use a typewriter; check-boxes may be marked by hand with dark ink (Rules 11.9(a) and (b) and 11.14).

The demand form and these Notes may be downloaded from WIPO's Website at the address given above.

IMPORTANT GENERAL INFORMATION

Who May File a Demand? (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54):

A demand (for international preliminary examination) may only be filed by an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II of the PCT; furthermore, the international application must have been filed with a receiving Office of, or acting for, a State bound by Chapter II. Where there are two or more applicants (for the same or different elected States) at least one of them must qualify.

Where Must the Demand Be Filed? (Article 31(6)(a)):

The demand must be filed with a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA). The receiving Office with which the international application was filed will, upon request, give information about the competent IPEA (or see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C). If several IPEAs are competent, the applicant has the choice and the demand must be filed with (and the fees must be paid to) the IPEA chosen by the applicant. The IPEA chosen by the applicant may be identified, preferably by an indication of the name or two-letter code of the IPEA, at the top of the first sheet of the demand in the space provided for that purpose.

When Must the Demand Be Filed? (Article 39(1)): The demand must be filed before the expiration of *19 months from the priority date* in order to extend the time limit for entering the national phase of the PCT procedure from 20 to 30 months from the priority date. *Warning:* if the demand is filed later, the national phase will not be delayed in respect of the elected States and the applicant must enter the national phase before the expiration of the time limit applicable under Article 22 (which is usually 20 months from the priority date).

In Which Language Must the Demand Be Filed?

(Rule 55.1): The demand must be filed in the language in which international preliminary examination will be carried out (see Notes to Box No. IV).

What is the Language of Correspondence? (Rules 66.9

and 92.2 and Section 104): Any letter from the applicant to the IPEA must be in the same language as the international application to which it relates. However, where the international preliminary examination will be carried out on the basis of a translation (see Notes to Box No. IV), any letter from the applicant to the IPEA must be in the language of the translation. The IPEA may authorize the use of other languages for letters which do not contain or relate to amendments of the international application. Any letter from the applicant to the International Bureau must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

Which Fees Must Be Paid and When? (Rules 57 and 58):

Two fees are due in respect of the international preliminary examination: the preliminary examination fee and the handling fee. Both fees must be paid to the IPEA within one month from the date on which the demand is submitted. The Fee Calculation Sheet should be used for that purpose. For details concerning the payment of the fees, see the Notes to that Sheet.

BOX No. I

Applicant's or Agent's File Reference: A file reference may be indicated, if desired. It should not exceed 12 characters. Characters in excess of 12 may be disregarded (Section 109).

Identification of the International Application

(Rule 53.6): The international application number must be indicated in Box No. I. Where the demand is filed at a time when the international application number has not yet been notified by the receiving Office, the name of that Office must be indicated instead of the international application number.

International Filing Date and (Earliest) Priority Date

(Section 110): Dates must be indicated by the Arabic number of the day, the name of the month and the Arabic number of the year—in that order; after, below or above such indication, the date should be repeated in parentheses, using two-digit Arabic numerals for each of the number of the day, the number of the month and the last two digits of the year, in that order, and separated by periods, slants or hyphens, for example, "20 March 2001 (20.03.01)", "20 March 2001 (20/03/01)" or "20 March 2001 (20-03-01)". Where the international application claims the priority of several earlier applications, the filing date of the earliest application whose priority is claimed must be indicated as the priority date.

Title of the Invention: If a new title has been established by the International Searching Authority, that title must be indicated in Box No. I.

BOX No. II

Applicant(s) (Rule 53.4): All the applicants for the elected States must be indicated in the demand; an applicant named in the request (Form PCT/RO/101) for a State which is not elected need not be named in the demand. It should be noted that the persons named as "inventor only" in the request need not be named in the demand.

Make in Box No. II of the demand the required indications as appearing in Boxes Nos. II and III of the request. The Notes to the request apply *mutatis mutandis*. If there are two or more applicants for the States elected in the demand, give the required indications for each of them; if there are more than

NOTES RELATIVES AU FORMULAIRE DE DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL (PCT/IPEA/401)

Ces notes sont destinées à faciliter l'utilisation du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et à donner certains renseignements concernant l'examen préliminaire international prévu au chapitre II du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT). On peut aussi trouver de plus amples renseignements dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, publié par l'OMPI, qui est disponible, de même que d'autres documents relatifs au PCT, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/index.html. Les notes sont fondées sur les exigences du traité, du règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT. En cas de divergence entre les présentes notes et ces exigences, ce sont ces dernières qui priment.

Dans le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et dans les présentes notes, les termes "article", "règle" et "instruction" renvoient aux dispositions du traité, de son règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT, respectivement.

Prière de remplir le formulaire à la machine à écrire. Les cases appropriées peuvent être cochées à la main, à l'encre foncée (règles 11.9.a) et b) et 11.14).

Le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et les présentes notes peuvent être téléchargés depuis le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse donnée ci-dessus.

RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS D'ORDRE GÉNÉRAL

Qui peut présenter une demande d'examen préliminaire international ? (article 31.2a) et règle 54) : une demande d'examen préliminaire international ne peut être présentée que par un déposant qui est ressortissant d'un État contractant lié par le chapitre II du PCT ou qui a son domicile dans un tel État; en outre, la demande internationale doit avoir été déposée auprès de l'office récepteur d'un État lié par le chapitre II, ou agissant pour un tel État. S'il y a plusieurs déposants (pour les mêmes États élus ou pour des États élus différents), au moins l'un d'entre eux doit remplir les conditions requises.

Où la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (article 31.6a)) : la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être présentée à une administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (IPEA) compétente. L'office récepteur auprès duquel la demande internationale a été déposée donnera, sur demande, des renseignements au sujet de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui est compétente (voir aussi le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C). Si plusieurs administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international sont compétentes, le déposant doit présenter la demande d'examen préliminaire international à l'administration de son choix (et lui payer les taxes). Cette administration peut être indiquée, de préférence au moyen de son nom ou de son code à deux lettres, en haut de la première feuille de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, dans l'espace prévu à cet effet.

Quand la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (article 39.1)) : la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être présentée avant l'expiration d'un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité pour que le délai d'ouverture de la phase nationale de la procédure selon le PCT puisse passer, en ce qui concerne les États élus, de 20 à 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité. *Important* : si la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée plus tard, la phase nationale ne sera pas différée et le déposant devra l'aborder avant l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 (qui est habituellement de 20 mois à compter de la date de priorité).

En quelle langue la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (règle 55.1) : la demande d'examen doit être présentée dans la langue dans laquelle l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué (voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV).

Quelle est la langue à utiliser dans la correspondance ? (règles 66.9 et 92.2 et instruction 104) : toute lettre adressée par le déposant à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale qu'elle concerne. Cependant, lorsque l'examen préliminaire international doit être effectué sur la base d'une traduction (voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV), toute lettre adressée par le déposant à l'administration chargée de cet examen doit être rédigée dans la langue de la traduction. L'administration chargée de l'examen peut autoriser l'utilisation d'autres langues pour des lettres qui ne contiennent pas de modifications de la demande internationale ou qui ne se rapportent pas à des modifications. Toute lettre adressée par le déposant au Bureau international doit être rédigée en anglais ou en français, au choix du déposant. Toutefois, si la langue de la demande internationale est l'anglais, la lettre doit être rédigée en anglais; si la langue de la demande internationale est le français, la lettre doit être rédigée en français.

Quelles taxes doivent être payées et quand ? (règles 57 et 58) : l'examen préliminaire international donne lieu au paiement de deux taxes : la taxe d'examen préliminaire et la taxe de traitement. Ces deux taxes doivent être acquittées auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de présentation de la demande d'examen. La feuille de calcul des taxes devrait être utilisée à cette fin. Pour de plus amples renseignements concernant le paiement des taxes, voir les notes relatives à cette feuille.

CADRE N° I

Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire : il est possible d'indiquer, à titre facultatif, une telle référence de dossier. Celle-ci ne devrait pas dépasser 12 caractères. L'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international peut ne pas tenir compte des caractères en sus du douzième (instruction 109).

Identification de la demande internationale (règle 53.6) : le numéro de la demande internationale doit être indiqué dans le cadre n° I. Si la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée alors même que le numéro de la demande internationale n'a pas encore été notifié par l'office récepteur, le nom de cet office doit être indiqué en lieu et place du numéro de la demande internationale.

three applicants, make the required indications on the “Continuation Sheet”.

If different applicants are indicated in the request for different designated States, indicate in Box No. II of the demand only the applicants for the States elected in Box No. V (no indication of the States for which a person is applicant need be made, because those indications have been made in the request).

Applicant’s registration number with the Office (Rule 53.4): Where the applicant is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority, the demand may indicate the number or other indication under which the applicant is so registered.

BOX No. III

Agent or Common Representative (Rules 53.5, 90.1 and 90.2): Mark the applicable check-boxes to indicate *first* whether the person named in this Box is agent or common representative, *then* whether that person *has been appointed earlier* (i.e., during the procedure under Chapter I), or *is appointed in the demand* and any earlier appointment of another person is revoked, or *is appointed specifically for the procedure before the IPEA* (without revocation of any earlier appointment), in addition to the person(s) appointed earlier.

Where an additional person is appointed specifically for the procedure before the IPEA, all notifications issued by the IPEA will be addressed only to that additional person.

A separate power of attorney must be filed with the IPEA, the International Bureau or the receiving Office, if the person appointed at the time the demand is filed (i.e., was not appointed earlier) signs the demand on behalf of the applicant (Rule 90.4).

Agent’s registration number with the Office (Rule 53.5): Where the agent is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority, the demand may indicate the number or other indication under which the agent is so registered.

Address for Correspondence (Rule 4.4(d) and Section 108): Where an agent is appointed, any correspondence intended for the applicant will be sent to the address indicated for that agent (or for the first-mentioned agent, if more than one is appointed). Where one of two or more applicants is appointed as common representative, the address indicated for that applicant in Box No. III will be used.

Where no agent or common representative is appointed, any correspondence will be sent to the address, indicated in Box No. II, of the applicant (if only one person is named as applicant) or of the applicant who is considered to be common representative (if there are two or more persons named as applicants). However, if the applicant wishes correspondence to be sent to a different address in such a case, that address may be indicated in Box No. III instead of the designation of an agent or common representative. In this case, and only in this case, the last check-box of Box No. III must be marked (that is, the last check-box must not be marked if either of the check-boxes “agent” or “common representative” in Box No. III has been marked).

BOX No. IV

Statement Concerning Amendments (Rules 53.2(a)(v), 53.9, 62, 66.1 and 69.1): The international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application

as filed or, if amendments have been filed, as amended. Mark the appropriate check-box(es) to enable the IPEA to determine when and on what basis it can start international preliminary examination.

Mark the corresponding check-box(es) under No. 1 where the international preliminary examination should start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or where amendments are to be taken into account, as the case may be. Where amendments are to be taken into account, the applicant must submit *with the demand* a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 (Rule 53.9(a)(i)) and/or the amendments of the international application under Article 34 (Rule 53.9(c)), as the case may be. If a check-box is marked but the demand is not accompanied by the documents referred to, the start of international preliminary examination will be delayed until the IPEA receives them.

Mark check-box No. 2 if amendments of the claims under Article 19 have been filed with the International Bureau during the Chapter I procedure, but the applicant does not want these amendments to be taken into account for the purpose of international preliminary examination when the latter starts (Rule 53.9(a)(ii)).

Mark check-box No. 3 where the time limit for filing amendments of the claims under Article 19 has not expired at the time the demand is filed and the applicant wants to keep the option for the filing of such amendments open; the IPEA is thus requested to postpone the start of international preliminary examination (Rules 53.9(b) and 69.1(d)). It should be noted that the examination will start in any event after the expiration of 20 months from the priority date even where the time limit for filing amendments has not yet expired or no amendments have been received by the IPEA.

If no check-box is marked, refer to the footnote at the bottom of the Box.

Language for the Purposes of International Preliminary Examination (Rule 55.2): Where neither the language in which the international application is filed nor the language in which the international application is published is accepted by the IPEA that is to carry out the international preliminary examination, the applicant must furnish with the demand a translation of the international application into a language which is both a language accepted by that Authority and a language of publication.

Where such translation has already been furnished to the International Searching Authority for the purposes of carrying out international search and the IPEA is part of the same Office or intergovernmental organization as the International Searching Authority, the applicant need not furnish another translation. In such a case the international preliminary examination is carried out on the basis of the translation furnished for the purposes of international search.

The language for the purposes of international preliminary examination should be indicated in Box No. IV, on the dotted line, and the corresponding check-box should be marked.

Language of Amendments (Rules 55.3 and 66.9): Amendments and letters relating thereto must be in the same language as that in which the international preliminary examination is carried out, as explained in the preceding paragraphs.

Date du dépôt international et date de priorité (la plus ancienne) (instruction 110) : les dates doivent être indiquées au moyen du quantième, en chiffres arabes, suivi du nom du mois puis de l'année en chiffres arabes, dans cet ordre; à côté, au-dessous ou au-dessus de cette indication, il y a lieu de répéter la date, mais entre parenthèses, sous la forme de numéros à deux chiffres arabes, séparés par un point, une barre oblique ou un tiret, et dans l'ordre suivant : quantième, mois et année (celle-ci étant indiquée au moyen des deux derniers chiffres); exemples "20 mars 2001 (20.03.01)", "20 mars 2001 (20/03/01)" ou "20 mars 2001 (20-03-01)". Lorsque la demande internationale revendique la priorité de plusieurs demandes antérieures, la date de dépôt de la plus ancienne demande dont la priorité est revendiquée doit être indiquée en tant que date de priorité.

Titre de l'invention : si l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale a établi un nouveau titre, celui-ci doit être indiqué dans le cadre n° I.

CADRE N° II

Déposant(s) (règle 53.4) : tous les déposants qui ont cette qualité pour les États élus doivent être mentionnés dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international; un déposant mentionné dans la requête (formulaire PCT/RO/101) pour un État qui n'est pas élu n'a pas à être mentionné dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Il est à noter que les personnes mentionnées dans la requête comme "inventeur seulement" n'ont pas non plus à être mentionnées dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

Reprendre dans le cadre n° II de la demande d'examen préliminaire international les indications requises figurant dans les cadres n°s II et III de la requête. Les notes relatives à la requête s'appliquent *mutatis mutandis*. S'il y a pluralité de déposants pour les États élus dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international, fournir les indications requises sur chacun d'eux; si ces déposants sont plus de trois, porter les indications en question sur une "feuille annexe".

Si, dans la requête, des déposants différents sont indiqués pour différents États désignés, n'indiquer dans le cadre n° II de la demande d'examen préliminaire international que les déposants ayant cette qualité pour les États élus dans le cadre n° V (il n'y a pas lieu d'indiquer les États pour lesquels une personne est mentionnée comme déposant, car ces indications ont été fournies dans la requête).

Numéro sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 53.4) : lorsque le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, la demande d'examen préliminaire international peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

CADRE N° III

Mandataire ou représentant commun (règles 53.5, 90.1 et 90.2) : cocher les cases appropriées afin d'indiquer, *premièrement*, si la personne indiquée dans le cadre n° III est mandataire ou représentant commun, *deuxièmement*, si cette personne a été désignée à une date antérieure (c'est-à-dire au cours de la procédure prévue au chapitre I), est désignée dans la demande d'examen préliminaire internationale (toute désignation antérieure d'une autre personne étant révoquée) ou est désignée spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (sans qu'il y ait révocation d'une désignation antérieure) en sus de la ou des personnes désignées antérieurement.

Lorsqu'une personne supplémentaire est désignée spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, toute la correspondance émanant de cette administration sera adressée seulement à cette personne supplémentaire.

Un pouvoir distinct doit être déposé auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, du Bureau international ou de l'office récepteur si la personne qui est désignée au moment de la présentation de la demande d'examen préliminaire international (et qui n'a donc pas été désignée antérieurement) signe cette demande d'examen au nom du déposant (règle 90.4).

Numéro sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 53.5) : lorsque le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, la demande d'examen préliminaire international peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Adresse pour la correspondance (règle 4.4.d) et instruction 108) : si un mandataire est désigné, toute correspondance destinée au déposant sera envoyée à l'adresse indiquée pour ce mandataire (ou pour le mandataire mentionné en premier, si plusieurs mandataires ont été désignés). Lorsque, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux est désigné comme représentant commun, l'adresse indiquée pour ce déposant dans le cadre n° III sera utilisée.

Si aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est désigné, la correspondance sera envoyée à l'adresse – indiquée dans le cadre n° II – du déposant (s'il n'y a qu'une seule personne indiquée comme déposant) ou du déposant considéré comme le représentant commun (s'il y a plusieurs personnes indiquées comme déposants). Cependant, si le ou les déposants souhaitent dans ce cas que la correspondance soit envoyée à une adresse différente, il est possible d'indiquer cette adresse dans le cadre n° III, en lieu et place de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun. C'est dans ce cas et seulement dans ce cas qu'il y a lieu de cocher la dernière case du cadre n° III (c'est-à-dire que la dernière case ne doit pas être cochée si l'une des cases "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" a été cochée).

CADRE N° IV

Déclaration concernant les modifications (règles 53.2.a)v), 53.9, 62, 66.1 et 69.1) : l'examen préliminaire international commencera sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée ou, si des modifications ont été déposées, telle qu'elle a été modifiée. Cocher la ou les cases appropriées pour permettre à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international de déterminer si elle peut commencer l'examen préliminaire international et sur quelle base.

Cocher la ou les cases appropriées de la rubrique n° 1 pour indiquer si l'examen préliminaire international doit commencer sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée ou s'il doit être tenu compte de modifications, selon le cas. S'il y a des modifications à prendre en compte, le déposant doit présenter avec la demande d'examen une copie des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 (règle 53.9.a)i) ou des modifications apportées à la demande internationale en vertu de l'article 34 (règle 53.9.c)), ou une copie des deux types de modifications, selon le cas. Si une case est cochée et que les documents correspondants ne sont pas joints à la demande

Time Limit for Furnishing Translation of the International Application (Rule 55.2): Any required translation of the international application should be furnished (by the applicant) together with the demand. If it is not so furnished, the IPEA will invite the applicant to furnish it within a time limit which shall not be less than one month from the date of the invitation. That time limit may be extended by the IPEA.

BOX No. V

Election of States (Rule 53.7): Only States which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT *and* which have been designated in the international application (that is, States whose designations have been made under Rule 4.9(a), confirmed under Rule 4.9(c) or considered as having been made under Rule 32.2(a)(i)) can be elected. They are the “eligible States”.

For the convenience and protection of applicants, Box No. V contains a statement to the effect that all eligible States are elected. It is only where the applicant does not wish to elect certain eligible States that the name(s) or two-letter code(s) of those States must be indicated after the words “wishes not to elect:”.

The indication in the demand of the kind of protection or treatment desired for any elected State is not required since it follows the indication made when designating that State in the international application.

BOX No. VI

Check List: It is recommended that this Box be filled in carefully in order for the IPEA to determine as soon as possible whether it is in possession of the documents on the basis of which the applicant wishes international preliminary examination to start.

Where the international application contains disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences, and a copy of the sequence listing in computer readable form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions is required by the IPEA, the applicant may furnish the listing in computer readable form to the IPEA with the demand. If this is the case, check-box No. 5 must be marked.

BOX No. VII

Signature (Rules 53.8, 90.3(a) and 90.4(a)): The demand must be signed by the applicant or by his agent; if there are two or more applicants, the common representative may sign the demand. If the demand is not signed by (all) the persons who are applicants for the elected States (a person who is applicant only for a State which is not elected need not sign the demand), a power of attorney signed by that (all those) applicant(s) must be filed with the IPEA, with the International Bureau or with the receiving Office unless the agent has previously been appointed.

d'examen préliminaire international, le commencement de cet examen sera différé jusqu'à ce que l'administration qui en est chargée les reçoive.

Cocher la case n° 2 si des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 ont été déposées auprès du Bureau international lors de la procédure prévue au chapitre I, et que le déposant ne veut pas qu'il en soit tenu compte aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international lorsque celui-ci commencera (règle 53.9.a)ii).

Cocher la case n° 3 si le délai fixé pour le dépôt de modifications des revendications en vertu de l'article 19 n'a pas expiré au moment où la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée et que le déposant veut conserver la possibilité de déposer de telles modifications; il est ainsi demandé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international de différer le commencement de cet examen (règles 53.9.b) et 69.1.d)). Il est à noter que l'examen commencera, en tout état de cause, après l'expiration d'un délai de 20 mois à compter de la date de priorité, même si le délai pour déposer des modifications n'a pas expiré ou que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international n'a reçu aucune modification.

Si aucune case n'est cochée, la procédure décrite dans la note figurant au bas du cadre sera suivie.

Langue aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international (règle 55.2) : lorsque ni la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée ni la langue dans laquelle elle est publiée n'est acceptée par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui effectuera cet examen, le déposant doit remettre avec la demande d'examen préliminaire international une traduction de la demande internationale dans une langue qui est à la fois une langue acceptée par cette administration et une langue de publication.

Lorsqu'une traduction répondant à ces critères a déjà été remise à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale pour les besoins de cette recherche et que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international fait partie du même office ou de la même organisation intergouvernementale que l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, il n'est pas nécessaire pour le déposant de remettre une autre traduction. Dans ce cas, l'examen préliminaire international est effectué sur la base de la traduction remise aux fins de la recherche internationale.

La langue dans laquelle sera effectué l'examen préliminaire international doit être indiquée dans le cadre n° IV sur la ligne pointillée, et la case appropriée la concernant doit être cochée.

Langue des modifications (règles 55.3 et 66.9) : les modifications et les lettres qui s'y rapportent doivent être rédigées dans la langue dans laquelle l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué, comme il est expliqué aux paragraphes précédents.

Délai imparti pour remettre une traduction de la demande internationale (règle 55.2) : toute traduction de la demande internationale qui est exigée doit être remise (par le déposant) en même temps que la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Si la traduction n'est pas remise en

même temps, l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international invitera le déposant à remettre cette traduction dans un délai qui sera d'au moins un mois à compter de la date de l'invitation. Ce délai peut être prorogé par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

CADRE N° V

Élection d'États (règle 53.7) : seuls peuvent être élus les États qui sont liés par le chapitre II du PCT *et* qui ont été désignés dans la demande internationale (c'est-à-dire qui ont fait l'objet de désignations faites en vertu de la règle 4.9.a), confirmées en vertu de la règle 4.9.c) ou considérées comme ayant été faites, en vertu de la règle 32.2.a)i)). Ces États sont les "États éligibles".

Pour faciliter la tâche des déposants et les protéger, le cadre n° V contient une déclaration selon laquelle tous les États éligibles sont élus. Ce n'est que si le déposant ne souhaite pas élire certains États éligibles qu'il doit indiquer le nom ou le code à deux lettres de ces États après les mots "souhaite ne pas élire :".

Il n'est pas nécessaire d'indiquer dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international quelle forme de protection ou de traitement est souhaitée pour tel ou tel État élu puisque les indications portées dans la demande internationale lors de la désignation de cet État restent valables.

CADRE N° VI

Bordereau : il est recommandé de remplir soigneusement ce cadre pour que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international puisse déterminer le plus rapidement possible si elle est en possession de la ou des modifications ou de la ou des lettres sur la base desquelles le déposant souhaite que l'examen préliminaire international commence.

Lorsque la demande internationale contient la divulgation d'une ou plusieurs séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés, et qu'une copie du listage des séquences sous forme déchiffable par ordinateur, conforme à la norme figurant dans les instructions administratives, est requise par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, le déposant peut fournir à cette administration, conjointement avec la demande d'examen préliminaire international, le listage en question sous une forme déchiffable par ordinateur. S'il le fait, la case n° 5 doit être cochée.

CADRE N° VII

Signature (règles 53.8, 90.3.a) et 90.4.a)) : la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être signée par le déposant ou par son mandataire; s'il y a plusieurs déposants, elle peut l'être par le représentant commun. Si elle n'est pas signée par une ou plusieurs personnes qui ont la qualité de déposant pour les États élus (une personne qui est déposant seulement pour un État non élu n'a pas besoin de signer la demande d'examen préliminaire international), un pouvoir signé par ces personnes doit être déposé auprès du Bureau international, de l'office récepteur ou de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, sauf si le mandataire a été désigné à une date antérieure.

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FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Demand

International application No.	For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only	
Applicant's or agent's file reference	Date stamp of the IPEA	
Applicant		
CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES		
1. Preliminary examination fee		P
2. Handling fee (<i>Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the handling fee. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the amount to be entered at H is 25% of the handling fee.</i>)		H
3. Total of prescribed fees Add the amounts entered at P and H and enter total in the TOTAL box		
	TOTAL	
MODE OF PAYMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> authorization to charge deposit account with the IPEA (see below)	<input type="checkbox"/> cash	
<input type="checkbox"/> cheque	<input type="checkbox"/> revenue stamps	
<input type="checkbox"/> postal money order	<input type="checkbox"/> coupons	
<input type="checkbox"/> bank draft	<input type="checkbox"/> other (<i>specify</i>):	
AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT <i>(This mode of payment may not be available at all IPEAs)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Authorization to charge the total fees indicated above.	IPEA/ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> (<i>This check-box may be marked only if the conditions for deposit accounts of the IPEA so permit</i>) Authorization to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the total fees indicated above.	Deposit Account No.: _____	
	Date: _____	
	Name: _____	
	Signature: _____	

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FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES

Annexe de la demande d'examen préliminaire international

Demande internationale n°	Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international								
Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire	Timbre à date de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international								
Déposant									
<p>Calcul des taxes prescrites</p> <p>1. Taxe d'examen préliminaire P</p> <p>2. Taxe de traitement (<i>Les déposants de certains États ont droit à une réduction de 75% de la taxe de traitement. Lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à cette réduction, le montant devant figurer sous H est égal à 25% de la taxe de traitement.</i>) H</p> <p>3. Total des taxes prescrites Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres P et H et inscrire le résultat dans le cadre TOTAL</p> <div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 20px; margin-top: 5px; text-align: center;">TOTAL</div>									
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<p>AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT <i>(Les administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international ne permettent pas toutes l'utilisation de ce mode de paiement)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Autorisation de débiter le total des taxes indiqué ci-dessus.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>(Cette case ne peut être cochée que si les conditions relatives aux comptes de dépôt établies par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international le permettent)</i> Autorisation de débiter tout montant manquant – ou de créditer de tout excédent – dans le paiement du total des taxes indiqué ci-dessus.</p>									
<p>IPEA/ _____</p> <p>N° de compte de dépôt : _____</p> <p>Date : _____</p> <p>Nom : _____</p> <p>Signature : _____</p>									

NOTES TO THE FEE CALCULATION SHEET (ANNEX TO FORM PCT/IPEA/401)

The purpose of the fee calculation sheet is to help the applicant to identify the prescribed fees and to calculate the amounts to be paid. It is strongly recommended that the applicant complete, by entering the appropriate amounts in the boxes provided, and submit the fee calculation sheet at the time of filing of the demand. This will help the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) to verify the calculations and to identify any error in them.

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

Two fees must be paid for international preliminary examination:

- (i) the preliminary examination fee for the benefit of the IPEA (Rule 58.1);
- (ii) the handling fee for the benefit of the International Bureau (Rule 57).

Both fees must be paid to the IPEA within one month from the date on which the demand is submitted. The amount payable is the amount applicable on the date of submittal (Rules 57.3 and 58.1(b)). The fees must be paid in a currency acceptable to the IPEA.

Information about the amount of those fees or about equivalent amounts in other currencies can be obtained from the IPEA or the receiving Office. This information is also published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex E, and from time to time in Section IV of the *PCT Gazette*.

Box P: The amount of the preliminary examination fee must be entered in Box P.

Box H: The amount of the handling fee must be entered in Box H.

Reduction of the Handling Fee for Applicants from Certain States: An applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997) is entitled, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees, to a reduction of 75% of certain PCT fees including the handling fee. If there are several applicants, each must satisfy the above-mentioned criteria. The reduction of the handling fee will be automatically available to any applicant (or applicants) who is (or are) so entitled on the basis of the indications of name, nationality and residence given in Box No. II of the demand.

The fee reduction will be available even if one or more of the applicants are not from PCT Contracting States, provided that each of them is a national and resident of a State that meets the above-mentioned requirements and that at least one of the applicants is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State and thus is entitled to file an international application.

Natural persons who are nationals of and reside in the following PCT Contracting States are eligible: AL Albania, AM Armenia, AZ Azerbaijan, BA Bosnia and Herzegovina, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgaria, BJ Benin, BR Brazil,

BY Belarus, BZ Belize, CF Central African Republic, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroon, CN China, CO Colombia, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ Czech Republic, DM Dominica, DZ Algeria, EC Ecuador, EE Estonia, GA Gabon, GD Grenada, GE Georgia, GH Ghana, GM Gambia, GN Guinea, GW Guinea-Bissau, HR Croatia, HU Hungary, ID Indonesia, IN India, KE Kenya, KG Kyrgyzstan, KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Saint Lucia, LK Sri Lanka, LR Liberia, LS Lesotho, LT Lithuania, LV Latvia, MA Morocco, MD Republic of Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, ML Mali, MN Mongolia, MR Mauritania, MW Malawi, MX Mexico, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, PL Poland, RO Romania, RU Russian Federation, SD Sudan, SK Slovakia, SL Sierra Leone, SN Senegal, SZ Swaziland, TD Chad, TG Togo, TJ Tajikistan, TM Turkmenistan, TR Turkey, TZ United Republic of Tanzania, UA Ukraine, UG Uganda, UZ Uzbekistan, VN Viet Nam, YU Yugoslavia, ZA South Africa and ZW Zimbabwe. As far as other States are concerned, inquiries should be addressed to the International Bureau.

Calculation of the Handling Fee in Case of Fee Reduction: Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) entitled to a reduction of the handling fee, the total to be entered at Box H is 25% of the handling fee.

Total Box: The total of the amounts inserted in Boxes P and H is the amount which must be paid to the IPEA.

MODE OF PAYMENT

In order to help the IPEA identify the mode of payment of the prescribed fees, it is recommended to mark the applicable check-box(es).

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The applicant should check whether the IPEA allows the use of deposit accounts for payment of PCT fees. In addition, it is recommended that the applicant check what are the specific conditions applicable to the use of deposit accounts with the IPEA since not all IPEAs provide the same services.

Finally, if the IPEA is not the same national Office or intergovernmental organization as that with which the international application was filed, the deposit account with the receiving Office cannot be charged for the purpose of paying the preliminary examination and handling fees due to the IPEA.

The IPEA will not charge fees to deposit accounts unless the deposit account authorization is signed and indicates the deposit account number.

NOTES RELATIVES À LA FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES (ANNEXE DU FORMULAIRE PCT/IPEA/401)

La feuille de calcul des taxes a pour objet d'aider le déposant à recenser les taxes prescrites et à calculer les montants à payer. Il lui est vivement recommandé de remplir cette feuille en portant les montants appropriés dans les cadres prévus et de la joindre à la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Cela aidera l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (IPEA) à vérifier les calculs et à y déceler d'éventuelles erreurs.

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

L'examen préliminaire international donne lieu au paiement de deux taxes :

- i) la taxe d'examen préliminaire, au profit de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (règle 58.1);
- ii) la taxe de traitement, au profit du Bureau international (règle 57).

Ces deux taxes doivent être payées à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée. Le montant dû est le montant applicable à la date de présentation de cette demande d'examen (règles 57.3 et 58.1.b)). Les taxes doivent être payées dans une monnaie que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international accepte.

Des renseignements au sujet du montant de ces taxes ou de leur contre-valeur en d'autres monnaies peuvent être obtenus auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ou de l'office récepteur. Ces renseignements figurent également dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe E, et sont aussi publiés périodiquement dans la section IV de la *Gazette du PCT*.

Cadre P : le montant de la taxe d'examen préliminaire doit être inscrit dans le cadre P.

Cadre H : le montant de la taxe de traitement doit être inscrit dans le cadre H.

Réduction de la taxe de traitement pour les déposants de certains États : un déposant qui est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et est domiciliée dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3 000 dollars des États-Unis a droit, conformément au barème de taxes, à une réduction de 75% de certaines taxes du PCT, dont la taxe de traitement. S'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire à ces critères. La réduction de la taxe de traitement s'appliquera automatiquement à tout déposant qui y a droit (ou à tous les déposants qui y ont droit) au vu des indications de nom, de nationalité et de domicile données dans le cadre n° II de la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

La réduction de la taxe s'appliquera même si l'un ou plusieurs des déposants ne viennent pas d'États contractants du PCT, à condition que chacun d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État, et domicilié dans un État, qui répond aux critères mentionnés ci-dessus et qu'au moins l'un d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT, et domicilié dans un tel État, et ait donc le droit de déposer une demande internationale.

Les personnes physiques qui sont ressortissantes des États contractants du PCT suivants, et qui sont domiciliées dans ces États, peuvent bénéficier de cette réduction : AL Albanie, AM Arménie, AZ Azerbaïdjan, BA Bosnie-Herzégovine, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgarie, BJ Bénin, BR Brésil, BY Bélarus,

BZ Belize, CF République centrafricaine, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroun, CN Chine, CO Colombie, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ République tchèque, DM Dominique, DZ Algérie, EC Équateur, EE Estonie, GA Gabon, GD Grenade, GE Géorgie, GH Ghana, GM Gambie, GN Guinée, GW Guinée-Bissau, HR Croatie, HU Hongrie, ID Indonésie, IN Inde, KE Kenya, KG Kirghizistan, KP République populaire démocratique de Corée, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Sainte-Lucie, LK Sri Lanka, LR Libéria, LS Lesotho, LT Lituanie, LV Lettonie, MA Maroc, MD République de Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, ML Mali, MN Mongolie, MR Mauritanie, MW Malawi, MX Mexique, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, PL Pologne, RO Roumanie, RU Fédération de Russie, SD Soudan, SK Slovaquie, SL Sierra Leone, SN Sénégal, SZ Swaziland, TD Tchad, TG Togo, TJ Tadjikistan, TM Turkménistan, TR Turquie, TZ République-Unie de Tanzanie, UA Ukraine, UG Ouganda, UZ Ouzbékistan, VN Viet Nam, YU Yougoslavie, ZA Afrique du Sud et ZW Zimbabwe. En ce qui concerne d'autres États, il conviendra de s'adresser au Bureau international.

Calcul de la taxe de traitement en cas de réduction : lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à une réduction de la taxe de traitement, le montant devant figurer dans le cadre H est égal à 25% de la taxe de traitement.

Total : le total des montants inscrits dans les cadres P et H représente la somme à verser à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

MODE DE PAIEMENT

Pour aider l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international à déterminer le mode de paiement des taxes prescrites qui a été utilisé, il est recommandé de cocher la ou les cases appropriées.

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

Le déposant devrait s'assurer que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international permet l'utilisation de comptes de dépôt pour le paiement des taxes du PCT. En outre, il est recommandé qu'il prenne connaissance des modalités particulières d'utilisation des comptes de dépôt auprès de cette administration étant donné que toutes les administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international n'offrent pas les mêmes services.

Enfin, si l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international n'est pas l'office national auprès duquel, ou l'organisation intergouvernementale auprès de laquelle, la demande internationale a été déposée, le déposant ne peut pas utiliser le compte de dépôt auprès de l'office récepteur pour payer les taxes d'examen préliminaire et de traitement dues à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

L'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ne débitera un compte de dépôt du montant des taxes que si l'autorisation correspondante est signée et qu'elle indique le numéro du compte de dépôt.

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the European Patent Office. The new amount, applicable as from 15 August 2001, is as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the European Patent Office): ISK 82,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex D(EP), page 295]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a new amount of the search fee in **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, applicable as from 15 August 2001, payable for an international search carried out by it, as follows:

Search fee (international search
by the Swedish Patent Office): ISK 82,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex D(SE), page 301]

REQUEST IN PCT-EASY FORMAT: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT FILINGS**CU Cuba**

The **Cuban Industrial Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that, as from 3 September 2001, it is prepared to accept the filing of international applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 52/1998, table published on page 17572, and No. S-01/2001 (E), Annex C(CU), page 221]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 août 2001, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) : ISK 82.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe D(EP), page 321]

SE Suède

L'**Office suédois des brevets** a notifié au Bureau international un nouveau montant de la taxe de recherche exprimé en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, applicable à compter du 15 août 2001, pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office, comme suit :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office suédois des brevets) : ISK 82.000

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REQUÊTE EN MODE DE PRÉSENTATION PCT-EASY : OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DISPOSÉS À ACCEPTER LES DÉPÔTS**CU Cuba**

L'**Office cubain de la propriété industrielle** a informé le Bureau international que, à compter du 3 septembre 2001, il est disposé à accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec des disquettes PCT-EASY.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° 52/1998, tableau publié à la page 17573, et n° S-01/2001 (F), annexe C(CU), page 226]

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RECEIVING OFFICES**KR Republic of Korea**

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified a change in its requirements concerning the language in which international applications may be filed, and has specified the Japan Patent Office as an additional competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed with the Korean Intellectual Property Office as receiving Office, as indicated below. These changes are effective as from 1 July 2001.

Language in which international applications may be filed:	English, Japanese or Korean
Competent International Searching Authority:	Korean Intellectual Property Office, Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office or Japan Patent Office ¹
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Korean Intellectual Property Office, Austrian Patent Office or Japan Patent Office ¹

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**JP Japan**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(b), an equivalent amount in **Korean won (KRW)**, as specified below, has been established for the search fee for an international search by the Japan Patent Office. The new amount is applicable as from 1 July 2001.

Search fee (international search by the Japan Patent Office):	KRW 753,000
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¹ The Japan Patent Office is competent only for international applications in Japanese.

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS

KR République de Corée

L'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié un changement dans ses exigences concernant la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée, et a spécifié l'Office des brevets du Japon en tant qu'administration compétente supplémentaire chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées auprès de l'Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, comme indiqué ci-dessous. Les changements sont effectifs à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2001.

Langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée :

Anglais, japonais ou coréen

Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale :

Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle, Office australien des brevets, Office autrichien des brevets ou Office des brevets du Japon¹

Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international :

Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle, Office autrichien des brevets ou Office des brevets du Japon¹

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TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

JP Japon

Un montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **won coréens (KRW)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.b) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets du Japon. Le nouveau montant est applicable à compter du 1^{er} juillet 2001.

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets du Japon) :

KRW 753.000

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¹ L'Office des brevets du Japon n'est compétent que pour les demandes internationales en japonais.

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the European Patent Office. The new amount, applicable as from 1 September 2001, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	ZAR 6,500
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex D(EP), page 308]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2001, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale
effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) : ZAR 6.500

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EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)	13062	EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)	13063

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the European Patent Office. The new amount, applicable as from 1 September 2001, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	CAD 1,232
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex D(EP), page 308]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars canadiens (CAD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} septembre 2001, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale
effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) : CAD 1.232

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EC Ecuador

General information on **Ecuador** as a Contracting State, as well as information on the requirements of the **Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property** as receiving Office and designated (or elected) Office is given in Annexes B1(EC) and C(EC), and in the Summary (EC), which are published on the following pages.

The information referred to in Annex B1(EC) as to special provisions concerning the deposit of micro-organisms and other biological material is as follows:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from
priority date by which applicant must
furnish the indications prescribed in
Rule 13bis.3(a)(i) to (iii):

At the time of filing for notification of the fact that a deposit
was made on or before the filing date

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex L, page 328]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS****OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)****DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE****EXIGENCES DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS ET ÉLUS****EC Équateur**

Des informations de caractère général concernant l'**Équateur** en tant qu'État contractant, ainsi que des renseignements se rapportant aux exigences de l'**Institut équatorien de la propriété intellectuelle** en tant qu'office récepteur et office désigné (ou élu), sont reproduits dans les annexes B1(EC) et C(EC), ainsi que dans le résumé (EC), publiés sur les pages suivantes.

Les informations auxquelles il est fait référence à l'annexe B1(EC) concernant des dispositions particulières au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique sont les suivantes :

Délai (éventuel) inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, dans lequel le déposant doit fournir les indications exigées dans la règle 13bis.3.a)i) à iii) :

Lors du dépôt en ce qui concerne la notification du fait qu'un dépôt de micro-organisme a été effectué à la date du dépôt de la demande ou avant cette date

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B1	Information on Contracting States	B1
EC	ECUADOR	EC

General information

Name of Office:	Instituto Ecuatoriano de la Propiedad Intelectual Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property
Location and mailing address:	Edificio FORUM 300, Avenida República # 396 y Diego de Almagro, Quito, Ecuador
Telephone:	(593-2) 508 000, 508 001, 508 002, 508 003, 508 004
Facsimile machine:	(593-2) 508 026, 508 027
Teleprinter:	—
E-mail:	iepi@interactive.net.ec
Internet:	—
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Ecuador:	Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Ecuador is designated (or elected):	Ecuadorian Institute of Intellectual Property (see Volume II)
May Ecuador be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models
Provisions of the law of Ecuador concerning international-type search:	None

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B1 **Informations sur les États contractants** **B1**
EC **ÉQUATEUR** **EC**

Informations générales

Nom de l'office:	Instituto Ecuatoriano de la Propiedad Intelectual Institut équatorien de la propriété intellectuelle
Siège et adresse postale:	Edificio FORUM 300, Avenida República # 396 y Diego de Almagro, Quito, Équateur
Téléphone:	(593-2) 508 000, 508 001, 508 002, 508 003, 508 004
Télécopieur:	(593-2) 508 026, 508 027
Téléimprimeur:	–
Courrier électronique:	iepi@interactive.net.ec
Internet:	–
L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT)?	Non
L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT)?	Non
Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux de l'Équateur et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées:	Institut équatorien de la propriété intellectuelle ou Bureau international de l'OMPI, au choix du déposant (voir l'annexe C)
Office désigné (ou élu) compétent si l'Équateur est désigné (ou élu):	Institut équatorien de la propriété intellectuelle (voir le volume II)
L'Équateur peut-il être élu?	Oui (lié par le chapitre II du PCT)
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT:	Brevets, modèles d'utilité
Dispositions de la législation de l'Équateur relatives à la recherche de type international:	Néant

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B1 **Information on Contracting States** **B1****EC** **ECUADOR** **EC***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after international publication: None

Information of interest if Ecuador is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address of the inventor must be given if Ecuador is designated (or elected): May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation

Are there special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material? Yes (see Annex L)

B1 **Informations sur les États contractants** **B1****EC** **ÉQUATEUR** **EC***[Suite]*

Protection provisoire à la suite de la
publication internationale :Néant

Informations utiles si l'Équateur est désigné (ou élu)

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de
l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si
l'Équateur est désigné (ou élu) :Peuvent figurer dans la requête ou être communiqués ultérieurement. S'ils n'ont pas été communiqués dans le délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1)a) du PCT, l'office invitera le déposant à faire le nécessaire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation

Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières
relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes
et autre matériel biologique ?Oui (voir l'annexe L)

C **C**
Receiving Offices
EC **EC**
ECUADORIAN INSTITUTE OF
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of:	Ecuador
Language in which international applications may be filed:	Spanish ¹
Number of copies required by the receiving Office:	1
Does the receiving Office accept the filing of international applications with requests in PCT-EASY format? ²	Yes
Competent International Searching Authority:	Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or European Patent Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	European Patent Office
Fees payable to the receiving Office:	Currency: US dollar (USD)
Transmittal fee:	USD ³ ...
International fee:	
Basic fee: ⁴	USD 382
Supplement per sheet over 30: ⁴	USD 9
Designation fee: ⁴	USD 82
PCT-EASY fee reduction: ²	USD 117
Search fee:	See Annex D (Spanish Patent and Trademark Office or European Patent Office)
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	USD 0.20 per certified page
Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Ecuador

¹ Depending on the applicant's choice of competent International Searching Authority, a translation into a corresponding language (see Annex D) may have to be furnished by the applicant (PCT Rule 12.3).

² Where the request is filed in PCT-EASY format together with a PCT-EASY diskette and the receiving Office accepts such filings (see *PCT Gazette* No. 51/1998, pages 17330 and 17332), the total amount of the international fee is reduced.

³ The amount of this fee is not yet known. It will be fixed in the near future. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the applicable fee amount.

⁴ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in Ecuador or any other State mentioned in the corresponding footnote to Annex C(1B). For further details, see *PCT Gazette* No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234. It is to be noted that, if both the PCT-EASY reduction and the 75% reduction of the international fee are applicable, the 75% reduction is calculated after the PCT-EASY reduction.

C **Offices récepteurs** **C**

EC **INSTITUT ÉQUATORIEN DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ** **EC**

INTELLECTUELLE

Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux et les résidents de:	Équateur
Langue dans laquelle la demande internationale peut être déposée:	Espagnol ¹
Nombre d'exemplaires requis par l'office récepteur:	1
L'office récepteur accepte-t-il le dépôt de demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY ² ?	Oui
Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale:	Office espagnol des brevets et des marques ou Office européen des brevets
Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international:	Office européen des brevets
Taxes payables à l'office récepteur:	Monnaie: Dollar des États-Unis (USD)
Taxe de transmission:	USD ³ ...
Taxe internationale:	
Taxe de base ⁴ :	USD 382
Supplément par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e ⁴ :	USD 9
Taxe de désignation ⁴ :	USD 82
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY ² :	USD 117
Taxe de recherche:	Voir l'annexe D (Office espagnol des brevets et des marques ou Office européen des brevets)
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT):	USD 0,20 par page certifiée conforme
L'office récepteur exige-t-il un mandataire?	Non
Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?	Toute personne physique ou morale domiciliée en Équateur

¹ En fonction du choix du déposant quant à l'administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale, il pourra être nécessaire pour le déposant de remettre une traduction dans une langue correspondante (voir l'annexe D) (règle 12.3 du PCT).

² Lorsque la requête est déposée en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec une disquette PCT-EASY et que l'office récepteur accepte ce mode de dépôt (voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 51/1998, pages 17331 et 17333), le montant total de la taxe internationale est réduit.

³ Le montant de cette taxe n'est pas encore connu. Il sera fixé prochainement. Pour connaître le montant de la taxe en vigueur, se renseigner auprès de l'office ou du mandataire.

⁴ Cette taxe est réduite de 75% lorsque le déposant, ou s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux est une personne physique qui est ressortissante de l'Équateur et qui y est domiciliée; la réduction s'applique également dans le cas de tout autre État mentionné dans la note de bas de page pertinente de l'annexe C(IB). Pour plus de précisions, voir la *Gazette du PCT* n° 50/1995, pages 19267 et 19268. Il convient de noter que, si la réduction PCT-EASY et la réduction de 75% de la taxe internationale s'appliquent toutes deux, la réduction de 75% est calculée après la réduction PCT-EASY.

SUMMARY**Designated
(or elected) Office****SUMMARY****EC****ECUADORIAN INSTITUTE OF
INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY****EC****Summary of requirements for entry into the national phase**

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: 21 months from the priority date Under PCT Article 39(1): 31 months from the priority date
Translation of international application required into: ¹	Spanish
Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase: ¹	Under PCT Article 22: Description, claims (if amended, as amended only, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, only as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Is a copy of the international application required?	No
National fee: ¹	Currency: US dollar (USD) For patent: Filing fee: USD ² ... For utility model: Filing fee: USD ² ...
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	None
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>): ³	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application ⁴ Document evidencing a change of name of the applicant if the change occurred after the international filing date and has not been reflected in a notification from the International Bureau (Form PCT/IB/306) Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Ecuador
Who can act as agent?	Any natural or legal person resident in Ecuador

¹ Must be furnished or paid within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1).

² The amounts of the fees are not yet known. They will be fixed in the near future. The Office or the agent should be consulted for the applicable fee amounts.

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

⁴ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

RÉSUMÉ**Office désigné
(ou élu)****RÉSUMÉ****EC INSTITUT ÉQUATORIEN DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE EC****Résumé des exigences pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale**

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale:	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT:	21 mois à compter de la date de priorité
	En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT:	31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
Traduction de la demande internationale requise en ¹ :	Espagnol	
Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale ¹ :	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, seulement telles que modifiées ainsi que toute déclaration faite en vertu de l'article 19 du PCT), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé	
	En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer seulement tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international)	
Une copie de la demande internationale est-elle requise?	Non	
Taxe nationale ¹ :	Monnaie:	Dollar des États-Unis (USD)
	Pour un brevet:	
	Taxe de dépôt:	USD ² ...
	Pour un modèle d'utilité:	
	Taxe de dépôt:	USD ² ...
Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale:	Néant	
Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51bis du PCT) ³ :	Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale ⁴	
	Justification du changement du nom du déposant si le changement est survenu après la date du dépôt international et qu'il n'a pas été reflété dans une notification émanant du Bureau international (formulaire PCT/IB/306)	
	Nomination d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié en Équateur	
Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire?	Toute personne physique ou morale domiciliée en Équateur	

¹ Doit être remise ou payée dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT.

² Le montant des taxes n'est pas encore connu. Il sera fixé prochainement. Pour connaître le montant des taxes en vigueur, se renseigner auprès de l'office ou du mandataire.

³ Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de réception de l'invitation.

⁴ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

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INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**IS Iceland**

The **Icelandic Patent Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Skulagata 63, IS-150 Reykjavik, Iceland

Telephone: (354) 580 94 00

Facsimile machine: (354) 580 94 01

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INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**IS Islande**

L'**Office islandais des brevets** a notifié des changements dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, et dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale : Skulagata 63, IS-150 Reykjavik, Islande

Téléphone : (354) 580 94 00

Télécopieur: (354) 580 94 01

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CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****OM Oman**

On 26 July 2001, **Oman** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Oman will become the 113th Contracting State of the PCT on 26 October 2001.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 26 October 2001, Oman (country code: OM) may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Oman will be entitled from 26 October 2001 to file international applications under the PCT.

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ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)****OM Oman**

Le 26 juillet 2001, l'**Oman** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT. L'Oman deviendra le 113^e État contractant du PCT le 26 octobre 2001.

En conséquence, l'Oman pourra être désigné (code pour le pays : OM) dans toute demande internationale déposée le 26 octobre 2001 ou ultérieurement et, étant lié par le chapitre II du PCT, pourra aussi être élu. En outre, à partir du 26 octobre 2001, les nationaux de l'Oman et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

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INFORMATION ON INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)**

The **African Regional Industrial Property Organization** has notified an additional type of protection available via the PCT, as follows:

Types of protection available via the PCT: ARIPO patents, ARIPO utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of or in addition to a patent)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B2(AP), page 200]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)**

The **African Regional Industrial Property Organization** has established amounts of fees in respect of utility models in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

National fee:

For utility model:

Filing fee:	USD 100
Maintenance fee for the first year:	USD 20
Maintenance fee for the second year:	USD 25
Maintenance fee for the third year:	USD 30

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Summary (AP), page 348]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES**AP Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO)**

L'**Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle** a notifié un type de protection supplémentaire disponible par la voie PCT, comme suit :

Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Brevets ARIPO, modèles d'utilité ARIPO (un modèle d'utilité peut être demandé au lieu ou en plus d'un brevet)
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B2(AP), page 203]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**AP Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO)**

L'**Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle** a établi des montants de taxes pour les modèles d'utilité, exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme indiqué ci-dessous :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt :	USD 100
Taxe de maintien en vigueur pour la première année :	USD 20
Taxe de maintien en vigueur pour la deuxième année :	USD 25
Taxe de maintien en vigueur pour la troisième année :	USD 30

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), résumé (AP), page 379]

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**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND
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On 15 August 2001, **Zambia** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Zambia will become the 114th Contracting State of the PCT on 15 November 2001.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 15 November 2001, Zambia (country code: ZM) may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Zambia will be entitled from 15 November 2001 to file international applications under the PCT.

Since Zambia is party to the Harare Protocol within the framework of the African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO), it will also be possible to designate Zambia for the purposes of obtaining an ARIPO patent. Any designation for an ARIPO patent in an international application filed on or after 15 November 2001 will automatically include the designation of Zambia for that purpose.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B2(AP), page 200, and Annex C(AP), page 213]

**INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET LES
ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES**

ZM **Zambie**

AP **Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO)**

Le 15 août 2001, la **Zambie** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT. La Zambie deviendra le 114^e État contractant du PCT le 15 novembre 2001.

En conséquence, la Zambie pourra être désignée (code pour le pays : ZM) dans toute demande internationale déposée le 15 novembre 2001 ou ultérieurement et, étant liée par le chapitre II du PCT, pourra aussi être élue. En outre, à partir du 15 novembre 2001, les nationaux de la Zambie et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

La Zambie étant partie au Protocole de Harare dans le cadre de l'Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO), elle pourra être désignée en vue de l'obtention d'un brevet ARIPO. Toute désignation en vue de l'obtention d'un brevet ARIPO faite dans une demande internationale déposée le 15 novembre 2001 ou ultérieurement emportera automatiquement la désignation de la Zambie à cet effet.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001, annexe B2(AP), page 202, et annexe C(AP), page 216]

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**SE Sweden**

New equivalent amounts in **Swedish kronor (SEK)** have been established for the basic fee, the supplement per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the handling fee, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), as well as for the reduction of the international fee where the PCT-EASY software is used. The new amounts, applicable as from 15 November 2001, are specified below:

Basic fee:	SEK 3,950
Supplement per sheet over 30:	SEK 90
Designation fee:	SEK 850
PCT-EASY fee reduction:	SEK 1,220
Handling fee:	SEK 1,420

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(SE), page 290, and Annex E(SE), page 324]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE****GB United Kingdom**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **United Kingdom Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the International Mycological Institute (IMI), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

CABI BIOSCIENCE, UK Centre (IMI)
Bakeham Lane
Englefield Green
Egham, Surrey TW20 9TY
United Kingdom

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex L, page 342]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**GQ Equatorial Guinea****PH Philippines**

General information on **Equatorial Guinea** and **the Philippines** as Contracting States is given in Annexes B1(GQ) and B1(PH), which are published on the following pages.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**SE Suède**

De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés en **couronnes suédoises (SEK)**, ont été établis pour la taxe de base, le supplément par feuille à compter de la 31^e, la taxe de désignation et la taxe de traitement, conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, ainsi que pour la réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 15 novembre 2001, sont les suivants :

Taxe de base :	SEK 3.950
Supplément par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e :	SEK 90
Taxe de désignation :	SEK 850
Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY :	SEK 1.220
Taxe de traitement :	SEK 1.420

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(SE), page 308, et annexe E(SE), page 350]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
INSTITUTIONS AUPRÈS DESQUELLES DES DÉPÔTS PEUVENT ÊTRE EFFECTUÉS****GB Royaume-Uni**

Conformément à la règle 13*bis*.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à un changement de nom du International Mycological Institute (IMI), institution de dépôt internationale reconnue en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès de laquelle des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, comme suit :

CABI BIOSCIENCE, UK Centre (IMI)
Bakeham Lane
Englefield Green
Egham, Surrey TW20 9TY
Royaume-Uni

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe L, page 371]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**GQ Guinée équatoriale****PH Philippines**

Des informations de caractère général concernant **la Guinée équatoriale** et **les Philippines** en tant qu'États contractants sont reproduites dans les annexes B1(GQ) et B1(PH), publiées sur les pages suivantes.

B1	Information on Contracting States	B1
GQ	EQUATORIAL GUINEA	GQ

General information

Name of Office:	African Intellectual Property Organization (see Annex B2)
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of Equatorial Guinea:	African Intellectual Property Organization or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if Equatorial Guinea is designated (or elected):	African Intellectual Property Organization (see Volume II)
May Equatorial Guinea be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	OAPI patents, OAPI certificates of addition, OAPI utility models

B1	Informations sur les États contractants	B1
GQ	GUINÉE ÉQUATORIALE	GQ

Informations générales

Nom de l'office :	Organisation africaine de la propriété intellectuelle (voir l'annexe B2)
Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux de la Guinée équatoriale et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées :	Organisation africaine de la propriété intellectuelle ou Bureau international de l'OMPI, au choix du déposant (voir l'annexe C)
Office désigné (ou élu) compétent si la Guinée équatoriale est désignée (ou élue) :	Organisation africaine de la propriété intellectuelle (voir le volume II)
La Guinée équatoriale peut-elle être élue ?	Oui (liée par le chapitre II du PCT)
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Brevets OAPI, certificats d'addition OAPI, modèles d'utilité OAPI

B1 Information on Contracting States B1**PH PHILIPPINES PH****General information**

Name of Office:	Intellectual Property Office
Location and mailing address:	IPO Bldg., 351 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue Makati City 1200, Philippines
Telephone:	(632) 752 54 50 to 65, extensions 401, 405 (632) 890 49 42, 897 17 37
Facsimile machine:	(632) 890 48 62
Teleprinter:	—
E-mail:	mail@ipophilippines.gov.ph
Internet:	ipophilippines.gov.ph
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	No
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Information not yet available
Competent receiving Office for nationals and residents of the Philippines:	Intellectual Property Office or International Bureau of WIPO, at the choice of the applicant (see Annex C)
Competent designated (or elected) Office if the Philippines is designated (or elected):	Intellectual Property Office (see Volume II)
May the Philippines be elected?	Yes (bound by Chapter II of the PCT)
Types of protection available via the PCT:	Patents, utility models (a utility model may be sought instead of a patent)
Provisions of the law of the Philippines concerning international-type search:	None

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B1	Informations sur les États contractants	B1
PH	PHILIPPINES	PH

Informations générales

Nom de l'office :	Office de la propriété intellectuelle
Siège et adresse postale :	IPO Bldg., 351 Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue Makati City 1200, Philippines
Téléphone :	(632) 752 54 50 to 65, postes 401, 405 (632) 890 49 42, 897 17 37
Télécopieur :	(632) 890 48 62
Téléimprimeur :	–
Courrier électronique :	mail@ipophilippines.gov.ph
Internet :	ipophilippines.gov.ph
L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT) ?	Non
L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT) ?	Information pas encore disponible
Office récepteur compétent pour les nationaux des Philippines et les personnes qui y sont domiciliées :	Office de la propriété intellectuelle ou Bureau international de l'OMPI, au choix du déposant (voir l'annexe C)
Office désigné (ou élu) compétent si les Philippines sont désignées (ou élues) :	Office de la propriété intellectuelle (voir le volume II)
Les Philippines peuvent-elles être élues ?	Oui (liées par le chapitre II du PCT)
Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Brevets, modèles d'utilité (un modèle d'utilité peut être demandé au lieu d'un brevet)
Dispositions de la législation des Philippines relatives à la recherche de type international :	Néant

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B1 **Information on Contracting States** **B1****PH** **PHILIPPINES** **PH***[Continued]*

Provisional protection after
international publication:

Information not yet available

Information of interest if the Philippines is designated (or elected)

Time when the name and address
of the inventor must be given
if the Philippines is designated (or
elected):

May be in the request or may be furnished later. If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1)(a), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

Are there special provisions concerning
the deposit of microorganisms and other
biological material?

Yes (see Annex L)

B1 **Informations sur les États contractants** **B1**

PH **PHILIPPINES** **PH**

[Suite]

Protection provisoire à la suite de la
publication internationale:

Information pas encore disponible

Informations utiles si les Philippines sont désignées (ou élues)

Délai dans lequel le nom et l'adresse de
l'inventeur doivent être communiqués si
les Philippines sont désignées (ou élues):

Peuvent figurer dans la requête ou être communiqués ultérieurement. S'ils n'ont pas été communiqués dans le délai applicable selon l'article 22 ou 39.1)a) du PCT, l'office invitera le déposant à faire le nécessaire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

Existe-t-il des dispositions particulières
relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes
et autre matériel biologique?

Oui (voir l'annexe L)

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TN Tunisia	17812	TN Tunisie	17813

CONTRACTING STATES**States Party to the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT)****TN Tunisia**

On 10 September 2001, **Tunisia** deposited its instrument of accession to the PCT. Tunisia will become the 115th Contracting State of the PCT on 10 December 2001.

Consequently, in any international application filed on or after 10 December 2001, Tunisia (country code: TN) may be designated and, because it will be bound by Chapter II of the PCT, may also be elected. Furthermore, nationals and residents of Tunisia will be entitled from 10 December 2001 to file international applications under the PCT.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex A, page 6]

ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**États parties au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT)****TN Tunisie**

Le 10 septembre 2001, la **Tunisie** a déposé son instrument d'adhésion au PCT. La Tunisie deviendra le 115^e État contractant du PCT le 10 décembre 2001.

En conséquence, la Tunisie pourra être désignée (code pour le pays : TN) dans toute demande internationale déposée le 10 décembre 2001 ou ultérieurement et, étant liée par le chapitre II du PCT, pourra aussi être élue. En outre, à partir du 10 décembre 2001, les nationaux de la Tunisie et les personnes domiciliées dans ce pays pourront déposer des demandes internationales au titre du PCT.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe A, page 6]

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ZA South Africa	18362	ZA Afrique du Sud	18363

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **South African rand (ZAR)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the European Patent Office. The new amount, applicable as from 15 November 2001, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	ZAR 7,220
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex D(EP)]

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), a new equivalent amount in **Canadian dollar (CAD)** has been established for the search fee for an international search by the European Patent Office. The new amount, applicable as from 1 December 2001, is as follows:

Search fee (international search by the European Patent Office):	CAD 1,338
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex D(EP)]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**ZA South Africa**

The **South African Patents and Trade Marks Office** has notified additional special requirements for entry into the national phase. The consolidated list of special requirements is as follows:

Special requirements of the Office: (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>)	Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in South Africa ¹
	Proof of assignment or transfer of rights where the applicant is not the inventor ^{2,3}
	Proof by the applicant concerning his right to claim priority of the earlier application, if he did not apply himself for that earlier application ^{2,3}
	Verified translation of the international application to be furnished in duplicate ²

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001, Summary (ZA), page 463]

¹ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of one month.

² If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit of two months from the date of receipt of the invitation.

³ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 15 novembre 2001, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) : ZAR 7.220

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe D(EP)]

Un nouveau montant équivalent de la taxe de recherche, exprimé en **dollars canadiens (CAD)**, a été établi en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets. Le nouveau montant, applicable à compter du 1^{er} décembre 2001, est le suivant :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office européen des brevets) : CAD 1.338

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe D(EP)]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**ZA Afrique du Sud**

L'**Office sud-africain des brevets et des marques** a notifié des exigences particulières supplémentaires pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale. La liste récapitulative des exigences particulières est la suivante :

Exigences particulières de l'office : (règle 51 <i>bis</i> du PCT)	Désignation d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié en Afrique du Sud ¹
	Preuve de la cession ou du transfert des droits lorsque le déposant n'est pas l'inventeur ^{2,3}
	Preuve apportée par le déposant concernant son droit de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure, s'il n'a pas déposé lui-même cette demande antérieure ^{2,3}
	Traduction vérifiée de la demande internationale en deux exemplaires ²

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), résumé (ZA), page 512]

¹ Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai d'un mois.

² Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai de deux mois à compter de la date de réception de l'invitation.

³ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

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EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)	19420	EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)	19421

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**US United States of America**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 December 2001, are as follows:

Search fee (international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office):	ZAR 6,100 (4,000)
	The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee has been paid

The USPTO has notified new amounts of fees in **US dollars (USD)** payable to it as designated (or elected) Office. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 October 2001, are as follows:

Basic national fee (amounts in parentheses are applicable in case of filing by a “small entity”):

- where a preliminary examination fee has been paid on the international application to the USPTO: USD 710 (355)
- where no preliminary examination fee has been paid to the USPTO, but a search fee has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority: USD 740 (370)
- where no preliminary examination fee has been paid and no search fee has been paid on the international application to the USPTO and no international search report has been prepared by the European Patent Office or the Japan Patent Office: USD 1,040 (520)
- where an international search report has been prepared by the European Patent Office or the Japan Patent Office: USD 890 (445)
- where the international preliminary examination report prepared by the USPTO states that the criteria of novelty, inventive step (non-obviousness), and industrial applicability, as defined in PCT Article 33(1) to (4), have been satisfied for all the claims presented in the international application entering the national phase: [No change]

Additional fee for each claim in independent form in excess of three: USD 84 (42)

Additional fee for each claim, independent or dependent, in excess of 20: [No change]

In addition, if the application contains one or more multiple dependent claims, per application: USD 280 (140)

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**US États-Unis d'Amérique**

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} décembre 2001, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :	ZAR 6.100 (4.000)
	Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon le paragraphe 111.a) du titre 35 USC et que la taxe de dépôt de base a été payée

L'USPTO a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} octobre 2001, sont les suivants :

Taxe nationale de base (les montants indiqués entre parenthèses s'appliquent dans le cas d'un dépôt effectué par une "petite entité") :	
– lorsqu'une taxe d'examen préliminaire a été payée pour la demande internationale à l'USPTO :	USD 710 (355)
– lorsque aucune taxe d'examen préliminaire n'a été payée à l'USPTO mais une taxe de recherche a été payée pour la demande internationale à l'USPTO en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale :	USD 740 (370)
– lorsque aucune taxe d'examen préliminaire n'a été payée pour la demande internationale à l'USPTO et aucun rapport de recherche internationale n'a été établi par l'Office européen des brevets ou l'Office des brevets du Japon :	USD 1.040 (520)
– lorsqu'un rapport de recherche internationale a été établi par l'Office européen des brevets ou l'Office des brevets du Japon :	USD 890 (445)
– lorsque le rapport d'examen préliminaire international établi par l'USPTO mentionne qu'il a été satisfait aux critères de nouveauté, d'activité inventive (non-évidence) et d'application industrielle, tels que définis à l'article 33.1) à 4) du PCT, à l'égard de toutes les revendications figurant dans la demande internationale lors de l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication, indépendante à compter de la 4 ^e :	USD 84 (42)
Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication, indépendante ou non, à compter de la 21 ^e :	[Sans changement]
De plus, si la demande contient une ou plusieurs revendications à dépendances multiples, par demande :	USD 280 (140)

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**US United States of America (Cont'd)**

Surcharge for filing oath or declaration after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): [No change]

Processing fee for filing English-language translation after the expiration of the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1): [No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001(E), Annex D(US), page 315, and Summary (US), page 455]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 22 before the Office as a designated Office. The new time limit, applicable as from 2 January 2002 to all international applications for which, on that date, the acts prescribed for entry into the national phase have not yet been validly performed and the present 21-month time limit for doing so has not yet expired, is as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: 31 months from the priority date
	Under PCT Article 39(1): [No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Summary (EP), page 381]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**US États-Unis d'Amérique (suite)**

Surtaxe pour le dépôt du serment ou de la déclaration après l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT :

[Sans changement]

Taxe de traitement pour le dépôt d'une traduction anglaise après l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT :

[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001(F), annexe D(US), page 341, et résumé (US), page 504]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'**Office européen des brevets** a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 22 du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné. Le nouveau délai, applicable à compter du 2 janvier 2002 à toutes les demandes internationales pour lesquelles, à cette date, les actes prescrits n'ont pas encore été valablement effectués et le délai actuel de 21 mois pour effectuer ces actes n'est pas encore venu à expiration, est le suivant :

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :

En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité

En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), résumé (EP), page 414]

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MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION**ASSEMBLY****Thirtieth (13th Ordinary) Session
(Geneva, 24 September to 3 October 2001)****NOTE PREPARED BY THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU**

The Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held its thirtieth (13th ordinary) session in Geneva from 24 September to 3 October 2001, in conjunction with the thirty-sixth series of meetings of the Assemblies of the Member States of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). All documents discussed during the session (documents PCT/A/30/1, 2, 3, 4, 4 Add., 5 and 6) are available from WIPO free of charge and can also be found on WIPO's Internet site, at the following address: http://www.wipo.int/eng/document/govbody/wo_pct/index_30.htm. Note that the final report (document PCT/A/30/7) generally becomes available in the weeks following the closure of the meetings.

Change relating to the PCT fees for the benefit of the International Bureau

The Assembly decided that the maximum number of designation fees payable would be reduced, with effect from 1 January 2002, from 6 to 5.

The text of the amended Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations, as in force from 1 January 2002, is reproduced on page 19930.

Reform of the PCT

The Assembly noted the report of the Committee on Reform of the PCT, which held its first session in Geneva from 21 to 25 May 2001, and approved the Committee's recommendations concerning the establishment of a working group, the matters to be referred to the working group and the work program of both the Committee and the working group between the September 2001 and September 2002 sessions of the Assembly. The working group will address, in particular, issues such as the concept and operation of the designation system, improved coordination of international search and international preliminary examination and the time limit for entering the national phase, conforming PCT filing date and "missing part"-type requirements to those in the Patent Law Treaty (PLT), as well as general simplification and streamlining of PCT procedures.

The first session of the Working Group on Reform of the PCT will be held from 12 to 16 November 2001, in Geneva. The documents for that session are available at:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/meetings/reform_wg/index_1.htm

IMPACT Project and PCT Electronic Filing Project Status Reports

The Assembly took note of status reports on the PCT automation project (IMPACT) and the PCT Electronic Filing Project. With the rapid expansion of the PCT system, these projects are of the highest priority for WIPO, which aims to complete the IMPACT Project by December 2002 and the PCT Electronic Filing Project by November 2003.

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION
EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS**

ASSEMBLÉE

**Trentième session (13^e session ordinaire)
(Genève, 24 septembre – 3 octobre 2001)**

NOTE DU BUREAU INTERNATIONAL

L'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT) a tenu sa trentième session (13^e session ordinaire) à Genève, du 24 septembre au 3 octobre 2001, dans le cadre de la trente-sixième série de réunions des Assemblées des États membres de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle (OMPI). Tous les documents qui ont fait l'objet de discussions durant la session (documents PCT/A/30/1, 2, 3, 4, 4 Add., 5 et 6) sont disponibles gratuitement auprès de l'OMPI et peuvent être également consultés sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : http://www.wipo.int/fre/document/govbody/wo_pct/index_30.htm. Il convient de noter que le rapport final (document PCT/A/30/7) est, en règle générale, disponible dans les semaines qui suivent la clôture des réunions.

Changement relatif aux taxes du PCT perçues au profit du Bureau international

L'assemblée a décidé de réduire de 6 à 5 le nombre maximum de taxes de désignation exigibles, avec effet au 1^{er} janvier 2002.

Le texte du barème révisé de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT, tel qu'il entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2002, est reproduit à la page 19931.

Réforme du PCT

L'assemblée a pris note du rapport du Comité sur la réforme du PCT, qui a tenu sa première session à Genève du 21 au 25 mai 2001, et a approuvé les recommandations du Comité concernant la création d'un groupe de travail, les questions à soumettre à ce groupe de travail et le programme de travail du comité et du groupe de travail entre les sessions de septembre 2001 et de septembre 2002 de l'assemblée. Le groupe de travail examinera, en particulier, des questions telles que la notion de désignation et le fonctionnement du système des désignations, l'amélioration de la coordination pour ce qui concerne la recherche internationale et l'examen préliminaire international et le délai pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, l'harmonisation des exigences du PCT relatives à la date de dépôt et aux parties "manquantes" avec les procédures prévues par le Traité sur le droit des brevets (PLT), ainsi que la simplification et la rationalisation de portée générale des procédures du PCT.

La première session du groupe de travail sur la réforme du PCT se tiendra à Genève du 12 au 16 novembre 2001. Les documents pour la session sont disponibles à l'adresse suivante:

http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/meetings/reform_wg/index_1.htm

Rapports de situation sur le projet IMPACT et sur le projet relatif au dépôt électronique selon le PCT

L'assemblée a pris note des rapports de situation sur le projet d'automatisation du PCT ("IMPACT") et sur le projet relatif au dépôt électronique selon le PCT. Avec l'expansion rapide du système du PCT, ces projets font partie des priorités de l'OMPI dont l'objectif est de mener à terme le projet IMPACT d'ici décembre 2002 et le projet relatif au dépôt électronique d'ici novembre 2003.

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY (Cont'd)**Modification of the time limit fixed in Article 22(1); entry into force;
transitional arrangements; consequential amendments to Rule 90bis***Modification of the time limit fixed in Article 22(1)*

The Assembly unanimously adopted a modification of the time limit under Article 22(1) for performing the acts necessary to enter the national phase, extending the current time limit to 30 months from the priority date. As a result, the time limit for national phase entry under Article 22(1) will be the same as that which applies under Article 39(1)(a) (that is, the time limit which applies where the applicant files a demand for international preliminary examination within 19 months from the priority date).

Entry into force

The modification of the time limit fixed in Article 22(1) will, in general, enter into force on 1 April 2002. Offices may, however, introduce before that date the 30-month time limit since Article 22(3) enables any national law to fix time limits expiring later than those applicable under Article 22(1).

The modified (30-month) time limit will be applicable, so far as a particular designated Office is concerned, to any international application, in respect of which the 20-month time limit expires on or after the date of entry into force of the modifications of Article 22(1) for that Office, and in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22(1) have not yet been performed by the applicant.

Transitional arrangements

Since a number of Contracting States will have to change their national laws in order to implement the modification, transitional arrangements will enable postponement of the entry into force of the modification in respect of the designated Offices concerned: see page 19934 for details of the transitional arrangements. Where a designated Office finds it necessary to make use of the transitional arrangements, an applicant wishing to benefit from the 30-month time limit in respect of national phase entry before that Office will therefore still need to file a demand before the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, even though the 30-month time limit may apply in respect of other designated Offices without the need to file a demand.

Consequential amendments to Rule 90bis

As a consequence of the modification of the time limit under Article 22(1), Rules 90bis.1, 90bis.2 and 90bis.3, which deal with the withdrawal of the international application, designations and priority claims, respectively, will, with effect from 1 April 2002, refer only to the time limit of 30 months from the priority date.

The modified texts of Article 22(1) and Rule 90bis, as well as the text concerning the transitional arrangements in respect of Article 22(1), are published on pages 19932 and 19934.

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION
EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS – ASSEMBLÉE (suite)****Modification du délai fixé à l'article 22.1); entrée en vigueur;
mesures transitoires; modifications apportées par voie de conséquence à la règle 90bis***Modification du délai fixé à l'article 22.1)*

L'assemblée a adopté à l'unanimité une modification relative au délai fixé à l'article 22.1) pour l'accomplissement des actes nécessaires à l'ouverture de la phase nationale, en portant le délai actuel à 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité. En conséquence, le délai d'ouverture de la phase nationale selon l'article 22.1) sera le même que celui qui s'applique selon l'article 39.1)a) (c'est-à-dire, le délai qui s'applique lorsque le déposant présente une demande d'examen préliminaire international dans un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité).

Entrée en vigueur

La modification du délai fixé à l'article 22.1) entrera en vigueur, d'une façon générale, le 1^{er} avril 2002. Toutefois, les offices peuvent introduire avant cette date le délai de 30 mois, étant donné que l'article 22.3) permet à toute législation nationale de fixer des délais expirant après ceux qui sont applicables selon l'article 22.1).

Le délai modifié (30 mois) sera applicable, en ce qui concerne un office désigné déterminé, pour toute demande internationale à l'égard de laquelle le délai de 20 mois expire à la date d'entrée en vigueur des modifications relatives à l'article 22.1) pour cet office, et à l'égard de laquelle le déposant n'a pas encore accompli les actes visés à l'article 22.1).

Mesures transitoires

Étant entendu qu'un certain nombre d'États contractants devront modifier leur législation nationale pour pouvoir mettre en œuvre la modification, des mesures transitoires permettront le report de l'entrée en vigueur de la modification en ce qui concerne les offices désignés concernés : voir la page 19935 pour plus de précisions sur les mesures transitoires. Lorsqu'un office désigné juge nécessaire de recourir aux mesures transitoires, un déposant qui souhaite profiter d'un délai de 30 mois pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de cet office devra donc encore présenter une demande d'examen préliminaire international avant l'expiration d'un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité, même si un délai de 30 mois peut s'appliquer à l'égard d'autres offices désignés sans qu'il soit nécessaire de présenter une demande d'examen préliminaire international.

Modifications apportées par voie de conséquence à la règle 90bis

La modification du délai visé à l'article 22.1) a pour conséquence que les règles 90bis.1, 90bis.2 et 90bis.3, qui traitent du retrait de la demande internationale, de désignations et de revendications de priorité, respectivement, se référeront seulement, avec effet au 1^{er} avril 2002, au délai de 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité.

Le texte modifié de l'article 22.1) et de la règle 90bis ainsi que le texte concernant les mesures transitoires en ce qui concerne l'article 22.1) sont publiés aux pages 19933 et 19935.

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY (Cont'd)**Appointment of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
as an International Preliminary Examining Authority; Amendment of the Agreement
Between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of WIPO**

The Assembly appointed the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as an International Preliminary Examining Authority; that Office will thus become the 10th Office to function as an International Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT. The Assembly approved a consequential amendment to the Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the functioning of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office so as to cover the new functions of the latter as an International Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT.

The appointment, and the Agreement as amended, will have effect one month after the date on which the Office notifies the Director General that it is ready to start functioning as an International Preliminary Examining Authority; this notification is expected sometime in 2002. Note that before that time, applicants will not be able to choose the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority.

The amended text of the Agreement is published on pages 19936, 19938, 19940, 19942, 19944 and 19946.

**Amendment of the Agreement Between the European Patent Organisation
and the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the Functioning
of the European Patent Office as an International Searching and
Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT**

The Assembly approved an amendment to the Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the functioning of the European Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, which will enable the European Patent Office to restrict its competence as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority whenever the workload of that Office reaches such a level that it cannot perform the tasks assumed by it under the Agreement without jeopardizing its proper functioning, both as a PCT Authority and as the Office responsible for granting European patents. Such restriction will be for a limited period and will depend on certain criteria (applicant's nationality and residence, given number of PCT applications per year, certain technical fields). The restriction will be effective from a date agreed upon between each receiving Office concerned and the European Patent Office. Any corresponding notifications from the European Patent Office to the International Bureau will be published in the Gazette.

The Agreement, as amended, will enter into force on 1 November 2001.

The modified text of the Agreement is published on pages 19948, 19950, 19952, 19954, 19956, 19958 and 19960.

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION
EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS – ASSEMBLÉE (suite)****Nomination de l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques
en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international; modification
de l'accord conclu entre l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques et le Bureau international de l'OMPI**

L'assemblée a nommé l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international; cet office sera ainsi le 10^e office à fonctionner en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international au titre du PCT. L'assemblée a approuvé par voie de conséquence une modification de l'accord conclu entre l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques et le Bureau international de l'OMPI concernant les fonctions de l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques afin de couvrir les nouvelles fonctions de ce dernier en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international au titre du PCT.

La nomination et l'accord tel que modifié prendront effet un mois après la date à laquelle l'office notifiera au directeur général qu'il est prêt à fonctionner en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international; cette notification est attendue pour 2002. Il convient de noter que, avant cette date, il ne sera pas possible pour les déposants de choisir l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques en qualité d'administration compétente pour effectuer l'examen préliminaire international.

Le texte modifié de l'accord est publié aux pages 19937, 19939, 19941, 19943, 19945 et 19947.

**Modification de l'accord entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets
et le Bureau international de l'OMPI concernant les fonctions de
l'Office européen des brevets en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale
et de l'examen préliminaire international au titre du PCT**

L'assemblée a approuvé une modification de l'accord entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets et le Bureau international de l'OMPI concernant les fonctions de l'Office européen des brevets en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international au titre du PCT. Cet accord permettra à l'Office européen des brevets de restreindre sa compétence en tant qu'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international, si la charge de travail de cet office devient telle que ce dernier ne peut accomplir les tâches qu'il assume en vertu de l'accord, sans risques pour son bon fonctionnement à la fois en qualité d'administration au titre du PCT et d'office responsable de la délivrance de brevets européens. Une telle restriction s'exercera pour une période limitée et en fonction de certains critères (nationalité et domicile du déposant, nombre donné de demandes PCT par an, certains domaines techniques). La restriction prendra effet à la date convenue entre chaque office récepteur concerné et l'Office européen des brevets. Toute notification correspondante de l'Office européen des brevets au Bureau international sera publiée dans la gazette.

L'accord tel que modifié entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} novembre 2001.

Le texte modifié de l'accord est publié aux pages 19949, 19951, 19953, 19955, 19957, 19959 et 19961.

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY (Cont'd)AMENDMENT OF
THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCTSCHEDULE OF FEES
(with effect from January 1, 2002)

Fees	Amounts
1. Basic Fee: (Rule 15.2(a))	
(a) if the international application contains not more than 30 sheets	650 Swiss francs
(b) if the international application contains more than 30 sheets	650 Swiss francs plus 15 Swiss francs for each sheet in excess of 30 sheets
2. Designation Fee: (Rule 15.2(a))	
(a) for designations made under Rule 4.9(a)	140 Swiss francs per designation, provided that any designation made under Rule 4.9(a) in excess of 5 shall not require the payment of a designation fee
(b) for designations made under Rule 4.9(b) and confirmed under Rule 4.9(c)	140 Swiss francs per designation
3. Handling Fee: (Rule 57.2(a))	233 Swiss francs

Reductions

4. The total amount of the fees payable under items 1 and 2(a) is reduced by 200 Swiss francs if the international application is, in accordance with and to the extent provided for in the Administrative Instructions, filed on paper together with a copy thereof in electronic form.
5. All fees payable (where applicable, as reduced under item 4) are reduced by 75% for international applications filed by any applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below US\$3,000 (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997); if there are several applicants, each must satisfy those criteria.

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION
EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS – ASSEMBLÉE (suite)**

MODIFICATION
DU RÈGLEMENT D'EXÉCUTION DU PCT

BARÈME DE TAXES
(avec effet au 1^{er} janvier 2002)

Taxes	Montants
1. Taxe de base : (Règle 15.2.a))	
a) si la demande internationale ne comporte pas plus de 30 feuilles	650 francs suisses
b) si la demande internationale comporte plus de 30 feuilles	650 francs suisses plus 15 francs suisses par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e
2. Taxe de désignation : (Règle 15.2.a))	
a) pour les désignations faites selon la règle 4.9.a)	140 francs suisses par désignation, étant entendu que toute désignation, à compter de la 6 ^e , faite selon la règle 4.9.a) n'est soumise au paiement d'aucune taxe de désignation
b) pour les désignations faites selon la règle 4.9.b) et confirmées selon la règle 4.9.c)	140 francs suisses par désignation
3. Taxe de traitement : (Règle 57.2.a))	233 francs suisses

Réductions

4. Le montant total des taxes payables en vertu des points 1 et 2.a) est réduit de 200 francs suisses si la demande internationale est, conformément aux instructions administratives et dans la mesure prévue par celles-ci, déposée sur papier avec une copie de la demande sous forme électronique.
5. Toutes les taxes payables (compte tenu, le cas échéant, de la réduction prévue au point 4) sont réduites de 75% pour les demandes internationales dont le déposant est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et est domiciliée dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3000 dollars des États-Unis; s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire à ces critères.

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY (Cont'd)

MODIFICATIONS OF ARTICLE 22 OF THE PCT

Article 22**Copy, Translation, and Fee, to Designated Offices**

(1) The applicant shall furnish a copy of the international application (unless the communication provided for in Article 20 has already taken place) and a translation thereof (as prescribed), and pay the national fee (if any), to each designated Office not later than at the expiration of 30 months from the priority date. Where the national law of the designated State requires the indication of the name of and other prescribed data concerning the inventor but allows that these indications be furnished at a time later than that of the filing of a national application, the applicant shall, unless they were contained in the request, furnish the said indications to the national Office of or acting for the State not later than at the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

(2) Where the International Searching Authority makes a declaration, under Article 17(2)(a), that no international search report will be established, the time limit for performing the acts referred to in paragraph (1) of this Article shall be the same as that provided for in paragraph (1).

(3) Any national law may, for performing the acts referred to in paragraphs (1) or (2), fix time limits which expire later than the time limit provided for in those paragraphs.

AMENDMENTS OF RULE 90*bis*
OF THE REGULATIONS UNDER THE PCT**Rule 90*bis***
Withdrawals*90bis.1 Withdrawal of the International Application*

(a) The applicant may withdraw the international application at any time prior to the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

(b) and (c) [No change]

90bis.2 Withdrawal of Designations

(a) The applicant may withdraw the designation of any designated State at any time prior to the expiration of 30 months from the priority date. Withdrawal of the designation of a State which has been elected shall entail withdrawal of the corresponding election under Rule 90*bis*.4.

(b) to (e) [No change]

90bis.3 Withdrawal of Priority Claims

(a) The applicant may withdraw a priority claim, made in the international application under Article 8(1), at any time prior to the expiration of 30 months from the priority date.

(b) to (e) [No change]

90bis.4 to 90bis.7 [No change]

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION
EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS – ASSEMBLÉE (suite)**

MODIFICATION DE L'ARTICLE 22 DU PCT

Article 22**Copies, traductions et taxes pour les offices désignés**

1) Le déposant remet à chaque office désigné une copie de la demande internationale (sauf si la communication visée à l'article 20 a déjà eu lieu) et une traduction (telle qu'elle est prescrite) de cette demande et lui paie (le cas échéant) la taxe nationale au plus tard à l'expiration d'un délai de trente mois à compter de la date de priorité. Dans le cas où le nom de l'inventeur et les autres renseignements, prescrits par la législation de l'État désigné, relatifs à l'inventeur ne sont pas exigés dès le dépôt d'une demande nationale, le déposant doit, s'ils ne figurent pas déjà dans la requête, les communiquer à l'office national de cet État ou à l'office agissant pour ce dernier au plus tard à l'expiration d'un délai de trente mois à compter de la date de priorité.

2) Lorsque l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale déclare, conformément à l'article 17.2)a), qu'un rapport de recherche internationale ne sera pas établi, le délai pour l'accomplissement des actes mentionnés à l'alinéa 1) du présent article est le même que celui que prévoit l'alinéa 1).

3) La législation de tout État contractant peut, pour l'accomplissement des actes visés aux alinéas 1) et 2), fixer des délais expirant après ceux qui figurent auxdits alinéas.

MODIFICATION DE LA RÈGLE 90bis
DU RÈGLEMENT D'EXÉCUTION DU PCT**Règle 90bis
Retraits***90bis.1 Retrait de la demande internationale*

a) Le déposant peut retirer la demande internationale à tout moment avant l'expiration d'un délai de trente mois à compter de la date de priorité.

b) et c) [Sans changement]

90bis.2 Retrait de désignations

a) Le déposant peut retirer la désignation de tout État désigné à tout moment avant l'expiration d'un délai de trente mois à compter de la date de priorité. Le retrait de la désignation d'un État qui a été élu entraîne le retrait de l'élection correspondante selon la règle 90bis.4.

b) à e) [Sans changement]

90bis.3 Retrait de revendications de priorité

a) Le déposant peut retirer une revendication de priorité, faite dans la demande internationale en vertu de l'article 8.1), à tout moment avant l'expiration d'un délai de trente mois à compter de la date de priorité.

b) à e) [Sans changement]

90bis.4 à 90bis.7 [Sans changement]

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY (Cont'd)DECISIONS RELATING TO ENTRY INTO FORCE OF
THE MODIFICATIONS OF ARTICLE 22 AND TRANSITIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

(1) The modifications of the time limits fixed in Article 22(1)¹ shall, subject to paragraphs (2) and (3), enter into force on 1 April 2002. The modifications shall apply, so far as any designated Office is concerned, to any international application in respect of which the period of 20 months from the priority date expires on or after the date on which the modifications enter into force in respect of that Office and in respect of which the acts referred to in Article 22(1) have not yet been performed by the applicant.

(2) If, on 3 October 2001, any such modification is not compatible with the national law applied by a designated Office, it shall not apply in respect of that Office for as long as it continues not to be compatible with that law, provided that the said Office notifies the International Bureau accordingly by 31 January 2002. The notification shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette.

(3) Any notification sent to the International Bureau under paragraph (2) may be withdrawn at any time. Such withdrawal shall be promptly published by the International Bureau in the Gazette and the modifications shall enter into force two months after the date of such publication or on such earlier or later date as may be indicated in the notice of withdrawal.

(4) It is recommended that any Contracting State whose national law is not compatible with the modifications take urgent action to amend its law to make it compatible so that a notification does not have to be given under paragraph (2) or, if such a notification must be given, so that it can be withdrawn under paragraph (3) as soon as possible thereafter.

(5) The amendments of Rule 90*bis*¹ shall enter into force on 1 April 2002.

¹ Reproduced on page 19932.

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION
EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS – ASSEMBLÉE (suite)**

**DÉCISIONS EN CE QUI CONCERNE L'ENTRÉE EN VIGUEUR
DE LA MODIFICATION DE L'ARTICLE 22 ET LES MESURES TRANSITOIRES**

1) Les modifications relatives aux délais fixés dans l'article 22.1)¹ entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2002, sous réserve des paragraphes 2) et 3). Les modifications seront applicables, pour tout office désigné concerné, à toute demande internationale en ce qui concerne laquelle le délai de 20 mois calculé à compter de la date de priorité expire à la date à laquelle les modifications entrent en vigueur à l'égard de cet office, ou après cette date, et en ce qui concerne laquelle le déposant n'a pas encore accompli les actes visés à l'article 22.1).

2) Si, le 3 octobre 2001, une telle modification n'est pas compatible avec la législation nationale appliquée par un office désigné, elle ne sera pas applicable à l'égard de cet office tant qu'elle ne sera pas compatible avec ladite législation, à condition que cet office notifie ce fait au Bureau international au plus tard le 31 janvier 2002. La notification sera publiée à bref délai dans la gazette par le Bureau international.

3) Toute notification envoyée au Bureau international en vertu du paragraphe 2) peut être retirée à tout moment. Le retrait de la notification sera publié à bref délai dans la gazette par le Bureau international et les modifications entreront en vigueur deux mois après la date de cette publication ou à toute date antérieure ou ultérieure indiquée dans l'avis de retrait.

4) Il est recommandé que tout État contractant dont la législation nationale n'est pas compatible avec les modifications prenne d'urgence les mesures voulues pour modifier sa législation pour la rendre compatible de sorte qu'il ne soit pas nécessaire d'effectuer une notification en vertu du paragraphe 2) ou, si une telle notification doit être effectuée, qu'elle puisse être retirée en vertu du paragraphe 3) dès que possible par la suite.

5) Les modifications relatives à la règle 90*bis*¹ entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} avril 2002.

¹ Figurant à la page 19933.

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY (Cont'd)

AMENDED AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE SPANISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF
THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office
as an International Searching Authority and
International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the Agreement of October 1, 1997, under Article 16(3)(b) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty in relation to the functioning of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty entered into force on January 1, 1998, and will remain in force until December 31, 2007,

Considering Article 32(3) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty in relation to the functioning of national Offices and intergovernmental organizations as International Preliminary Examining Authorities under the Patent Cooperation Treaty,

Desirous to continue the functioning of the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office as an International Searching Authority and to start its functioning as an International Preliminary Examining Authority, under the Patent Cooperation Treaty,

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

- (1) For the purposes of this Agreement:
- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
 - (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
 - (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
 - (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
 - (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
 - (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
 - (g) “the Authority” means the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office;
 - (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization.

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION
EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS – ASSEMBLÉE (suite)**

ACCORD MODIFIÉ
ENTRE L'OFFICE ESPAGNOL DES BREVETS ET DES MARQUES
ET LE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DE
L'ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE

concernant les fonctions de l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques
en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et
d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international
au titre du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets

Préambule

L'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle,

Considérant que l'accord conclu le 1^{er} octobre 1997, en vertu de l'article 16.3)b) du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets, en ce qui concerne les fonctions de l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale au titre du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets est entré en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 1998 et restera en vigueur jusqu'au 31 décembre 2007,

Considérant l'article 32.3) du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets, en ce qui concerne les fonctions des offices nationaux et des organisations intergouvernementales agissant en qualité d'administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international au titre du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets,

Souhaitant que l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques continue d'agir en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et commence d'agir en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, au titre du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets,

Sont convenus de ce qui suit :

**Article premier
Termes et expressions**

- 1) Aux fins du présent accord, on entend par
 - a) "traité" le Traité de coopération en matière de brevets;
 - b) "règlement d'exécution" le règlement d'exécution du traité;
 - c) "instructions administratives" les instructions administratives du traité;
 - d) "article" un article du traité (sauf quand il est fait expressément référence à un article du présent accord);
 - e) "règle" une règle du règlement d'exécution;
 - f) "État contractant" un État partie au traité;
 - g) "Administration" l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques;
 - h) "Bureau international" le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle.

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY (Cont'd)**AMENDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SPANISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (Cont'd)**

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

**Article 2
Basic Obligations**

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement. In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT Search Guidelines and the PCT Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(2) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

**Article 3
Competence of Authority**

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement, that, where applicable, the Authority has been chosen by the applicant, and that any other requirements regarding such application as specified in Annex A to this Agreement have been met.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

**Article 4
Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined**

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS – ASSEMBLÉE (suite)

ACCORD MODIFIÉ ENTRE L'OFFICE ESPAGNOL DES BREVETS ET DES MARQUES ET LE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DE L'ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE (suite)

2) Aux fins du présent accord, tous les autres termes et expressions utilisés qui sont également employés dans le traité, le règlement d'exécution ou les instructions administratives, ont le même sens que dans le traité, le règlement d'exécution et les instructions administratives.

Article 2 Obligations fondamentales

1) L'Administration procède à la recherche internationale et à l'examen préliminaire international conformément aux dispositions du traité, du règlement d'exécution, des instructions administratives et du présent accord et assume toutes autres fonctions confiées aux administrations chargées de la recherche internationale et aux administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international en vertu de ces dispositions. Pour procéder à la recherche internationale et à l'examen préliminaire international, l'Administration applique et observe toutes les règles communes à la recherche internationale et à l'examen préliminaire international et se conforme notamment aux Directives concernant la recherche selon le PCT et aux Directives concernant l'examen préliminaire selon le PCT.

2) L'Administration et le Bureau international, eu égard à leurs tâches respectives telles que prévues par le traité, le règlement d'exécution, les instructions administratives et le présent accord, se prêtent mutuellement assistance, dans la mesure qu'ils jugent l'un et l'autre appropriée, pour l'exécution desdites tâches.

Article 3 Compétence de l'Administration

1) L'Administration agit en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale à l'égard de toute demande internationale déposée auprès de l'office récepteur de tout État contractant, ou agissant pour tout État contractant, pourvu que l'office récepteur l'ait désignée à cette fin, que la demande, ou une traduction de celle-ci remise aux fins de la recherche internationale, soit dans la langue ou dans l'une des langues spécifiées à l'annexe A du présent accord et, le cas échéant, que l'Administration ait été choisie par le déposant.

2) L'Administration agit en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international à l'égard de toute demande internationale déposée auprès de l'office récepteur de tout État contractant, ou agissant pour tout État contractant, pourvu que l'office récepteur l'ait désignée à cette fin, que la demande, ou une traduction de celle-ci remise aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international, soit dans la langue ou dans l'une des langues spécifiées à l'annexe A du présent accord et, le cas échéant, que l'Administration ait été choisie par le déposant et que toute autre condition précisée dans l'annexe A du présent accord au sujet d'une telle demande soit remplie.

3) Lorsqu'une demande internationale est déposée auprès du Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur en vertu de la règle 19.1.a)iii), les alinéas 1) et 2) s'appliquent comme si la demande avait été déposée auprès d'un office récepteur compétent en vertu de la règle 19.1.a)i) ou ii), b) ou c) ou de la règle 19.2.i).

Article 4 Objets pour lesquels la recherche et l'examen ne sont pas obligatoires

En vertu respectivement de l'article 17.2)a)i) et de l'article 34.4)a)i), l'Administration n'est pas tenue d'effectuer la recherche internationale ou l'examen préliminaire international dans la mesure où elle considère que la demande internationale concerne un objet visé à la règle 39.1 ou à la règle 67.1, selon le cas, à l'exception des objets désignés à l'annexe B du présent accord.

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY (Cont'd)

AMENDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SPANISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (Cont'd)

**Article 5
Fees and Charges**

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its function as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search made by the Authority (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

**Article 6
Classification**

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

**Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority**

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

**Article 8
International-Type Search**

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

**Article 9
Entry into Force**

This Agreement, as amended, shall enter into force one month after the date on which the Authority notifies the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization that it is ready to start functioning as an International Preliminary Examining Authority.

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION
EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS – ASSEMBLÉE (suite)**

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**Article 5
Taxes et droits**

1) Un barème de toutes les taxes requises par l'Administration, ainsi que de tous les autres droits que l'Administration peut percevoir en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, figure à l'annexe C du présent accord.

2) Sous réserve des conditions et limites spécifiées à l'annexe C du présent accord, l'Administration

- i) rembourse tout ou partie de la taxe de recherche acquittée, ou supprime ou réduit la taxe de recherche, lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale peut se baser entièrement ou partiellement sur les résultats d'une recherche effectuée antérieurement par l'Administration (règles 16.3 et 41.1);
- ii) rembourse la taxe de recherche lorsque la demande internationale est retirée ou considérée comme retirée avant le début de la recherche internationale.

3) L'Administration rembourse, aux conditions et dans les limites spécifiées à l'annexe C du présent accord, tout ou partie de la taxe d'examen préliminaire acquittée lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international est considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée (règle 58.3), ou bien lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international ou la demande internationale est retirée par le déposant avant le début de l'examen préliminaire international.

**Article 6
Classification**

Aux fins des règles 43.3.a) et 70.5.b), l'Administration utilise uniquement la classification internationale des brevets.

**Article 7
Langues utilisées par l'Administration pour la correspondance**

L'Administration utilise, aux fins de la correspondance (y compris les formulaires), à l'exclusion de la correspondance échangée avec le Bureau international, la langue ou l'une des langues indiquées à l'annexe D, compte tenu de la langue ou des langues indiquées à l'annexe A et de la langue ou des langues dont l'usage est autorisé par l'Administration conformément à la règle 92.2.b).

**Article 8
Recherche de type international**

L'Administration effectue des recherches de type international dans les limites qu'elle fixe.

**Article 9
Entrée en vigueur**

Le présent accord, tel que modifié, entre en vigueur un mois après la date à laquelle l'Administration a informé le Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle qu'elle est prête à commencer d'agir en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY (Cont'd)

AMENDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SPANISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (Cont'd)

Article 10
Duration and Renewability

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2007. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than January 2007, start negotiations for its renewal.

Article 11
Amendment

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the Authority; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The Authority may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

Article 12
Termination

(1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2007:

- (i) if the Authority gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
- (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the Authority written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION
EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS – ASSEMBLÉE (suite)**

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INTELLECTUELLE (suite)

**Article 10
Durée et renouvellement**

Le présent accord restera en vigueur jusqu'au 31 décembre 2007. En janvier 2007 au plus tard, les parties au présent accord entameront des négociations en vue de le renouveler.

**Article 11
Modification**

1) Sans préjudice des alinéas 2) et 3), les parties peuvent convenir de modifications à apporter au présent accord, sous réserve d'approbation par l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets; ces modifications prennent effet à la date convenue entre les parties.

2) Sans préjudice de l'alinéa 3), le Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle et l'Administration peuvent convenir de modifications à apporter aux annexes du présent accord; ces modifications prennent effet à la date convenue entre eux.

3) L'Administration peut, par notification adressée au Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle,

- i) compléter les indications relatives aux langues figurant à l'annexe A du présent accord;
- ii) modifier le barème de taxes et de droits figurant à l'annexe C du présent accord;
- iii) modifier les indications relatives aux langues utilisées pour la correspondance figurant à l'annexe D du présent accord.

4) Toute modification notifiée conformément à l'alinéa 3) prend effet à la date indiquée dans la notification; toutefois, les augmentations des taxes et autres droits indiqués à l'annexe C ne prennent effet qu'un mois au moins après la date de réception de la notification par le Bureau international.

**Article 12
Extinction**

1) Le présent accord prend fin avant le 31 décembre 2007

- i) si l'Administration notifie par écrit au Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle son intention de mettre fin au présent accord; ou
- ii) si le Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle notifie par écrit à l'Administration son intention de mettre fin au présent accord.

2) L'extinction du présent accord conformément à l'alinéa 1) prend effet un an après réception de la notification par l'autre partie, sauf si un délai plus long est précisé dans la notification ou si les deux parties conviennent d'un délai plus court.

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY (Cont'd)

AMENDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SPANISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE AND
THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY
ORGANIZATION (Cont'd)

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this third day of October 2001, in two originals in the English and Spanish languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the Spanish Patent and
Trademark Office by:

For the International Bureau by:

José López Calvo
Director General
Spanish Patent and Trademark Office

Kamil Idris
Director General
World Intellectual Property Organization

Annex A
Languages

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:

Spanish.

Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined in Spanish national applications.

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION
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En foi de quoi, les soussignés ont apposé leur signature au bas du présent accord.

Fait à Genève, le 3 octobre 2001, en double exemplaire en langues anglaise et espagnole, les deux textes faisant également foi.

Pour l'Office espagnol des brevets
et des marques :

Pour le Bureau international :

José López Calvo
Directeur général
Office espagnol des brevets et des marques

Kamil Idris
Directeur général
Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle

**Annexe A
Langues**

Conformément à l'article 3 de l'accord, l'Administration spécifie la langue suivante :

espagnol.

**Annexe B
Objets non exclus de la recherche ou de l'examen**

Les objets visés à la règle 39.1 ou 67.1 qui, conformément à l'article 4 de l'accord, ne sont pas exclus de la recherche ou de l'examen sont les suivants :

tous les objets pour lesquels des demandes nationales espagnoles sont soumises à la recherche ou à l'examen.

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY (Cont'd)

AMENDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE SPANISH PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (Cont'd)

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Spanish pesetas)	Amount (Euros)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	157,235 ¹	945 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	157,235 ¹	945 ¹
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	78,860	473.96
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	78,860	473.96
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b) and 71.2(b))		
– national documents, per document	610	3.67
– foreign documents, per document	859	5.16
Cost of copies (Rule 94.2) per document	37	0.22

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search, 25%, 50%, 75% or 100% of the search fee paid shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) When the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following language:

Spanish.

¹ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations (see also corresponding footnote to the Annex C(IB) and *PCT Gazette* No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234), and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of October 11, 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, 446).

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EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS – ASSEMBLÉE (suite)**

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BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DE L'ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ
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**Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Pesetas espagnoles)	Montant (Euros)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	157.235 ¹	945 ¹
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	157.235 ¹	945 ¹
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	78.860	473,96
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	78.860	473,96
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b) et 71.2.b))		
– documents nationaux, par document	610	3,67
– documents étrangers, par document	859	5,16
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règle 94.2), par document	37	0,22

Partie II. Conditions et limites des remboursements ou des réductions de taxes

1) Toute somme payée par erreur, sans raison ou en excédent par rapport au montant dû au titre des taxes indiquées dans la partie I est remboursée.

2) Lorsque la demande internationale est retirée ou considérée comme retirée en vertu de l'article 14.1), 3) ou 4) avant le début de la recherche internationale, le montant de la taxe de recherche qui a été acquitté est intégralement remboursé.

3) Lorsque l'Administration peut utiliser une recherche antérieure, la taxe de recherche est remboursée à 25%, 50%, 75% ou 100%, selon la mesure dans laquelle l'Administration tire parti de cette recherche antérieure.

4) Dans les cas prévus à la règle 58.3, le montant de la taxe d'examen préliminaire est intégralement remboursé.

5) Lorsque la demande internationale ou la demande d'examen préliminaire international est retirée avant le début de l'examen préliminaire international, le montant de la taxe d'examen préliminaire est intégralement remboursé.

**Annexe D
Langues utilisées pour la correspondance**

Conformément à l'article 7 de l'accord, l'Administration spécifie la langue suivante :

espagnol.

¹ Cette taxe est réduite de 75% lorsque le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux, est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et qui est domiciliée dans un État, qui n'est pas partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen et qui remplit les conditions applicables à la réduction correspondante de certaines taxes du PCT telles qu'elles figurent dans le barème des taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT (voir également la note correspondante de bas de page de l'annexe C(IB) et la *Gazette du PCT* n° 50/1995, pages 19267 et 19268), et conformément à la décision du Conseil d'administration de l'OEB du 11 octobre 2000 (JO OEB 2000, 446).

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY (Cont'd)

AMENDED AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN PATENT ORGANISATION
AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF
THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION

in relation to the functioning of the European Patent Office
as an International Searching Authority and
International Preliminary Examining Authority
under the Patent Cooperation Treaty

Preamble

The European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization,

Considering that the Agreement of October 1, 1997, under Articles 16(3)(b) and 32(3) of the Patent Cooperation Treaty, as well as Articles 154 and 155 of the European Patent Convention, in relation to the functioning of the European Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty was concluded for a period of 10 years from January 1, 1998, to December 31, 2007,

Desirous to continue the functioning of the European Patent Office as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority under the Patent Cooperation Treaty,

Hereby agree as follows:

Article 1
Terms and Expressions

(1) For the purposes of this Agreement:

- (a) “Treaty” means the Patent Cooperation Treaty;
- (b) “Regulations” means the Regulations under the Treaty;
- (c) “Administrative Instructions” means the Administrative Instructions under the Treaty;
- (d) “Article” (except where a specific reference is made to an Article of this Agreement) means an Article of the Treaty;
- (e) “Rule” means a Rule of the Regulations;
- (f) “Contracting State” means a State party to the Treaty;
- (g) “the Authority” means the European Patent Office;
- (h) “the International Bureau” means the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization;
- (i) “Convention” means the Convention on the Grant of European Patents (European Patent Convention).

(2) All other terms and expressions used in this Agreement which are also used in the Treaty, the Regulations or the Administrative Instructions have, for the purposes of this Agreement, the same meaning as in the Treaty, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions.

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION
EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS – ASSEMBLÉE (suite)**

ACCORD MODIFIÉ
ENTRE L'ORGANISATION EUROPÉENNE DES BREVETS
ET LE BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DE
L'ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ INTELLECTUELLE

concernant les fonctions de l'Office européen des brevets
en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et
d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international
au titre du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets

Préambule

L'Organisation européenne des brevets et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle,

Considérant que l'accord conclu le 1^{er} octobre 1997, en vertu des articles 16.3)b) et 32.3) du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets ainsi que des articles 154 et 155 de la Convention sur le brevet européen, en ce qui concerne les fonctions de l'Office européen des brevets en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international au titre du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets avait été conclu pour une période de 10 années, du 1^{er} janvier 1998 au 31 décembre 2007,

Souhaitant que l'Office européen des brevets continue d'agir en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international au titre du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets,

Sont convenus de ce qui suit :

**Article premier
Termes et expressions**

- 1) Aux fins du présent accord, on entend par
 - a) "traité" le Traité de coopération en matière de brevets;
 - b) "règlement d'exécution" le règlement d'exécution du traité;
 - c) "instructions administratives" les instructions administratives du traité;
 - d) "article" un article du traité (sauf quand il est fait expressément référence à un article du présent accord);
 - e) "règle" une règle du règlement d'exécution;
 - f) "État contractant" un État partie au traité;
 - g) "Administration" l'Office européen des brevets;
 - h) "Bureau international" le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle;
 - i) "Convention" la Convention sur la délivrance de brevets européens (Convention sur le brevet européen).

2) Aux fins du présent accord, tous les autres termes et expressions utilisés qui sont également employés dans le traité, le règlement d'exécution ou les instructions administratives, ont le même sens que dans le traité, le règlement d'exécution et les instructions administratives.

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY (Cont'd)**AMENDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN PATENT ORGANISATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (Cont'd)****Article 2
Basic Obligations**

(1) The Authority shall carry out international search and international preliminary examination in accordance with, and perform such other functions of an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority as are provided under, the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement. In carrying out international search and international preliminary examination, the Authority shall apply and observe all the common rules of international search and of international preliminary examination and, in particular, shall be guided by the PCT Search Guidelines and the PCT Preliminary Examination Guidelines.

(2) The Authority and the International Bureau shall, having regard to their respective functions under the Treaty, the Regulations, the Administrative Instructions and this Agreement, render, to the extent considered to be appropriate by both the Authority and the International Bureau, mutual assistance in the performance of their functions thereunder.

**Article 3
Competence of Authority**

(1) The Authority shall act as International Searching Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that such application, or a translation thereof furnished for the purposes of international search, is in the language or one of the languages specified in Annex A to this Agreement and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(2) The Authority shall act as International Preliminary Examining Authority for any international application filed with the receiving Office of, or acting for, any Contracting State, provided that the receiving Office specifies the Authority for that purpose, that, for such application, the international search is or has been performed by the Authority or the industrial property Office of a State party to the Convention and, where applicable, that the Authority has been chosen by the applicant.

(3) Where an international application is filed with the International Bureau as receiving Office under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), paragraphs (1) and (2) apply as if that application had been filed with a receiving Office which would have been competent under Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii), (b) or (c) or Rule 19.2(i).

(4)(a) Notwithstanding paragraphs (1) and (2), if the work load of the Authority reaches such a level that, because of its then existing facilities, it cannot perform the tasks assumed by it under this Agreement without risks for its proper functioning under the Convention, the Authority may

(i) entrust any industrial property Office of a State party to the Convention with work in respect of international search or international preliminary examination to be carried out under the responsibility of the Authority;

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Article 2 Obligations fondamentales

1) L'Administration procède à la recherche internationale et à l'examen préliminaire international conformément aux dispositions du traité, du règlement d'exécution, des instructions administratives et du présent accord et assume toutes autres fonctions confiées aux administrations chargées de la recherche internationale et aux administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international en vertu de ces dispositions. Pour procéder à la recherche internationale et à l'examen préliminaire international, l'Administration applique et observe toutes les règles communes à la recherche internationale et à l'examen préliminaire international et se conforme notamment aux Directives concernant la recherche selon le PCT et aux Directives concernant l'examen préliminaire selon le PCT.

2) L'Administration et le Bureau international, eu égard à leurs tâches respectives telles que prévues par le traité, le règlement d'exécution, les instructions administratives et le présent accord, se prêtent mutuellement assistance, dans la mesure qu'ils jugent tous deux appropriée, pour l'exécution desdites tâches.

Article 3 Compétence de l'Administration

1) L'Administration agit en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale à l'égard de toute demande internationale déposée auprès de l'office récepteur de tout État contractant, ou agissant pour tout État contractant, pourvu que l'office récepteur l'ait désignée à cette fin, que la demande, ou une traduction de celle-ci remise aux fins de la recherche internationale, soit dans la langue ou dans l'une des langues spécifiées à l'annexe A du présent accord et, le cas échéant, que l'Administration ait été choisie par le déposant.

2) L'Administration agit en qualité d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international à l'égard de toute demande internationale déposée auprès de l'office récepteur de tout État contractant, ou agissant pour tout État contractant, pourvu que l'office récepteur l'ait désignée à cette fin, que la recherche internationale afférente à cette demande soit ou ait été effectuée par l'Administration ou par le service de la propriété industrielle d'un État partie à la Convention et, le cas échéant, que l'Administration ait été choisie par le déposant.

3) Lorsqu'une demande internationale est déposée auprès du Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur en vertu de la règle 19.1.a)iii), les alinéas 1) et 2) s'appliquent comme si la demande avait été déposée auprès d'un office récepteur compétent en vertu de la règle 19.1.a)i) ou ii), b) ou c) ou de la règle 19.2.i).

4)a) Nonobstant les alinéas 1) et 2), si la charge de travail de l'Administration devient telle que cette dernière, en raison des moyens dont elle dispose à ce moment-là, ne peut pas accomplir les tâches qu'elle assume en vertu du présent accord sans risques pour son bon fonctionnement dans le cadre de la Convention, l'Administration peut

i) charger le service de la propriété industrielle d'un État partie à la Convention d'effectuer, sous la responsabilité de l'Administration, des travaux relatifs à la recherche internationale ou à l'examen préliminaire international;

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(ii) notify the International Bureau either that it will not carry out international search or international preliminary examination or both in respect of international applications filed with any receiving Office of or acting for a State whose nationals or residents may choose that Office acting as an International Searching and/or International Preliminary Examining Authority or that it will carry out international search or international preliminary examination or both in respect of such international applications but only for a given number of applications each year or only in respect of certain fields of technology.

(b) Any limitation under subparagraph (a)(ii) shall take effect on the date agreed upon between the receiving Office and the Authority and specified in the notification, provided that that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau. If such a date is not agreed upon by the receiving Office and the Authority, the limitation shall take effect three months from the date of receipt of the notification by the Authority to the International Bureau. The International Bureau shall promptly publish in the Gazette any notification under this subparagraph.

(c) The initial duration of any limitation under subparagraph (a)(ii) shall not exceed a period of three years and may be extended one or more times for a period not exceeding two years provided that notice of three months is given prior to the expiration of the preceding period.

Article 4**Subject Matter Not Required to Be Searched or Examined**

The Authority shall not be obliged to search, by virtue of Article 17(2)(a)(i), or examine, by virtue of Article 34(4)(a)(i), any international application to the extent that it considers that such application relates to subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1, as the case may be, with the exception of the subject matter specified in Annex B to this Agreement.

Article 5**Fees and Charges**

(1) A schedule of all fees of the Authority, and all other charges which the Authority is entitled to make, in relation to its functions as an International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority, is set out in Annex C to this Agreement.

(2) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement:

- (i) refund the whole or part of the search fee paid, or waive or reduce the search fee, where the international search report can be wholly or partly based on the results of an earlier search made by the Authority (Rules 16.3 and 41.1);
- (ii) refund the search fee where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn before the start of the international search.

(3) The Authority shall, under the conditions and to the extent set out in Annex C to this Agreement, refund the whole or part of the preliminary examination fee paid where the demand is considered as if it had not been submitted (Rule 58.3) or where the demand or the international application is withdrawn by the applicant before the start of the international preliminary examination.

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ii) notifier au Bureau international soit qu'elle n'effectuera pas la recherche internationale ou l'examen préliminaire international, ou les deux, pour les demandes internationales déposées auprès de l'office récepteur d'un État contractant, ou agissant pour un État contractant, qui peut être choisi en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou de l'examen préliminaire international par les nationaux ou les résidents d'un tel État, soit qu'elle effectuera la recherche internationale ou l'examen préliminaire international, ou les deux, pour ces demandes internationales, mais seulement pour un nombre donné de demandes par an, ou seulement en ce qui concerne certains domaines techniques.

b) Toute limitation selon le sous-alinéa a)ii) prend effet à la date convenue entre l'office récepteur et l'Administration et indiquée dans la notification, sous réserve que cette date soit postérieure d'un mois au moins à la date de réception de la notification par le Bureau international. Si l'office récepteur et l'Administration ne conviennent pas d'une telle date, la limitation prend effet trois mois après la date à laquelle la notification de l'Administration est reçue par le Bureau international. Le Bureau international publie à bref délai dans la gazette toute notification faite conformément au présent sous-alinéa.

c) La durée initiale de toute limitation selon le sous-alinéa a)ii) ne doit pas dépasser trois ans et peut être prolongée une ou plusieurs fois pour une période ne dépassant pas deux ans, sous réserve d'un préavis de trois mois donné avant l'expiration de la période précédente.

Article 4

Objets pour lesquels la recherche et l'examen ne sont pas obligatoires

En vertu respectivement de l'article 17.2)a)i) et de l'article 34.4)a)i), l'Administration n'est pas tenue d'effectuer la recherche internationale ou l'examen préliminaire international dans la mesure où elle considère que la demande internationale concerne un objet visé à la règle 39.1 ou à la règle 67.1, selon le cas, à l'exception des objets désignés à l'annexe B du présent accord.

Article 5

Taxes et droits

1) Un barème de toutes les taxes requises par l'Administration, ainsi que de tous les autres droits que l'Administration peut percevoir en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et d'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, figure à l'annexe C du présent accord.

2) Sous réserve des conditions et limites spécifiées à l'annexe C du présent accord, l'Administration

- i) rembourse tout ou partie de la taxe de recherche acquittée, ou supprime ou réduit la taxe de recherche, lorsque le rapport de recherche internationale peut se baser entièrement ou partiellement sur les résultats d'une recherche effectuée antérieurement par l'Administration (règles 16.3 et 41.1);
- ii) rembourse la taxe de recherche lorsque la demande internationale est retirée ou considérée comme retirée avant le début de la recherche internationale.

3) L'Administration rembourse, aux conditions et dans les limites spécifiées à l'annexe C du présent accord, tout ou partie de la taxe d'examen préliminaire acquittée lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international est considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée (règle 58.3), ou bien lorsque la demande d'examen préliminaire international ou la demande internationale est retirée par le déposant avant le début de l'examen préliminaire international.

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**Article 6
Classification**

For the purposes of Rules 43.3(a) and 70.5(b), the Authority shall indicate solely the International Patent Classification.

**Article 7
Languages of Correspondence Used by the Authority**

For the purposes of correspondence, including forms, other than with the International Bureau, the Authority shall use the language or one of the languages indicated, having regard to the language or languages indicated in Annex A and to the language or languages whose use is authorized by the Authority under Rule 92.2(b), in Annex D.

**Article 8
International-Type Search**

The Authority shall carry out international-type searches to the extent decided by it.

**Article 9
Entry into Force**

This Agreement, as amended, shall enter into force on November 1, 2001.

**Article 10
Duration and Renewability**

This Agreement shall remain in force until December 31, 2007. The parties to this Agreement shall, no later than January 2007, start negotiations for its renewal.

**Article 11
Amendment**

(1) Without prejudice to paragraphs (2) and (3), amendments may, subject to approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union, be made to this Agreement by agreement between the parties hereto; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(2) Without prejudice to paragraph (3), amendments may be made to the Annexes to this Agreement by agreement between the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization and the President of the European Patent Office; they shall take effect on the date agreed upon by them.

(3) The President of the European Patent Office may, by a notification to the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization:

- (i) add to the indications of languages contained in Annex A to this Agreement;
- (ii) amend the schedule of fees and charges contained in Annex C to this Agreement;
- (iii) amend the indications of languages of correspondence contained in Annex D to this Agreement.

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**Article 6
Classification**

Aux fins des règles 43.3.a) et 70.5.b), l'Administration utilise uniquement la classification internationale des brevets.

**Article 7
Langues utilisées par l'Administration pour la correspondance**

L'Administration utilise, aux fins de la correspondance (y compris les formulaires), à l'exclusion de la correspondance échangée avec le Bureau international, la langue ou l'une des langues indiquées à l'annexe D, compte tenu de la langue ou des langues indiquées à l'annexe A et de la langue ou des langues dont l'usage est autorisé par l'Administration conformément à la règle 92.2.b).

**Article 8
Recherche de type international**

L'Administration effectue des recherches de type international dans les limites qu'elle fixe.

**Article 9
Entrée en vigueur**

Le présent accord, tel que modifié, entre en vigueur le 1^{er} novembre 2001.

**Article 10
Durée et renouvellement**

Le présent accord restera en vigueur jusqu'au 31 décembre 2007. En janvier 2007 au plus tard, les parties au présent accord entameront des négociations en vue de le renouveler.

**Article 11
Modification**

1) Sans préjudice des alinéas 2) et 3), les parties peuvent convenir de modifications à apporter au présent accord, sous réserve d'approbation par l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets; ces modifications prennent effet à la date convenue entre les parties.

2) Sans préjudice de l'alinéa 3), le Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle et le Président de l'Office européen des brevets peuvent convenir de modifications à apporter aux annexes du présent accord; ces modifications prennent effet à la date convenue entre eux.

3) Le Président de l'Office européen des brevets peut, par notification adressée au Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle,

- i) compléter les indications relatives aux langues figurant à l'annexe A du présent accord;
- ii) modifier le barème de taxes et de droits figurant à l'annexe C du présent accord;
- iii) modifier les indications relatives aux langues utilisées pour la correspondance figurant à l'annexe D du présent accord.

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(4) Any amendment notified under paragraph (3) shall take effect on the date specified in the notification, provided that, for any increase of fees or charges contained in Annex C, that date is at least one month later than the date on which the notification is received by the International Bureau.

**Article 12
Termination**

- (1) This Agreement shall terminate before December 31, 2007:
- (i) if the European Patent Organisation gives the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization written notice to terminate this Agreement; or
 - (ii) if the Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization gives the European Patent Organisation written notice to terminate this Agreement.

(2) The termination of this Agreement under paragraph (1) shall take effect one year after receipt of the notice by the other party, unless a longer period is specified in such notice or unless both parties agree on a shorter period.

In witness whereof the parties hereto have executed this Agreement.

Done at Geneva, this _____, in two originals in the English, French and German languages, each text being equally authentic.

For the European Patent Organisation by:

For the International Bureau by:

Ingo Kober
President
European Patent Office

Kamil Idris
Director General
World Intellectual Property Organization

**Annex A
Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English, French, German, and, where the receiving Office is the industrial property Office of Belgium or the Netherlands, Dutch.

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4) Toute modification notifiée conformément à l'alinéa 3) prend effet à la date indiquée dans la notification; toutefois, les augmentations des taxes et autres droits indiqués à l'annexe C ne prennent effet qu'un mois au moins après la date de réception de la notification par le Bureau international.

**Article 12
Extinction**

- 1) Le présent accord prend fin avant le 31 décembre 2007
 - i) si l'Organisation européenne des brevets notifie par écrit au Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle son intention de mettre fin au présent accord; ou
 - ii) si le Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle notifie par écrit à l'Organisation européenne des brevets son intention de mettre fin au présent accord.

2) L'extinction du présent accord conformément à l'alinéa 1) prend effet un an après réception de la notification par l'autre partie, sauf si un délai plus long est précisé dans la notification ou si les deux parties conviennent d'un délai plus court.

En foi de quoi, les soussignés ont apposé leur signature au bas du présent accord.

Fait à Genève, le _____, en double exemplaire en langues allemande, anglaise et française, les trois textes faisant également foi.

Pour l'Organisation européenne des brevets :

Pour le Bureau international :

Ingo Kober
Président
Office européen des brevets

Kamil Idris
Directeur général
Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle

**Annexe A
Langues**

Conformément à l'article 3 de l'accord, l'Administration spécifie les langues suivantes :

l'allemand, l'anglais ou le français, et lorsque l'office récepteur est le service de la propriété industrielle de Belgique ou des Pays-Bas, le néerlandais.

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY (Cont'd)

AMENDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN PATENT ORGANISATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (Cont'd)

Annex B
Subject Matter Not Excluded from Search or Examination

The subject matter set forth in Rule 39.1 or 67.1 which, under Article 4 of the Agreement, is not excluded from search or examination, is the following:

all subject matter searched or examined under the European patent grant procedure in application of the equivalent provisions of the Convention.

Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	945 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	945 ¹
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	1,533 ¹
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	1,533 ¹
Protest fee (Rules 40.2(e) and 68.3(e))	1,022
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), 71.2(b) and 94.1), per page	0.60

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) Any amount paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess of the amount due, for fees indicated in Part I shall be refunded.

(2) Where the international application is withdrawn or considered withdrawn, under Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search, the amount of the search fee paid shall, upon request, be fully refunded.

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier search (including a privately commissioned “standard” search) already made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed for the international application, the following refund of the search fee shall be made:

- (i) no supplementary search performed: refund of 100%;

¹ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations (see also corresponding footnote to the Annex C(IB) and *PCT Gazette* No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234), and in accordance with the decision of the EPO’s Administrative Council of October 11, 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, 446).

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION
EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS – ASSEMBLÉE (suite)**

ACCORD MODIFIÉ ENTRE L'ORGANISATION EUROPÉENNE DES BREVETS ET LE BUREAU
INTERNATIONAL DE L'ORGANISATION MONDIALE DE LA PROPRIÉTÉ
INTELLECTUELLE (suite)

**Annexe B
Objets non exclus de la recherche ou de l'examen**

Les objets visés à la règle 39.1 ou 67.1 qui, conformément à l'article 4 de l'accord, ne sont pas exclus de la recherche ou de l'examen sont les suivants :

tout objet qui, conformément à la pratique d'application des dispositions équivalentes de la Convention, est soumis à la recherche ou à l'examen dans la procédure de délivrance des brevets européens.

**Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euro)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	945 ¹
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	945 ¹
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	1.533 ¹
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	1.533 ¹
Taxe de réserve (règles 40.2.e) et 68.3.e))	1.022
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3.b), 71.2.b) et 94.1), par page	0,60

Partie II. Conditions et limites des remboursements ou des réductions de taxes

1) Toute somme payée par erreur, sans raison ou en excédent par rapport au montant dû au titre des taxes indiquées dans la partie I est remboursée.

2) Lorsque la demande internationale est retirée ou considérée comme retirée en vertu de l'article 14.1), 3) ou 4) avant le début de la recherche internationale, le montant de la taxe de recherche qui a été acquitté est intégralement remboursé sur requête.

3) Lorsque l'Administration peut utiliser une recherche antérieure (y compris une recherche "standard" demandée à titre privé), que l'Administration a déjà effectuée pour une demande dont la priorité est revendiquée pour la demande internationale, la taxe de recherche est remboursée dans les proportions suivantes :

- i) pas de recherche supplémentaire : remboursement à 100%;

¹ Cette taxe est réduite de 75% lorsque le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux, est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et qui est domiciliée dans un État, qui n'est pas partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen et qui remplit les conditions applicables à la réduction correspondante de certaines taxes du PCT telles qu'elles figurent dans le barème des taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT (voir également la note correspondante de bas de page de l'annexe C(IB) et la *Gazette du PCT* n° 50/1995, pages 19267 et 19268), et conformément à la décision du Conseil d'administration de l'OEB du 11 octobre 2000 (JO OEB 2000, 446).

MEETINGS OF THE INTERNATIONAL PATENT COOPERATION UNION—ASSEMBLY (Cont'd)**AMENDED AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN PATENT ORGANISATION AND THE INTERNATIONAL BUREAU OF THE WORLD INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ORGANIZATION (Cont'd)**

- (ii) supplementary search performed in the documentation relating to one or more subdivisions consulted in the earlier search or extended to one or more subdivisions not yet consulted: refund of 75%;
- (iii) supplementary search performed in the documentation relating to one or more subdivisions already consulted and extended to one or more subdivisions not yet consulted: refund of 50%;
- (iv) supplementary search performed in the documentation relating to subdivisions concerning a new aspect of the invention claimed (for instance, cases where the international application is based on several earlier applications only one of which was the subject of an earlier search report): refund of 25%.

(4) In the cases provided for under Rule 58.3, the amount of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be fully refunded.

(5) Where the international application or the demand is withdrawn before the start of the international preliminary examination, 75% of the preliminary examination fee paid shall be refunded.

Annex D
Languages of Correspondence

Under Article 7 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies the following languages:

English, French or German, depending on the language in which the international application is filed or translated.

**RÉUNIONS DE L'UNION INTERNATIONALE DE COOPÉRATION
EN MATIÈRE DE BREVETS – ASSEMBLÉE (suite)**

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- ii) recherche supplémentaire effectuée dans la documentation relative à une ou plusieurs subdivisions consultées lors de la recherche antérieure ou s'étendant à une ou plusieurs subdivisions n'ayant pas encore été consultées : remboursement à 75%;
- iii) recherche supplémentaire effectuée dans la documentation relative à une ou plusieurs subdivisions déjà consultées et s'étendant à une ou plusieurs subdivisions n'ayant pas encore été consultées : remboursement à 50%;
- iv) recherche supplémentaire effectuée dans la documentation relative à des subdivisions concernant un nouvel aspect de l'invention revendiquée (par exemple, lorsque la demande internationale est basée sur plusieurs demandes antérieures dont une seule a fait l'objet d'un rapport de recherche antérieur) : remboursement à 25%.

4) Dans les cas prévus à la règle 58.3, le montant de la taxe d'examen préliminaire qui a été acquitté est intégralement remboursé.

5) Lorsque la demande internationale ou la demande d'examen préliminaire international est retirée avant le début de l'examen préliminaire international, 75% du montant de la taxe d'examen préliminaire qui a été acquitté est remboursé.

Annexe D
Langues utilisées pour la correspondance

Conformément à l'article 7 de l'accord, l'Administration spécifie les langues suivantes :

l'allemand, l'anglais ou le français, en fonction de la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée ou traduite.

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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IL Israel	20502	IL Israël	20503
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BB Barbados	20504	BB Barbade	20505
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CA Canada	20506	CA Canada	20507
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BR Brazil	20506	BR Brésil	20507

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES****EP Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and
the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹****Amendment to Annex C**

The **Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization** and the **President of the European Patent Office**, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, have agreed to the amendment of Annex C thereof. This amendment entered into force on 1 November 2001. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. [No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) to (5) [No change]

(6) The Authority may provide further refunds of the international preliminary examination fee under the conditions and to the extent laid down by it.”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**IL Israel**

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **New Israel shekels (ILS)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee: ILS 438

National fee:

Filing fee: ILS 839

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(IL), page 256, and Summary (IL), page 396]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**BA Bosnia and Herzegovina**

The **Institute for Standardization, Metrology and Patents of Bosnia and Herzegovina** has notified changes in the name of the Office and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Name of Office: Institute for Standards, Metrology and Intellectual Property
of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Telephone: (387-33) 52 18 48, 65 27 98

Facsimile machine: (387-33) 65 27 57

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(BA), page 20]

¹ Published in *PCT Gazette* No. 44/2001, page 19948.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

**EP Accord entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets et
le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹**

Modification de l'annexe C

Le **Directeur général de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle** et le **Président de l'Office européen des brevets**, en vertu de l'article 11.2) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, sont convenus d'une modification de l'annexe C de cet accord. Cette modification est entrée en vigueur le 1^{er} novembre 2001. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. [Sans changement]

Partie II. Conditions et limites des remboursements ou des réductions de taxes

1) à 5) [Sans changement]

6) L'administration peut prévoir d'autres remboursements de la taxe d'examen préliminaire international dans les conditions et dans la mesure qu'elle aura arrêtées.”

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

IL Israël

L'**Office des brevets d'Israël** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **nouveaux shekels israéliens (ILS)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe de transmission :	ILS 438
Taxe nationale :	
Taxe de dépôt :	ILS 839

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(IL), page 266, et résumé (IL), page 431]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS

BA Bosnie-Herzégovine

L'**Institut de la normalisation, de la métrologie et des brevets de la Bosnie-Herzégovine** a notifié des changements dans le nom de l'office et dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Nom de l'office :	Institut des normes, de la métrologie et de la propriété intellectuelle de la Bosnie-Herzégovine
Téléphone :	(387-33) 52 18 48, 65 27 98
Télécopieur :	(387-33) 65 27 57

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(BA), page 20]

¹ Publié dans la *Gazette du PCT* n° 44/2001, page 19949.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**BB Barbados**

The **Corporate Affairs and Intellectual Property Office of Barbados** has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Internet: www.caipo.org

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(BB), page 22]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified a change in one of its e-mail addresses. The list of e-mail addresses is now as follows:

E-mail: igippelt@trendline.co.il
pct_office@justice.gov.il

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(IL), page 87]

LT Lithuania

The **Lithuanian Patent Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as well as in its e-mail address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Kalvariju g. 3, LT-2600 Vilnius, Lithuania

E-mail: spb@vpb.lt

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(LT), page 117]

LV Latvia

The **Latvian Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (371) 702 76 22

Facsimile: (371) 702 76 90

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(LV), page 121]

TJ Tajikistan

The **Tajik Patent Office** has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Internet: www.tjpat.org

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(TJ), page 174]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**BB Barbade**

L'**Office des sociétés et de la propriété intellectuelle de la Barbade** a notifié son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Internet: www.caipo.org

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(BB), page 22]

IL Israël

L'**Office des brevets d'Israël** a notifié un changement dans l'une de ses adresses électroniques. La liste des adresses électroniques est désormais comme suit :

Courrier électronique : igippelt@trendline.co.il
pct_office@justice.gov.il

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(IL), page 89]

LT Lituanie

L'**Office lituanien des brevets** a notifié des changements dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, ainsi que dans son adresse électronique, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale : Kalvarijų g. 3, LT-2600 Vilnius, Lituanie

Courrier électronique : spb@vpb.lt

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(LT), page 119]

LV Lettonie

L'**Office letton des brevets** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Téléphone : (371) 702 76 22

Télécopieur : (371) 702 76 90

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(LV), page 123]

TJ Tadjikistan

L'**Office tadjik des brevets** a notifié son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Internet: www.tjpat.org

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(TJ), page 176]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE****CA Canada**

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **Canadian Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the name of the Bureau of Microbiology at Health Canada (BMHC), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

National Microbiology Laboratory, Health Canada (NMLHC)
Canadian Science Centre for Human and Animal Health
1015 Arlington Street
Winnipeg, MB
Canada R3E 3R2

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex L, page 341]

REQUEST IN PCT-EASY FORMAT: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT FILINGS**BR Brazil**

The **National Institute of Industrial Property of Brazil** has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept the filing of international applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 52/1998, table published on page 17572, and No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(BR), page 222]

**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
INSTITUTIONS AUPRÈS DESQUELLES DES DÉPÔTS PEUVENT ÊTRE EFFECTUÉS****CA Canada**

Conformément à la règle 13*bis*.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office canadien des brevets** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à un changement de nom du Bureau de microbiologie de Santé Canada (BMSC), institution de dépôt internationale reconnue en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès de laquelle des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, comme suit :

Laboratoire national de microbiologie de Santé Canada (LNMSC)
Centre scientifique canadien de santé humaine et animale
1015 Arlington Street
Winnipeg, MB
Canada R3E 3R2

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe L, page 370]

**REQUÊTE EN MODE DE PRÉSENTATION PCT-EASY : OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DISPOSÉS À
ACCEPTER LES DÉPÔTS****BR Brésil**

L'**Institut national de la propriété industrielle du Brésil** a informé le Bureau international qu'il est disposé à accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec des disquettes PCT-EASY.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° 52/1998, tableau publié à la page 17573, et n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(BR), page 227]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

**US Agreement between the United States Patent and Trademark Office and
the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹**

Amendment to Annex A

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(i) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex A thereof. These amendments enter into force on 15 November 2001. The amended Annex A reads as follows:

**“Annex A
States and Languages**

Under Article 3 of the Agreement, the Authority specifies:

- (i) the following States, so far as Article 3(1) is concerned:

United States of America, Brazil, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico, Israel, New Zealand, India, South Africa, Saint Lucia, Philippines;

- (ii) the following States, as far as Article 3(2) is concerned:

United States of America and,
where the Authority has prepared the international search report, Brazil, Barbados, Trinidad and Tobago, Mexico, Israel, New Zealand, India, South Africa, Saint Lucia, Philippines;

- (iii) [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

TR Turkey

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Turkish liras (TRL)**, payable to it as as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Fee for grant of letters patent:	TRL 75,000,000

For utility model:

Filing fee:	[No change]
First annual fee:	TRL 75,000,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Summary (TR), page 449]

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, page 29557, No. 52/1998, page 17568, and No. 35/1999, page 10054.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

**US Accord entre l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis d'Amérique et
le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹**

Modification de l'annexe A

L'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis d'Amérique a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)i) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à l'annexe A de cet accord. Ces modifications entrent en vigueur le 15 novembre 2001. L'annexe A modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe A
États et langues**

Conformément à l'article 3 de l'accord, l'Administration spécifique

i) les États suivants, en ce qui concerne l'article 3.1) :

États-Unis d'Amérique, Brésil, Barbade, Trinité-et-Tobago, Mexique, Israël, Nouvelle-Zélande, Inde, Afrique du Sud, Sainte-Lucie, Philippines;

ii) les États suivants, en ce qui concerne l'article 3.2) :

États-Unis d'Amérique et,
lorsque l'Administration a préparé le rapport de recherche internationale, Brésil, Barbade, Trinité-et-Tobago, Mexique, Israël, Nouvelle-Zélande, Inde, Afrique du Sud, Sainte-Lucie, Philippines;

iii) [Sans changement]”

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

TR Turquie

L'Institut turc des brevets a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en lires turques (TRL), payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt : [Sans changement]

Taxe de délivrance d'un
fascicule de brevet : TRL 75.000.000

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt : [Sans changement]

Première taxe annuelle : TRL 75.000.000

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), résumé (TR), page 497]

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, page 29618, n° 52/1998, page 17569, et n° 35/1999, page 10055.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**DZ Algeria**

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified a change in its e-mail address, as follows:

E-mail: brevet@inapi.org

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(DZ), page 57]

KE Kenya

The **Kenya Industrial Property Office** has notified changes in its location, as well as in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location: Weights and Measures Building, Kapiti Road,
Off Mombasa Road, Nairobi, Kenya

Telephone: (254-2) 60 22 10

Facsimile machine: (254-2) 60 63 12

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(KE), page 97]

KG Kyrgyzstan

The **Kyrgyz Patent Office** has notified a change in the name of the Office, as follows:

Name of Office: Kyrgyz Intellectual Property Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(KG), page 99]

MA Morocco

The **Industrial and Commercial Property Office of Morocco** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as well as in its Internet address, as follows:

Telephone: (212-22) 33 55 10, 97 24 86

Facsimile machine: (212-22) 33 54 80, 97 22 99

Internet: www.ompic.org.ma

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(MA), page 123]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**DZ Algérie**

L'**Institut national algérien de la propriété industrielle** a notifié un changement dans son adresse électronique, comme suit :

Courrier électronique : brevet@inapi.org

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(DZ), page 57]

KE Kenya

L'**Office kényen de la propriété industrielle** a notifié des changements dans l'adresse de son siège, ainsi que dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Siège : [Weights and Measures Building, Kapiti Road,
Off Mombasa Road, Nairobi, Kenya](#)

Téléphone : (254-2) 60 22 10

Télécopieur : (254-2) 60 63 12

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KG Kirghizistan

L'**Office kirghize des brevets** a notifié un changement relatif à son nom, comme suit :

Nom de l'office: [Office kirghize de la propriété intellectuelle](#)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(KG), page 101]

MA Maroc

L'**Office marocain de la propriété industrielle et commerciale** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, ainsi que dans son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Téléphone : (212-22) 33 55 10, 97 24 86

Télécopieur : (212-22) 33 54 80, 97 22 99

Internet : www.ompic.org.ma

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(MA), page 125]

RECEIVING OFFICES**IB International Bureau**
LC Saint Lucia

The **Registry of Companies and Intellectual Property of Saint Lucia** has specified the United States Patent and Trademark Office as a competent International Searching Authority and International Preliminary Examining Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Saint Lucia with the International Bureau as receiving Office. The consolidated list of competent Authorities now reads as follows:

Competent International Searching Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office or United States Patent and Trademark Office
Competent International Preliminary Examining Authority:	Australian Patent Office, Austrian Patent Office, European Patent Office ¹ or United States Patent and Trademark Office ²

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(IB), page 251]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**DZ Algeria**

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified a change in one of its special requirements for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of special requirements is as follows:

Special requirements of the Office: (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>): ³	Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Algeria
	Instrument of assignment of the international application if the applicant has changed after the international filing date
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	Translation of the international application to be furnished in two copies

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001, Summary (DZ), page 376]

¹ The European Patent Office is competent only if the international search is or has been performed by that Office or the Austrian Patent Office.

² The United States Patent and Trademark Office is competent only if the international search report has been prepared by that Office.

³ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS

IB Bureau international
LC Sainte-Lucie

L'Office pour l'enregistrement des sociétés et de la propriété intellectuelle de Sainte-Lucie a spécifié l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis en tant qu'administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international pour les demandes internationales déposées par les nationaux et résidents de Sainte-Lucie auprès du Bureau international en sa qualité d'office récepteur. La liste récapitulative des administrations compétentes est la suivante :

Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale :	Office australien des brevets, Office autrichien des brevets, Office européen des brevets ou Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis
Administration compétente chargée de l'examen préliminaire international :	Office australien des brevets, Office autrichien des brevets, Office européen des brevets ¹ ou Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis ²

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(IB), page 261]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)

DZ Algérie

L'Institut national algérien de la propriété industrielle a notifié un changement dans l'une de ses exigences particulières pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). La liste récapitulative des exigences particulières est la suivante :

Exigences particulières de l'office : (règle 51 <i>bis</i> du PCT) : ³	Désignation d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié en Algérie
	Acte de cession de la demande internationale si le déposant a changé après la date du dépôt international
	Justification du changement du nom du déposant si le changement est survenu après la date du dépôt international et qu'il n'a pas été reflété dans une notification émanant du Bureau international (formulaire PCT/IB/306)
	Traduction de la demande internationale en deux exemplaires

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), résumé (DZ), page 408]

¹ L'Office européen des brevets n'est compétent que si la recherche a été effectuée par ses soins ou par l'Office autrichien des brevets.

² L'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis n'est compétent que si le rapport de recherche internationale a été préparé par ses soins.

³ Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

REQUEST IN PCT-EASY FORMAT: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT FILINGS**DZ Algeria**

The **Algerian National Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau that, as from 1 January 2002, it is prepared to accept the filing of international applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 52/1998, table published on page 17572, and No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(DZ), page 236]

REQUÊTE EN MODE DE PRÉSENTATION PCT-EASY : OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DISPOSÉS À ACCEPTER LES DÉPÔTS**DZ Algérie**

L'**Institut national algérien de la propriété industrielle** a informé le Bureau international que, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, il est disposé à accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec des disquettes PCT-EASY.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° 52/1998, tableau publié à la page 17573, et n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(DZ), page 242]

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MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS—MODIFICATIONS OF WO PUBLICATION NUMBERING SYSTEM, OF PCT APPLICATION NUMBERING SYSTEM AND OF YEAR FORMAT**Note Prepared by the International Bureau**

After consultation with the interested Offices and Authorities pursuant to PCT Rule 89.2(a), modifications of Sections 110, 307 and 404 of the Administrative Instructions are promulgated as indicated below. The present text of the Administrative Instructions is set out in PCT Gazette Special Issue No. S-03/2001 (E) (30 August 2001). The corresponding WIPO documents, PCT/AI/1 Rev.1 and PCT/AI/1 Rev.1 Add.1, may be viewed on the WIPO Internet site at the following address: <http://www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html>.

Modifications of WO Publication Numbering System

Section 404 (“International Publication Number of International Application”) has been modified with effect from 1 July 2002 so as to take into account the fact that more than 100,000 international applications will have to be published in 2002, therefore requiring that the serial number part of the WO publication number include 6 digits at some point in 2002. This date of entry into force will give Offices and Authorities, as well as subscribers to PCT data products, sufficient time to adapt their systems, noting that the first PCT publications to be affected will be those of Thursday, 4 July 2002. In addition to these modifications and following observations received from Offices, the word “designation” has been replaced by the word “indication”.

From 1 July 2002, the serial number part of the WO publication numbers of all publications and republications (in the form of PCT pamphlets and/or entries in the PCT Gazette) will contain exclusively the 6-digit format. For all international applications published before 1 July 2002, the WO publication number will consist of 5 digits, except that, should such an application have to be republished after 1 July 2002, its WO publication number will be “converted” into the 6-digit format.

Modifications of Section 404 are being promulgated with effect from 1 July 2002. The text of modified Section 404 is reproduced on page 21586.

Modification of PCT Application Numbering System and of Year Format

Section 307 (“System of Numbering International Applications”) has been modified with effect from 1 January 2004 so as to introduce a 6-digit format for the serial number part of the PCT application number (along the same lines as the 6-digit format introduced for the WO publication number; see above).

Sections 110 (“Dates”), 307 and 404 (“International Publication Number of International Application”) have been modified with effect from 1 January 2004 so as to allow for a 4-digit indication of the year in dates appearing in international applications and in communications and notifications issued by PCT Offices and Authorities, in PCT application numbers and in WO publication numbers.

This date of entry into force will give Offices and Authorities, as well as subscribers to PCT data products, sufficient time to implement the modifications.

Modifications of Sections 110, 307 and 404 are being promulgated with effect from 1 January 2004. The text of modified Sections 110, 307 and 404 is reproduced on page 21586.

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES – MODIFICATION DU SYSTÈME DE NUMÉROTATION DES PUBLICATIONS WO, DU SYSTÈME DE NUMÉROTATION DES DEMANDES PCT ET DE L'INDICATION DE L'ANNÉE**Note du Bureau international**

Après consultation des offices et des administrations intéressés conformément à la règle 89.2.a) du PCT, les modifications des instructions administratives 110, 307 et 404 sont promulguées comme indiqué ci-dessous. Le texte actuel des instructions administratives figure dans le numéro spécial de la Gazette du PCT n° S-03/2001 (F) (30 août 2001). Les documents de l'OMPI correspondants, PCT/AI/1 Rev.1 et PCT/AI/1 Rev.1 Add.1, peuvent être consultés sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : <http://www.wipo.int/pct/fr/index.html>.

Modification du système de numérotation des publications WO

L'instruction 404 ("Numéro de publication internationale de la demande internationale") a été modifiée avec effet au 1^{er} juillet 2002 pour tenir compte du fait que plus de 100 000 demandes internationales devront être publiées en 2002; la configuration à 6 chiffres pour le numéro d'ordre qui fait partie du numéro de publication WO est donc à prévoir pour le courant 2002. Cette date d'entrée en vigueur donnera aux offices et aux administrations, ainsi qu'aux abonnés aux produits du PCT, suffisamment de temps pour adapter leurs systèmes, étant entendu que les premières publications PCT touchées seront celles du jeudi 4 juillet 2002. Outre ces modifications et compte tenu des observations de plusieurs offices, le mot "*designation*" a été remplacé dans la version anglaise par le mot "*indication*".

À compter du 1^{er} juillet 2002, pour toutes les publications et republications (que ce soit sous forme de brochure du PCT ou d'avis inséré dans la Gazette du PCT) le numéro d'ordre de publication WO sera exclusivement donné dans la configuration à 6 chiffres. Pour toutes les demandes internationales publiées avant le 1^{er} juillet 2002, le numéro de publication WO sera composé de 5 chiffres mais si une demande doit faire l'objet d'une republication après le 1^{er} juillet 2002, son numéro de publication WO sera "converti" dans la configuration à 6 chiffres.

Les modifications de l'instruction 404 sont promulguées avec effet au 1^{er} juillet 2002. Le texte de l'instruction 404 modifiée est reproduit à la page 21587.

Modification du système de numérotation des demandes PCT et de l'indication de l'année

L'instruction 307 ("Système de numérotation des demandes internationales") a été modifiée avec effet au 1^{er} janvier 2004 pour introduire une configuration à 6 chiffres pour le numéro d'ordre qui fait partie du numéro de demande PCT (en accord avec la configuration à 6 chiffres introduite pour le numéro de publication WO; voir plus haut).

Les instructions 110 ("Dates"), 307 et 404 ("Numéro de publication internationale de la demande internationale") ont été modifiées avec effet au 1^{er} janvier 2004 pour permettre une indication à 4 chiffres de l'année dans les dates portées sur les communications et les notifications émanant des offices et des administrations du PCT, dans les numéros de demandes PCT et dans les numéros de publication WO.

Cette date d'entrée en vigueur donnera aux offices et aux administrations, ainsi qu'aux abonnés aux produits du PCT, suffisamment de temps pour la mise en oeuvre des modifications.

Les modifications des instructions 110, 307 et 404 sont promulguées avec effet au 1^{er} janvier 2004. Le texte des instructions modifiées 110, 307 et 404 est reproduit à la page 21587.

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS—MODIFICATIONS OF WO PUBLICATION NUMBERING SYSTEM, OF PCT APPLICATION NUMBERING SYSTEM AND OF YEAR FORMAT (Cont'd)**MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**
*(with effect from 1 July 2002)***Section 404**
International Publication Number of International Application

The International Bureau shall assign to each published international application an international publication number which shall be different from the international application number. The international publication number shall be used on the pamphlet and in the Gazette entry. It shall consist of the two-letter code “WO” followed by a two-digit indication of the last two numbers of the year of publication, a slant, and a serial number consisting of six digits (e.g., “WO 02/123456”).

MODIFICATIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS
*(with effect from 1 January 2004)***Section 110**
Dates

Any date in the international application, or used in any correspondence emanating from International Authorities relating to the international application, shall be indicated by the Arabic number of the day, by the name of the month, and by the Arabic number of the year. The receiving Office, where the applicant has not done so, or the International Bureau, where the applicant has not done so and the receiving Office fails to do so, shall, after, above, or below any date indicated by the applicant in the request, repeat the date, in parentheses, by indicating it by two-digit Arabic numerals each for the number of the day and for the number of the month followed by the number of the year in four digits, in that order and with a period, slant or hyphen after the digit pairs of the day and of the month (for example, “20 March 2004 (20.03.2004),” “20 March 2004 (20/03/2004),” or “20 March 2004 (20-03-2004)”).

Section 307
System of Numbering International Applications

(a) Papers purporting to be an international application under Rule 20.1(a) shall be marked with the international application number, consisting of the letters “PCT,” a slant, the two-letter code referred to in Section 115, indicating the receiving Office, a four-digit indication of the year in which such papers were first received, a slant and a six-digit number, allotted in sequential order corresponding to the order in which the international applications are received (e.g., “PCT/SE2004/000001”). Where the International Bureau acts as receiving Office, the two-letter code “IB” shall be used.

(b) [No change]

Section 404
International Publication Number of International Application

The International Bureau shall assign to each published international application an international publication number which shall be different from the international application number. The international publication number shall be used on the pamphlet and in the Gazette entry. It shall consist of the two-letter code “WO” followed by a four-digit indication of the year of publication, a slant, and a serial number consisting of six digits (e.g., “WO 2004/123456”).

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES – MODIFICATION DU SYSTÈME DE NUMÉROTATION DES PUBLICATIONS WO, DU SYSTÈME DE NUMÉROTATION DES DEMANDES PCT ET DE L'INDICATION DE L'ANNÉE (suite)

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES

(texte en vigueur au 1^{er} juillet 2002)

Instruction 404

Numéro de publication internationale de la demande internationale

Le Bureau international attribue à chaque demande internationale publiée un numéro de publication internationale qui est différent de celui de la demande internationale. Le numéro de publication internationale doit être utilisé sur la brochure et dans l'avis inséré dans la gazette. Ce numéro se compose du code à deux lettres "WO" suivi des deux derniers chiffres de l'année de publication, d'une barre oblique et d'un numéro d'ordre à six chiffres (par exemple, "WO 02/123456").

MODIFICATIONS DES INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES

(texte en vigueur au 1^{er} janvier 2004)

Instruction 110

Dates

Toute date figurant dans la demande internationale ou utilisée dans la correspondance émanant des administrations internationales et relative à la demande internationale est indiquée au moyen du quantième, en chiffres arabes, suivi du nom du mois puis de l'année en chiffres arabes. À côté, au-dessus ou au-dessous de toute date mentionnée par le déposant dans la requête, l'office récepteur, à défaut du déposant, ou le Bureau international, à défaut du déposant et de l'office récepteur, indique de nouveau cette date, mais entre parenthèses et dans l'ordre suivant : quantième et mois en numéros à deux chiffres arabes, puis l'année en quatre chiffres, le quantième et le mois étant suivis d'un point, d'une barre oblique ou d'un tiret (par exemple, "20 mars 2004 (20.03.2004)", "20 mars 2004 (20/03/2004)", ou "20 mars 2004 (20-03-2004)").

Instruction 307

Système de numérotation des demandes internationales

a) Les documents supposés constituer une demande internationale selon la règle 20.1.a) reçoivent un numéro de demande internationale constitué par les lettres "PCT", suivies d'une barre oblique puis du code à deux lettres visé dans l'instruction 115 et permettant d'identifier l'office récepteur, de quatre chiffres indiquant l'année de réception des premiers de ces documents, d'une barre oblique et d'un numéro à six chiffres attribué dans l'ordre continu de réception des demandes internationales (par exemple, "PCT/SE2004/000001"). Lorsque le Bureau international agit en tant qu'office récepteur, le code à deux lettres "IB" est utilisé.

b) [Sans changement]

Instruction 404

Numéro de publication internationale de la demande internationale

Le Bureau international attribue à chaque demande internationale publiée un numéro de publication internationale qui est différent de celui de la demande internationale. Le numéro de publication internationale doit être utilisé sur la brochure et dans l'avis inséré dans la gazette. Ce numéro se compose du code à deux lettres "WO" suivi des quatre chiffres de l'année de publication, d'une barre oblique et d'un numéro d'ordre à six chiffres (par exemple, "WO 2004/123456").

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**SE Sweden**

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified new amounts of fees in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

National fee:

Filing fee:

Entry fee:	SEK 1,000
Search fee:	[No change]
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	SEK 150
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:	[No change]
Annual fee for the first three years:	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Summary (SE), page 439]

UA Ukraine

The **Ukraine Patent Office** has notified changes in the amounts of a fee in **Ukrainian hryvnias (UAH)**, payable to it as receiving Office, and has introduced new fees for patents in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document

(PCT Rule 17.1(b)):

UAH 85 plus UAH 1.70 for each sheet in excess of 30

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:	[No change]
Additional fee for each claim, dependent or independent, in excess of 15:	USD 10
Examination fee:	[No change]
Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	USD 300

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(UA), page 298, and Summary (UA), page 452]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT**SE Suède**

L'**Office suédois des brevets** a notifié de nouveaux montants de taxes, exprimés en **couroennes suédoises (SEK)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme indiqué ci-dessous :

Taxe nationale :

Taxe de dépôt :

Taxe d'ouverture de la phase nationale :	SEK 1.000
Taxe de recherche :	[Sans changement]
Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication à compter de la 11 ^e :	SEK 150
Taxe additionnelle pour remise tardive de la traduction ou de la copie :	[Sans changement]
Taxe annuelle pour les trois premières années :	[Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), résumé (SE), page 486]

UA Ukraine

L'**Office ukrainien des brevets** a notifié des changements dans les montants d'une taxe, exprimés en **hryvnias ukrainiennes (UAH)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, et a introduit de nouvelles taxes pour les brevets, exprimées en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT)) :

UAH 85 plus UAH 1,70 pour chaque page à compter de la 31^e

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt :	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication, dépendante ou indépendante, à compter de la 16 ^e :	USD 10
Taxe d'examen :	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 2 ^e :	USD 300

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(UA), page 320, et résumé (UA), page 501]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**AU Australia**

The **Australian Patent Office** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, and in its e-mail address, as well as a modification in its requirements concerning the furnishing of the original of a document transmitted by facsimile machine, as follows:

Telephone:	(61-2) 6283 2999
Facsimile machine:	(61-2) 6283 7999 (Groups 2 and 3)
E-mail:	assist@ipaaustralia.gov.au
Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(AU), page 16]

GB United Kingdom

The **United Kingdom Patent Office** has notified a change in its requirements as to the mailing of documents by delivery services other than the postal authorities, as follows:

Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	Yes
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(GB), page 68]

MN Mongolia

The **Mongolian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the discontinuation of one of its telephone numbers. The remaining valid telephone number is as follows:

Telephone:	(976-1) 32 74 56
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(MN), page 134]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**AU Australie**

L'**Office australien des brevets** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, et dans son adresse électronique, ainsi qu'une modification dans ses exigences relatives à la remise de l'original d'un document transmis par télécopieur, comme suit :

Téléphone :	(61-2) 6283 2999
Télécopieur :	(61-2) 6283 7999 (groupes 2 et 3)
Courrier électronique :	assist@ipaustrialia.gov.au
L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT) ?	Oui, par télécopieur
Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens ?	Tous types de documents
L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas ?	Non, seulement sur invitation

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(AU), page 16]

GB Royaume-Uni

L'**Office des brevets du Royaume-Uni** a notifié un changement dans ses exigences relatives à l'expédition de documents par des entreprises d'acheminement autres que l'administration postale, comme suit :

L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT) ?	Oui
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(GB), page 68]

MN Mongolie

L'**Office mongol de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié l'interruption de l'un de ses numéros de téléphone. Le numéro de téléphone à utiliser est le suivant :

Téléphone :	(976-1) 32 74 56
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(MN), page 136]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**UA Ukraine**

The **Ukraine Patent Office** has notified its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

E-mail: POST@spou.kiev.ua (Patent Office)
POST@ukzpatent.org (Receiving Office)

Internet: <http://www.spou.kiev.ua> (Patent Office)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(UA), page 184]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**SI Slovenia**

The **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** has notified the International Bureau that, as from the date of entry into force of the new Industrial Property Act on 7 December 2001, the designation in an international application of Slovenia for a national patent will, within the framework of the Extension Agreement between Slovenia and the European Patent Organisation, have the effect of a designation for a European patent.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(SI), page 164, and Summary (SI), page 443]

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES**

**SE Agreement between the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and
the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹**

Amendment to Annex C

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2002. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Swedish kronor)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	9,340
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	9,340
Translation of the international application (Rule 48.3), per word	[No change]
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), ² 71.2(b) and 94.1), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change].”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

DE Germany

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has informed the International Bureau that, as from 1 January 2002, the **Deutsche mark (DEM)** will no longer be the currency of payment of fees, and has introduced amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, applicable as from the same date, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 90
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 20 plus EUR 0.50 per page for the first 50 pages and EUR 0.15 per page in excess of 50 pages
National fee:	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	EUR 60
Annual fee for the third year:	EUR 70
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	EUR 40

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(DE), page 234, and Summary (DE), page 372]

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, page 29550, No. 06/1999, page 1518, No. 27/1999, page 7672, No. 28/1999, page 7974, No. 27/2000, page 9880, No. 09/2001, page 3752, and No. 11/2001, page 4632.

² Applicants receive free of charge, together with the international search report, a copy of each of the documents cited therein; the amount indicated is payable only where applicants request additional copies of such documents.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

**SE Accord entre l'Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement et
le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹**

Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office suédois des brevets a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à l'annexe C de cet accord. Les modifications entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2002. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Couronnes suédoises)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	9.340
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	9.340
Traduction de la demande internationale (règle 48.3), par mot	[Sans changement]
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3. b), ² 71.2. b) et 94.1), par page	[Sans changement]

Partie II. [Sans changement].”

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

DE Allemagne

L'Office allemand des brevets et des marques a informé le Bureau international que, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, le **mark allemand (DEM)** ne sera plus la monnaie de paiement des taxes et a introduit des montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu), applicables à compter de la même date, comme suit :

Taxe de transmission :	EUR 90
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	EUR 20 plus EUR 0,50 par page pour les 50 premières pages et EUR 0,15 par page à compter de la 51 ^e
Taxe nationale :	
Pour un brevet :	
Taxe de dépôt :	EUR 60
Taxe annuelle pour la troisième année :	EUR 70
Pour un modèle d'utilité :	
Taxe de dépôt :	EUR 40

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(DE), page 240, et résumé (DE), page 404]

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, page 29611, n° 06/1999, page 1519, n° 27/1999, page 7673, n° 28/1999, page 7975, n° 27/2000, page 9881, n° 09/2001, page 3753, et n° 11/2001, page 4633.

² Les déposants reçoivent gratuitement avec le rapport de recherche internationale une copie de chacun des documents cités; le montant indiqué est à payer uniquement dans le cas où les déposants demandent des copies supplémentaires de ces documents.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**NL Netherlands**

The **Netherlands Industrial Property Office** has informed the International Bureau that, as from 1 January 2002, the **Netherlands guilder (NLG)** will no longer be the currency of payment of fees, and has introduced amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, applicable as from the same date, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 50
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 9

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(NL), page 281]

SE Sweden

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new amounts of the search fee and additional search fee in **Swedish kronor (SEK)**, applicable as from 1 January 2002, and of the equivalent amounts of the search fee in **Danish kroner (DKK)**, **Icelandic kronur (ISK)**, **Norwegian kroner (NOK)**, **Swiss francs (CHF)** and **US dollars (USD)**, applicable as from the same date, payable for an international search carried out by it, as follows:

Search fee (international search by the Swedish Patent Office):	SEK 9,340	ISK 88,000	CHF 1,383
	DKK 7,030	NOK 7,570	USD 866
Additional search fee (international search by the Swedish Patent Office):	SEK 9,340		

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex D(SE), page 314]

PCT Fees—Establishing of New Equivalent Amounts of Fees

Following the consultations undertaken by the Director General at the time of the thirtieth (13th ordinary) session of the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) held in Geneva from 24 September to 3 October 2001, pursuant to PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 57.2(e), new equivalent amounts of the basic fee, of the fee per sheet over 30, of the designation fee and of the handling fee, together with the equivalent amounts of the PCT-EASY reduction, have been established, with effect from 1 January 2002, in various currencies, as indicated in the table below (the amounts which are different from those currently applicable are shown in bold italics).

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**NL Pays-Bas**

L'Office néerlandais de la propriété industrielle a informé le Bureau international que, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, le **florin néerlandais (NLG)** ne sera plus la monnaie de paiement des taxes, et a introduit des montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, applicables à compter de la même date, comme suit :

Taxe de transmission : EUR 50

Taxe pour le document de priorité
(règle 17.1.b) du PCT) : EUR 9

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(NL), page 298]

SE Suède

L'Office suédois des brevets a notifié au Bureau international de nouveaux montants de la taxe de recherche et de la taxe de recherche additionnelle, exprimés en **couronnes suédoises (SEK)**, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, et des montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **couronnes danoises (DKK)**, en **couronnes islandaises (ISK)**, en **couronnes norvégiennes (NOK)**, en **francs suisses (CHF)** et en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, applicables à compter de la même date, pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office, comme suit :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office suédois des brevets) :	SEK 9.340	ISK 88.000	CHF 1.383
	DKK 7.030	NOK 7.570	USD 866

Taxe de recherche additionnelle
(recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office suédois des brevets) : SEK 9.340

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2000(F), annexe D(SE), page 340]

Taxes du PCT – Établissement de nouveaux montants équivalents de taxes

Suite aux consultations menées par le Directeur général lors de la trentième session (13^e session ordinaire) de l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT), qui s'est tenue à Genève du 24 septembre au 3 octobre 2001, conformément aux règles 15.2.d) et 57.2.e) du PCT, de nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de base, de la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e, de la taxe de désignation et de la taxe de traitement, ainsi que les montants équivalents de la réduction PCT-EASY, ont été établis, avec effet au 1^{er} janvier 2002, dans diverses monnaies, comme indiqué dans le tableau ci-après (les montants qui sont différents de ceux actuellement applicables sont indiqués en caractères gras italiques).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)

**PCT Fees—Cumulative table of equivalent amounts (in prescribed currencies)
for the basic fee, the fee per sheet in excess of 30, the designation fee,
the PCT-EASY reduction and the handling fee
(applicable as from 1 January 2002)**

Fee	Basic fee	Fee per sheet in excess of 30	Designation fee	PCT-EASY reduction	Handling fee
Currency	Rule 15.2(a)	Rule 15.2(a)	Rule 15.2(a)	Schedule of Fees	Rule 57.2(a)
Swiss franc (CHF)	650	15	140	200	233
Australian dollar (AUD)	828	19	178	255	297
Canadian dollar (CAD)	639	15	138	197	n.a.
Cyprus pound (CYP)	258	6	56	n.a.	n.a.
Danish krone (DKK)	3,300	80	710	1,020	n.a.
Euro (EUR)	444	10	96	137	159
Icelandic krona (ISK)	41,300	1,000	8,900	n.a.	n.a.
Japanese yen (JPY)	47,800	1,100	10,300	14,700	17,100
Korean won (KRW)	530,000	12,000	114,000	163,000	190,000
Malawian kwacha (MWK)	25,000	600	5,400	7,700	n.a.
New Zealand dollar (NZD)	1,012	23	218	312	n.a.
Norwegian krone (NOK)	3,560	80	770	1,090	n.a.
Pound sterling (GBP)	278	6	60	86	n.a.
Singapore dollar (SGD)	720	17	156	222	n.a.
South African rand (ZAR)	3,560	80	770	1,090	n.a.
Swedish krona (SEK)	4,390	100	950	1,350	1,570
US dollar (USD)	407	9	88	125	146

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001(E), Annex C, pages 210 to 304, and Annex E, pages 316 to 325]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)

**Taxes du PCT – Tableau récapitulatif des montants équivalents (dans les monnaies prescrites)
pour la taxe de base, la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e, la taxe de désignation,
la réduction PCT-EASY et la taxe de traitement
(applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002)**

Taxe	Taxe de base	Supplément par	Taxe de	Réduction	Taxe de
Monnaie	Règle 15.2.a)	feuille à compter	désignation	PCT-EASY	traitement
		de la 31^e	Règle 15.2.a)	Barème de taxes	Règle 57.2.a)
		Règle 15.2.a)			
Franc suisse (CHF)	650	15	140	200	233
Couronne danoise (DKK)	3.300	80	710	1.020	<i>s.o.</i>
Couronne islandaise (ISK)	41.300	1.000	8.900	<i>s.o.</i>	<i>s.o.</i>
Couronne norvégienne (NOK)	3.560	80	770	1.090	<i>s.o.</i>
Couronne suédoise (SEK)	4.390	100	950	1.350	1.570
Dollar australien (AUD)	828	19	178	255	297
Dollar canadien (CAD)	639	15	138	197	<i>s.o.</i>
Dollar de Singapour (SGD)	720	17	156	222	<i>s.o.</i>
Dollar des États-Unis (USD)	407	9	88	125	146
Dollar néo-zélandais (NZD)	1.012	23	218	312	<i>s.o.</i>
Euro (EUR)	444	10	96	137	159
Kwacha malawien (MWK)	25.000	600	5.400	7.700	<i>s.o.</i>
Livre chypriote (CYP)	258	6	56	<i>s.o.</i>	<i>s.o.</i>
Livre sterling (GBP)	278	6	60	86	<i>s.o.</i>
Rand sud-africain (ZAR)	3.560	80	770	1.090	<i>s.o.</i>
Won coréen (KRW)	530.000	12.000	114.000	163.000	190.000
Yen japonais (JPY)	47.800	1.100	10.300	14.700	17.100

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001(F), annexe C, pages 213 à 330, et annexe E, pages 342 à 352]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts of the search fee have been established in receiving offices' currencies for all International Searching Authorities except for the Swedish Patent Office (see footnote 3). The new equivalent amounts, as appearing in the cumulative table below, are applicable as from 1 January 2002.

PCT Fees—Table of New Equivalent Amounts for Search Fees (in receiving Offices' currencies)*
(applicable as from 1 January 2002)

International Searching Authority	AT Austrian Patent Office	AU Australian Patent Office	CN Chinese Patent Office	EP European Patent Office	ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office	JP Japan Patent Office	KR Korean Intellectual Property Office	RU Russian Patent Office	SE Swedish Patent Office	US United States Patent and Trademark Office
Currency & Amount Fixed by Authority	EUR ^{1,2} ATS 2,200	AUD 800	CNY 800	EUR 945	EUR ¹ 945	JPY 72,000	KRW 150,000	USD 300	SEK ³ 9,340	USD 700 450
Canadian dollar (CAD)				1,360						
Cyprus pound (CYP)				550						
Danish krone (DKK)				7,030					7,030	
Icelandic krona (ISK)				88,000					88,000	
Japanese yen (JPY)				102,000						
Korean won (KRW)	191,000	500,000				798,000				
Malawian kwacha (MWK)				53,000						
New Zealand dollar (NZD)		978		2,154						1,740 1,120
Norwegian krone (NOK)				7,570					7,570	
Pound sterling (GBP)				592						
Singapore dollar (SGD)	259	700		1,533						
South African rand (ZAR)	1,280	3,430		7,570						6,100 4,000
Swedish krona (SEK)				9,340						
Swiss franc (CHF)	230⁴	628⁴	150⁴	1,383	1,383⁴	980⁴	180⁴	480⁴	1,383⁴	1,118⁴ 719⁴
US dollar (USD)	150⁴	393⁴	100⁴	866	866⁴	610⁴	120⁴		866⁴	

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001(E), Annex D, pages 305 to 315]

* New equivalent amounts in certain receiving Offices' currencies which are linked to the euro will be published in due course.

¹ The Euro will become the "headquarters currency" in the meaning of Rule 16.1(b), as from 1 January 2002.

² Amount not yet known.

³ All amounts appearing in this column, fixed by the Swedish Patent Office, are included here only for the purposes of completeness of the table.

⁴ New equivalent amounts established for the purposes of fees payable to the International Bureau acting as receiving Office.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)

Conformément à la règle 16.1.d) du PCT, il a été établi de nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche dans les monnaies des offices récepteurs pour toutes les administrations chargées de la recherche internationale, à l'exception de l'Office suédois des brevets (voir la note de bas de page 3). Les nouveaux montants équivalents, figurant dans le tableau récapitulatif ci-dessous, sont applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002.

**Taxes du PCT – Tableau des nouveaux montants équivalents pour les taxes de recherche
(dans les monnaies des offices récepteurs)*
(applicable à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002)**

Administration chargée de la recherche internationale	AT Office autrichien des brevets	AU Office australien des brevets	CN Office chinois des brevets	EP Office européen des brevets	ES Office espagnol des brevets et des marques	JP Office des brevets du Japon	KR Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle	RU Office russe des brevets	SE Office suédois des brevets	US Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis
Monnaie et montant fixés par l'administration	EUR ^{1,2} ATS 2.200	AUD 800	CNY 800	EUR 945	EUR ¹ 945	JPY 72.000	KRW 150.000	USD 300	SEK ³ 9.340	USD 700 450
Couronne danoise (DKK)				7.030					7.030	
Couronne islandaise (ISK)				88.000					88.000	
Couronne norvégienne (NOK)				7.570					7.570	
Couronne suédoise (SEK)				9.340						
Dollar canadien (CAD)				1.360						
Dollar des États-Unis (USD)	150⁴	393⁴	100⁴	866	866⁴	610⁴	120⁴		866⁴	
Dollar néo-zélandais (NZD)		978		2.154						1.740 1.120
Dollar de Singapour (SGD)	259	700		1.533						
Franc suisse (CHF)	230⁴	628⁴	150⁴	1.383	1.383⁴	980⁴	180⁴	480⁴	1.383⁴	1.118⁴ 719⁴
Kwacha malawien (MWK)				53.000						
Livre chypriote (CYP)				550						
Livre sterling (GBP)				592						
Rand sud-africain (ZAR)	1.280	3.430		7.570						6.100 4.000
Won coréen (KRW)	191.000	500.000				798.000				
Yen japonais (JPY)				102.000						

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001(F), annexe D, pages 331 à 341]

* De nouveaux montants équivalents, exprimés dans les monnaies de certains offices récepteurs qui sont liées à l'euro, seront publiés en temps voulu.

¹ L'euro deviendra la "monnaie du siège" au sens de la règle 16.1.b), à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002.

² Montant pas encore connu.

³ Tous les montants figurant dans cette colonne, fixés par l'Office suédois des brevets, sont inclus dans ce tableau uniquement pour que le tableau soit complet.

⁴ Nouveaux montants équivalents établis aux fins des taxes payables au Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur.

**ADMINISTRATIVE INSTRUCTIONS UNDER THE PCT
MODIFICATION OF ANNEX A—FORMS****Form PCT/RO/101 (Request)**

The Request Form has been modified to take into account the entry into force of the PCT for **Equatorial Guinea** (as from 17 July 2001), the **Philippines** (as from 17 August 2001), **Oman** (as from 26 October 2001), **Zambia** (as from 15 November 2001) and **Tunisia** (as from 10 December 2001); the fact that utility models are available for **ARIPO**, in **Ecuador**, **Azerbaijan** and the **Philippines**; and the reduction (as from 1 January 2002) from 6 to 5 of the maximum number of designation fees payable.

These modifications concern Box No. V of the Request Form, the Notes to the request form relating to Box No. V, the Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes thereto relating to the reduction of the international fee for qualifying applicants from certain States. The Notes to the request form relating to Box No. V have also been modified to take into account the fact that, as from 7 December 2001, the designation of Slovenia for a national patent has the effect, within the framework of the extension agreement between Slovenia and the European Patent Organisation, of a designation for a European patent.

All the sheets of the Request Form, including the Notes to the request form, the Fee Calculation Sheet (annex to the Request Form) and the Notes thereto, are dated January 2002 (the date of issuance or of reprinting of the sheet) and are reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction).

Only the updated version of the Request Form should be used for international applications filed as from 1 January 2002. Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices and the International Bureau, and will also be available on the Internet as from the beginning of January 2002.

Form PCT/IPEA/401 (Demand)

The Demand Form itself and the Fee Calculation Sheet (annex to the Demand Form) have not been modified except for the date of reprinting on each sheet (January 2002).

The Notes to the Fee Calculation Sheet (annex to the Demand Form) relating to the reduction of the handling fee for qualifying applicants from certain States have been modified to take into account the entry into force of the PCT for **Equatorial Guinea**, the **Philippines**, **Zambia** and **Tunisia**.

All the sheets of the Demand Form, including the Notes to the demand form, the Fee Calculation Sheet and the Notes thereto, are dated January 2002 (the date of issuance or of reprinting of the sheet) and are reproduced on the following pages (without pagination so as to enable convenient reproduction). Copies can be obtained free of charge from receiving Offices, International Preliminary Examining Authorities and the International Bureau, and will also be available on the Internet as from the beginning of January 2002.

INSTRUCTIONS ADMINISTRATIVES DU PCT MODIFICATION DE L'ANNEXE A – FORMULAIRES

Formulaire PCT/RO/101 (requête)

Le formulaire de requête a été modifié pour tenir compte de l'entrée en vigueur du PCT pour la **Guinée équatoriale** (à compter du 17 juillet 2001), les **Philippines** (à compter du 17 août 2001), **Oman** (à compter du 26 octobre 2001), la **Zambie** (à compter du 15 novembre 2001) et la **Tunisie** (à compter du 10 décembre 2001); du fait que des modèles d'utilité peuvent être obtenus pour l'**ARIPO**, en **Équateur**, en **Azerbaïdjan** et aux **Philippines**; et de la réduction (à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002) de 6 à 5 du nombre maximum de taxes de désignation payables.

Ces modifications concernent le cadre n° V du formulaire de requête, les notes du formulaire de requête relatives au cadre n° V, la feuille de calcul des taxes et les notes y relatives concernant la réduction de la taxe internationale pour les déposants de certains États qui y ont droit. Les notes du formulaire de requête relatives au cadre n° V ont été également modifiées pour tenir compte du fait que, à compter du 7 décembre 2001, la désignation de la Slovénie aux fins d'un brevet national a, dans le cadre de l'accord d'extension conclu entre la Slovénie et l'Organisation européenne des brevets, les effets d'une désignation aux fins d'un brevet européen. D'autres corrections de nature rédactionnelle ont été apportées dans ces notes sous les cadres n^{os} II et III, V, VIII et VIII.i) à v) et dans les notes relatives à la feuille de calcul des taxes, sous les cadres I, D et P.

Toutes les feuilles du formulaire de requête, y compris les notes y relatives, la feuille de calcul des taxes (annexe de la requête) et les notes y relatives, ont été datées de janvier 2002 (date d'émission ou de réimpression de la feuille) et sont reproduites sur les pages suivantes (sans pagination pour qu'il soit possible de les reproduire aisément).

Seule la version mise à jour du formulaire de requête devrait être utilisée pour les demandes internationales déposées à partir du 1^{er} janvier 2002. Des exemplaires peuvent être obtenus gratuitement auprès des offices récepteurs et du Bureau international et seront également disponibles sur l'Internet au début de janvier 2002.

Formulaire PCT/IPEA/401 (demande d'examen préliminaire international)

Le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international lui-même et la feuille de calcul des taxes (annexe du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international) n'ont pas été modifiés, si ce n'est que la date de réimpression a été ajoutée sur chacune des feuilles (janvier 2002).

Les notes relatives à la feuille de calcul des taxes (annexe de la demande d'examen préliminaire international) concernant la réduction de la taxe de traitement pour les déposants de certains États qui y ont droit ont été modifiées pour tenir compte de l'entrée en vigueur du PCT pour la **Guinée équatoriale**, les **Philippines**, la **Zambie** et la **Tunisie**.

Toutes les feuilles du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international, y compris les notes y relatives, la feuille de calcul des taxes et les notes y relatives ont été datées de janvier 2002 (date d'émission ou de réimpression de la feuille) et sont reproduites sur les pages suivantes (sans pagination pour qu'il soit possible de les reproduire aisément). Des exemplaires peuvent être obtenus gratuitement auprès des offices récepteurs, des administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international et du Bureau international et seront également disponibles sur l'Internet au début de janvier 2002.

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REQUEST

The undersigned requests that the present international application be processed according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

For receiving Office use only

International Application No.

International Filing Date

Name of receiving Office and "PCT International Application"

Applicant's or agent's file reference
(if desired) (12 characters maximum)

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State (that is, country) of nationality:	State (that is, country) of residence:
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La personne dont l'identité est donnée ci-dessous est/a été désignée pour agir au nom du ou des déposants auprès des autorités internationales compétentes, comme: <input type="checkbox"/> mandataire <input type="checkbox"/> représentant commun	
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Cadre n° V DÉSIGNATION D'ÉTATS*Cocher les cases appropriées; une au moins doit être cochée.*

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Déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution : outre les désignations faites ci-dessus, le déposant fait aussi conformément à la règle 4.9.b) toutes les désignations qui seraient autorisées en vertu du PCT, à l'exception de toute désignation indiquée dans le cadre supplémentaire comme étant exclue de la portée de cette déclaration. Le déposant déclare que ces désignations additionnelles sont faites sous réserve de confirmation et que toute désignation qui n'est pas confirmée avant l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité doit être considérée comme retirée par le déposant à l'expiration de ce délai. (*La confirmation (y compris les taxes) doit parvenir à l'office récepteur dans le délai de 15 mois.*)

Supplemental Box

If the Supplemental Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

1. If, in any of the Boxes, except Boxes Nos. VIII(i) to (v) for which a special continuation box is provided, **the space is insufficient** to furnish all the information: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No...." (indicate the number of the Box) and furnish the information in the same manner as required according to the captions of the Box in which the space was insufficient, in particular:
 - (i) **if more than two persons are to be indicated as applicants and/or inventors** and no "continuation sheet" is available: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. III" and indicate for each additional person the same type of information as required in Box No. III. The country of the address indicated in this Box is the applicant's State (that is, country) of residence if no State of residence is indicated below;
 - (ii) if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, the indication "**the States indicated in the Supplemental Box**" is checked: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the applicant(s) involved and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is applicant;
 - (iii) if, in Box No. II or in any of the sub-boxes of Box No. III, **the inventor or the inventor/applicant is not inventor for the purposes of all designated States or for the purposes of the United States of America**: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. II" or "Continuation of Box No. III" or "Continuation of Boxes No. II and No. III" (as the case may be), indicate the name of the inventor(s) and, next to (each) such name, the State(s) (and/or, where applicable, ARIPO, Eurasian, European or OAPI patent) for the purposes of which the named person is inventor;
 - (iv) if, in addition to the agent(s) indicated in Box No. IV, there are **further agents**: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. IV" and indicate for each further agent the same type of information as required in Box No. IV;
 - (v) if, in Box No. V, the name of any State (or OAPI) is accompanied by the indication "**patent of addition**," or "**certificate of addition**," or if, in Box No. V, the name of the United States of America is accompanied by an indication "**continuation**" or "**continuation-in-part**": in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. V" and the name of each State involved (or OAPI), and after the name of each such State (or OAPI), the number of the parent title or parent application and the date of grant of the parent title or filing of the parent application;
 - (vi) if, in Box No. VI, there are **more than five earlier applications whose priority is claimed**: in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VI" and indicate for each additional earlier application the same type of information as required in Box No. VI.
2. If, with regard to the **precautionary designation statement** contained in Box No. V, the applicant wishes to exclude any State(s) from the scope of that statement: in such case, write "Designation(s) excluded from precautionary designation statement" and indicate the name or two-letter code of each State so excluded.

Cadre supplémentaire Si le cadre supplémentaire n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

1. Si l'un des cadres du présent formulaire – à l'exception des cadres n^{os} VIII.i) à v) pour lesquels une feuille annexe spéciale est prévue – **ne suffit pas** à contenir tous les renseignements : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o..." (préciser le numéro du cadre) et fournir les renseignements conformément aux instructions données dans le cadre dans lequel la place était insuffisante; en particulier :
 - i) si plus de deux personnes doivent être indiquées comme **déposants ou inventeurs** et que l'on ne dispose d'aucune "feuille annexe" : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o III" et fournir pour chaque personne supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n^o III. Le pays de l'adresse indiquée dans ce cadre est l'État où le déposant a son domicile si aucun domicile n'est indiqué ci-dessous;
 - ii) si, dans le cadre n^o II ou dans l'un des sous-cadres du cadre n^o III, la case "**les États indiqués dans le cadre supplémentaire**" est cochée : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o II" ou "Suite du cadre n^o III" ou "Suite des cadres n^{os} II et III" (selon le cas), ainsi que le nom du ou des déposants en cause et, à côté de chaque nom, le ou les États pour lesquels la personne mentionnée a la qualité de déposant (ou, le cas échéant, la mention "brevet ARIPO", "brevet eurasién", "brevet européen" ou "brevet OAPI");
 - iii) si, dans le cadre n^o II ou dans l'un des sous-cadres du cadre n^o III, l'inventeur ou l'inventeur/déposant n'a pas la qualité d'inventeur pour tous les États désignés ou pour les États-Unis d'Amérique : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o II" ou "Suite du cadre n^o III" ou "Suite des cadres n^{os} II et III" (selon le cas), ainsi que le nom du ou des inventeurs et, à côté de chaque nom, le ou les États pour lesquels la personne mentionnée a la qualité d'inventeur (ou, le cas échéant, la mention "brevet ARIPO", "brevet eurasién", "brevet européen" ou "brevet OAPI");
 - iv) si, en plus du ou des mandataires indiqués dans le cadre n^o IV, il y a d'autres mandataires : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o IV" et fournir pour chaque mandataire supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n^o IV;
 - v) si, dans le cadre n^o V, le nom d'un État (ou de l'OAPI) est assorti de la mention "**brevet d'addition**" ou "**certificat d'addition**" ou si, dans le cadre n^o V le nom des États-Unis d'Amérique est assorti de la mention "**continuation**" ou "**continuation-in-part**" : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o V" ainsi que le nom de chaque État en cause (ou de l'OAPI) en précisant après chaque nom le numéro du titre principal ou de la demande principale ainsi que la date de délivrance du titre principal ou la date de dépôt de la demande principale;
 - vi) si, dans le cadre n^o VI, la **priorité de plus de cinq demandes antérieures est revendiquée** : dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n^o VI" et fournir pour chaque demande antérieure supplémentaire le même type de renseignements que ceux qui sont demandés dans le cadre n^o VI.
2. Si, en ce qui concerne la **déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution** contenue dans le cadre n^o V, le déposant souhaite exclure un ou plusieurs États de la portée de cette déclaration : dans ce cas, indiquer "Désignations exclues de la portée de la déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution" et fournir le nom ou le code à deux lettres de chaque État concerné.

Box No. VI PRIORITY CLAIM

The priority of the following earlier application(s) is hereby claimed:

Filing date of earlier application <i>(day/month/year)</i>	Number of earlier application	Where earlier application is:		
		national application: country	regional application: * regional Office	international application: receiving Office
item (1)				
item (2)				
item (3)				
item (4)				
item (5)				

Further priority claims are indicated in the Supplemental Box.

The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) (only if the earlier application was filed with the Office which for the purposes of this international application is the receiving Office) identified above as:

all items item (1) item (2) item (3) item (4) item (5) other, see Supplemental Box

* Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, indicate at least one country party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)):

Box No. VII INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (if two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the Authority chosen; the two-letter code may be used):

ISA /

Request to use results of earlier search; reference to that search (if an earlier search has been carried out by or requested from the International Searching Authority):

Date *(day/month/year)* Number Country (or regional Office)

Box No. VIII DECLARATIONS

The following **declarations** are contained in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in the right column the number of each type of declaration):

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|---|--|---|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (i) | Declaration as to the identity of the inventor | : | Number of declarations |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (ii) | Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent | : | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iii) | Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application | : | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (iv) | Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America) | : | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. VIII (v) | Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty | : | |

Cadre n° VI REVENDEICATION DE PRIORITÉ				
La priorité de la ou des demandes antérieures suivantes est revendiquée :				
Date de dépôt de la demande antérieure (jour/mois/année)	Numéro de la demande antérieure	Lorsque la demande antérieure est une :		
		demande nationale : pays	demande régionale :* office régional	demande internationale : office récepteur
point 1)				
point 2)				
point 3)				
point 4)				
point 5)				
<input type="checkbox"/> D'autres revendications de priorité sont indiquées dans le cadre supplémentaire.				
L'office récepteur est prié de préparer et de transmettre au Bureau international une copie certifiée conforme de la ou des demandes antérieures (seulement si la demande antérieure a été déposée auprès de l'office qui, aux fins de la présente demande internationale, est l'office récepteur) indiquées ci-dessus sous :				
<input type="checkbox"/> tous les points <input type="checkbox"/> point 1) <input type="checkbox"/> point 2) <input type="checkbox"/> point 3) <input type="checkbox"/> point 4) <input type="checkbox"/> point 5) <input type="checkbox"/> autre, voir le cadre supplémentaire				
<i>* Si la demande antérieure est une demande ARIPO, indiquer au moins un pays partie à la Convention de Paris pour la protection de la propriété industrielle ou un membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce pour lequel cette demande antérieure a été déposée (règle 4.10.b)ii) :</i>				
Cadre n° VII ADMINISTRATION CHARGÉE DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE				
Choix de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (ISA) (si plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes pour procéder à la recherche internationale, indiquer l'administration choisie; le code à deux lettres peut être utilisé) : ISA /				
Demande d'utilisation des résultats d'une recherche antérieure; mention de cette recherche (si une recherche antérieure a été effectuée par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale ou demandée à cette dernière) : Date (jour/mois/année) Numéro Pays (ou office régional)				
Cadre n° VIII DÉCLARATIONS				
Les déclarations suivantes figurent dans les cadres n° VIII.i) à v) (cocher ci-dessous la ou les cases appropriées et indiquer dans la colonne de droite le nombre de chaque type de déclaration) :				Nombre de déclarations
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.i)	déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.ii)	déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.iii)	déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité d'une demande antérieure	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.iv)	déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique)	:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	cadre n° VIII.v)	déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté	:	

Box No. VIII (i) DECLARATION: IDENTITY OF THE INVENTOR

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 211; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (i). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (i)".

Cadre n° VIII.i) DÉCLARATION : IDENTITÉ DE L'INVENTEUR

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 211; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.i). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)i) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.i)".

Box No. VIII (ii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO APPLY FOR AND BE GRANTED A PATENT

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 212; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (ii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (ii)".

Cadre n° VIII.ii) DÉCLARATION : DROIT DE DEMANDER ET D'OBTENIR UN BREVET

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 212; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.ii). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n'est pas appropriée :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.ii)".

Box No. VIII (iii) DECLARATION: ENTITLEMENT TO CLAIM PRIORITY

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 213; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iii). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iii)".

Cadre n° VIII.iii) DÉCLARATION : DROIT DE REVENDIQUER LA PRIORITÉ

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 213; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.iii). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure indiquée ci-dessous si le déposant n'est pas celui qui a déposé la demande antérieure ou si son nom a changé depuis le dépôt de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51bis.1.a)iii) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.iii)".

Box No. VIII (iv) DECLARATION: INVENTORSHIP (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)

The declaration must conform to the following standardized wording provided for in Section 214; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (iv). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

**Declaration of inventorship (Rules 4.17(iv) and 51bis.1(a)(iv))
for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America:**

I hereby declare that I believe I am the original, first and sole (if only one inventor is listed below) or joint (if more than one inventor is listed below) inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought.

This declaration is directed to the international application of which it forms a part (if filing declaration with application).

This declaration is directed to international application No. PCT/ (if furnishing declaration pursuant to Rule 26ter).

I hereby declare that my residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated next to my name.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified international application, including the claims of said application. I have identified in the request of said application, in compliance with PCT Rule 4.10, any claim to foreign priority, and I have identified below, under the heading "Prior Applications," by application number, country or Member of the World Trade Organization, day, month and year of filing, any application for a patent or inventor's certificate filed in a country other than the United States of America, including any PCT international application designating at least one country other than the United States of America, having a filing date before that of the application on which foreign priority is claimed.

Prior Applications:
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I hereby acknowledge the duty to disclose information that is known by me to be material to patentability as defined by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Name:

Residence:
(city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address:
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Citizenship:

Inventor's Signature:
(if not contained in the request, or if declaration is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application. The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

Date:
(of signature which is not contained in the request, or of the declaration that is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application)

Name:

Residence:
(city and either US state, if applicable, or country)

Mailing Address:
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Citizenship:

Inventor's Signature:
(if not contained in the request, or if declaration is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application. The signature must be that of the inventor, not that of the agent)

Date:
(of signature which is not contained in the request, or of the declaration that is corrected or added under Rule 26ter after the filing of the international application)

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (iv)".

Cadre n° VIII.iv) DÉCLARATION : QUALITÉ D'INVENTEUR
(seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique)

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 214; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n°s VIII, VIII.i à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.iv). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (règles 4.17.iv) et 51bis.1.a)iv))
aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique :

Par la présente, je déclare que je crois être le premier inventeur original et unique (si un seul inventeur est mentionné ci-dessous) ou l'un des premiers co-inventeurs (si plusieurs inventeurs sont mentionnés ci-dessous) de l'objet revendiqué pour lequel un brevet est demandé.

La présente déclaration a trait à la demande internationale dont elle fait partie (si la déclaration est déposée avec la demande).

La présente déclaration a trait à la demande internationale n° PCT/..... (si la déclaration est remise en vertu de la règle 26ter).

Par la présente, je déclare que mon domicile, mon adresse postale et ma nationalité sont tels qu'indiqués près de mon nom.

Par la présente, je déclare avoir passé en revue et compris le contenu de la demande internationale à laquelle il est fait référence ci-dessus, y compris les revendications de ladite demande. J'ai indiqué dans la requête de ladite demande, conformément à la règle 4.10 du PCT, toute revendication de priorité d'une demande étrangère et j'ai identifié ci-dessous, sous l'intitulé "Demandes antérieures", au moyen du numéro de demande, du pays ou du membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce, du jour, du mois et de l'année du dépôt, toute demande de brevet ou de certificat d'auteur d'invention déposée dans un pays autre que les États-Unis d'Amérique, y compris toute demande internationale selon le PCT désignant au moins un pays autre que les États-Unis d'Amérique, dont la date de dépôt est antérieure à celle de la demande étrangère dont la priorité est revendiquée.

Demandes antérieures :

Par la présente, je reconnais l'obligation qui m'est faite de divulguer les renseignements dont j'ai connaissance et qui sont pertinents quant à la brevetabilité de l'invention, tels qu'ils sont définis dans le Titre 37, § 1.56, du Code fédéral des réglementations, y compris, en ce qui concerne les demandes de continuation-in-part les renseignements pertinents qui sont devenus accessibles entre la date de dépôt de la demande antérieure et la date du dépôt international de la demande de continuation-in-part.

Je déclare par la présente que toute déclaration ci-incluse est, à ma connaissance, véridique et que toute déclaration formulée à partir de renseignements ou de suppositions est tenue pour véridique; et de plus, que toutes ces déclarations ont été formulées en sachant que toute fausse déclaration volontaire ou son équivalent est passible d'une amende ou d'une incarcération, ou des deux, en vertu de la Section 1001 du Titre 18 du Code des États-Unis, et que de telles déclarations volontairement fausses risquent de compromettre la validité de la demande de brevet ou du brevet délivré à partir de celle-ci.

Nom :

Domicile :
 (ville et État (des États-Unis d'Amérique), le cas échéant, ou pays)

Adresse postale :

Nationalité :

Signature de l'inventeur : **Date :**
 (si elle ne figure pas dans la requête, ou si la déclaration a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale. La signature doit être celle de l'inventeur, il ne peut s'agir de celle du mandataire) (de la signature qui ne figure pas dans la requête, ou de la déclaration qui a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale)

Nom :

Domicile :
 (ville et État (des États-Unis d'Amérique), le cas échéant, ou pays)

Adresse postale :

Nationalité :

Signature de l'inventeur : **Date :**
 (si elle ne figure pas dans la requête, ou si la déclaration a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale. La signature doit être celle de l'inventeur, il ne peut s'agir de celle du mandataire) (de la signature qui ne figure pas dans la requête, ou de la déclaration qui a fait l'objet de corrections ou d'adjonctions en vertu de la règle 26ter après le dépôt de la demande internationale)

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.iv)".

Box No. VIII (v) DECLARATION: NON-PREJUDICIAL DISCLOSURES OR EXCEPTIONS TO LACK OF NOVELTY

The declaration must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Section 215; see Notes to Boxes Nos. VIII, VIII (i) to (v) (in general) and the specific Notes to Box No. VIII (v). If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.

Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty (Rules 4.17(v) and 51bis.1(a)(v)):

This declaration is continued on the following sheet, "Continuation of Box No. VIII (v)".

Cadre n° VIII.v) DÉCLARATION : DIVULGATIONS NON OPPOSABLES OU EXCEPTIONS AU DÉFAUT DE NOUVEAUTÉ

La déclaration doit être conforme au libellé standard suivant prévu à l'instruction 215; voir les notes relatives aux cadres n^{os} VIII, VIII.i) à v) (généralités) et les notes spécifiques au cadre n° VIII.v). Si ce cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règles 4.17.v) et 51bis.1.a)v) :

Cette déclaration continue sur la feuille suivante, "Suite du cadre n° VIII.v)".

Continuation of Box No. VIII (i) to (v) DECLARATION

*If the space is insufficient in any of Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) to furnish all the information, including in the case where **more than two inventors are to be named** in Box No. VIII (iv), in such case, write "Continuation of Box No. VIII ..." (indicate the item number of the Box) and furnish the information in the same manner as required for the purposes of the Box in which the space was insufficient. If additional space is needed in respect of two or more declarations, a separate continuation box must be used for each such declaration. If this Box is not used, this sheet should not be included in the request.*

Suite du Cadre n° VIII.i) à v) DÉCLARATION

Si l'un des cadres n° VIII.i) à v) ne suffit pas à contenir tous les renseignements, y compris dans le cas où plus de deux inventeurs doivent être nommés dans le cadre n° VIII.iv), dans ce cas, indiquer "Suite du cadre n° VIII ..." (compléter le numéro du cadre en précisant le point) et fournir les renseignements conformément aux instructions données dans le cadre dans lequel la place était insuffisante. Si on a besoin de place supplémentaire dans deux ou plusieurs cadres, il faut utiliser le cadre "Suite" du cadre correspondant pour continuer chacune des déclarations. Si le présent cadre n'est pas utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la requête.

Box No. IX CHECK LIST; LANGUAGE OF FILING		
<p>This international application contains:</p> <p>(a) the following number of sheets in paper form:</p> <p>request (including declaration sheets) : _____</p> <p>description (excluding sequence listing part) : _____</p> <p>claims : _____</p> <p>abstract : _____</p> <p>drawings : _____</p> <p>Sub-total number of sheets : _____</p> <p>sequence listing part of description (<i>actual number of sheets if filed in paper form, whether or not also filed in computer readable form; see (b) below</i>) : _____</p> <p>Total number of sheets : _____</p> <p>(b) sequence listing part of description filed in computer readable form</p> <p>(i) <input type="checkbox"/> only (under Section 801(a)(i))</p> <p>(ii) <input type="checkbox"/> in addition to being filed in paper form (under Section 801(a)(ii))</p> <p>Type and number of carriers (diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R or other) on which the sequence listing part is contained (<i>additional copies to be indicated under item 9(ii), in right column</i>): _____</p>	<p>This international application is accompanied by the following item(s) (<i>mark the applicable check-boxes below and indicate in right column the number of each item</i>):</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <input type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet : _____ 2. <input type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney : _____ 3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney : _____ 4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any: : _____ 5. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature : _____ 6. <input type="checkbox"/> priority document(s) identified in Box No. VI as item(s): : _____ 7. <input type="checkbox"/> translation of international application into (<i>language</i>): : _____ 8. <input type="checkbox"/> separate indications concerning deposited microorganism or other biological material : _____ 9. <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listing in computer readable form (indicate also type and number of carriers (diskette, CD-ROM, CD-R or other)) <ol style="list-style-type: none"> (i) <input type="checkbox"/> copy submitted for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter only (and not as part of the international application) : _____ (ii) <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>only where check-box (b)(i) or (b)(ii) is marked in left column</i>) additional copies including, where applicable, the copy for the purposes of international search under Rule 13ter : _____ (iii) <input type="checkbox"/> together with relevant statement as to the identity of the copy or copies with the sequence listing part mentioned in left column : _____ 10. <input type="checkbox"/> other (<i>specify</i>): : _____ 	<p>Number of items</p>
<p>Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract:</p>	<p>Language of filing of the international application:</p>	
<p>Box No. X SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE</p> <p><i>Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the request).</i></p> 		

For receiving Office use only		
<p>1. Date of actual receipt of the purported international application: _____</p>	<p>2. Drawings:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> received:</p>	
<p>3. Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application: _____</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> not received:</p>	
<p>4. Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2): _____</p>	<p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid</p>	
<p>5. International Searching Authority (if two or more are competent): ISA / _____</p>		

For International Bureau use only
<p>Date of receipt of the record copy by the International Bureau: _____</p>

Cadre n° IX BORDEREAU; LANGUE DE DÉPÔT		
<p>La présente demande internationale contient :</p> <p>a) le nombre de feuilles suivant sous forme papier :</p> <p>requête (y compris la ou les feuilles pour déclaration) :</p> <p>description (à l'exception de la partie réservée au listage des séquences) :</p> <p>revendications :</p> <p>abrégé :</p> <p>dessins :</p> <p>Sous-total de feuilles :</p> <p>partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences (<i>nombre réel de feuilles si cette partie est déposée sous forme papier, qu'elle soit ou non également déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur; voir b) ci-après</i>):</p> <p>Nombre total de feuilles :</p> <p>b) partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur</p> <p>i) <input type="checkbox"/> seulement (en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii))</p> <p>ii) <input type="checkbox"/> et également sous forme papier (en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii))</p> <p>Type et nombre de supports (disquette, CD-ROM, CD-R ou autre) sur lesquels figure la partie réservée au listage des séquences (<i>exemplaires supplémentaires à indiquer au point 9.ii), dans la colonne de droite</i>) :</p>	<p>Le ou les éléments suivants sont joints à la présente demande internationale (<i>cocher la ou les cases appropriées et indiquer dans la colonne de droite le nombre de chaque élément</i>)</p> <p>1. <input type="checkbox"/> feuille de calcul des taxes :</p> <p>2. <input type="checkbox"/> pouvoir distinct original :</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> original du pouvoir général :</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> copie du pouvoir général; le cas échéant, numéro de référence :</p> <p>5. <input type="checkbox"/> explication de l'absence d'une signature :</p> <p>6. <input type="checkbox"/> document(s) de priorité indiqué(s) dans le cadre n° VI au(x) point(s) :</p> <p>7. <input type="checkbox"/> traduction de la demande internationale en (<i>langue</i>) :</p> <p>8. <input type="checkbox"/> indications séparées concernant des micro-organismes ou autre matériel biologique déposés :</p> <p>9. <input type="checkbox"/> listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (indiquer aussi le type et le nombre de supports (disquette, CD-ROM, CD-R ou autre))</p> <p>i) <input type="checkbox"/> copie remise aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13ter seulement (et non en tant que partie de la demande internationale) :</p> <p>ii) <input type="checkbox"/> (<i>seulement lorsque la case b) i) ou b) ii) de la colonne de gauche est cochée</i>) exemplaires supplémentaires, y compris, le cas échéant, copie remise aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13ter :</p> <p>iii) <input type="checkbox"/> avec la déclaration pertinente quant à l'identité entre la copie – ou les exemplaires supplémentaires – et la partie réservée au listage des séquences mentionnée dans la colonne de gauche :</p> <p>10. <input type="checkbox"/> autres éléments (<i>préciser</i>) :</p>	<p>Nombre d'éléments</p>
<p>Figure des dessins qui doit accompagner l'abrégé :</p>	<p>Langue de dépôt de la demande internationale :</p>	
<p>Cadre n° X SIGNATURE DU DÉPOSANT, DU MANDATAIRE OU DU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN</p> <p>À côté de chaque signature, indiquer le nom du signataire et à quel titre l'intéressé signe (si cela n'apparaît pas clairement à la lecture de la requête).</p>		

Réservé à l'office récepteur		
1. Date effective de réception des pièces supposées constituer la demande internationale :		<p>2. Dessins :</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> reçus :</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> non reçus :</p>
3. Date effective de réception, rectifiée en raison de la réception ultérieure, mais dans les délais, de documents ou de dessins complétant ce qui est supposé constituer la demande internationale :		
4. Date de réception, dans les délais, des corrections demandées selon l'article 11.2) du PCT :		
5. Administration chargée de la recherche internationale (si plusieurs sont compétentes) : ISA /	6. <input type="checkbox"/> Transmission de la copie de recherche différée jusqu'au paiement de la taxe de recherche	

Réservé au Bureau international	
Date de réception de l'exemplaire original par le Bureau international :	

NOTES TO THE REQUEST FORM (PCT/RO/101)

These Notes are intended to facilitate the filling in of the request form. For more detailed information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a WIPO publication, which is available, together with other PCT related documents, at WIPO's Website: www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html. The Notes are based on the requirements of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT), the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. In case of any discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable.

In the request form and these Notes, "Article", "Rule" and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the PCT Administrative Instructions, respectively.

Please use a typewriter; check-boxes may be marked by hand with black ink (Rule 11.9(a) and (b)).

The request form and these Notes may be downloaded from WIPO's Website at the address given above.

WHERE TO FILE THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION

The international application (request, description, claims, abstract and drawings, if any) must be filed with a competent receiving Office (Article 11(1)(i))—that is, subject to any applicable prescriptions concerning national security, at the choice of the applicant, either:

(i) the receiving Office of, or acting for, a PCT Contracting State of which the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, at least one of them, is a resident or national (Rule 19.1(a)(i) or (ii) or (b)), or

(ii) the International Bureau of WIPO in Geneva, Switzerland, if the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, at least one of the applicants is a resident or national of any PCT Contracting State (Rule 19.1(a)(iii)).

APPLICANT'S OR AGENT'S FILE REFERENCE

A **file reference** may be indicated, if desired. It should not exceed 12 characters. Characters in excess of 12 may be disregarded by the receiving Office or any International Authority (Rule 11.6(f) and Section 109).

BOX No. I

Title of Invention (Rules 4.3 and 5.1(a)): The title must be short (preferably two to seven words when in English or translated into English) and precise. It must be identical with the title heading the description.

BOXES Nos. II AND III

General: At least one of the applicants named must be a resident or national of a PCT Contracting State for which the receiving Office acts (Articles 9 and 11(1)(i) and Rules 18 and 19). If the international application is filed with the International Bureau under Rule 19.1(a)(iii), at least one of the applicants must be a resident or national of any PCT Contracting State.

If the United States of America is designated, all of the inventors must be named also as applicants for the purposes of that designation (see "Different Applicants for Different Designated States", below).

Indication Whether a Person is Applicant and/or Inventor (Rules 4.5(a) and 4.6(a) and (b)):

Check-box "This person is also inventor" (Box No. II): Mark this check-box if the applicant named is also the inventor or one of the inventors; do not mark this check-box if the applicant is a legal entity.

Check-box "applicant and inventor" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is both applicant and inventor; do not mark this check-box if the person is a legal entity.

Check-box "applicant only" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is a legal entity or if the person named is not also inventor.

Check-box "inventor only" (Box No. III): Mark this check-box if the person named is inventor but not also applicant; do not mark this check-box if the person is a legal entity.

In Box No. III, one of the three check-boxes must always be marked for each person named.

A person must not be named more than once in Boxes Nos. II and III, even where that person is both applicant and inventor.

Names and Addresses (Rule 4.4): The family name (preferably in capital letters) must be indicated before the given name(s). Titles and academic degrees must be omitted. Names of legal entities must be indicated by their full official designations.

The address must be indicated in such a way that it allows prompt postal delivery; it must consist of all the relevant administrative units (up to and including the indication of the house number, if any), the postal code (if any), and the name of the country.

Only one address may be indicated per person. For the indication of a special "address for correspondence", see the notes to Box No. IV.

Telephone, Facsimile and/or Teleprinter Numbers should be indicated for the person named in Box No. II in order to allow rapid communication with the applicant. Any such number should include the applicable country and area codes.

Applicant's registration number with the Office (Rule 4.5(e)): Where the applicant is registered with the national or regional Office acting as receiving Office, the request may indicate the number or other indication under which the applicant is so registered.

Nationality (Rules 4.5(a) and (b) and 18.1): For each applicant, the nationality must be indicated by the name or two-letter code of the State (that is, country) of which the person is a national. A legal entity constituted according to the national law of a State is considered a national of that State. The indication of the nationality is not required where a person is inventor only.

Residence (Rules 4.5(a) and (c) and 18.1): For each applicant, the residence must be indicated by the name or two-letter code of the State (that is, country) of which the person is a resident. If the State of residence is not indicated, it will be assumed to be the same as the State indicated in the address. Possession of a real and effective industrial or commercial establishment in a State is considered residence in that State. The indication of the residence is not required where a person is inventor only.

NOTES RELATIVES AU FORMULAIRE DE REQUÊTE (PCT/RO/101)

Ces notes sont destinées à faciliter l'utilisation du formulaire de requête. On peut aussi trouver de plus amples renseignements dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, publié par l'OMPI, qui est disponible, de même que d'autres documents relatifs au PCT, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/index.html. Les notes sont fondées sur les exigences du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT), du règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT. En cas de divergence entre les présentes notes et ces exigences, ce sont ces dernières qui priment.

Dans le formulaire de requête et dans les présentes notes, les termes "article", "règle" et "instruction" renvoient aux dispositions du traité, de son règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT, respectivement.

Prière de remplir le formulaire à la machine à écrire; les cases appropriées peuvent être cochées à la main, à l'encre noire (règle 11.9.a) et b)).

Le formulaire de requête et les présentes notes peuvent être téléchargés depuis le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse donnée ci-dessus.

OÙ DÉPOSER LA DEMANDE INTERNATIONALE

Il faut que la demande internationale (requête, description, revendications, abrégé et, le cas échéant, dessins) soit déposée auprès d'un office récepteur compétent (article 11.1)i)), c'est-à-dire sous réserve des dispositions applicables en matière de défense nationale et au choix du déposant,

i) l'office récepteur d'un État contractant du PCT ou l'office agissant pour un tel État, dans lequel le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux au moins, est domicilié ou dont il a la nationalité (règle 19.1.a)i) ou ii) ou b)), ou

ii) le Bureau international de l'OMPI à Genève (Suisse) si le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux au moins, est domicilié dans l'un quelconque des États contractants du PCT ou a la nationalité d'un tel État (règle 19.1.a)iii)).

RÉFÉRENCE DU DOSSIER DU DÉPOSANT OU DU MANDATAIRE

Il est possible d'indiquer, à titre facultatif, une telle **référence de dossier**. Celle-ci ne devrait pas dépasser 12 caractères. L'office récepteur ou toute administration internationale peut ne pas tenir compte des caractères en sus du douzième (règle 11.6.f) et instruction 109).

CADRE N° I

Titre de l'invention (règles 4.3 et 5.1.a)) : le titre doit être bref (de préférence de deux à sept mots lorsqu'il est établi ou traduit en anglais) et précis. Il doit être identique à celui qui figure en tête de la description.

CADRES N°s II ET III

Remarques générales : l'un au moins des déposants mentionnés doit être domicilié dans un État contractant du PCT pour lequel l'office récepteur agit, ou avoir la nationalité d'un tel État (articles 9 et 11.1)i) et règles 18 et 19). Si la demande internationale est déposée auprès du Bureau international en vertu de la règle 19.1.a)iii), l'un au moins des déposants doit être domicilié dans un État contractant du PCT ou avoir la nationalité d'un tel État.

Si les États-Unis d'Amérique sont désignés, tous les inventeurs doivent être mentionnés également comme déposants pour cette désignation (voir, ci-après, "Déposants différents pour différents États désignés").

Indication visant à établir si une personne est déposant ou inventeur, ou les deux à la fois (règles 4.5.a) et 4.6.a) et b)) :

Case "Cette personne est aussi inventeur" (cadre n° II) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée est aussi l'inventeur ou l'un des inventeurs; ne pas la cocher si le déposant est une personne morale.

Case "déposant et inventeur" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée a les deux qualités, celle de déposant et celle d'inventeur; ne pas la cocher si cette personne est une personne morale.

Case "déposant seulement" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée est une personne morale ou si elle n'a pas aussi la qualité d'inventeur.

Case "inventeur seulement" (cadre n° III) : cocher cette case si la personne mentionnée a la qualité d'inventeur mais pas celle de déposant; ne pas la cocher si cette personne est une personne morale.

Dans le cadre n° III, il faut que l'une des trois cases soit cochée pour chaque personne mentionnée.

Une personne ne doit être mentionnée qu'une seule fois dans les cadres n° II et III, même si elle est à la fois déposant et inventeur.

Noms et adresses (règle 4.4) : le nom de famille (de préférence en lettres majuscules) doit précéder le ou les prénoms. Les titres et les diplômes universitaires ne doivent pas être mentionnés. Les personnes morales doivent être nommées par leurs désignations officielles complètes.

L'adresse doit être indiquée de manière à permettre une distribution postale rapide; elle doit comprendre toutes les unités administratives pertinentes (jusques et y compris le numéro de la maison, s'il y en a un), le code postal, s'il y en a un, et le nom du pays.

Il ne peut être indiqué qu'une seule adresse par personne. En ce qui concerne l'indication d'une adresse spéciale pour la correspondance, voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV.

Pour permettre une communication rapide avec le déposant, il y a lieu d'indiquer les **numéros de téléphone, de télécopieur ou de téléimprimeur** de la personne mentionnée dans le cadre n° II. Tout numéro de ce type doit comporter les indicatifs de pays et de zone en vigueur.

Numéro sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 4.5.e)) : lorsque le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, la requête peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Nationalité (règles 4.5.a) et b) et 18.1) : la nationalité de chaque déposant doit être indiquée au moyen du nom ou du code à deux lettres de l'État (c'est-à-dire, pays) dont l'intéressé

Names of States (Section 115): For the indication of names of States, the two-letter codes appearing in WIPO Standard ST.3 and in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex K, may be used.

Different Applicants for Different Designated States (Rules 4.5(d), 18.3 and 19.2): It is possible to indicate different applicants for the purposes of different designated States. At least one of all the applicants named must be a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State for which the receiving Office acts, irrespective of the designated State(s) for the purposes of which that applicant is named. *Where the United States of America is one of the designated States, all of the inventors must be named also as applicants for the United States of America and the check-boxes "This person is also inventor" (in Box No. II) and/or "applicant and inventor" (in Box No. III) must be marked.*

For the indication of the designated States for which a person is applicant, mark the applicable check-box (only one for each person). The check-box "the States indicated in the Supplemental Box" must be marked where none of the other three check-boxes fits the circumstances; in such a case, the name of the person must be repeated in the Supplemental Box with an indication of the States for which that person is applicant (see item 1(ii) in that Box).

Naming of Inventor (Rule 4.1(a)(v) and (c)(i)): The inventor's name and address must be indicated where the national law of at least one of the designated States requires that the name of the inventor be furnished at the time of filing; for details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, Annexes B1 and B2. It is strongly recommended to always name the inventor.

Different Inventors for Different Designated States (Rule 4.6(c)): Different persons may be indicated as inventors for different designated States (for example, where, in this respect, the requirements of the national laws of the designated States are not the same); in such a case, the Supplemental Box must be used (see item 1(iii) in that Box). In the absence of any indication, it will be assumed that the inventor(s) named is (are) inventor(s) for all designated States.

BOX No. IV

Who Can Act as Agent (Article 49 and Rule 83.1bis): For each of the receiving Offices, information as to who can act as agent is given in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Agent or Common Representative (Rules 4.7, 4.8, 90.1 and 90.2 and Section 108): Mark the applicable check-box in order to indicate whether the person named is (or has been) appointed as "agent" or "common representative" (the "common representative" must be one of the applicants). For the manner in which name(s) and address(es) (including names of States) must be indicated, see the notes to Boxes Nos. II and III. Where several agents are listed, the agent to whom correspondence should be addressed is to be listed first. If there are two or more applicants but no common agent is appointed to represent all of them, one of the applicants who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State may be appointed by the other applicants as their common representative. If this is not done, the applicant first named in the request who is entitled to file an international application with the receiving Office concerned will automatically be considered to be the common representative.

Manner of Appointment of Agent or Common Representative (Rules 90.4 and 90.5 and Section 106): Any such appointment may be made by designating the agent(s) or the common representative in the request or in one or more separate powers of attorney. Each applicant must sign either the request or a separate power of attorney. Where the

international application is filed with reference to a general power of attorney, a copy thereof must be attached to the request. Any applicant who did not sign the general power of attorney must sign either the request or a separate power of attorney.

Agent's registration number with the Office (Rule 4.7(b)): Where the agent is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as receiving Office, the request may indicate the number or other indication under which the agent is so registered.

Address for Correspondence (Rule 4.4(d) and Section 108): Where an agent is appointed, any correspondence intended for the applicant will be sent to the address indicated for that agent (or for the first-mentioned agent, if more than one is appointed). Where one of two or more applicants is appointed as common representative, the address indicated for that applicant in Box No. IV will be used.

Where no agent or common representative is appointed, any correspondence will be sent to the address, indicated in Box No. II or III, of the applicant (if only one person is named as applicant) or of the applicant who is considered to be common representative (if there are two or more persons named as applicants). However, if the applicant wishes correspondence to be sent to a different address in such a case, that address must be indicated in Box No. IV instead of the designation of an agent or common representative. In this case, and only in this case, the last check-box of Box No. IV must be marked (that is, the last check-box must not be marked if either of the check-boxes "agent" or "common representative" has been marked).

BOX No. V

Designation of States (Rules 4.1(a)(iv) and 4.9(a)): The Contracting States in which protection is desired must be designated under Rule 4.9(a) in the request by marking the applicable check-boxes. At least one check-box effecting a specific designation must be marked. *While the general rule is that designations cannot be added after the filing of the international application, it is possible to make a precautionary designation under Rule 4.9(b) covering all other designations which would, as at the international filing date, be permitted under the PCT (see "Precautionary Designation of States Subject to Confirmation", below).*

Where regional (ARIPO, Eurasian, European and/or OAPI) patents are desired, only one PCT designation fee must be paid for each regional designation made, independently of how many States are covered by each such designation.

AP ARIPO Patent: Note that **SZ Swaziland** can only be designated for the purposes of an ARIPO patent and not for the purposes of a national patent. All other PCT Contracting States which are also party to the Harare Protocol can be designated either for a national or an ARIPO patent, or both a national and an ARIPO patent.

EA Eurasian Patent: All PCT Contracting States which are also party to the Eurasian Patent Convention can be designated either for a national or a Eurasian patent, or both a national and a Eurasian patent. Note, however, that it is not possible to designate only some of these States for a Eurasian patent and that any designation of one or more States for a Eurasian patent will be treated as a designation of all the States which are party to both the Convention and the PCT for a Eurasian patent.

EP European Patent: Note that **BE Belgium, CY Cyprus, FR France, GR Greece, IE Ireland, IT Italy, MC Monaco and NL Netherlands** can only be designated for the purposes of a European patent and not for the purposes of a national patent. All other PCT Contracting States which are also party

est ressortissant. Une personne morale constituée conformément à la législation d'un État contractant est considérée comme ayant la nationalité de cet État. L'indication de la nationalité n'est pas exigée lorsqu'une personne est inventeur seulement.

Domicile (règles 4.5.a) et c) et 18.1) : le domicile de chaque déposant doit être indiqué au moyen du nom ou du code à deux lettres de l'État (c'est-à-dire, pays) où l'intéressé a son domicile. Si, cependant, le domicile n'est pas indiqué, l'État du domicile sera présumé être le même que celui qui est indiqué dans l'adresse. La possession d'un établissement industriel ou commercial effectif et sérieux dans un État est considérée comme constituant domicile dans cet État. L'indication du domicile n'est pas exigée lorsqu'une personne est inventeur seulement.

Nom des États (instruction 115) : pour indiquer le nom des États, on peut utiliser le code à deux lettres qui figure dans la norme ST.3 de l'OMPI et dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe K.

Dépôts différents pour différents États désignés (règles 4.5.d), 18.3 et 19.2) : il est possible d'indiquer des dépôts différents pour différents États désignés. L'un au moins des déposants indiqués – quels que soient l'État ou les États désignés pour lesquels il est indiqué – doit être ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT pour lequel l'office récepteur agit ou avoir son domicile dans un tel État. *Lorsque les États-Unis d'Amérique sont l'un des États désignés, tous les inventeurs doivent être indiqués comme déposants pour les États-Unis d'Amérique et les cases "Cette personne est aussi inventeur" (dans le cadre n° II) ou "déposant et inventeur" (dans le cadre n° III) doivent être cochées.*

Afin d'indiquer les États désignés pour lesquels une personne est déposant, il y a lieu de cocher la case appropriée (une seule case par personne). La case "les États indiqués dans le cadre supplémentaire" doit être cochée lorsque aucune des trois autres cases ne convient; en pareil cas, le nom de la personne doit être repris dans le cadre supplémentaire et assorti de l'indication des États pour lesquels cette personne est déposant (voir le point 1.ii) de ce cadre).

Mention de l'inventeur (règle 4.1.a)v) et c)i)) : le nom et l'adresse de l'inventeur doivent être indiqués lorsque la législation nationale d'un État désigné au moins exige la communication du nom de celui-ci lors du dépôt; pour plus de précisions, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, annexes B1 et B2. Il est vivement recommandé de toujours indiquer le nom de l'inventeur.

Inventeurs différents pour différents États désignés (règle 4.6.c)) : des personnes différentes peuvent être indiquées en tant qu'inventeurs pour différents États désignés (par exemple, lorsque, en la matière, les exigences des législations nationales des États désignés diffèrent); en pareil cas, il y a lieu d'utiliser le cadre supplémentaire (voir le point 1.iii) de ce cadre). En l'absence d'indication, il sera supposé que l'inventeur ou les inventeurs mentionnés ont la qualité d'inventeur pour tous les États désignés.

CADRE N° IV

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ? (article 49 et règle 83.1bis) : pour chacun des office récepteurs, on trouvera, dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C, des informations sur le point de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire.

Mandataire ou représentant commun (règles 4.7, 4.8, 90.1 et 90.2 et instruction 108) : cocher la case appropriée pour indiquer si la personne mentionnée est (ou a été) désignée comme "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" (le

"représentant commun" doit être l'un des déposants). Pour ce qui est de la façon d'indiquer les noms et adresses (y compris le nom des États), il convient de se reporter aux notes relatives aux cadres n°s II et III. Lorsque plusieurs mandataires sont indiqués, il faut mentionner en premier lieu celui à qui la correspondance doit être adressée. S'il y a plusieurs déposants mais aucun mandataire commun désigné pour les représenter tous, l'un des déposants qui est ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT ou qui a son domicile dans un tel État peut être désigné par les autres comme leur représentant commun. A défaut, le déposant nommé en premier lieu dans la requête qui est autorisé à déposer une demande internationale auprès de l'office récepteur en question sera automatiquement considéré comme le représentant commun.

Mode de désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun (règles 90.4 et 90.5 et instruction 106) : la désignation du ou des mandataires ou du représentant commun peut être effectuée dans la requête ou dans un ou plusieurs pouvoirs distincts. Chaque déposant doit signer la requête ou un pouvoir distinct. Si la demande internationale déposée fait état d'un pouvoir général, une copie de celui-ci doit être jointe à la requête. Tout déposant n'ayant pas signé le pouvoir général doit signer soit la requête soit un pouvoir distinct.

Numéro sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 4.7.b)) : lorsque le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'office récepteur, la requête peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Adresse pour la correspondance (règle 4.4.d) et instruction 108) : si un mandataire est désigné, toute correspondance destinée au déposant sera envoyée à l'adresse indiquée pour ce mandataire (ou pour le mandataire mentionné en premier, si plusieurs mandataires ont été désignés). Lorsque, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux est désigné comme représentant commun, l'adresse indiquée pour ce déposant dans le cadre n° IV sera utilisée.

Si aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est désigné, la correspondance sera envoyée à l'adresse – indiquée dans le cadre n° II ou III – du déposant (s'il n'y a qu'une seule personne indiquée comme déposant) ou du déposant considéré comme le représentant commun (s'il y a plusieurs personnes indiquées comme déposants). Cependant, si le ou les déposants souhaitent dans ce cas que la correspondance soit envoyée à une adresse différente, cette adresse doit être indiquée dans le cadre n° IV, en lieu et place de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun. C'est dans ce cas, et seulement dans ce cas, qu'il y a lieu de cocher la dernière case du cadre n° IV (c'est-à-dire que la dernière case ne doit pas être cochée si l'une des cases "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" a été cochée).

CADRE N° V

Désignation d'États (règles 4.1.a)iv) et 4.9.a)) : pour désigner conformément à la règle 4.9.a), dans la requête, les États contractants où la protection est demandée, il faut cocher les cases appropriées. Il faut qu'au moins une case, correspondant à une désignation expresse, soit cochée. *Bien que la règle générale soit qu'aucune désignation ne peut être ajoutée après le dépôt de la demande internationale, il est possible d'effectuer une désignation de précaution conformément à la règle 4.9.b) pour couvrir toutes les autres désignations qui, à la date du dépôt international, seraient autorisées selon le PCT (voir ci-après la rubrique "Désignation d'États à titre de précaution sous réserve de confirmation").*

Lorsque des brevets régionaux (ARIPO, eurasiatique, européen ou OAPI) sont demandés, une seule taxe de désignation du PCT est due pour chaque désignation régionale effectuée, quel que soit le nombre d'États couverts par celle-ci.

to the European Patent Convention can be designated either for a national or a European patent, or both a national and a European patent.

If an ARIPO or a European patent is desired for only some of the Contracting States of the Harare Protocol or the European Patent Convention, respectively, the names of those States for which a regional patent is not desired may be deleted by striking them out. However, it is recommended that the applicant always designate for the purposes of a regional patent all PCT Contracting States which are also Contracting States of the Protocol or the Convention, respectively. A decision to proceed with only some of those designations need not be made until entry into the regional phase, at which stage the corresponding regional designation fees must be paid.

Where any of the Contracting States of the Harare Protocol, the Eurasian Patent Convention or the European Patent Convention and the PCT is designated twice, namely *both* for the purposes of an ARIPO, a Eurasian or a European patent *and* for the purposes of national protection, the applicant must pay one designation fee in respect of the regional patent and as many designation fees as there are national patents or other titles of protection sought (Rule 15.1(ii) and Section 210).

Extension of EP European Patent to Certain States: If it is intended, at the time of entry into the European regional phase, to request the extension of the subsequently granted European patent to AL Albania, LT Lithuania, LV Latvia, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, RO Romania and/or SI Slovenia (and/or to any other PCT Contracting State for which, on the date of filing of the international application, an extension agreement with the European Patent Organisation is in force), Box No. V must contain *both* a designation of the State concerned for the purposes of a national patent and *also* a designation, for the purposes of obtaining a European patent, of at least one PCT Contracting State party to the European Patent Convention.

SI Slovenia: The designation of Slovenia for a national patent has the effect, within the framework of the extension agreement between Slovenia and the European Patent Organisation (see preceding paragraph), of a designation for a European patent. The designation SI Slovenia without the designation EP European Patent will have no effect.

OA OAPI Patent: The designation of States members of OAPI and party to the PCT can only be made for the purposes of an OAPI patent (no national protection is available); furthermore, it is not possible to designate only some of them.

Choice of Certain Kinds of Protection or Treatment (Rules 4.12 to 4.14 and Section 202): Where, in any country where it is possible, a kind of protection other than a patent is desired, write the name or two-letter code of that country followed by the name of the title; that is, “petty patent” (available in YU Yugoslavia), “provisional patent” (available in AM Armenia, KG Kyrgyzstan, KZ Kazakhstan, TM Turkmenistan, UZ Uzbekistan), “utility model” (available in AL Albania, AM Armenia, AP ARIPO, AT Austria, AZ Azerbaijan, BG Bulgaria, BR Brazil, BY Belarus, BZ Belize, CN China, CR Costa Rica, CZ Czech Republic, DE Germany, DK Denmark, EC Ecuador, EE Estonia, ES Spain, FI Finland, GE Georgia, HU Hungary, JP Japan, KE Kenya, KG Kyrgyzstan, KR Republic of Korea, KZ Kazakhstan, LS Lesotho, MD Republic of Moldova, MX Mexico, PH Philippines, PL Poland, PT Portugal, RU Russian Federation, SK Slovakia, SL Sierra Leone, TJ Tajikistan, TR Turkey, UA Ukraine, UZ Uzbekistan, VN Viet Nam, OA OAPI), “consensual patent” (available in HR Croatia), “utility certificate” (available in GH Ghana, TT Trinidad and Tobago, UG Uganda) or “inventor’s certificate” (available in CU Cuba and KP Democratic People’s Republic of Korea). Where, in AP ARIPO, AT Austria, CZ Czech Republic, DE Germany, DK Denmark, EE Estonia, FI Finland or SK Slovakia (the only countries in which this possibility exists), in addition to a patent, a utility model is also

desired, write after the name of that country “and utility model”.

Where, in respect of any country where it is possible, it is desired that the international application be treated as an application for a certain title “of addition” or as an application for a “continuation” or a “continuation-in-part”, write after the name of that country the appropriate words; that is, “patent of addition” (available in AT Austria, AU Australia, BA Bosnia and Herzegovina, CU Cuba, DE Germany, ES Spain, IL Israel, IN India, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, MW Malawi, NZ New Zealand, SI Slovenia, TR Turkey, YU Yugoslavia, ZA South Africa, ZW Zimbabwe), “certificate of addition” (available in BR Brazil, DZ Algeria, MA Morocco, MG Madagascar, OA OAPI), “inventor’s certificate of addition” (available in CU Cuba), “continuation” or “continuation-in-part” (both available in US United States of America). If any of these indications is used, also indicate in the Supplemental Box the State for which such treatment is desired, the number of the parent title or parent application, and the date of the grant of the parent title or the date of filing of the parent application, as the case may be (see item 1(v) in that Box).

If, in Box No. V, the check-boxes for making designations are marked with consecutive Arabic numerals, those indications will be taken to express the applicant’s *choice of the order of the designations*; if another form of marking is used, the order will be taken as that in which the marked check-boxes appear on the form. This order will only have any significance if the amount received for the designation fees is insufficient to cover all the designations and remains insufficient after the applicant has been invited to pay the balance due; in that case, the amount received will be applied in payment of the fees for the designations following the said order (Rule 16bis.1(c) and Section 321).

The check-boxes located towards the bottom of Box No. V are reserved for designating, for the purposes of a national patent, States which have become party to the PCT after the date appearing at the bottom of the second sheet of the request form; in such a case, the name of the State, preferably preceded by the two-letter code, must be indicated on the dotted line and the corresponding check-box must be marked (together with an indication, where applicable, whether a special kind of protection or treatment is desired).

Precautionary Designation of States Subject to Confirmation (Rules 4.9(b) and (c) and 15.5): For the applicant’s safeguard, the lower part of Box No. V contains a statement (“Precautionary Designation Statement”) indicating the applicant’s wish to make, as a matter of precaution, in addition to the specific designations made by marking the check-boxes in the upper part of Box No. V (at least one such designation must be made), a precautionary designation of all other PCT Contracting States which are not specifically designated.

If the applicant does not wish to avail himself of this safeguard and does not want to make any such precautionary designations, the statement must be crossed out.

If the applicant wishes to expressly exclude a certain State from such precautionary designation so that the international application does not have any effect in that State, the name or two-letter code of that State should be indicated in the Supplemental Box. In no other case is it necessary to make use of this possibility.

If, after filing the international application, the applicant notices that there are any omissions and/or mistakes in respect of the specific designations made, it will be possible to rectify the situation by confirming the precautionary designations concerned. The confirmation of any precautionary designation is possible before the expiration of 15 months from the (earliest) priority date indicated in Box No. VI or, where no priority is claimed, the international filing date. To effect such confirmation, the applicant must file with the receiving Office a written notice specifying the name of each State the

AP brevet ARIPO : il est à noter que **SZ Swaziland** ne peut être désigné que pour un brevet ARIPO et non aux fins d'un brevet national. Tous les autres États contractants du PCT qui sont aussi parties au Protocole de Harare peuvent être désignés soit aux fins d'un brevet national ou d'un brevet ARIPO, soit à la fois aux fins d'un brevet national et d'un brevet ARIPO.

EA brevet eurasién : tous les États contractants du PCT qui sont aussi parties à la Convention sur le brevet eurasién peuvent être désignés soit aux fins d'un brevet national ou d'un brevet eurasién, soit à la fois aux fins d'un brevet national et d'un brevet eurasién. Cependant, il est à noter qu'il n'est pas possible de désigner seulement certains de ces États aux fins d'un brevet eurasién et que toute désignation d'un ou de plusieurs États aux fins d'un brevet eurasién sera traitée comme une désignation aux fins d'un brevet eurasién de tous les États qui sont parties à la fois à la Convention et au PCT.

EP brevet européen : il est à noter que **BE Belgique, CY Chypre, FR France, GR Grèce, IE Irlande, IT Italie, MC Monaco et NL Pays-Bas** ne peuvent être désignés que pour un brevet européen et non aux fins d'un brevet national. Tous les autres États contractants du PCT qui sont aussi parties à la Convention sur le brevet européen peuvent être désignés soit aux fins d'un brevet national ou d'un brevet européen, soit à la fois aux fins d'un brevet national et d'un brevet européen.

Si un brevet ARIPO ou un brevet européen est demandé pour certains seulement des États contractants du Protocole de Harare ou de la Convention sur le brevet européen, respectivement, le nom des États pour lesquels un brevet régional n'est pas demandé peut être biffé. Il est cependant recommandé de toujours désigner aux fins d'un brevet régional tous les États contractants du Protocole ou de la Convention, respectivement. Ce n'est que lorsqu'il s'agira d'aborder la phase régionale et de payer les taxes de désignation régionales que la décision de ne poursuivre la procédure d'obtention de brevet que pour certaines des désignations devra être prise.

Lorsqu'un ou plusieurs États parties au Protocole de Harare, à la Convention sur le brevet eurasién ou à la Convention sur le brevet européen et au PCT sont désignés deux fois, une fois aux fins d'un brevet ARIPO, d'un brevet eurasién ou d'un brevet européen et une autre fois aux fins d'une protection nationale, le déposant doit acquitter une taxe de désignation pour le brevet régional et autant de taxes de désignation qu'il y a de brevets ou autres titres de protection nationaux demandés (règle 15.1.ii) et instruction 210).

Extension du brevet européen (EP) à certains États : s'il est envisagé de demander, au moment de l'ouverture de la phase régionale européenne, l'extension du brevet européen qui sera obtenu ultérieurement à AL Albanie, LT Lituanie, LV Lettonie, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, RO Roumanie, ou SI Slovénie (ou à tout autre État contractant du PCT pour lequel, à la date du dépôt de la demande internationale, un accord d'extension conclu avec l'Organisation européenne des brevets est en vigueur), le cadre n° V doit contenir *à la fois* la désignation de l'État concerné en vue de l'obtention d'un brevet national *et* la désignation, en vue de l'obtention d'un brevet européen, d'au moins un État contractant du PCT partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen.

SI Slovénie : la désignation de la Slovénie aux fins d'un brevet national a, dans le cadre de l'accord d'extension conclu entre la Slovénie et l'Organisation européenne des brevets (voir le paragraphe précédent), les effets d'une désignation aux fins d'un brevet européen. La désignation SI Slovénie sans la désignation EP brevet européen n'aura aucun effet.

OA brevet OAPI : la désignation des États membres de l'OAPI qui sont parties au PCT ne peut être effectuée qu'aux fins d'un brevet OAPI (aucune protection nationale n'est

offerte); de plus, il n'est pas possible de ne désigner que certains de ces États.

Choix de certaines formes de protection ou de traitement (règles 4.12 à 4.14 et instruction 202) : si, dans un pays, il est possible de demander une forme de protection autre qu'un brevet, écrire le nom de ce pays, ou le code à deux lettres, suivi du nom du titre en question, c'est-à-dire "petty patent" (pour YU Yougoslavie), "brevet provisoire" (pour AM Arménie, KG Kirghizistan, KZ Kazakhstan, TM Turkménistan, UZ Ouzbékistan), "modèle d'utilité" (pour AL Albanie, AM Arménie, AP ARIPO, AT Autriche, AZ Azerbaïdjan, BG Bulgarie, BR Brésil, BY Bélarus, BZ Belize, CN Chine, CR Costa Rica, CZ République tchèque, DE Allemagne, DK Danemark, EC Équateur, EE Estonie, ES Espagne, FI Finlande, GE Géorgie, HU Hongrie, JP Japon, KE Kenya, KG Kirghizistan, KR République de Corée, KZ Kazakhstan, LS Lesotho, MD République de Moldova, MX Mexique, PH Philippines, PL Pologne, PT Portugal, RU Fédération de Russie, SK Slovaquie, SL Sierra Leone, TJ Tadjikistan, TR Turquie, UA Ukraine, UZ Ouzbékistan, VN Viet Nam, OA OAPI), "brevet consensuel" (pour HR Croatie), "certificat d'utilité" (pour GH Ghana, TT Trinité-et-Tobago, UG Ouganda), ou "certificat d'auteur d'invention" (pour CU Cuba et KP République populaire démocratique de Corée). Si, pour AP ARIPO, AT Autriche, CZ République tchèque, DE Allemagne, DK Danemark, EE Estonie, FI Finlande ou SK Slovaquie (seuls pays où cela est possible), un modèle d'utilité est demandé en plus d'un brevet, écrire après le nom de ce pays "et modèle d'utilité".

Si, pour un pays où cela est possible, il est souhaité que la demande internationale soit traitée comme une demande d'obtention d'un certain titre "d'addition" ou comme une demande de "continuation" ou de "continuation-in-part", écrire après le nom de ce pays la mention appropriée, c'est-à-dire "brevet d'addition" (pour AT Autriche, AU Australie, BA Bosnie-Herzégovine, CU Cuba, DE Allemagne, ES Espagne, IL Israël, IN Inde, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, MW Malawi, NZ Nouvelle-Zélande, SI Slovénie, TR Turquie, YU Yougoslavie, ZA Afrique du Sud, ZW Zimbabwe), "certificat d'addition" (pour BR Brésil, DZ Algérie, MA Maroc, MG Madagascar, OA OAPI), "certificat d'auteur d'invention additionnel" (pour CU Cuba), "continuation" ou "continuation-in-part" (pour US États-Unis d'Amérique). Si l'une de ces mentions est utilisée, indiquer également dans le cadre supplémentaire l'État pour lequel ce traitement est demandé, le numéro du titre principal ou de la demande principale et la date de délivrance du titre principal ou du dépôt de la demande principale, selon le cas (voir le point 1.v) de ce cadre).

L'indication, dans les cases du cadre n° V correspondant aux désignations, de numéros d'ordre en chiffres arabes sera considérée comme reflétant l'ordre des désignations choisi par le déposant; si les cases sont cochées d'une autre manière, l'ordre considéré sera celui dans lequel les cases cochées apparaissent sur le formulaire. Cet ordre n'aura de signification que si le montant reçu pour les taxes de désignation n'est pas suffisant pour couvrir l'ensemble des désignations et reste insuffisant après que le déposant a été invité à acquitter le solde débiteur; dans ce cas, le montant reçu sera affecté au paiement des taxes pour les désignations dans l'ordre en question (règle 16bis.1.c) et instruction 321).

Les cases situées en bas des colonnes sont réservées à la désignation, aux fins d'un brevet national, d'États qui sont devenus partie au PCT après la date qui figure au bas de la deuxième feuille du formulaire de requête; dans ce cas, il faut mentionner sur la ligne pointillée le nom de l'État, précédé de préférence du code à deux lettres, et cocher la case correspondante (en indiquant, le cas échéant, si une forme particulière de protection ou de traitement est souhaitée).

designation of which is confirmed (with, where applicable, an indication of the kind of treatment or protection desired) and pay to the receiving Office, for each such designation, a designation fee (even where five designation fees have already been paid) together with a confirmation fee corresponding to 50% of the designation fee.

The receiving Office will not send to the applicant any reminder or invitation to confirm precautionary designations.

If no precautionary designation is to be confirmed, no action is required by the applicant, and the precautionary designations will then be automatically regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of 15 months from the priority date.

BOX No. VI

Priority Claim(s) (Rule 4.10): If the priority of an earlier application is claimed, the declaration containing the priority claim must be made in the request.

The request must indicate the *date* on which the earlier application from which priority is claimed was filed and the *number* it was assigned. Note that that date must fall within the period of 12 months preceding the international filing date.

Where the earlier application is a national application, the *country* party to the Paris Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, or the *Member* of the World Trade Organization that is not a party to that Convention, in which that earlier application was filed must be indicated. Where the earlier application is a regional application, the *regional Office* concerned must be indicated. Where the earlier application is an international application, the *receiving Office* with which that earlier application was filed must be indicated.

Where the earlier application is a regional application (other than an ARIPO application), or an international application, the priority claim may also, if the applicant so wishes, indicate one or more countries party to the Paris Convention for which that earlier application was filed (Rule 4.10(b)(i)); such an indication is not, however, mandatory. Where the earlier application is an ARIPO application, at least one country party to the Paris Convention or one Member of the World Trade Organization for which that earlier application was filed must be indicated (Rule 4.10(b)(ii)).

As to the possibility of correcting or adding a priority claim, see Rule 26*bis* and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part.

Certified Copy of Earlier Application (Rule 17.1): A certified copy of each earlier application the priority of which is claimed (priority document) must be submitted by the applicant, irrespective of whether that earlier application is a national, regional or international application. The priority document must be submitted to the receiving Office or to the International Bureau before the expiration of 16 months from the (earliest) priority date or, where an early start of the national phase is requested, not later than at the time such request is made. Any priority document received by the International Bureau after the expiration of the 16-month time limit but before the date of international publication shall be considered to have been received on the last day of that time limit (Rule 17.1(a)).

Where the priority document is issued by the receiving Office, the applicant may, instead of submitting the priority document, request the receiving Office (not later than 16 months after the priority date) to prepare and transmit the priority document to the International Bureau (Rule 4.1(c)(ii)). Such request may be made by marking the applicable check-boxes which identify the respective documents. *Attention:* where such a request is made, the applicant must, where applicable, pay to the receiving Office the *fee for priority document*,

otherwise, the request will be considered not to have been made (see Rule 17.1(b)).

Dates (Section 110): Dates must be indicated by the Arabic number of the day, the name of the month and the Arabic number of the year—in that order; after, below or above such indication, the date should be repeated in parentheses, using two-digit Arabic numerals for the number of the day, the number of the month and the last two digits of the year, in that order and separated by periods, slants or hyphens, for example, “20 March 2001 (20.03.01)”, “20 March 2001 (20/03/01)” or “20 March 2001 (20-03-01)”.

BOX No. VII

Choice of International Searching Authority (ISA) (Rules 4.1(b)(vi) and 4.14*bis*): If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent for carrying out the international search in relation to the international application—depending on the language in which that application is filed and the receiving Office with which it is filed—the name of the competent Authority chosen by the applicant must be indicated in the space provided, either by its full name or two-letter code.

Request to Use Results of Earlier Search; Reference to that Search (Rules 4.11 and 4.1.1): The earlier search, if any, must be identified in such a manner that the ISA can retrieve the results easily. Where those results can be used, the ISA may refund the international search fee or a portion thereof.

BOX No. VIII

Declarations Containing Standardized Wording (Rules 4.1(c)(iii) and 4.17): At the option of the applicant, the request may, for the purposes of the national law applicable in one or more designated States, contain one or more of the following declarations:

- (i) declaration as to the identity of the inventor;
- (ii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent;
- (iii) declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application;
- (iv) declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America);
- (v) declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty;

which must conform to the standardized wording provided for in Sections 211 to 215, respectively, and which must be set forth in Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v), as detailed below. Where any such declarations are included, the appropriate check-boxes in Box No. VIII should be marked and the number of each type of declaration should be indicated in the right-hand column. As to the possibility of correcting or adding a declaration, see Rule 26*ter*, Section 216 and the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part.

If the circumstances of a particular case are such that the standardized wordings are not applicable, the applicant should not attempt to make use of the declarations provided for in Rule 4.17 but rather will have to comply with the national requirements concerned upon entry into the national phase.

The fact that a declaration is made under Rule 4.17 does not of itself establish the matters declared; the effect of those matters in the designated States concerned will be determined by the designated Offices in accordance with the applicable national law.

Even if the wording of a declaration does not conform to the standardized wording provided for in the Administrative

Désignation d'États à titre de précaution sous réserve de confirmation (règles 4.9.b) et c) et 15.5) : dans l'intérêt du déposant, le cadre n° V comporte, en bas, une déclaration ("Déclaration concernant les désignations de précaution") indiquant que le déposant souhaite, en sus des désignations expresses effectuées en cochant les cases de la première partie de ce cadre (il doit y avoir au moins une désignation de ce type), désigner à titre de précaution tous les autres États contractants du PCT qui n'ont pas été désignés expressément.

Si le déposant ne souhaite pas faire usage de cette mesure de sécurité ni ne veut faire de désignations de précaution, la déclaration doit être biffée.

Si le déposant souhaite expressément exclure tel ou tel État d'une telle désignation faite à titre de précaution afin que la demande internationale ne produise aucun effet dans cet État, il y aura lieu d'indiquer le nom ou le code à deux lettres de cet État dans le cadre supplémentaire. Cette mention n'est nécessaire dans aucun autre cas.

Si le déposant constate, après le dépôt de la demande internationale, qu'il y a des erreurs ou des omissions en ce qui concerne les désignations faites expressément, il pourra rectifier les erreurs ou corriger les omissions en confirmant les désignations de précaution en question. Il est possible de confirmer une désignation de précaution jusqu'à l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité (la plus ancienne) indiquée dans le cadre n° VI ou, si aucune priorité n'est revendiquée, de la date du dépôt international. Pour confirmer une telle désignation, il faut déposer auprès de l'office récepteur une déclaration écrite contenant l'indication du nom de chaque État dont la désignation est confirmée (avec, le cas échéant, une indication de la forme de traitement ou de protection souhaitée) et payer à l'office récepteur, pour chaque désignation ainsi confirmée, une taxe de désignation (même lorsque cinq taxes de désignation ont déjà été payées) ainsi qu'une taxe de confirmation correspondant à 50 % de la taxe de désignation.

L'office récepteur n'enverra au déposant aucun rappel ni invitation à confirmer des désignations de précaution.

Le déposant ne doit rien faire s'il ne veut confirmer aucune désignation de précaution; les désignations de précaution seront alors automatiquement considérées comme retirées par le déposant à l'expiration d'un délai de 15 mois à compter de la date de priorité.

CADRE N° VI

Revendication(s) de priorité (règle 4.10) : si la priorité d'une demande antérieure est revendiquée, la déclaration contenant la revendication de priorité doit figurer dans la requête.

La requête doit indiquer la *date* du dépôt de la demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée et son *numéro*. Cette date doit tomber dans la période de 12 mois précédant la date du dépôt international.

Lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande nationale, il faut indiquer le *pays* partie à la Convention de Paris pour la protection de la propriété industrielle, ou le *membre* de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce qui n'est pas partie à ladite convention, où elle a été déposée; lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande régionale, l'*office régional* concerné; et lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande internationale, l'*office récepteur* auprès duquel elle a été déposée.

Lorsque la demande antérieure est une demande régionale (autre qu'une demande ARIPO) ou une demande internationale, la revendication de priorité peut aussi, si le déposant le souhaite, indiquer un ou plusieurs pays parties à la Convention de Paris pour lesquels cette demande a été déposée (règle 4.10.b)i); cette indication n'est cependant pas obligatoire. Lorsque la

demande antérieure est une demande ARIPO, il faut indiquer au moins un pays partie à la Convention de Paris ou un membre de l'Organisation mondiale du commerce pour lequel cette demande a été déposée (règle 4.10.b)ii)).

En ce qui concerne les possibilités de correction ou d'adjonction d'une revendication de priorité, voir la règle 26*bis* et le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale.

Copie certifiée conforme de la demande antérieure (règle 17.1) : le déposant doit présenter une copie certifiée conforme de chaque demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée (document de priorité), que la demande antérieure soit une demande nationale, régionale ou internationale. Le document de priorité doit être présenté à l'office récepteur ou au Bureau international avant l'expiration d'un délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité (la plus ancienne) ou, lorsque l'ouverture anticipée de la phase nationale est demandée, au plus tard à la date à laquelle est faite cette demande. Tout document de priorité qui parvient au Bureau international après l'expiration du délai de 16 mois mais avant la date de publication internationale est réputé avoir été reçu le dernier jour de ce délai (règle 17.1.a)).

Lorsque le document de priorité est délivré par l'office récepteur, le déposant peut, au lieu de présenter ce document, demander à l'office récepteur (au plus tard dans le délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité) de l'établir et de le transmettre au Bureau international (règle 4.1.c)ii)). Pour effectuer une requête à cet effet, il faut cocher la case appropriée comportant les indications qui permettent d'identifier le document. *Important* : lorsqu'une telle requête est présentée, le déposant doit, le cas échéant, verser à l'office récepteur la *taxe afférente au document de priorité*; à défaut, cette requête sera considérée comme n'ayant pas été présentée (voir la règle 17.1.b)).

Dates (instruction 110) : les dates doivent être indiquées au moyen du quantième, en chiffres arabes, suivi du nom du mois puis de l'année en chiffres arabes, dans cet ordre; à côté, au-dessous ou au-dessus de cette indication, il y a lieu de répéter la date, mais entre parenthèses, sous la forme de numéros à deux chiffres arabes, séparés par un point, une barre oblique ou un tiret, et dans l'ordre suivant : quantième, mois et année (celle-ci étant indiquée au moyen des deux derniers chiffres); exemples : "20 mars 2001 (20.03.01)", "20 mars 2001 (20/03/01)" ou "20 mars 2001 (20-03-01)".

CADRE N° VII

Choix de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (ISA) (règles 4.1.b)vi) et 4.14*bis*) : si plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes pour procéder à la recherche internationale concernant la demande internationale – en fonction de la langue dans laquelle cette demande est déposée et de l'office récepteur auprès duquel elle est déposée – le nom de l'administration compétente choisie par le déposant doit être indiqué dans l'espace prévu, soit en clair soit au moyen du code à deux lettres correspondant.

Demande d'utilisation des résultats d'une recherche antérieure; mention de cette recherche (règles 4.11 et 4.1) : la mention de la recherche antérieure éventuelle doit comporter des indications qui permettent à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale d'en retrouver aisément les résultats. Si ces résultats sont utilisables, l'administration en question pourra rembourser la taxe de recherche internationale ou une fraction de celle-ci.

CADRE N° VIII

Déclarations comportant un libellé standard (règles 4.1.c)iii) et 4.17) : au choix du déposant, la requête peut, aux fins de la législation nationale applicable dans un ou plusieurs États désignés, contenir une ou plusieurs des déclarations suivantes :

Instructions pursuant to Rule 4.17, any designated Office may accept that declaration for the purposes of the applicable national law, but is not required to do so.

Details as to National Law Requirements: For information on the declarations required by each designated Office, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume II, in the relevant National Chapter.

Effect in Designated Offices (Rule 51bis.2): Where the applicant submits any of the declarations provided for in Rule 4.17(i) to (iv) containing the required standardized wording (either with the international application, or to the International Bureau within the relevant time limit under Rule 26ter, or directly to the designated Office during the national phase), the designated Office may not, in the national phase, require further documents or evidence on the matter to which the declaration relates, unless that designated Office may reasonably doubt the veracity of the declaration concerned.

Incompatibility of Certain Items of Rule 51bis.2(a) with National Laws (Rule 51bis.2(c)): The designated Offices listed below have informed the International Bureau that the applicable national law is not compatible in respect of the following declarations provided in Rule 4.17(i), (ii) and (iii). Those designated Offices are therefore entitled to require further documents or evidence on the matters to which those declarations relate.

Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)): The respective national laws of CH Switzerland, DK Denmark and SE Sweden are not compatible with Rule 51bis.2(a)(i).

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51bis.1(a)(ii)): The respective national laws of CA Canada, CH Switzerland, DK Denmark, HU Hungary and SE Sweden are not compatible with Rule 51bis.2(a)(ii).

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51bis.1(a)(iii)): The respective national laws of CH Switzerland and DK Denmark are not compatible with Rule 51bis.2(a)(iii).

BOXES Nos. VIII (i) to (v) (IN GENERAL)

Different Declaration Boxes: There are six different declaration boxes in the pre-printed request form—one box for each of the five different types of declarations provided for in Rule 4.17 (Box No. VIII (i) to Box No. VIII (v)) and a continuation sheet (Continuation of Box No. VIII (i) to (v)) to be used in case any single declaration does not fit in the corresponding box. The title of each type of declaration which is found in the standardized wording provided for in the Administrative Instructions is pre-printed on the appropriate sheet of the request.

Separate Sheet for Each Declaration: Each declaration must start on a separate sheet of the request form in the appropriate Declaration Box.

Titles, Items, Item Numbers, Dotted Lines, Words in Parentheses and Words in Brackets: The prescribed standardized wording of the declarations includes titles, various items, item numbers, dotted lines, words in parentheses and words in brackets. Except for Box No. VIII (iv) which contains the pre-printed standardized wording, only those items which are applicable should be included in a declaration where necessary to support the statements in that declaration (that is, omit those items which do not apply) and item numbers need not be included. Dotted lines indicate where information is

required to be inserted. Words in parentheses are instructions to applicants as to the information which may be included in the declaration depending upon the factual circumstances. Words in brackets are optional and should appear in the declaration without the brackets if they apply; if they do not apply, they should be omitted together with the corresponding brackets.

Naming of Several Persons: More than one person may be named in a single declaration. In the alternative, with one exception, a separate declaration may be made for each person. With respect to the declaration of inventorship set forth in Box No. VIII (iv), which is applicable only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, all inventors must be indicated in a single declaration (see Notes to Box No. VIII (iv), below). The wording of declarations to be set forth in Boxes Nos. VIII (i), (ii), (iii) and (v) may be adapted from the singular to the plural as necessary.

Designated States to Which the Declarations Apply: Each declaration must indicate the designated States to which it applies. In this regard, the standardized wording of the declaration of inventorship (Box No. VIII (iv); see also Rule 4.17(iv) and Section 214) indicates in the title that it is for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America. The other declarations include prescribed wording to indicate whether the declaration is made for all designations or specific designations; one of these choices should always be included in the declaration. Where the declaration is for more than one person, the declaration may include separate statements indicating whether the declaration is made for all designations or specific designations with respect to each separate applicant. For example, this may be expected to occur where the request indicates different applicants for different States in accordance with Rule 4.5(d). However, in such a case, it is advisable to include a separate declaration for each person.

BOX No. VIII (i)

Declaration as to the Identity of the Inventor (Rule 4.17(i) and Section 211): The declaration must be worded as follows:

“Declaration as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51bis.1(a)(i)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

- (i) ... (*name*) of ... (*address*) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application
- (ii) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations [except the designation of the United States of America]
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ...”

Such a declaration is not necessary in respect of any inventor who is indicated as such (either as inventor only or applicant and inventor) in Box No. II or No. III in accordance with Rule 4.5 or 4.6. However, where the inventor is indicated as applicant in Box No. II or No. III in accordance with Rule 4.5, a declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent (Rule 4.17(ii)) may be appropriate for the purposes of all designated States except the United States of America. Where indications regarding the inventor in accordance with Rule 4.5 or 4.6 are not included in Box No. II or No. III, this declaration may be combined with the prescribed wording of the declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent (Rule 4.17(ii)). For details on such a combined declaration, see Notes to Box No. VIII (ii), below. For details as to the declaration of inventorship for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America, see Notes to Box No. VIII (iv), below.

- i) une déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur;
- ii) une déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet;
- iii) une déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure;
- iv) une déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique);
- v) une déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté;

qui doivent être conformes au libellé standard fixé dans les instructions 211 à 215, respectivement, et qui doivent être présentées dans les cadres n^{os} VIII.i) à v), comme précisé ci-après. Lorsque de telles déclarations sont incluses, il convient de cocher les cases appropriées dans le cadre n^o VIII et d'indiquer dans la colonne de droite le nombre de déclarations de chaque type. En ce qui concerne les possibilités de correction ou d'adjonction d'une déclaration, voir la règle 26ter, l'instruction 216 et le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale.

Si les circonstances d'un cas particulier sont telles que les libellés standard ne sont pas applicables, le déposant s'abstiendra de faire les déclarations prévues à la règle 4.17, mais il devra satisfaire aux exigences de la législation nationale concernée lors de l'entrée dans la phase nationale.

Le fait qu'une déclaration soit faite en vertu de la règle 4.17 ne suffit pas à prouver les points sur lesquels elle porte; il appartient aux offices désignés de statuer sur l'effet de ces points dans les États désignés en fonction de la législation nationale applicable.

Même si le texte d'une déclaration ne respecte pas le libellé standard fixé dans les instructions administratives en vertu de la règle 4.17, tout office désigné est libre d'accepter ou non cette déclaration aux fins de la législation nationale applicable.

Précisions quant aux exigences des législations nationales : pour des précisions concernant les déclarations qui sont exigées par chaque office désigné, voir les chapitres nationaux pertinents dans le volume II du *Guide du déposant du PCT*.

Effets dans les offices désignés (règle 51bis.2) : lorsqu'un déposant remet l'une des déclarations visées à la règle 4.17.i) à iv) comportant le libellé standard exigé (soit avec la demande internationale, soit au Bureau international dans le délai applicable en vertu de la règle 26ter, ou directement à l'office désigné durant la phase nationale), l'office désigné ne peut, pendant la phase nationale, exiger d'autres documents ou preuves relatifs à l'objet auquel se rapporte la déclaration, à moins qu'il puisse raisonnablement douter de la véracité de la déclaration en question.

Incompatibilité de certains points de la règle 51bis.2.a) avec les législations nationales (règle 51bis.2.c) : les offices désignés dont la liste figure ci-après ont informé le Bureau international que la législation nationale qui leur est applicable n'est pas compatible en ce qui concerne les déclarations suivantes visées à la règle 4.17.i), ii) et iii). Ces offices désignés pourront donc exiger des documents ou des preuves supplémentaires relatifs aux objets auxquels se rapportent ces déclarations.

Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)i) : les législations nationales respectives de CH Suisse, DK Danemark et SE Suède ne sont pas compatibles avec la règle 51bis.2.a)i).

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii) : les législations nationales

respectives de CA Canada, CH Suisse, DK Danemark, HU Hongrie et SE Suède ne sont pas compatibles avec la règle 51bis.2.a)ii).

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51bis.1.a)iii) : les législations nationales respectives de CH Suisse et DK Danemark ne sont pas compatibles avec la règle 51bis.2.a)iii).

CADRES N^{os} VIII j) à v) (GÉNÉRALITÉS)

Différents cadres pour déclarations : le formulaire pré-imprimé contient six cadres différents pour déclarations, un pour chacun des cinq types de déclarations prévues selon la règle 4.17 (du cadre n^o VIII.i) au cadre n^o VIII.v)) et une feuille annexe (Suite du cadre n^o VIII.i) à v)) à utiliser dans le cas où une des déclarations ne tient pas dans le cadre approprié. Le titre de chaque déclaration qui figure dans le libellé standard prévu dans les instructions administratives est pré-imprimé sur la feuille correspondante de la requête.

Feuille distincte pour chaque déclaration : chaque déclaration doit commencer sur une feuille distincte de la requête et dans le cadre pour déclaration approprié.

Titres, éléments, numéros d'éléments, lignes pointillées, mots entre parenthèses et mots entre crochets : le libellé standard fixé pour les déclarations comporte un titre, différents éléments, des numéros d'éléments, des lignes pointillées, des mots entre parenthèses et des mots entre crochets. Sauf en ce qui concerne le cadre n^o VIII.iv) dans lequel le libellé standard est pré-imprimé, seuls les éléments pertinents doivent figurer dans une déclaration lorsque cela est nécessaire à l'énoncé des faits invoqués dans cette déclaration (en d'autres termes, il y a lieu d'omettre les éléments non pertinents) et il n'est pas nécessaire d'inclure les numéros d'éléments. Les lignes pointillées signalent les endroits où il y a lieu d'indiquer les renseignements demandés. Les mots entre parenthèses indiquent au déposant quels renseignements peuvent être inclus dans la déclaration selon la situation de fait. Les mots entre crochets sont facultatifs; s'ils sont applicables, ils doivent figurer dans la déclaration sans les crochets; s'ils ne sont pas applicables, il convient de les omettre ainsi que les crochets.

Mention de plusieurs personnes : plusieurs personnes peuvent être mentionnées dans une même déclaration. Il est aussi possible, sauf dans un cas, de faire une déclaration distincte par personne. Pour la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur, figurant dans le cadre n^o VIII.iv), qui est applicable seulement aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique, tous les inventeurs doivent être indiqués dans une même déclaration (voir les notes du cadre n^o VIII.iv), ci-après). Dans les déclarations devant figurer dans les cadres n^{os} VIII.i), ii), iii) et v), le libellé au singulier peut être mis au pluriel si cela s'avère nécessaire.

États désignés auxquels les déclarations s'appliquent : chaque déclaration doit comporter l'indication des États désignés auxquels elle s'applique. À cet égard, le libellé standard pour la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (cadre n^o VIII.iv); voir également la règle 4.17.iv) et l'instruction 214) indique dans le titre que la déclaration est faite aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique. Les autres déclarations comportent des libellés prescrits pour indiquer si la déclaration est faite aux fins de toutes les désignations ou aux fins de désignations particulières. Une de ces options doit toujours figurer dans la déclaration. Lorsque la déclaration est faite en ce qui concerne plusieurs personnes, elle peut comporter des mentions distinctes indiquant si elle est faite aux fins de toutes les désignations ou aux fins de désignations particulières en ce qui concerne chacun des déposants. Le cas peut par exemple se présenter si la requête indique des déposants différents pour différents États, conformément à la règle 4.5.d). Dans une telle situation,

BOX No. VIII (ii)

Declaration as to the Applicant's Entitlement to Apply for and Be Granted a Patent (Rule 4.17(ii) and Section 212): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement:

"Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(ii)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) is entitled to apply for and be granted a patent by virtue of the following:

- (i) ... (*name*) of ... (*address*) is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection is sought by way of [the] [this] international application
- (ii) ... (*name*) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (*inventor's name*)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (*name*) and ... (*name*), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (*name*) in favor of ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vi) a court order issued by ... (*name of court*), effecting a transfer from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) by way of ... (*specify kind of transfer*), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant's name changed from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) on ... (*date*)
- (ix) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations [except the designation of the United States of America]
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ..."

Either (a) or (b) of item (ix) should always be included in the declaration. The remainder of the items may be incorporated as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. ***This declaration is only applicable to those events which have occurred prior to the international filing date.*** The possible kinds of transfer of entitlement in item (vii) include merger, acquisition, inheritance, donation, etc. Where there has been a succession of transfers from the inventor, the order in which transfers are listed should follow the actual succession of transfers, and items may be included more than once, as necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. Where the inventor is not indicated in Box No. II or No. III, this declaration may be presented as a combined declaration explaining the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent and identifying the inventor. In such a case, the introductory phrase of the declaration must be as follows:

"Combined declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent (Rules 4.17(ii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(ii)) and as to the identity of the inventor (Rules 4.17(i) and 51*bis*.1(a)(i)), in a case where the declaration under Rule 4.17(iv) is not appropriate:"

The remainder of the combined declaration must be worded as indicated in the preceding paragraphs.

For details as to the declaration as to the identity of the inventor, see the Notes to Box No. VIII (i), above.

BOX No. VIII (iii)

Declaration as to the Applicant's Entitlement to Claim Priority of the Earlier Application (Rule 4.17(iii) and Section 213): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (viii) as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement:

"Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application specified below, where the applicant is not the applicant who filed the earlier application or where the applicant's name has changed since the filing of the earlier application (Rules 4.17(iii) and 51*bis*.1(a)(iii)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) is entitled to claim priority of earlier application No. ... by virtue of the following:

- (i) the applicant is the inventor of the subject matter for which protection was sought by way of the earlier application
- (ii) ... (*name*) [is] [was] entitled as employer of the inventor, ... (*inventor's name*)
- (iii) an agreement between ... (*name*) and ... (*name*), dated ...
- (iv) an assignment from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (v) consent from ... (*name*) in favor of ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vi) a court order, issued by ... (*name of court*), effecting a transfer from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*), dated ...
- (vii) transfer of entitlement from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) by way of ... (*specify kind of transfer*), dated ...
- (viii) the applicant's name changed from ... (*name*) to ... (*name*) on ... (*date*)
- (ix) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ..."

Either (a) or (b) of item (ix) should always be included in the declaration. The remainder of the items may be incorporated as is necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement. ***This declaration is only applicable to those events which have occurred prior to the international filing date.*** In addition, this declaration is only applicable where the person or name of the applicant is different from that of the applicant who filed the earlier application from which priority is claimed. For example, this declaration may be applicable where only one applicant out of five is different from the applicants indicated in respect of an earlier application. The possible kinds of transfer of entitlement in item (vii) include merger, acquisition, inheritance, donation, etc. Where there has been a succession of transfers from the applicant in respect of the earlier application, the order in which transfers are listed should follow the actual succession of transfers, and items may be included more than once, as necessary to explain the applicant's entitlement.

BOX No. VIII (iv)

Declaration of Inventorship (Rule 4.17(iv) and Section 214): The standardized wording for the declaration is pre-printed in Box No. VIII (iv).

All inventors must be named in the declaration, even if they do not all sign the same (copy of) the declaration (Section 214(b)). Bibliographic data, such as address of

toutefois, il est conseillé d'inclure une déclaration distincte par personne.

CADRE N° VIII.i)

Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règle 4.17.i) et instruction 211) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit:

“Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)i) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

- i) ... (*nom*), ... (*adresse*), est l'inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection est demandée dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale
- ii) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations [sauf la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique]
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

Une déclaration de cette nature n'est pas nécessaire en ce qui concerne tout inventeur qui est indiqué comme tel (que ce soit comme inventeur seulement ou en qualité à la fois de déposant et d'inventeur) dans le cadre n° II ou le cadre n° III en application de la règle 4.5 ou 4.6. Toutefois, lorsque l'inventeur est indiqué comme étant le déposant dans le cadre n° II ou n° III en application de la règle 4.5, une déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii) peut être appropriée aux fins de tous les États désignés sauf des États-Unis d'Amérique. Lorsque les indications concernant l'inventeur qui sont à fournir en application de la règle 4.5 ou 4.6 ne sont pas portées dans le cadre n° II ou n° III, cette déclaration peut être combinée avec le libellé standard pour la déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii)). Pour des précisions concernant cette déclaration combinée, voir les notes du cadre n° VIII.ii), ci-après. Pour des précisions quant à la déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur aux fins de la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique, voir les notes du cadre n° VIII.iv), ci-après.

CADRE N° VIII.ii)

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règle 4.17.ii) et instruction 212) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à viii) nécessaires aux fins de motiver le droit du déposant :

“Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n'est pas appropriée :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*) a le droit de demander et d'obtenir un brevet en vertu :

- i) du fait que ... (*nom*), ... (*adresse*), est l'inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection est demandée dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale
- ii) du fait que... (*nom*) [possède] [possédait] ce droit en qualité d'employeur de l'inventeur, ... (*nom de l'inventeur*)
- iii) d'un contrat conclu entre ... (*nom*) et ... (*nom*), daté du ...
- iv) d'une cession de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- v) d'une autorisation consentie par ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...

- vi) d'une décision de justice rendue par ... (*nom du tribunal*), ordonnant un transfert de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vii) d'un transfert de droits de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), sous la forme de ... (*préciser le type de transfert*), daté du ...
- viii) du changement de nom du déposant de ... (*nom*) en ... (*nom*), le ... (*date*)
- ix) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations [sauf la désignation des États-Unis d'Amérique]
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

L'une ou l'autre des variantes a) et b) du point ix) doit toujours être incluse dans la déclaration. On ne retiendra parmi les autres éléments que ceux qui sont nécessaires pour motiver le droit du déposant. **Cette déclaration est exclusivement applicable à des faits qui se sont produits avant la date du dépôt international.** Les types possibles de transfert de droits visés au point vii) comprennent la fusion, l'acquisition, l'héritage, la donation, etc. Lorsqu'il y a eu succession de transferts des droits de l'inventeur, l'ordre dans lequel les transferts sont énumérés doit suivre l'ordre effectif de ces transferts successifs et certains points peuvent être cités plus d'une fois si cela s'avère nécessaire pour motiver le droit du déposant. Lorsque l'inventeur n'est pas indiqué dans le cadre n° II ou le cadre n° III, cette déclaration peut être présentée sous la forme d'une déclaration combinée motivant le droit du déposant de demander et d'obtenir un brevet et permettant d'identifier l'inventeur. Dans un tel cas, la phrase introductive de la déclaration est libellée comme suit :

“Déclaration combinée relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de demander et d'obtenir un brevet (règles 4.17.ii) et 51bis.1.a)ii)) et relative à l'identité de l'inventeur (règles 4.17.i) et 51bis.1.a)i)), dans le cas où la déclaration selon la règle 4.17.iv) n'est pas appropriée :”

Le reste de la déclaration combinée est libellé comme indiqué aux paragraphes précédents.

Pour des précisions concernant la déclaration permettant d'identifier l'inventeur, voir les notes relatives au cadre n° VIII.i), ci-dessus.

CADRE N° VIII.iii)

Déclaration relative au droit du déposant de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure (règle 4.17.iii) et instruction 213) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à viii) nécessaires aux fins de motiver le droit du déposant :

“Déclaration relative au droit du déposant, à la date du dépôt international, de revendiquer la priorité de la demande indiquée ci-dessous si le déposant n'est pas celui qui a déposé la demande antérieure ou si son nom a changé depuis le dépôt de la demande antérieure (règles 4.17.iii) et 51bis.1.a)iii)) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],

... (*nom*) a le droit de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure n° ... en vertu :

- i) du fait que le déposant est l'inventeur de ce pour quoi une protection a été demandée dans la demande antérieure
- ii) du fait que ... (*nom*) [possède] [possédait] ce droit en qualité d'employeur de l'inventeur, ... (*nom de l'inventeur*)
- iii) d'un contrat conclu entre ... (*nom*) et ... (*nom*), daté du ...

residence and citizenship, must be included for each inventor. Where the declaration is included in the request, the inventor(s) need not sign and date the declaration if they have signed in Box No. X of the request.

BOX No. VIII (v)

Declaration as to Non-prejudicial Disclosures or Exceptions to Lack of Novelty (Rule 4.17(v) and Section 215): The declaration must be worded as follows, with such inclusion, omission, repetition and re-ordering of the matters listed as items (i) to (iv) as is necessary:

“Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty (Rules 4.17(v) and 51*bis*.1(a)(v)):

in relation to [this] international application [No. PCT/...],

... (*name*) declares that the subject matter claimed in [the] [this] international application was disclosed as follows:

- (i) kind of disclosure (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) international exhibition
 - (b) publication
 - (c) abuse
 - (d) other: ... (*specify*)
- (ii) date of disclosure: ...
- (iii) title of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...
- (iv) place of disclosure (*if applicable*): ...
- (v) this declaration is made for the purposes of (*include as applicable*):
 - (a) all designations
 - (b) the following designations for national and/or regional patents: ...”

Either (a), (b), (c) or (d) of item (i) should always be included in the declaration. Item (ii) should also always be included in the declaration. Either (a) or (b) of item (v) should always be included in the declaration. Items (iii) and (iv) may be incorporated depending upon the circumstances.

BOX No. IX

Items Constituting the International Application: The number of sheets of the various parts of the international application must be given in the check list in Arabic numerals. Sheets containing any of Boxes Nos. VIII (i) to (v) must be counted as part of the request.

Where the application contains disclosure of one or more *nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences*, the applicant has the following three options.

First, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listing part *in paper form only*, in which case the number of sheets must be indicated under item (a) in the left column of Box No. IX (and therefore included in the total number of sheets), noting that, a copy of that sequence listing part, in computer readable form, may accompany the international application but only for the purposes of international search under Rule 13*ter*; in such a case, check-boxes Nos. 9 and 9(i) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked in the right column of Box No. IX.

Second, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listing part *in computer readable form only*, under Section 801(a)(i), in which case check-box b(i) must be marked but the space for the number of sheets of the sequence listing part under item (a) must be left blank; the type and number of carriers must also be indicated on the dotted line under item (b); in addition, check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and, where applicable,

9(iii) must be marked if additional copies of the sequence listing in computer readable form are furnished.

Third, the applicant may choose to file the sequence listing part *both in computer readable form and in paper form* under Section 801(a)(ii), in which case check-box b(ii) must be marked and the number of sheets of that part in paper form must be indicated under item (a) (although that number of sheets will not be taken into account for calculation of the basic fee); the type and number of carriers must also be indicated on the dotted line under item (b); in addition, check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked if additional copies of the sequence listing in computer readable form are furnished.

Under all three options described above, the sequence listings must be presented as a separate part of the description (“sequence listing part of description”) in accordance with the standard contained in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions.

Items Accompanying the International Application:

Where the international application is accompanied by certain items, the applicable check-boxes must be marked, any applicable indication must be made on the dotted line after the applicable item, and the number of such items should be indicated at the end of the relevant line; detailed explanations are provided below only in respect of those items which so require.

Check-box No. 4: Mark this check-box where a copy of a general power of attorney is filed with the international application; where the general power of attorney has been deposited with the receiving Office, and that Office has accorded to it a reference number, that number may be indicated.

Check-box No. 5: Mark this check-box where a statement explaining the lack of signature of an inventor/applicant for the purposes of the United States of America is furnished together with the international application (see also Notes to Box No. X).

Check-box No. 7: Mark this check-box where a translation of the international application for the purposes of international search (Rule 12.3) is filed together with the international application and indicate the language of that translation.

Check-box No. 8: Mark this check-box where a filled-in Form PCT/RO/134 or any separate sheet containing indications concerning deposited microorganisms and/or other biological material is filed with the international application. If Form PCT/RO/134 or any sheet containing the said indications is included as one of the sheets of the description (as required by certain designated States (see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex L)), do not mark this check-box (for further information, see Rule 13*bis* and Section 209).

Check-box No. 9: Where the international application contains a sequence listing part and a copy thereof in computer readable form is required by the ISA, the applicant may furnish the listing in computer readable form (together with the required statement) to the receiving Office with the international application, in which case check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(i) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked. Where the applicant has chosen the second or third option mentioned above, and an additional copy or copies of the sequence listing part in computer readable form are required under Section 804, the applicant may furnish such additional copies together with the international application, in which case check-boxes Nos. 9, 9(ii) and, where applicable, 9(iii) must be marked. In all cases mentioned above, the applicant should indicate in the left column the type and number of diskettes, CD-ROMs, CD-Rs, or other data carriers furnished.

- iv) d'une cession de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- v) d'une autorisation consentie par ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vi) d'une décision de justice rendue par ... (*nom du tribunal*), ordonnant un transfert de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), datée du ...
- vii) d'un transfert de droits de ... (*nom*) à ... (*nom*), sous la forme de ... (*préciser le type de transfert*), daté du ...
- viii) du changement de nom du déposant de ... (*nom*) en ... (*nom*), le ... (*date*)
- ix) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”
- c) utilisation abusive
- d) autre : ... (*préciser*)
- ii) date de la divulgation : ...
- iii) intitulé de la divulgation (*s'il y a lieu*) : ...
- iv) lieu de la divulgation (*s'il y a lieu*) : ...
- v) la présente déclaration est faite aux fins (*préciser selon le cas*)
 - a) de toutes les désignations
 - b) des désignations suivantes pour des brevets nationaux ou régionaux : ...”

L'un des éléments a), b), c) ou d) du point i) doit toujours être inclus dans la déclaration. Le point ii) doit aussi toujours être inclus dans la déclaration. L'un ou l'autre des éléments a) et b) du point v) doit toujours figurer dans la déclaration. Les points iii) et iv) peuvent être incorporés s'il y a lieu.

CADRE N° IX

Éléments constituant la demande internationale : Il faut indiquer en chiffres arabes, dans le bordereau, le nombre de feuilles des différentes parties de la demande internationale. Toute feuille sur laquelle figure l'un quelconque des cadres n°s VIII.i) à v) doit être comptée comme faisant partie de la requête.

Lorsque la demande internationale contient la divulgation d'une ou de plusieurs *séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés*, le déposant dispose des trois options suivantes.

Premièrement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer la partie réservée au listage des séquences *sous forme papier seulement*, auquel cas le nombre de feuilles doit être indiqué au point a) de la colonne de gauche du cadre n° IX (et par conséquent compris dans le nombre total de feuilles); on notera dans ce cas qu'une copie de la partie réservée au listage des séquences, sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, peut être remise avec la demande internationale mais seulement aux fins de la recherche internationale en vertu de la règle 13ter; dans ce cas, les cases n°s 9, 9.i) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii), doivent être cochées dans la colonne de droite du cadre n° IX.

Deuxièmement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer la partie réservée au listage des séquences *sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur seulement*, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), auquel cas la case b)i) doit être cochée mais l'endroit réservé au nombre de feuilles de ladite partie sous le point a) doit être laissé en blanc; le type et le nombre de supports doivent également être indiqués sur la ligne pointillée sous le point b). De plus, les cases n°s 9, 9.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii), doivent être cochées si on joint des exemplaires supplémentaires du listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

Troisièmement, le déposant peut choisir de déposer la partie réservée au listage des séquences *à la fois sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur et sous forme papier*, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), auquel cas la case b)ii) doit être cochée et le nombre de feuilles de ladite partie, sous forme papier, doit être indiqué sous le point a) (bien que ce nombre de feuilles ne soit pas utilisé aux fins du calcul de la taxe de base); le type et le nombre de supports doivent également être indiqués sur la ligne pointillée sous le point b). De plus, les cases n°s 9, 9.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii), doivent être cochées si on joint des exemplaires supplémentaires du listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur.

Dans le cadre des trois options décrites ci-dessus, les listages des séquences doivent être présentés dans une partie distincte de la description (“partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences”) conformément à la norme figurant dans l'annexe C des instructions administratives.

Éléments joints à la demande internationale : lorsque des éléments sont joints à la demande internationale, les cases

CADRE N° VIII.iv)

Déclaration relative à la qualité d'inventeur (règle 4.17.iv) et instruction 214) : le libellé standard pour la déclaration est pré-imprimé au cadre n° VIII.iv).

Tous les inventeurs doivent être mentionnés dans la déclaration même s'ils ne signent pas tous la même (copie de la) déclaration (instruction 214.b)). Les données bibliographiques, telles que l'adresse du domicile et la nationalité, doivent être fournies pour chaque inventeur. Dans le cas d'une déclaration incluse dans la requête, il n'est pas nécessaire que le ou les inventeurs signent ou datent la déclaration s'ils ont signé eux-mêmes dans le cadre n° X de la requête.

CADRE N° VIII.v)

Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règle 4.17.v) et instruction 215) : la déclaration doit être libellée comme suit, sous réserve de toute inclusion, omission, répétition ou réorganisation des éléments visés aux points i) à iv), qui s'avérerait nécessaire :

“Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté (règles 4.17.v) et 51bis.1.a)v) :

concernant la [présente] demande internationale [n° PCT/...],
... (*nom*) déclare que l'objet revendiqué dans [la] [ladite] demande internationale a été divulgué comme suit :

- i) nature de la divulgation (*préciser selon le cas*) :
 - a) exposition internationale
 - b) publication

Language of Filing of the International Application (Rules 12.1(a) and 20.4(c) and (d)): With regard to the language in which the international application is filed, for the purposes of according an international filing date, it is, subject to the following sentence, sufficient that the description and the claims are in the language, or one of the languages, accepted by the receiving Office for the filing of international applications; that language should be indicated in that check-box (as regards the language of the abstract and any text matter in the drawings, see Rules 26.3ter(a) and (b); as regards the language of the request, see Rules 12.3(c) and 26.3ter(c) and (d)). Note that where the international application is filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office as receiving Office, all elements of the international application (request, description, claims, abstract, text matter of drawings) must, for the purposes of according an international filing date, be in English except that the free text in any sequence listing part of the description, complying with the standard set out in Annex C of the Administrative Instructions, may be in a language other than English.

BOX No. X

Signature (Rules 4.1(d), 4.15 and 90): The signature must be that of the applicant (if there are several applicants, all must sign); however, the signature may be that of the agent, or the common representative, where a separate power of attorney appointing the agent or the common representative, respectively, or a copy of a general power of attorney already in the possession of the receiving Office, is furnished. If the power is not filed with the request, the receiving Office will invite the applicant to furnish it.

If the United States of America is designated and an inventor/applicant for that State refused to sign the request or could not be found or reached after diligent effort, a statement explaining the lack of signature may be furnished. It should be noted that this applies only where there are two or more applicants and the international application has been signed by at least one other applicant. The statement must satisfy the receiving Office. If such a statement is furnished with the international application, check-box No. 5 in Box No. IX should be marked.

SUPPLEMENTAL BOX

The cases in which the Supplemental Box may be used and the manner of making indications in it are explained in the left column of that Box.

GENERAL REMARKS

Language of Correspondence (Rule 92.2 and Section 104): Any letter from the applicant to the receiving Office must be in the language of filing of the international application provided that, where the international application is to be published in the language of a translation required under Rule 12.3, such letter should be in the language of that translation; however, the receiving Office may authorize the use of another language.

Any letter from the applicant to the International Bureau must be in the same language as the international application if that language is English or French; otherwise, it must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant.

Any letter from the applicant to the ISA must be in the same language as the international application, provided that, where a translation of the international application for the purposes of international search has been transmitted under Rule 23.1(b), such letter is in the language of that translation. However, the ISA may authorize the use of another language.

Arrangement of Elements and Numbering of Sheets of the International Application (Rule 11.7 and Section 207): The elements of the international application must be placed in the following order: the request, the description (excluding the sequence listing part, if any), the claim(s), the abstract, the drawings (if any), the sequence listing part of the description (if any).

All sheets of the description (excluding the sequence listing part), claims and abstract must be numbered in consecutive Arabic numerals, which must be placed at the top or bottom of the sheet, in the middle, but not in the margin which must remain blank. The number of each sheet of the drawings must consist of two Arabic numerals separated by an oblique stroke, the first being the sheet number and the second being the total number of sheets of drawings (for example, 1/3, 2/3, 3/3). For numbering of the sheets of the sequence listing part of the description, see Section 207.

Indication of the Applicant's or Agent's File Reference on the sheets of the description (excluding the sequence listing part, if any), claim(s), abstract, drawings and sequence listing part of the description (Rule 11.6(f)): The file reference indicated on the request may also be indicated in the left-hand corner of the top margin, within 1.5 cm from the top of any sheet of the international application.

appropriées doivent être cochées et toute indication pertinente doit être portée sur la ligne pointillée correspondante, le nombre de chacun de ces éléments devant être indiqué dans la colonne, en fin de ligne; on trouvera ci-après des explications détaillées concernant uniquement les éléments qui le nécessitent.

Case n° 4 : cocher cette case si la copie d'un pouvoir général est déposée avec la demande internationale; lorsque le pouvoir général a été déposé auprès de l'office récepteur, et que celui-ci lui a attribué un numéro de référence, ce dernier peut être indiqué.

Case n° 5 : cocher cette case si une explication de l'absence de signature d'un inventeur/déposant pour les États-Unis d'Amérique est fournie conjointement avec la demande internationale (voir aussi les notes du cadre n° X).

Case n° 7 : cocher cette case si une traduction de la demande internationale aux fins de la recherche internationale (règle 12.3) est fournie conjointement avec cette demande et indiquer la langue de la traduction.

Case n° 8 : cocher cette case si, avec la demande internationale, est déposé un formulaire PCT/RO/134 rempli ou une ou plusieurs feuilles séparées comportant des indications relatives à des micro-organismes ou autre matériel biologique déposés. Si le formulaire PCT/RO/134 ou toute autre feuille comportant les indications en question figurent en tant que feuilles de la description (comme le prescrivent certains États désignés (voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe L), ne pas cocher cette case (pour de plus amples renseignements, voir la règle 13*bis* et l'instruction 209).

Case n° 9 : lorsque la demande internationale contient une partie réservée au listage des séquences et qu'une copie de cette dernière, sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, est requise par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, le déposant peut fournir, conjointement avec la demande internationale, le listage en question sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur (ainsi que la déclaration requise) à l'office récepteur. Si tel est le cas, les cas n° 9, 9.i) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) doivent être cochés. Lorsque le déposant a choisi la deuxième ou la troisième option mentionnée ci-dessus, et qu'un ou plusieurs exemplaires supplémentaires de la partie réservée au listage des séquences sont requis en vertu de l'instruction 804, le déposant peut remettre de tels exemplaires supplémentaires, conjointement avec la demande internationale, auquel cas les cas n° 9, 9.ii) et, le cas échéant, 9.iii) doivent être cochés. Dans tous les cas mentionnés ci-dessus, le déposant doit indiquer le type et le nombre de disquettes, CD-ROM, CD-R ou autres supports de données qu'il a remis.

Langue de dépôt de la demande internationale (règles 12.1.a) et 20.4.c) et d)) : en ce qui concerne la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée, il suffit, aux fins de l'attribution d'une date de dépôt international, et sous réserve de la phrase suivante, que la description et les revendications soient rédigées dans la langue ou l'une des langues acceptées par l'office récepteur pour le dépôt de demandes internationales; cette langue doit être indiquée dans cette case (en ce qui concerne la langue de l'abrégé et de tout texte des dessins, voir la règle 26.3*ter*.a) et b); en ce qui concerne la langue de la requête, voir les règles 12.3.c) et 26.3*ter*.c) et d)). On notera que, lorsque la demande internationale est déposée auprès de l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis d'Amérique en sa qualité d'office récepteur, tous les éléments de la demande internationale (requête, description, revendications, abrégé, texte des dessins) doivent, aux fins de l'attribution d'une date de dépôt international, être rédigés en anglais, hormis tout texte libre contenu dans la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences conforme à la norme figurant dans l'annexe C des instructions administratives, qui peut être rédigé dans une langue autre que l'anglais.

CADRE N° X

Signature (règles 4.1.d), 4.15 et 90) : la signature doit être celle du déposant (s'il y a plusieurs déposants, tous doivent

signer); il peut toutefois s'agir de la signature du mandataire ou du représentant commun, si un pouvoir distinct désignant le mandataire ou le représentant commun, respectivement, ou une copie du pouvoir général déjà détenu par l'office récepteur est fourni. Si la requête n'est pas déposée avec le pouvoir, l'office récepteur invitera le déposant à le remettre.

Si les États-Unis d'Amérique sont désignés et qu'un déposant pour cet État qui a la qualité d'inventeur a refusé de signer la requête ou que des efforts diligents n'ont pas permis de le trouver ou d'entrer en rapport avec lui, il est possible de fournir une explication de l'absence de signature. Cela vaut uniquement lorsqu'il y a plusieurs déposants et que la demande internationale a été signée par au moins un autre déposant. L'explication doit être jugée satisfaisante par l'office récepteur. Si cette explication est remise conjointement avec la demande internationale, il y a lieu de cocher la case n° 5 du cadre n° IX.

CADRE SUPPLÉMENTAIRE

Les cas dans lesquels le cadre supplémentaire peut être utilisé et la manière de fournir les indications prévues dans ce cadre sont expliqués dans la colonne de gauche de celui-ci.

REMARQUES GÉNÉRALES

Langue de la correspondance (règle 92.2 et instruction 104) : toute lettre du déposant à l'office récepteur doit être rédigée dans la langue de dépôt de la demande internationale étant entendu que, lorsque la demande internationale doit être publiée dans la langue d'une traduction remise en vertu de la règle 12.3, cette lettre doit être rédigée dans la langue de cette traduction; l'office récepteur peut cependant autoriser l'emploi d'une autre langue.

Toute lettre du déposant au Bureau international doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale si celle-ci est établie en français ou en anglais; sinon, elle doit être rédigée en français ou en anglais, au choix du déposant.

Toute lettre du déposant à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale étant entendu que, lorsqu'une traduction de la demande internationale aux fins de la recherche internationale a été transmise en vertu de la règle 23.1.b), cette lettre doit être rédigée dans la langue de cette traduction. Cependant, l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale peut autoriser l'emploi d'une autre langue.

Disposition des éléments et numérotation des feuilles de la demande internationale (règle 11.7 et instruction 207) : les éléments de la demande internationale doivent être présentés dans l'ordre suivant : requête, description (sauf la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant), revendication(s), abrégé, dessins (le cas échéant), partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant.

Toutes les feuilles de la description (sauf la partie réservée au listage des séquences), les revendications et l'abrégé doivent être numérotés consécutivement, en chiffres arabes qui doivent être inscrits, en milieu de ligne, en haut ou en bas de la feuille mais non dans la marge, qui doit rester vierge. Le numéro de chaque feuille des dessins doit consister en deux nombres en chiffres arabes séparés par une barre oblique, le premier indiquant le numéro de la feuille et le second le nombre total des feuilles de dessins (par exemple : 1/3, 2/3, 3/3). Pour la numérotation des feuilles de la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, se référer à l'instruction 207.

Indication de la référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire sur les feuilles de la description (sauf la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences, le cas échéant), de la ou des revendications, de l'abrégé, des dessins et de la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences (règle 11.6.f)) : la référence de dossier indiquée sur la requête peut l'être également sur chaque feuille de la demande internationale, dans le coin gauche de la marge du haut, sans toutefois apparaître au-delà de 1,5 cm à partir du haut.

This sheet is not part of and does not count as a sheet of the international application.

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FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Request

For receiving Office use only

International Application No. _____

Date stamp of the receiving Office _____

Applicant's or agent's
file reference _____

Applicant _____

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

1. TRANSMITTAL FEE T

2. SEARCH FEE S

International search to be carried out by _____
(If two or more International Searching Authorities are competent to carry out the international search, indicate the name of the Authority which is chosen to carry out the international search.)

3. INTERNATIONAL FEE

Basic Fee

Where item (b) of Box No. IX applies, enter **Sub-total number of sheets** } _____
Where item (b) of Box No. IX does not apply, enter **Total number of sheets** }

b1 first 30 sheets b1

b2 _____ x _____ = b2
number of sheets in excess of 30 fee per sheet

b3 additional component (only if sequence listing part of description is filed in computer readable form under Section 801(a)(i), or both in that form and on paper, under Section 801(a)(ii):
400 x _____ = b3
fee per sheet

Add amounts entered at b1, b2 and b3 and enter total at B B

Designation Fees

The international application contains _____ designations.

_____ x _____ = D
number of designation fees payable (maximum 5) amount of designation fee

Add amounts entered at B and D and enter total at I I

(Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the international fee. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the total to be entered at I is 25% of the sum of the amounts entered at B and D.)

4. FEE FOR PRIORITY DOCUMENT (if applicable) P

5. TOTAL FEES PAYABLE TOTAL
Add amounts entered at T, S, I and P, and enter total in the TOTAL box

The designation fees are not paid at this time.

MODE OF PAYMENT

- authorization to charge deposit account (see below) postal money order cash coupons
- cheque bank draft revenue stamps other (specify): _____

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

(This mode of payment may not be available at all receiving Offices)

- Authorization to charge the total fees indicated above.
- (This check-box may be marked only if the conditions for deposit accounts of the receiving Office so permit)* Authorization to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the total fees indicated above.
- Authorization to charge the fee for priority document.

Receiving Office: RO/ _____

Deposit Account No.: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Signature: _____

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FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES

Annexe de la requête

Réservé à l'office récepteur

Demande internationale n°

Timbre à date de l'office récepteur

Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire

Déposant

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

1. TAXE DE TRANSMISSION T

2. TAXE DE RECHERCHE S

Recherche internationale à effectuer par _____
(Si plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes pour effectuer la recherche internationale, inscrire le nom de celle qui est choisie pour l'effectuer.)

3. TAXE INTERNATIONALE

Taxe de base

Lorsque le point b) du cadre n° IX s'applique, reporter le **sous-total des feuilles** } _____
 Lorsque le point b) du cadre n° IX ne s'applique pas, reporter le **nombre total de feuilles** }

b1 30 premières feuilles b1

b2 _____ x _____ = b2
 nombre de feuilles au-delà de 30 taxe par feuille

b3 composante supplémentaire (seulement si la partie de la description réservée au listage des séquences est déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), ou à la fois sous cette forme et sur papier, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii)) :
 400 x _____ = b3
 taxe par feuille

Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres b1, b2 et b3 et inscrire le total dans le cadre B B

Taxes de désignation

La demande internationale contient _____ désignations.

_____ x _____ = D
 nombre de taxes de désignation dues (maximum 5) montant de la taxe de désignation

Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres B et D et inscrire le total dans le cadre I I

(Les déposants de certains États ont droit à une réduction de 75 % de la taxe internationale. Lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à cette réduction, la somme devant figurer sous I est égale à 25 % de la somme des montants portés dans les cadres B et D.)

4. TAXE AFFÉRENTE AU DOCUMENT DE PRIORITÉ (le cas échéant) P

5. TOTAL DES TAXES DUES
 Additionner les montants portés dans les cadres T, S, I et P et inscrire le résultat dans le cadre TOTAL TOTAL

Les taxes de désignation seront payées ultérieurement.

MODE DE PAIEMENT

- autorisation de débiter un compte de dépôt (voir ci-dessous) mandat postal espèces coupons
 chèque traite bancaire timbres fiscaux autre (préciser) :

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

(Les offices récepteurs ne permettent pas tous l'utilisation de ce mode de paiement)

- Autorisation de débiter le total des taxes indiqué ci-dessus.
 (Cette case ne peut être cochée que si les conditions relatives aux comptes de dépôt établies par l'office récepteur le permettent) Autorisation de débiter tout montant manquant – ou de créditer tout excédent – dans le paiement du total des taxes indiqué ci-dessus.
 Autorisation de débiter le montant de la taxe afférente à l'établissement du document de priorité.

Office récepteur : RO/ _____

N° du compte de dépôt : _____

Date : _____

Nom : _____

Signature : _____

NOTES TO THE FEE CALCULATION SHEET (ANNEX TO FORM PCT/RO/101)

The purpose of the fee calculation sheet is to help the applicant to identify the prescribed fees and to calculate the amounts to be paid. It is strongly recommended that the applicant complete the sheet by entering the appropriate amounts in the boxes provided and submit the fee calculation sheet at the time of filing the international application. This will help the receiving Office to verify the calculations and to identify any error in them.

Information about the applicable fees payable can be obtained from the receiving Office. The amounts of the international and search fees may change due to currency fluctuations. Applicants are advised to check what are the latest applicable amounts. All fees, except in some cases the designation fee, must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application. See below for further details concerning the possibility of later payment of the designation fee.

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

Box T: Transmittal Fee for the benefit of the receiving Office (Rule 14.1): The amount of the transmittal fee, if any, is fixed by the receiving Office. It must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office. Information about this fee is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Box S: Search Fee for the benefit of the International Searching Authority (ISA) (Rule 16.1): The amount of the search fee is fixed by the ISA. It must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office. Information about this fee is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex D.

Where two or more ISAs are competent, the applicant must indicate his choice in the space provided for this purpose and pay the amount of the international search fee fixed by the ISA chosen. Information on the competent ISA and whether the applicant has a choice between two or more ISAs is contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Box I: International Fee for the benefit of the International Bureau (Rule 15): The international fee consists of a basic fee and as many designation fees as there are specific designations under Rule 4.9(a) in Box No. V of the request. The amounts of the basic fee and of the designation fee are as set out in Swiss francs in the Schedule of Fees and the applicable amounts of those fees in other currencies are as published in the *PCT Gazette* (Rule 15.2). Information about those fees is also contained in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C.

Reduction of the International Fee Where PCT-EASY Software Is Used: A fee reduction of 200 Swiss francs (or the equivalent in the currency in which the international fee is paid to the receiving Office) is available in certain cases where the PCT-EASY software is used to prepare the request, provided that the necessary conditions are met. For further details, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/A, General Part, and Volume I/B, Annex C, as well as information published in the *PCT Gazette* and the *PCT Newsletter*. Since applicants using the PCT-EASY software will file the Request Form and Fee Calculation Sheet in the form of a printout prepared using that software, no provision is made for this fee reduction in the Fee Calculation Sheet annexed to Form PCT/RO/101.

Reduction of the International Fee for Applicants from Certain States: An applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997) is entitled, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees, to a reduction of 75% of certain PCT fees including the international fee. If there are several applicants, each must satisfy the above-mentioned criteria. The reduction of the international fee (basic fee and designation fees) is automatically available to any applicant

(or applicants) who is (or are) so entitled on the basis of the indications of name, nationality and residence given in Boxes Nos. II and III of the request.

The fee reduction is available even if one or more of the applicants are not from PCT Contracting States, provided that each of them is a national and resident of a State that meets the above-mentioned requirements and that at least one of the applicants is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State and thus is entitled to file an international application.

Natural persons who are nationals of and reside in the following PCT Contracting States are eligible: AL Albania, AM Armenia, AZ Azerbaijan, BA Bosnia and Herzegovina, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgaria, BJ Benin, BR Brazil, BY Belarus, BZ Belize, CF Central African Republic, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroon, CN China, CO Colombia, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ Czech Republic, DM Dominica, DZ Algeria, EC Ecuador, EE Estonia, GA Gabon, GD Grenada, GE Georgia, GH Ghana, GM Gambia, GN Guinea, GQ Equatorial Guinea, GW Guinea-Bissau, HR Croatia, HU Hungary, ID Indonesia, IN India, KE Kenya, KG Kyrgyzstan, KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Saint Lucia, LK Sri Lanka, LR Liberia, LS Lesotho, LT Lithuania, LV Latvia, MA Morocco, MD Republic of Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, ML Mali, MN Mongolia, MR Mauritania, MW Malawi, MX Mexico, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, PH Philippines, PL Poland, RO Romania, RU Russian Federation, SD Sudan, SK Slovakia, SL Sierra Leone, SN Senegal, SZ Swaziland, TD Chad, TG Togo, TJ Tajikistan, TM Turkmenistan, TN Tunisia, TR Turkey, TZ United Republic of Tanzania, UA Ukraine, UG Uganda, UZ Uzbekistan, VN Viet Nam, YU Yugoslavia, ZA South Africa, ZM Zambia and ZW Zimbabwe. As far as other States are concerned, inquiries should be addressed to the International Bureau.

Calculation of the International Fee (Basic Fee and Designation Fees) in Case of Fee Reduction: Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) entitled to a reduction of the international fee, the total to be entered at box I is 25% of the sum of the amounts entered at boxes B and D (see below).

Box B: Basic Fee. The amount of the basic fee depends on the number of sheets of the international application indicated under item (a) of Box No. IX of the request as explained below.

That number is the **Total number of sheets** where item (b) of Box No. IX of the request does not apply (that is, where the international application either does not contain a sequence listing part or where it contains such a part but not filed in computer readable form under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii)), in such a case, item "b3" must not be filled in.

Otherwise, where item (b) of Box No. IX of the request applies (that is, where the international application contains a sequence listing part which is filed in computer readable form

NOTES RELATIVES A LA FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES (ANNEXE DU FORMULAIRE PCT/RO/101)

La feuille de calcul des taxes a pour objet d'aider le déposant à recenser les taxes prescrites et à calculer les montants à payer. Il lui est vivement recommandé de remplir cette feuille en portant les montants appropriés dans les cadres prévus et de la joindre au moment du dépôt de la demande internationale, ce qui permettra à l'office récepteur de vérifier les calculs et d'y déceler d'éventuelles erreurs.

Des renseignements sur le montant en vigueur des taxes à payer peuvent être obtenus auprès de l'office récepteur. Les montants de la taxe internationale et de la taxe de recherche peuvent varier en raison de fluctuations monétaires. Il est recommandé aux déposants de vérifier quels sont les tout derniers montants en vigueur. Toutes les taxes sauf, dans certains cas, la taxe de désignation doivent être payées dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de réception de la demande internationale. On trouvera ci-après quelques précisions supplémentaires relatives à un éventuel paiement différé de la taxe de désignation.

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

Cadre T : Taxe de transmission au profit de l'office récepteur (règle 14.1) : l'office récepteur fixe le montant de la taxe de transmission, s'il y en a une. Celui-ci doit être payé dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale. On peut trouver des renseignements sur cette taxe dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C.

Cadre S : Taxe de recherche au profit de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale (règle 16.1) : le montant de la taxe de recherche est fixé par l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale. Il doit être payé dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale. On peut trouver des renseignements sur cette taxe dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe D.

Lorsque plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale sont compétentes, le déposant doit indiquer son choix à l'emplacement prévu à cet effet et payer le montant de la taxe de recherche internationale fixé par l'administration qu'il a choisie. Le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C, donne des renseignements sur l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale qui est compétente et sur la question de savoir si le déposant a le choix entre plusieurs administrations chargées de la recherche internationale.

Cadre I : Taxe internationale au profit du Bureau international (règle 15) : la taxe internationale comprend une taxe de base et autant de taxes de désignation qu'il y a de désignations faites expressément selon la règle 4.9.a) dans le cadre n° V de la requête. Les montants de la taxe de base et de la taxe de désignation sont fixés en francs suisses dans le barème des taxes et les montants correspondants de ces taxes dans d'autres monnaies sont publiés dans la *Gazette du PCT* (règle 15.2). On peut trouver des renseignements sur ces taxes dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C.

Réduction de la taxe internationale dans le cas de l'utilisation du logiciel PCT-EASY : une réduction de 200 francs suisses (ou l'équivalent dans la monnaie dans laquelle la taxe internationale est payée à l'office récepteur) peut être obtenue dans certains cas où le logiciel PCT-EASY est utilisé pour la préparation de la requête, à condition que les conditions nécessaires soient remplies. On peut trouver des précisions sur cette réduction dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/A, partie générale, et volume I/B, annexe C, ainsi que dans les informations publiées dans la *Gazette du PCT* et le bulletin *PCT Newsletter*. Étant donné que les déposants qui utilisent le logiciel PCT-EASY déposeront le formulaire de requête et la feuille de calcul des taxes sous la forme d'un imprimé produit par ordinateur à l'aide de ce logiciel, la feuille de calcul des taxes annexée au formulaire PCT/RO/101 ne prévoit pas cette réduction de taxe.

Réduction de la taxe internationale pour les déposants de certains États : un déposant qui est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et est domiciliée dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3 000 dollars des États-Unis a droit, conformément au barème de taxes, à une réduction de 75 % de certaines taxes du PCT, dont la taxe internationale. S'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire à ces critères. La réduction de la taxe internationale (taxe de base et taxe de désignation) s'applique automatiquement à tout déposant qui y a droit (ou à tous les déposants qui y ont droit) au vu des indications de nom, de nationalité et de domicile données dans les cadres n°s II et III de la requête.

La réduction de la taxe s'applique même si l'un ou plusieurs des déposants ne viennent pas d'États contractants du PCT, à condition que chacun d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État, et domicilié dans un État, qui répond aux critères mentionnés ci-dessus et qu'au moins l'un d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT, et domicilié dans un tel État, et ait donc le droit de déposer une demande internationale.

Les personnes physiques qui sont ressortissantes des États contractants du PCT suivants, et qui sont domiciliées dans ces États, peuvent bénéficier de cette réduction : AL Albanie, AM Arménie, AZ Azerbaïdjan, BA Bosnie-Herzégovine, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgarie, BJ Bénin, BR Brésil, BY Bélarus, BZ Belize, CF République centrafricaine, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroun, CN Chine, CO Colombie, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ République tchèque, DM Dominique, DZ Algérie, EC Équateur, EE Estonie, GA Gabon, GD Grenade, GE Géorgie, GH Ghana, GM Gambie, GN Guinée, GQ Guinée équatoriale, GW Guinée-Bissau, HR Croatie, HU Hongrie, ID Indonésie, IN Inde, KE Kenya, KG Kirghizistan, KP République populaire démocratique de Corée, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Sainte-Lucie, LK Sri Lanka, LR Libéria, LS Lesotho, LT Lituanie, LV Lettonie, MA Maroc, MD République de Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, ML Mali, MN Mongolie, MR Mauritanie, MW Malawi, MX Mexique, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, PH Philippines, PL Pologne, RO Roumanie, RU Fédération de Russie, SD Soudan, SK Slovaquie, SL Sierra Leone, SN Sénégal, SZ Swaziland, TD Tchad, TG Togo, TJ Tadjikistan, TM Turkménistan, TN Tunisie, TR Turquie, TZ République-Unie de Tanzanie, UA Ukraine, UG Ouganda, UZ Ouzbékistan, VN Viet Nam, YU Yougoslavie, ZA Afrique du Sud, ZM Zambie et ZW Zimbabwe. En ce qui concerne d'autres États, il convient de s'adresser au Bureau international.

Calcul de la taxe internationale (taxe de base et taxes de désignation) en cas de réduction : lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à une réduction de la taxe

only, under Section 801(a)(i), or both in that form and in paper form under Section 801(a)(ii)), the number of sheets to be used for the purpose of calculating the amount of the basic fee is the **Sub-total number of sheets**. In such a case, item "b3" must be filled in on the basis that the sequence listing part in computer readable form is considered to be equal to 400 sheets (see Section 803).

The basic fee must be paid within one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office.

Box D: Designation Fees. Subject to what is said below, the number of designation fees due corresponds to the number of check-boxes marked in Box No. V of the request.

The number of designation fees which are due is the same as the number of national patents and regional patents in respect of which specific designations under Rule 4.9(a) are made. Only one designation fee is due for the designation AP, the designation EA, the designation EP or the designation OA, irrespective of the number of States for which an ARIPO patent, a Eurasian patent, a European patent or an OAPI patent, respectively, is sought.

Where any States are designated twice (once for the purposes of an ARIPO patent, a Eurasian patent or a European patent and once for the purposes of national protection), the applicant must pay one designation fee in respect of the ARIPO patent, the Eurasian patent or the European patent and a further designation fee in respect of each national patent or other kind of protection sought (Rule 15.1(ii) and Section 210).

Any designation, in excess of five designations for which the fee is due, is free of charge. Therefore, the maximum amount to be indicated in box D is five times the amount of the designation fee. If, for example, 15 national patents and four regional patents (an ARIPO patent, a Eurasian patent, a European patent and an OAPI patent) are sought (totalling 19 designations), the figure to be indicated in box D is five times the amount of the designation fee.

The designation fees must be paid within one month from

the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office or one year from the priority date, whichever time limit expires later.

Box P: Fee for Priority Document (Rule 17.1(b)): Where the applicant has requested, by marking the applicable check-box in Box No. VI of the request, that the receiving Office prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application the priority of which is claimed, the amount of the fee prescribed by the receiving Office for such service may be entered (for information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C).

If that fee is not paid at the latest before the expiration of 16 months from the priority date, the receiving Office may consider the request under Rule 17.1(b) as not having been made.

Total Box: The total of the amounts entered in boxes T, S, I and P should be entered in this box. If the applicant so wishes, the currency in which the fees are paid may be indicated next to or in the total box.

Later Payment of Designation Fees: Where the time limit of one year from the priority date expires later than one month from the date of receipt of the international application by the receiving Office, and the applicant wishes to delay the payment of the designation fees, it is recommended that the corresponding check-box be marked.

MODE OF PAYMENT

In order to help the receiving Office identify the mode of payment of the prescribed fees, it is recommended that the applicable check-box(es) be marked.

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The receiving Office will not charge (or credit) fees to deposit accounts unless the deposit account authorization is signed and indicates the deposit account number.

internationale, la somme devant figurer sous I est égale à 25 % de la somme des montants figurant sous B et D (voir ci-dessous).

Cadre B : Taxe de base. Le montant de la taxe de base est fonction du nombre de feuilles de la demande internationale indiqué au point a) du cadre n° IX de la requête comme expliqué ci-dessous.

Ce nombre est le **nombre total de feuilles** lorsque le point b) du cadre n° IX de la requête ne s'applique pas (c'est-à-dire, si la demande internationale ne contient pas une partie réservée au listage des séquences ou qu'elle contient une telle partie mais que cette dernière n'est pas déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i) ou ii)), dans ce cas, le point "b3" ne doit pas être rempli.

Sinon, lorsque le point b) du cadre n° IX de la requête s'applique (c'est-à-dire, si la demande internationale contient une partie réservée au listage des séquences qui est déposée sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur seulement, en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)i), ou à la fois sous cette forme et sous forme papier en vertu de l'instruction 801.a)ii), le nombre de feuilles à utiliser pour le calcul du montant de la taxe de base est le **sous-total des feuilles**. Dans un tel cas, le point "b3" doit être rempli étant entendu que la partie réservée au listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur est considérée comporter 400 pages (voir l'instruction 803).

La taxe de base doit être payée dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de réception de la demande internationale par l'office récepteur.

Cadre D : Taxes de désignation. Sous réserve de ce qui suit, le nombre de taxes de désignation dues correspond au nombre de cases cochées dans le cadre n° V de la requête.

Sont dues autant de taxes de désignation qu'il y a de brevets nationaux et de brevets régionaux pour lesquels une désignation expresse a été faite en vertu de la règle 4.9.a). Une seule taxe de désignation est due pour la désignation AP, la désignation EA, la désignation EP ou la désignation OA, quel que soit le nombre d'États pour lesquels un brevet ARIPO, un brevet eurasiatique, un brevet européen ou un brevet OAPI, respectivement, est demandé.

Si un ou plusieurs États sont désignés deux fois (une fois aux fins d'un brevet ARIPO, d'un brevet eurasiatique ou d'un brevet européen et une fois aux fins d'une protection nationale), le déposant doit payer une taxe de désignation pour le brevet ARIPO, le brevet eurasiatique ou le brevet européen et une autre taxe de désignation pour chaque brevet ou autre forme de protection nationale demandé (règle 15.1.ii) et instruction 210).

Toute désignation faite au-delà de cinq désignations soumises à la taxe est gratuite. Le montant maximum à

indiquer dans le cadre D est donc de cinq fois le montant de la taxe de désignation. Si, par exemple, 15 brevets nationaux et quatre brevets régionaux (un brevet ARIPO, un brevet eurasiatique, un brevet européen et un brevet OAPI) sont demandés (soit un total de 19 désignations), la somme à indiquer dans le cadre D est de cinq fois le montant de la taxe de désignation.

Les taxes de désignation doivent être payées dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale ou d'un an à compter de la date de priorité, le délai applicable étant celui des deux qui arrive à expiration le plus tard.

Cadre P : Taxe afférente au document de priorité (règle 17.1.b)) : si, en cochant la case appropriée dans le cadre n° VI de la requête, le déposant a demandé que l'office récepteur prépare et transmette au Bureau international une copie certifiée conforme de la demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée, il peut indiquer le montant de la taxe prescrite par l'office récepteur pour ce service (pour plus de renseignements, voir le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C).

Si cette taxe n'est pas payée au plus tard avant l'expiration d'un délai de 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, l'office récepteur peut considérer la requête selon la règle 17.1.b) comme n'ayant pas été présentée.

Total : le total des montants inscrits dans les cadres T, S, I et P doit être porté dans ce cadre. Le déposant peut, s'il le souhaite, indiquer à proximité ou à l'intérieur du cadre "Total" la monnaie dans laquelle il paie les taxes.

Paiement différé des taxes de désignation : si le délai d'un an à compter de la date de priorité arrive à expiration plus d'un mois après la date à laquelle l'office récepteur reçoit la demande internationale, et que le déposant souhaite différer le paiement des taxes de désignation, il est recommandé de cocher la case appropriée.

MODE DE PAIEMENT

Pour aider l'office récepteur à déterminer le mode de paiement des taxes prescrites qui a été utilisé, il est recommandé de cocher la ou les cases appropriées.

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

L'office récepteur ne débitera (ou ne créditera) un compte de dépôt du montant des taxes que si l'autorisation correspondante est signée et qu'elle indique le numéro du compte de dépôt.

The demand must be filed directly with the competent International Preliminary Examining Authority or, if two or more Authorities are competent, with the one chosen by the applicant. The full name or two-letter code of that Authority may be indicated by the applicant on the line below:

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CHAPTER II

DEMAND

under Article 31 of the Patent Cooperation Treaty:
 The undersigned requests that the international application specified below be the subject of international preliminary examination according to the Patent Cooperation Treaty and hereby elects all eligible States (except where otherwise indicated).

For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only

Identification of IPEA		Date of receipt of DEMAND
Box No. I IDENTIFICATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION		Applicant's or agent's file reference
International application No.	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>)	(Earliest) Priority date (<i>day/month/year</i>)
Title of invention		
Box No. II APPLICANT(S)		
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		Telephone No.
		Facsimile No.
		Teleprinter No.
		Applicant's registration No. with the Office
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
Name and address: (<i>Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.</i>)		
State (<i>that is, country</i>) of nationality:		State (<i>that is, country</i>) of residence:
<input type="checkbox"/> Further applicants are indicated on a continuation sheet.		

La demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être présentée directement à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui est compétente ou, si plusieurs administrations sont compétentes, à l'une d'entre elles, au choix du déposant. Le déposant peut indiquer le nom complet ou le code à deux lettres de cette administration au-dessus de la ligne qui suit :

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CHAPITRE II

DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL

selon l'article 31 du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets :
Le soussigné requiert que la demande internationale spécifiée ci-après fasse l'objet d'un examen préliminaire international conformément au Traité de coopération en matière de brevets et fait élection de tous les États éligibles sauf indication contraire.

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

Administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international	Date de réception de la demande d'examen préliminaire international
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Cadre n° I IDENTIFICATION DE LA DEMANDE INTERNATIONALE		Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire
Demande internationale n°	Date du dépôt international (jour/mois/année)	Date de priorité (la plus ancienne) (jour/mois/année)
Titre de l'invention		
Cadre n° II DÉPOSANT(S)		
Nom et adresse : (Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)		n° de téléphone
		n° de télécopieur
		n° de téléimprimeur
		n° sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :	Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
Nom et adresse : (Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)		
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :	Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
Nom et adresse : (Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)		
Nationalité (nom de l'État) :	Domicile (nom de l'État) :	
<input type="checkbox"/> D'autres déposants sont indiqués sur une feuille annexe.		

Continuation of Box No. II APPLICANT(S)

If none of the following sub-boxes is used, this sheet should not be included in the demand.

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Name and address: *(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)*

State *(that is, country)* of nationality:

State *(that is, country)* of residence:

Further applicants are indicated on another continuation sheet.

Suite du cadre n° II DÉPOSANT(S)

Si aucun des sous-cadres suivants n'est utilisé, cette feuille ne doit pas être incluse dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

Nom et adresse : *(Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)*

Nationalité (nom de l'État) :

Domicile (nom de l'État) :

D'autres déposants sont indiqués sur une autre feuille annexe.

Box No. III AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE; OR ADDRESS FOR CORRESPONDENCE

The following person is agent common representative
 and has been appointed earlier and represents the applicant(s) also for international preliminary examination.
 is hereby appointed and any earlier appointment of (an) agent(s)/common representative is hereby revoked.
 is hereby appointed, specifically for the procedure before the International Preliminary Examining Authority, in addition to the agent(s)/common representative appointed earlier.

Name and address: <i>(Family name followed by given name; for a legal entity, full official designation. The address must include postal code and name of country.)</i>	Telephone No.
	Facsimile No.
	Teleprinter No.
	Agent's registration No. with the Office

Address for correspondence: Mark this check-box where no agent or common representative is/has been appointed and the space above is used instead to indicate a special address to which correspondence should be sent.

Box No. IV BASIS FOR INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION

Statement concerning amendments:*

- The applicant wishes the international preliminary examination **to start on the basis of:**
 - the international application as originally filed
 - the description as originally filed
 as amended under Article 34
 - the claims as originally filed
 as amended under Article 19 (together with any accompanying statement)
 as amended under Article 34
 - the drawings as originally filed
 as amended under Article 34
- The applicant wishes any amendment to the claims under Article 19 to be considered as reversed.
- The applicant wishes the start of the international preliminary examination **to be postponed** until the expiration of 20 months from the priority date unless the International Preliminary Examining Authority receives a copy of any amendments made under Article 19 or a notice from the applicant that he does not wish to make such amendments (Rule 69.1(d)). *(This check-box may be marked only where the time limit under Article 19 has not yet expired.)*

* Where no check-box is marked, international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or, where a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 and/or amendments of the international application under Article 34 are received by the International Preliminary Examining Authority before it has begun to draw up a written opinion or the international preliminary examination report, as so amended.

Language for the purposes of international preliminary examination:

- which is the language in which the international application was filed.
- which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search.
- which is the language of publication of the international application.
- which is the language of the translation (to be) furnished for the purposes of international preliminary examination.

Box No. V ELECTION OF STATES

The applicant hereby **elects all eligible States** (that is, all States which have been designated and which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT)

excluding the following States which the applicant wishes **not to elect:**

Cadre n° III MANDATAIRE OU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN; OU ADRESSE POUR LA CORRESPONDANCE

La personne indiquée ci-dessous est mandataire représentant commun
 et a été désignée à une date antérieure; elle représente aussi le ou les déposants pour l'examen préliminaire international.
 est désignée par la présente; toute désignation antérieure de mandataires ou d'un représentant commun est de ce fait révoquée.
 est désignée par la présente, spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, en sus du ou des mandataires ou du représentant commun désignés antérieurement.

Nom et adresse : (Nom de famille suivi du prénom; pour une personne morale, désignation officielle complète. L'adresse doit comprendre le code postal et le nom du pays.)	n° de téléphone
	n° de télécopieur
	n° de téléimprimeur
	n° sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office

Adresse pour la correspondance : cocher cette case lorsque aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est ou n'a été désigné et que l'espace ci-dessus est utilisé pour indiquer une adresse spéciale à laquelle la correspondance doit être envoyée.

Cadre n° IV BASE DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**Déclaration concernant les modifications :***

1. Le déposant souhaite que l'examen préliminaire international **commence sur la base suivante** :
- la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement
 la description telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement
 telle qu'elle a été modifiée en vertu de l'article 34
- les revendications telles qu'elles ont été déposées initialement
 telles qu'elles ont été modifiées en vertu de l'article 19 (avec, le cas échéant, la déclaration jointe aux modifications)
 telles qu'elles ont été modifiées en vertu de l'article 34
- les dessins tels qu'ils ont été déposés initialement
 tels qu'ils ont été modifiés en vertu de l'article 34
2. Le déposant souhaite que les modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 soient considérées comme écartées.
3. Le déposant souhaite que le commencement de l'examen préliminaire international **soit différé** jusqu'à l'expiration d'un délai de 20 mois à compter de la date de priorité, à moins que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ne reçoive une copie des modifications effectuées en vertu de l'article 19 ou une déclaration du déposant, aux termes de laquelle celui-ci ne souhaite pas effectuer de modifications en vertu de l'article 19 (règle 69.1.d). (Ne pas cocher cette case lorsque le délai visé à l'article 19 a expiré.)

* Lorsque aucune case n'est cochée, l'examen préliminaire international commencera sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée initialement ou, si l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international reçoit copie des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 ou des modifications apportées à la demande internationale en vertu de l'article 34 avant d'avoir commencé à rédiger une opinion écrite ou le rapport d'examen préliminaire international, sur la base de la demande internationale ainsi modifiée.

Langue : l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué en, qui est

- la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale a été déposée.
 la langue d'une traduction remise aux fins de la recherche internationale.
 la langue de publication de la demande internationale.
 la langue de la traduction (qui sera) remise aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international.

Cadre n° V ÉLECTION D'ÉTATS

Le déposant **élit tous les États éligibles** (c'est-à-dire tous les États qui ont été désignés et qui sont liés par le chapitre II du PCT) à l'exclusion des États ci-après que le déposant souhaite **ne pas élire** :

Box No. VI CHECK LIST

The demand is accompanied by the following elements, in the language referred to in Box No. IV, for the purposes of international preliminary examination:			For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only		
			received	not received	
1.	translation of international application	:	sheets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2.	amendments under Article 34	:	sheets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3.	copy (or, where required, translation) of amendments under Article 19	:	sheets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4.	copy (or, where required, translation) of statement under Article 19	:	sheets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5.	letter	:	sheets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
6.	other (<i>specify</i>)	:	sheets	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

The demand is also accompanied by the item(s) marked below:

1. <input type="checkbox"/> fee calculation sheet	5. <input type="checkbox"/> statement explaining lack of signature
2. <input type="checkbox"/> original separate power of attorney	6. <input type="checkbox"/> sequence listing in computer readable form
3. <input type="checkbox"/> original general power of attorney	7. <input type="checkbox"/> other (<i>specify</i>):
4. <input type="checkbox"/> copy of general power of attorney; reference number, if any:	

Box No. VII SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, AGENT OR COMMON REPRESENTATIVE

Next to each signature, indicate the name of the person signing and the capacity in which the person signs (if such capacity is not obvious from reading the demand).

For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only

1. Date of actual receipt of DEMAND:	
2. Adjusted date of receipt of demand due to CORRECTIONS under Rule 60.1(b):	
3. <input type="checkbox"/> The date of receipt of the demand is AFTER the expiration of 19 months from the priority date and item 4 or 5, below, does not apply.	<input type="checkbox"/> The applicant has been informed accordingly.
4. <input type="checkbox"/> The date of receipt of the demand is WITHIN the period of 19 months from the priority date as extended by virtue of Rule 80.5.	
5. <input type="checkbox"/> Although the date of receipt of the demand is after the expiration of 19 months from the priority date, the delay in arrival is EXCUSED pursuant to Rule 82.	

For International Bureau use only

Demand received from IPEA on:

Cadre n° VI BORDEREAU

Aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international, les éléments suivants, établis dans la langue indiquée au cadre n° IV, sont joints à la présente demande d'examen :

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|--|---|----------|
| 1. traduction de la demande internationale | : | feuilles |
| 2. modifications selon l'article 34 | : | feuilles |
| 3. copie (ou, si elle est exigée, traduction) des modifications selon l'article 19 | : | feuilles |
| 4. copie (ou, si elle est exigée, traduction) de la déclaration selon l'article 19 | : | feuilles |
| 5. lettre | : | feuilles |
| 6. autres pièces (<i>préciser</i>) | : | feuilles |

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

reçu	non reçu
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<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Le ou les éléments cochés ci-après sont aussi joints à la demande d'examen préliminaire international :

- | | |
|---|--|
| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> feuille de calcul des taxes | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> explication de l'absence d'une signature |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> pouvoir distinct original | 6. <input type="checkbox"/> listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> original du pouvoir général | 7. <input type="checkbox"/> autres éléments (<i>préciser</i>) : |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> copie du pouvoir général; le cas échéant, numéro de référence : | |

Cadre n° VII SIGNATURE DU DÉPOSANT, DU MANDATAIRE OU DU REPRÉSENTANT COMMUN

À côté de chaque signature, indiquer le nom du signataire et, si cela n'apparaît pas clairement à la lecture de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, à quel titre l'intéressé signe.

Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international

1. Date effective de réception de la DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL :

2. Date modifiée de réception de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, en cas de CORRECTIONS apportées en vertu de la règle 60.1.b) :

3. La demande d'examen préliminaire international a été reçue PLUS DE 19 mois après la date de priorité et les points 4 et 5 ne sont pas applicables. Le déposant a été informé en conséquence.

4. La demande d'examen préliminaire international a été reçue dans le délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité, prorogé en vertu de la règle 80.5.

5. Bien que la demande d'examen préliminaire international ait été reçue plus de 19 mois après la date de priorité, le retard à l'arrivée est EXCUSÉ en vertu de la règle 82.

Réservé au Bureau international

Demande d'examen préliminaire international reçue de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international le :

NOTES TO THE DEMAND FORM (PCT/IPEA/401)

These Notes are intended to facilitate the filling in of the demand form and to give some information concerning international preliminary examination under Chapter II of the Patent Cooperation Treaty (PCT). For more detailed information, see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, a WIPO publication, which is available, together with other PCT related documents, at WIPO's Website: www.wipo.int/pct/en/index.html. The Notes are based on the requirements of the PCT, the Regulations and the Administrative Instructions under the PCT. In case of any discrepancy between these Notes and those requirements, the latter are applicable.

In the demand form and these Notes, "Article", "Rule" and "Section" refer to the provisions of the PCT, the PCT Regulations and the Administrative Instructions, respectively.

Please use a typewriter; check-boxes may be marked by hand with dark ink (Rules 11.9(a) and (b) and 11.14).

The demand form and these Notes may be downloaded from WIPO's Website at the address given above.

IMPORTANT GENERAL INFORMATION

Who May File a Demand? (Article 31(2)(a) and Rule 54): A demand (for international preliminary examination) may only be filed by an applicant who is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State which is bound by Chapter II of the PCT; furthermore, the international application must have been filed with a receiving Office of, or acting for, a State bound by Chapter II. Where there are two or more applicants (for the same or different elected States) at least one of them must qualify.

Where Must the Demand Be Filed? (Article 31(6)(a)): The demand must be filed with a competent International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA). The receiving Office with which the international application was filed will, upon request, give information about the competent IPEA (or see the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex C). If several IPEAs are competent, the applicant has the choice and the demand must be filed with (and the fees must be paid to) the IPEA chosen by the applicant. The IPEA chosen by the applicant may be identified, preferably by an indication of the name or two-letter code of the IPEA, at the top of the first sheet of the demand in the space provided for that purpose.

When Must the Demand Be Filed? (Article 39(1)): The demand must be filed before the expiration of *19 months from the priority date* in order to extend the time limit for entering the national phase of the PCT procedure from 20 to 30 months from the priority date. *Warning:* if the demand is filed later, the national phase will not be delayed in respect of the elected States and the applicant must enter the national phase before the expiration of the time limit applicable under Article 22 (which is usually 20 months from the priority date).

In Which Language Must the Demand Be Filed? (Rule 55.1): The demand must be filed in the language in which international preliminary examination will be carried out (see Notes to Box No. IV).

What is the Language of Correspondence? (Rules 66.9 and 92.2 and Section 104): Any letter from the applicant to the IPEA must be in the same language as the international application to which it relates. However, where the international preliminary examination will be carried out on the basis of a translation (see Notes to Box No. IV), any letter from the applicant to the IPEA must be in the language of the translation. The IPEA may authorize the use of other languages for letters which do not contain or relate to amendments of the international application. Any letter from the applicant to the International Bureau must be in English or French, at the choice of the applicant. However, if the language of the international application is English, the letter must be in English; if the language of the international application is French, the letter must be in French.

Which Fees Must Be Paid and When? (Rules 57 and 58):

Two fees are due in respect of the international preliminary examination: the preliminary examination fee and the handling fee. Both fees must be paid to the IPEA within one month from the date on which the demand is submitted. The Fee Calculation Sheet should be used for that purpose. For details concerning the payment of the fees, see the Notes to that Sheet.

BOX No. I

Applicant's or Agent's File Reference: A file reference may be indicated, if desired. It should not exceed 12 characters. Characters in excess of 12 may be disregarded (Section 109).

Identification of the International Application (Rule 53.6): The international application number must be indicated in Box No. I. Where the demand is filed at a time when the international application number has not yet been notified by the receiving Office, the name of that Office must be indicated instead of the international application number.

International Filing Date and (Earliest) Priority Date (Section 110): Dates must be indicated by the Arabic number of the day, the name of the month and the Arabic number of the year—in that order; after, below or above such indication, the date should be repeated in parentheses, using two-digit Arabic numerals for each of the number of the day, the number of the month and the last two digits of the year, in that order, and separated by periods, slants or hyphens, for example, "20 March 2001 (20.03.01)", "20 March 2001 (20/03/01)" or "20 March 2001 (20-03-01)". Where the international application claims the priority of several earlier applications, the filing date of the earliest application whose priority is claimed must be indicated as the priority date.

Title of the Invention: If a new title has been established by the International Searching Authority, that title must be indicated in Box No. I.

BOX No. II

Applicant(s) (Rule 53.4): All the applicants for the elected States must be indicated in the demand; an applicant named in the request (Form PCT/RO/101) for a State which is not elected need not be named in the demand. It should be noted that the persons named as "inventor only" in the request need not be named in the demand.

Make in Box No. II of the demand the required indications as appearing in Boxes Nos. II and III of the request. The Notes to the request apply *mutatis mutandis*. If there are two or more applicants for the States elected in the demand, give the required indications for each of them; if there are more than

NOTES RELATIVES AU FORMULAIRE DE DEMANDE D'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL (PCT/IPEA/401)

Ces notes sont destinées à faciliter l'utilisation du formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et à donner certains renseignements concernant l'examen préliminaire international prévu au chapitre II du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets (PCT). On peut aussi trouver de plus amples renseignements dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, publié par l'OMPI, qui est disponible, de même que d'autres documents relatifs au PCT, sur le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse suivante : www.OMPI.int/pct/fr/index.html. Les notes sont fondées sur les exigences du traité, du règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT. En cas de divergence entre les présentes notes et ces exigences, ce sont ces dernières qui priment.

Dans le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et dans les présentes notes, les termes "article", "règle" et "instruction" renvoient aux dispositions du traité, de son règlement d'exécution et des Instructions administratives du PCT, respectivement.

Prière de remplir le formulaire à la machine à écrire. Les cases appropriées peuvent être cochées à la main, à l'encre foncée (règles 11.9.a) et b) et 11.14).

Le formulaire de demande d'examen préliminaire international et les présentes notes peuvent être téléchargés depuis le site Internet de l'OMPI à l'adresse donnée ci-dessus.

RENSEIGNEMENTS IMPORTANTS D'ORDRE GÉNÉRAL

Qui peut présenter une demande d'examen préliminaire international ? (article 31.2a) et règle 54) : une demande d'examen préliminaire international ne peut être présentée que par un déposant qui est ressortissant d'un État contractant lié par le chapitre II du PCT ou qui a son domicile dans un tel État; en outre, la demande internationale doit avoir été déposée auprès de l'office récepteur d'un État lié par le chapitre II, ou agissant pour un tel État. S'il y a plusieurs déposants (pour les mêmes États élus ou pour des États élus différents), au moins l'un d'entre eux doit remplir les conditions requises.

Où la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (article 31.6a)) : la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être présentée à une administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (IPEA) compétente. L'office récepteur auprès duquel la demande internationale a été déposée donnera, sur demande, des renseignements au sujet de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui est compétente (voir aussi le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe C). Si plusieurs administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international sont compétentes, le déposant doit présenter la demande d'examen préliminaire international à l'administration de son choix (et lui payer les taxes). Cette administration peut être indiquée, de préférence au moyen de son nom ou de son code à deux lettres, en haut de la première feuille de la demande d'examen préliminaire international, dans l'espace prévu à cet effet.

Quand la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (article 39.1)) : la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être présentée avant l'expiration d'un délai de 19 mois à compter de la date de priorité pour que le délai d'ouverture de la phase nationale de la procédure selon le PCT puisse passer, en ce qui concerne les États élus, de 20 à 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité. *Important* : si la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée plus tard, la phase nationale ne sera pas différée et le déposant devra l'aborder avant l'expiration du délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 (qui est habituellement de 20 mois à compter de la date de priorité).

En quelle langue la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit-elle être présentée ? (règle 55.1) : la demande d'examen doit être présentée dans la langue dans laquelle l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué (voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV).

Quelle est la langue à utiliser dans la correspondance ? (règles 66.9 et 92.2 et instruction 104) : toute lettre adressée par le déposant à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international doit être rédigée dans la même langue que la demande internationale qu'elle concerne. Cependant, lorsque l'examen préliminaire international doit être effectué sur la base d'une traduction (voir les notes relatives au cadre n° IV), toute lettre adressée par le déposant à l'administration chargée de cet examen doit être rédigée dans la langue de la traduction. L'administration chargée de l'examen peut autoriser l'utilisation d'autres langues pour des lettres qui ne contiennent pas de modifications de la demande internationale ou qui ne se rapportent pas à des modifications. Toute lettre adressée par le déposant au Bureau international doit être rédigée en anglais ou en français, au choix du déposant. Toutefois, si la langue de la demande internationale est l'anglais, la lettre doit être rédigée en anglais; si la langue de la demande internationale est le français, la lettre doit être rédigée en français.

Quelles taxes doivent être payées et quand ? (règles 57 et 58) : l'examen préliminaire international donne lieu au paiement de deux taxes : la taxe d'examen préliminaire et la taxe de traitement. Ces deux taxes doivent être acquittées auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de présentation de la demande d'examen. La feuille de calcul des taxes devrait être utilisée à cette fin. Pour de plus amples renseignements concernant le paiement des taxes, voir les notes relatives à cette feuille.

CADRE N° I

Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire : il est possible d'indiquer, à titre facultatif, une telle référence de dossier. Celle-ci ne devrait pas dépasser 12 caractères. L'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international peut ne pas tenir compte des caractères en sus du douzième (instruction 109).

Identification de la demande internationale (règle 53.6) : le numéro de la demande internationale doit être indiqué dans le cadre n° I. Si la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée alors même que le numéro de la demande internationale n'a pas encore été notifié par l'office récepteur, le nom de cet office doit être indiqué en lieu et place du numéro de la demande internationale.

three applicants, make the required indications on the "Continuation Sheet".

If different applicants are indicated in the request for different designated States, indicate in Box No. II of the demand only the applicants for the States elected in Box No. V (no indication of the States for which a person is applicant need be made, because those indications have been made in the request).

Applicant's registration number with the Office (Rule 53.4): Where the applicant is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority, the demand may indicate the number or other indication under which the applicant is so registered.

BOX No. III

Agent or Common Representative (Rules 53.5, 90.1 and 90.2): Mark the applicable check-boxes to indicate *first* whether the person named in this Box is agent or common representative, *then* whether that person *has been appointed earlier* (i.e., during the procedure under Chapter I), or *is appointed in the demand* and any earlier appointment of another person is revoked, or *is appointed specifically for the procedure before the IPEA* (without revocation of any earlier appointment), in addition to the person(s) appointed earlier.

Where an additional person is appointed specifically for the procedure before the IPEA, all notifications issued by the IPEA will be addressed only to that additional person.

A separate power of attorney must be filed with the IPEA, the International Bureau or the receiving Office, if the person appointed at the time the demand is filed (i.e., was not appointed earlier) signs the demand on behalf of the applicant (Rule 90.4).

Agent's registration number with the Office (Rule 53.5): Where the agent is registered with the national or regional Office that is acting as International Preliminary Examining Authority, the demand may indicate the number or other indication under which the agent is so registered.

Address for Correspondence (Rule 4.4(d) and Section 108): Where an agent is appointed, any correspondence intended for the applicant will be sent to the address indicated for that agent (or for the first-mentioned agent, if more than one is appointed). Where one of two or more applicants is appointed as common representative, the address indicated for that applicant in Box No. III will be used.

Where no agent or common representative is appointed, any correspondence will be sent to the address, indicated in Box No. II, of the applicant (if only one person is named as applicant) or of the applicant who is considered to be common representative (if there are two or more persons named as applicants). However, if the applicant wishes correspondence to be sent to a different address in such a case, that address may be indicated in Box No. III instead of the designation of an agent or common representative. In this case, and only in this case, the last check-box of Box No. III must be marked (that is, the last check-box must not be marked if either of the check-boxes "agent" or "common representative" in Box No. III has been marked).

BOX No. IV

Statement Concerning Amendments (Rules 53.2(a)(v), 53.9, 62, 66.1 and 69.1): The international preliminary examination will start on the basis of the international application

as filed or, if amendments have been filed, as amended. Mark the appropriate check-box(es) to enable the IPEA to determine when and on what basis it can start international preliminary examination.

Mark the corresponding check-box(es) under No. 1 where the international preliminary examination should start on the basis of the international application as originally filed or where amendments are to be taken into account, as the case may be. Where amendments are to be taken into account, the applicant must submit *with the demand* a copy of amendments to the claims under Article 19 (Rule 53.9(a)(i)) and/or the amendments of the international application under Article 34 (Rule 53.9(c)), as the case may be. If a check-box is marked but the demand is not accompanied by the documents referred to, the start of international preliminary examination will be delayed until the IPEA receives them.

Mark check-box No. 2 if amendments of the claims under Article 19 have been filed with the International Bureau during the Chapter I procedure, but the applicant does not want these amendments to be taken into account for the purpose of international preliminary examination when the latter starts (Rule 53.9(a)(ii)).

Mark check-box No. 3 where the time limit for filing amendments of the claims under Article 19 has not expired at the time the demand is filed and the applicant wants to keep the option for the filing of such amendments open; the IPEA is thus requested to postpone the start of international preliminary examination (Rules 53.9(b) and 69.1(d)). It should be noted that the examination will start in any event after the expiration of 20 months from the priority date even where the time limit for filing amendments has not yet expired or no amendments have been received by the IPEA.

If no check-box is marked, refer to the footnote at the bottom of the Box.

Language for the Purposes of International Preliminary Examination (Rule 55.2): Where neither the language in which the international application is filed nor the language in which the international application is published is accepted by the IPEA that is to carry out the international preliminary examination, the applicant must furnish with the demand a translation of the international application into a language which is both a language accepted by that Authority and a language of publication.

Where such translation has already been furnished to the International Searching Authority for the purposes of carrying out international search and the IPEA is part of the same Office or intergovernmental organization as the International Searching Authority, the applicant need not furnish another translation. In such a case the international preliminary examination is carried out on the basis of the translation furnished for the purposes of international search.

The language for the purposes of international preliminary examination should be indicated in Box No. IV, on the dotted line, and the corresponding check-box should be marked.

Language of Amendments (Rules 55.3 and 66.9): Amendments and letters relating thereto must be in the same language as that in which the international preliminary examination is carried out, as explained in the preceding paragraphs.

Date du dépôt international et date de priorité (la plus ancienne) (instruction 110) : les dates doivent être indiquées au moyen du quantième, en chiffres arabes, suivi du nom du mois puis de l'année en chiffres arabes, dans cet ordre; à côté, au-dessous ou au-dessus de cette indication, il y a lieu de répéter la date, mais entre parenthèses, sous la forme de numéros à deux chiffres arabes, séparés par un point, une barre oblique ou un tiret, et dans l'ordre suivant : quantième, mois et année (celle-ci étant indiquée au moyen des deux derniers chiffres); exemples "20 mars 2001 (20.03.01)", "20 mars 2001 (20/03/01)" ou "20 mars 2001 (20-03-01)". Lorsque la demande internationale revendique la priorité de plusieurs demandes antérieures, la date de dépôt de la plus ancienne demande dont la priorité est revendiquée doit être indiquée en tant que date de priorité.

Titre de l'invention : si l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale a établi un nouveau titre, celui-ci doit être indiqué dans le cadre n° I.

CADRE N° II

Déposant(s) (règle 53.4) : tous les déposants qui ont cette qualité pour les États élus doivent être mentionnés dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international; un déposant mentionné dans la requête (formulaire PCT/RO/101) pour un État qui n'est pas élu n'a pas à être mentionné dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Il est à noter que les personnes mentionnées dans la requête comme "inventeur seulement" n'ont pas non plus à être mentionnées dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

Reprendre dans le cadre n° II de la demande d'examen préliminaire international les indications requises figurant dans les cadres n°s II et III de la requête. Les notes relatives à la requête s'appliquent *mutatis mutandis*. S'il y a pluralité de déposants pour les États élus dans la demande d'examen préliminaire international, fournir les indications requises sur chacun d'eux; si ces déposants sont plus de trois, porter les indications en question sur une "feuille annexe".

Si, dans la requête, des déposants différents sont indiqués pour différents États désignés, n'indiquer dans le cadre n° II de la demande d'examen préliminaire international que les déposants ayant cette qualité pour les États élus dans le cadre n° V (il n'y a pas lieu d'indiquer les États pour lesquels une personne est mentionnée comme déposant, car ces indications ont été fournies dans la requête).

Numéro sous lequel le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 53.4) : lorsque le déposant est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, la demande d'examen préliminaire international peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

CADRE N° III

Mandataire ou représentant commun (règles 53.5, 90.1 et 90.2) : cocher les cases appropriées afin d'indiquer, *premièrement*, si la personne indiquée dans le cadre n° III est mandataire ou représentant commun, *deuxièmement*, si cette personne a été désignée à une date antérieure (c'est-à-dire au cours de la procédure prévue au chapitre I), *est désignée dans la demande d'examen préliminaire internationale* (toute désignation antérieure d'une autre personne étant révoquée) ou *est désignée spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire internationale* (sans qu'il y ait révocation d'une désignation antérieure) en sus de la ou des personnes désignées antérieurement.

Lorsqu'une personne supplémentaire est désignée spécialement pour la procédure devant l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, toute la correspondance émanant de cette administration sera adressée seulement à cette personne supplémentaire.

Un pouvoir distinct doit être déposé auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, du Bureau international ou de l'office récepteur si la personne qui est désignée au moment de la présentation de la demande d'examen préliminaire international (et qui n'a donc pas été désignée antérieurement) signe cette demande d'examen au nom du déposant (règle 90.4).

Numéro sous lequel le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office (règle 53.5) : lorsque le mandataire est inscrit auprès de l'office national ou régional agissant en tant qu'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, la demande d'examen préliminaire international peut contenir le numéro ou une autre indication sous laquelle il est inscrit.

Adresse pour la correspondance (règle 4.4.d) et instruction 108) : si un mandataire est désigné, toute correspondance destinée au déposant sera envoyée à l'adresse indiquée pour ce mandataire (ou pour le mandataire mentionné en premier, si plusieurs mandataires ont été désignés). Lorsque, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, l'un d'eux est désigné comme représentant commun, l'adresse indiquée pour ce déposant dans le cadre n° III sera utilisée.

Si aucun mandataire ni représentant commun n'est désigné, la correspondance sera envoyée à l'adresse – indiquée dans le cadre n° II – du déposant (s'il n'y a qu'une seule personne indiquée comme déposant) ou du déposant considéré comme le représentant commun (s'il y a plusieurs personnes indiquées comme déposants). Cependant, si le ou les déposants souhaitent dans ce cas que la correspondance soit envoyée à une adresse différente, il est possible d'indiquer cette adresse dans le cadre n° III, en lieu et place de la désignation d'un mandataire ou d'un représentant commun. C'est dans ce cas et seulement dans ce cas qu'il y a lieu de cocher la dernière case du cadre n° III (c'est-à-dire que la dernière case ne doit pas être cochée si l'une des cases "mandataire" ou "représentant commun" a été cochée).

CADRE N° IV

Déclaration concernant les modifications (règles 53.2.a)v), 53.9, 62, 66.1 et 69.1) : l'examen préliminaire international commencera sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée ou, si des modifications ont été déposées, telle qu'elle a été modifiée. Cocher la ou les cases appropriées pour permettre à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international de déterminer si elle peut commencer l'examen préliminaire international et sur quelle base.

Cocher la ou les cases appropriées de la rubrique n° 1 pour indiquer si l'examen préliminaire international doit commencer sur la base de la demande internationale telle qu'elle a été déposée ou s'il doit être tenu compte de modifications, selon le cas. S'il y a des modifications à prendre en compte, le déposant doit présenter avec la demande d'examen une copie des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 (règle 53.9.a)i) ou des modifications apportées à la demande internationale en vertu de l'article 34 (règle 53.9.c)), ou une copie des deux types de modifications, selon le cas. Si une case est cochée et que les documents correspondants ne sont pas joints à la demande

Time Limit for Furnishing Translation of the International Application (Rule 55.2): Any required translation of the international application should be furnished (by the applicant) together with the demand. If it is not so furnished, the IPEA will invite the applicant to furnish it within a time limit which shall not be less than one month from the date of the invitation. That time limit may be extended by the IPEA.

BOX No. V

Election of States (Rule 53.7): Only States which are bound by Chapter II of the PCT *and* which have been designated in the international application (that is, States whose designations have been made under Rule 4.9(a), confirmed under Rule 4.9(c) or considered as having been made under Rule 32.2(a)(i)) can be elected. They are the “eligible States”.

For the convenience and protection of applicants, Box No. V contains a statement to the effect that all eligible States are elected. It is only where the applicant does not wish to elect certain eligible States that the name(s) or two-letter code(s) of those States must be indicated after the words “wishes not to elect:”.

The indication in the demand of the kind of protection or treatment desired for any elected State is not required since it follows the indication made when designating that State in the international application.

BOX No. VI

Check List: It is recommended that this Box be filled in carefully in order for the IPEA to determine as soon as possible whether it is in possession of the documents on the basis of which the applicant wishes international preliminary examination to start.

Where the international application contains disclosure of one or more nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences, and a copy of the sequence listing in computer readable form complying with the standard provided for in the Administrative Instructions is required by the IPEA, the applicant may furnish the listing in computer readable form to the IPEA with the demand. If this is the case, check-box No. 5 must be marked.

BOX No. VII

Signature (Rules 53.8, 90.3(a) and 90.4(a)): The demand must be signed by the applicant or by his agent; if there are two or more applicants, the common representative may sign the demand. If the demand is not signed by (all) the persons who are applicants for the elected States (a person who is applicant only for a State which is not elected need not sign the demand), a power of attorney signed by that (all those) applicant(s) must be filed with the IPEA, with the International Bureau or with the receiving Office unless the agent has previously been appointed.

d'examen préliminaire international, le commencement de cet examen sera différé jusqu'à ce que l'administration qui en est chargée les reçoive.

Cocher la case n° 2 si des modifications apportées aux revendications en vertu de l'article 19 ont été déposées auprès du Bureau international lors de la procédure prévue au chapitre I, et que le déposant ne veut pas qu'il en soit tenu compte aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international lorsque celui-ci commencera (règle 53.9.a)ii).

Cocher la case n° 3 si le délai fixé pour le dépôt de modifications des revendications en vertu de l'article 19 n'a pas expiré au moment où la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée et que le déposant veut conserver la possibilité de déposer de telles modifications; il est ainsi demandé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international de différer le commencement de cet examen (règles 53.9.b) et 69.1.d)). Il est à noter que l'examen commencera, en tout état de cause, après l'expiration d'un délai de 20 mois à compter de la date de priorité, même si le délai pour déposer des modifications n'a pas expiré ou que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international n'a reçu aucune modification.

Si aucune case n'est cochée, la procédure décrite dans la note figurant au bas du cadre sera suivie.

Langue aux fins de l'examen préliminaire international (règle 55.2) : lorsque ni la langue dans laquelle la demande internationale est déposée ni la langue dans laquelle elle est publiée n'est acceptée par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international qui effectuera cet examen, le déposant doit remettre avec la demande d'examen préliminaire international une traduction de la demande internationale dans une langue qui est à la fois une langue acceptée par cette administration et une langue de publication.

Lorsqu'une traduction répondant à ces critères a déjà été remise à l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale pour les besoins de cette recherche et que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international fait partie du même office ou de la même organisation intergouvernementale que l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale, il n'est pas nécessaire pour le déposant de remettre une autre traduction. Dans ce cas, l'examen préliminaire international est effectué sur la base de la traduction remise aux fins de la recherche internationale.

La langue dans laquelle sera effectué l'examen préliminaire international doit être indiquée dans le cadre n° IV sur la ligne pointillée, et la case appropriée la concernant doit être cochée.

Langue des modifications (règles 55.3 et 66.9) : les modifications et les lettres qui s'y rapportent doivent être rédigées dans la langue dans laquelle l'examen préliminaire international sera effectué, comme il est expliqué aux paragraphes précédents.

Délai imparti pour remettre une traduction de la demande internationale (règle 55.2) : toute traduction de la demande internationale qui est exigée doit être remise (par le déposant) en même temps que la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Si la traduction n'est pas remise en

même temps, l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international invitera le déposant à remettre cette traduction dans un délai qui sera d'au moins un mois à compter de la date de l'invitation. Ce délai peut être prorogé par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

CADRE N° V

Élection d'États (règle 53.7) : seuls peuvent être élus les États qui sont liés par le chapitre II du PCT *et* qui ont été désignés dans la demande internationale (c'est-à-dire qui ont fait l'objet de désignations faites en vertu de la règle 4.9.a), confirmées en vertu de la règle 4.9.c) ou considérées comme ayant été faites, en vertu de la règle 32.2.a)i)). Ces États sont les "États éligibles".

Pour faciliter la tâche des déposants et les protéger, le cadre n° V contient une déclaration selon laquelle tous les États éligibles sont élus. Ce n'est que si le déposant ne souhaite pas élire certains États éligibles qu'il doit indiquer le nom ou le code à deux lettres de ces États après les mots "souhaite ne pas élire :".

Il n'est pas nécessaire d'indiquer dans la demande d'examen préliminaire internationale quelle forme de protection ou de traitement est souhaitée pour tel ou tel État élu puisque les indications portées dans la demande internationale lors de la désignation de cet État restent valables.

CADRE N° VI

Bordereau : il est recommandé de remplir soigneusement ce cadre pour que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international puisse déterminer le plus rapidement possible si elle est en possession de la ou des modifications ou de la ou des lettres sur la base desquelles le déposant souhaite que l'examen préliminaire international commence.

Lorsque la demande internationale contient la divulgation d'une ou plusieurs séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés, et qu'une copie du listage des séquences sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur, conforme à la norme figurant dans les instructions administratives, est requise par l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, le déposant peut fournir à cette administration, conjointement avec la demande d'examen préliminaire international, le listage en question sous une forme déchiffrable par ordinateur. S'il le fait, la case n° 5 doit être cochée.

CADRE N° VII

Signature (règles 53.8, 90.3.a) et 90.4.a)) : la demande d'examen préliminaire international doit être signée par le déposant ou par son mandataire; s'il y a plusieurs déposants, elle peut l'être par le représentant commun. Si elle n'est pas signée par une ou plusieurs personnes qui ont la qualité de déposant pour les États élus (une personne qui est déposant seulement pour un État non élu n'a pas besoin de signer la demande d'examen préliminaire international), un pouvoir signé par ces personnes doit être déposé auprès du Bureau international, de l'office récepteur ou de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international, sauf si le mandataire a été désigné à une date antérieure.

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FEE CALCULATION SHEET

Annex to the Demand

International application No.	For International Preliminary Examining Authority use only	
Applicant's or agent's file reference	Date stamp of the IPEA	
Applicant		
CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES		
1. Preliminary examination fee		P
2. Handling fee (<i>Applicants from certain States are entitled to a reduction of 75% of the handling fee. Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) so entitled, the amount to be entered at H is 25% of the handling fee.</i>)		H
3. Total of prescribed fees Add the amounts entered at P and H and enter total in the TOTAL box		
	TOTAL	
MODE OF PAYMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> authorization to charge deposit account with the IPEA (see below)	<input type="checkbox"/> cash	
<input type="checkbox"/> cheque	<input type="checkbox"/> revenue stamps	
<input type="checkbox"/> postal money order	<input type="checkbox"/> coupons	
<input type="checkbox"/> bank draft	<input type="checkbox"/> other (<i>specify</i>):	
AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT <i>(This mode of payment may not be available at all IPEAs)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> Authorization to charge the total fees indicated above.	IPEA/ _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> (<i>This check-box may be marked only if the conditions for deposit accounts of the IPEA so permit</i>) Authorization to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in the total fees indicated above.	Deposit Account No.: _____	
	Date: _____	
	Name: _____	
	Signature: _____	

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FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES

Annexe de la demande d'examen préliminaire international

Demande internationale n°	Réservé à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international								
Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire	Timbre à date de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international								
Déposant									
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NOTES TO THE FEE CALCULATION SHEET (ANNEX TO FORM PCT/IPEA/401)

The purpose of the fee calculation sheet is to help the applicant to identify the prescribed fees and to calculate the amounts to be paid. It is strongly recommended that the applicant complete, by entering the appropriate amounts in the boxes provided, and submit the fee calculation sheet at the time of filing of the demand. This will help the International Preliminary Examining Authority (IPEA) to verify the calculations and to identify any error in them.

CALCULATION OF PRESCRIBED FEES

Two fees must be paid for international preliminary examination:

- (i) the preliminary examination fee for the benefit of the IPEA (Rule 58.1);
- (ii) the handling fee for the benefit of the International Bureau (Rule 57).

Both fees must be paid to the IPEA within one month from the date on which the demand is submitted. The amount payable is the amount applicable on the date of submittal (Rules 57.3 and 58.1(b)). The fees must be paid in a currency acceptable to the IPEA.

Information about the amount of those fees or about equivalent amounts in other currencies can be obtained from the IPEA or the receiving Office. This information is also published in the *PCT Applicant's Guide*, Volume I/B, Annex E, and from time to time in Section IV of the *PCT Gazette*.

Box P: The amount of the preliminary examination fee must be entered in Box P.

Box H: The amount of the handling fee must be entered in Box H.

Reduction of the Handling Fee for Applicants from Certain States: An applicant who is a natural person and who is a national of and resides in a State whose per capita national income is below 3,000 US dollars (according to the average per capita national income figures used by the United Nations for determining its scale of assessments for the contributions payable for the years 1995, 1996 and 1997) is entitled, in accordance with the Schedule of Fees, to a reduction of 75% of certain PCT fees including the handling fee. If there are several applicants, each must satisfy the above-mentioned criteria. The reduction of the handling fee will be automatically available to any applicant (or applicants) who is (or are) so entitled on the basis of the indications of name, nationality and residence given in Box No. II of the demand.

The fee reduction will be available even if one or more of the applicants are not from PCT Contracting States, provided that each of them is a national and resident of a State that meets the above-mentioned requirements and that at least one of the applicants is a national or resident of a PCT Contracting State and thus is entitled to file an international application.

Natural persons who are nationals of and reside in the following PCT Contracting States are eligible: AL Albania, AM Armenia, AZ Azerbaijan, BA Bosnia and Herzegovina, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgaria, BJ Benin, BR Brazil, BY Belarus, BZ Belize, CF Central African Republic,

CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroon, CN China, CO Colombia, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ Czech Republic, DM Dominica, DZ Algeria, EC Ecuador, EE Estonia, GA Gabon, GD Grenada, GE Georgia, GH Ghana, GM Gambia, GN Guinea, GQ Equatorial Guinea, GW Guinea-Bissau, HR Croatia, HU Hungary, ID Indonesia, IN India, KE Kenya, KG Kyrgyzstan, KP Democratic People's Republic of Korea, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Saint Lucia, LK Sri Lanka, LR Liberia, LS Lesotho, LT Lithuania, LV Latvia, MA Morocco, MD Republic of Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, ML Mali, MN Mongolia, MR Mauritania, MW Malawi, MX Mexico, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, PH Philippines, PL Poland, RO Romania, RU Russian Federation, SD Sudan, SK Slovakia, SL Sierra Leone, SN Senegal, SZ Swaziland, TD Chad, TG Togo, TJ Tajikistan, TM Turkmenistan, TN Tunisia, TR Turkey, TZ United Republic of Tanzania, UA Ukraine, UG Uganda, UZ Uzbekistan, VN Viet Nam, YU Yugoslavia, ZA South Africa, ZM Zambia and ZW Zimbabwe. As far as other States are concerned, inquiries should be addressed to the International Bureau.

Calculation of the Handling Fee in Case of Fee Reduction: Where the applicant is (or all applicants are) entitled to a reduction of the handling fee, the total to be entered at Box H is 25% of the handling fee.

Total Box: The total of the amounts inserted in Boxes P and H is the amount which must be paid to the IPEA.

MODE OF PAYMENT

In order to help the IPEA identify the mode of payment of the prescribed fees, it is recommended to mark the applicable check-box(es).

AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE (OR CREDIT) DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

The applicant should check whether the IPEA allows the use of deposit accounts for payment of PCT fees. In addition, it is recommended that the applicant check what are the specific conditions applicable to the use of deposit accounts with the IPEA since not all IPEAs provide the same services.

Finally, if the IPEA is not the same national Office or intergovernmental organization as that with which the international application was filed, the deposit account with the receiving Office cannot be charged for the purpose of paying the preliminary examination and handling fees due to the IPEA.

The IPEA will not charge fees to deposit accounts unless the deposit account authorization is signed and indicates the deposit account number.

NOTES RELATIVES À LA FEUILLE DE CALCUL DES TAXES (ANNEXE DU FORMULAIRE PCT/IPEA/401)

La feuille de calcul des taxes a pour objet d'aider le déposant à recenser les taxes prescrites et à calculer les montants à payer. Il lui est vivement recommandé de remplir cette feuille en portant les montants appropriés dans les cadres prévus et de la joindre à la demande d'examen préliminaire international. Cela aidera l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (IPEA) à vérifier les calculs et à y déceler d'éventuelles erreurs.

CALCUL DES TAXES PRESCRITES

L'examen préliminaire international donne lieu au paiement de deux taxes :

- i) la taxe d'examen préliminaire, au profit de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international (règle 58.1);
- ii) la taxe de traitement, au profit du Bureau international (règle 57).

Ces deux taxes doivent être payées à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date à laquelle la demande d'examen préliminaire international est présentée. Le montant dû est le montant applicable à la date de présentation de cette demande d'examen (règles 57.3 et 58.1.b)). Les taxes doivent être payées dans une monnaie que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international accepte.

Des renseignements au sujet du montant de ces taxes ou de leur contre-valeur en d'autres monnaies peuvent être obtenus auprès de l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ou de l'office récepteur. Ces renseignements figurent également dans le *Guide du déposant du PCT*, volume I/B, annexe E, et sont aussi publiés périodiquement dans la section IV de la *Gazette du PCT*.

Cadre P : le montant de la taxe d'examen préliminaire doit être inscrit dans le cadre P.

Cadre H : le montant de la taxe de traitement doit être inscrit dans le cadre H.

Réduction de la taxe de traitement pour les déposants de certains États : un déposant qui est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et est domiciliée dans un État, où le revenu national par habitant (déterminé d'après le revenu national moyen par habitant retenu par l'Organisation des Nations Unies pour arrêter son barème des contributions au titre des années 1995, 1996 et 1997) est inférieur à 3 000 dollars des États-Unis a droit, conformément au barème de taxes, à une réduction de 75% de certaines taxes du PCT, dont la taxe de traitement. S'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux doit satisfaire à ces critères. La réduction de la taxe de traitement s'appliquera automatiquement à tout déposant qui y a droit (ou à tous les déposants qui y ont droit) au vu des indications de nom, de nationalité et de domicile données dans le cadre n° II de la demande d'examen préliminaire international.

La réduction de la taxe s'appliquera même si l'un ou plusieurs des déposants ne viennent pas d'États contractants du PCT, à condition que chacun d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État, et domicilié dans un État, qui répond aux critères mentionnés ci-dessus et qu'au moins l'un d'eux soit ressortissant d'un État contractant du PCT, et domicilié dans un tel État, et ait donc le droit de déposer une demande internationale.

Les personnes physiques qui sont ressortissantes des États contractants du PCT suivants, et qui sont domiciliées dans ces États, peuvent bénéficier de cette réduction : AL Albanie, AM Arménie, AZ Azerbaïdjan, BA Bosnie-Herzégovine, BF Burkina Faso, BG Bulgarie, BJ Bénin, BR Brésil, BY Bélarus,

BZ Belize, CF République centrafricaine, CG Congo, CI Côte d'Ivoire, CM Cameroun, CN Chine, CO Colombie, CR Costa Rica, CU Cuba, CZ République tchèque, DM Dominique, DZ Algérie, EC Équateur, EE Estonie, GA Gabon, GD Grenade, GE Géorgie, GH Ghana, GM Gambie, GN Guinée, GQ Guinée équatoriale, GW Guinée-Bissau, HR Croatie, HU Hongrie, ID Indonésie, IN Inde, KE Kenya, KG Kirghizistan, KP République populaire démocratique de Corée, KZ Kazakhstan, LC Sainte-Lucie, LK Sri Lanka, LR Libéria, LS Lesotho, LT Lituanie, LV Lettonie, MA Maroc, MD République de Moldova, MG Madagascar, MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, ML Mali, MN Mongolie, MR Mauritanie, MW Malawi, MX Mexique, MZ Mozambique, NE Niger, PH Philippines, PL Pologne, RO Roumanie, RU Fédération de Russie, SD Soudan, SK Slovaquie, SL Sierra Leone, SN Sénégal, SZ Swaziland, TD Tchad, TG Togo, TJ Tadjikistan, TM Turkménistan, TN Tunisie, TR Turquie, TZ République-Unie de Tanzanie, UA Ukraine, UG Ouganda, UZ Ouzbékistan, VN Viet Nam, YU Yougoslavie, ZA Afrique du Sud, ZM Zambie et ZW Zimbabwe. En ce qui concerne d'autres États, il conviendra de s'adresser au Bureau international.

Calcul de la taxe de traitement en cas de réduction : lorsque le déposant a (ou tous les déposants ont) droit à une réduction de la taxe de traitement, le montant devant figurer dans le cadre H est égal à 25% de la taxe de traitement.

Total : le total des montants inscrits dans les cadres P et H représente la somme à verser à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

MODE DE PAIEMENT

Pour aider l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international à déterminer le mode de paiement des taxes prescrites qui a été utilisé, il est recommandé de cocher la ou les cases appropriées.

AUTORISATION DE DÉBITER (OU CRÉDITER) UN COMPTE DE DÉPÔT

Le déposant devrait s'assurer que l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international permet l'utilisation de comptes de dépôt pour le paiement des taxes du PCT. En outre, il est recommandé qu'il prenne connaissance des modalités particulières d'utilisation des comptes de dépôt auprès de cette administration étant donné que toutes les administrations chargées de l'examen préliminaire international n'offrent pas les mêmes services.

Enfin, si l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international n'est pas l'office national auprès duquel, ou l'organisation intergouvernementale auprès de laquelle, la demande internationale a été déposée, le déposant ne peut pas utiliser le compte de dépôt auprès de l'office récepteur pour payer les taxes d'examen préliminaire et de traitement dues à l'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international.

L'administration chargée de l'examen préliminaire international ne débitera un compte de dépôt du montant des taxes que si l'autorisation correspondante est signée et qu'elle indique le numéro du compte de dépôt.

SECTION IV

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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria, BE Belgium, FI Finland, GR Greece, IE Ireland, IT Italy, LU Luxembourg, MC Monaco

As provided under PCT Rules 15.2(d) and 16.1(d), the Director General consulted all Offices concerned on the occasion of the thirtieth (13th ordinary) session of the Assembly of the PCT Union (September – October 2001) and established new equivalent amounts of the basic fee, the fee per sheet over 30, the designation fee and the search fee, together with the equivalent amounts of the PCT-EASY reductions in the relevant currencies (see PCT Gazette No. 48/2001, page 22140). The Director General has now established new equivalent amounts of those fees in Austrian schillings (ATS), Belgian francs (BEF), Finnish markkaa (FIM), French francs (FRF), Greek drachmas (GRD), Irish pounds (IEP), Italian lire (ITL) and Luxembourg francs (LUF), on the basis of the fixed exchange rates between the euro and those currencies (as published in the table in PCT Gazette No. 25/1999, page 7006) for the purposes of payments which may still be made to the receiving Offices in their respective national currency, in addition to the euro, after 1 January 2002, for a certain period of time specific to each Office. The new equivalent amounts are indicated in the table below (the amounts which are different from those currently applicable are shown in bold italics).

Table of new equivalent amounts of certain PCT fees in certain national currencies* linked with the euro
(applicable from 1 January 2002)

Currency	Basic fee	Fee per sheet over 30	Designation fee	PCT-EASY fee reduction	Search fee for international search carried out by	
					EP**	SE
CHF	650	15	140	200	1,383	1,383
EUR***	444	10	96	137	945	n.a.
ATS [until 28.02.02]	6,109.57	137.60	1,320.99	1,885.16	13,003.48	n.a.
BEF [until 28.02.02]	17,911	403	3,873	5,527	38,121	n.a.
FIM [until 28.02.02]	2,639.90	59.46	570.79	814.57	5,618.71	5,618.71
GRD [until 28.02.02]	151,000	3,000	33,000	47,000	322,009	n.a.
IEP [until 09.02.02]	349.68	7.88	75.61	107.90	744.25	n.a.
ITL [until 28.02.02]	859,704	19,363	185,882	n.a.	1,829,775	n.a.
LUF [until 28.02.02]	17,911	403	3,873	n.a.	38,121	n.a.
FRF [only for Monaco and only until 17.02.02]	2,912.45	65.60	629.72	n.a.	6,198.79	n.a.

* Based on the following exchange rates (fixed as of 1 January 1999) between the euro and the corresponding national currencies:

1 EUR	= 13.7603 ATS	= 40.3399 BEF	= 5.94573 FIM	= 340.750 GRD
	= .787564 IEP	= 1936.27 ITL	= 40.3399 LUF	= 6.55957 FRF

** This column is included only for the sake of completeness of the Table. All amounts are the current amounts.

*** The euro will be the only prescribed currency, as from 1 January 2002, for the purposes of the receiving Offices of France, Germany, Netherlands, Portugal and Spain.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

AT Autriche, BE Belgique, FI Finlande, GR Grèce, IE Irlande, IT Italie, LU Luxembourg, MC Monaco

Comme prévu par les règles 15.2.d) et 16.1.d) du PCT, le Directeur général a consulté tous les offices concernés à l'occasion de la trentième session (13^e session ordinaire) de l'Assemblée de l'Union du PCT (septembre – octobre 2001) et établi de nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de base, la taxe par feuille à compter de la 31^e, la taxe de désignation et la taxe de recherche, ainsi que les montants équivalents de la réduction PCT-EASY, dans les monnaies concernées (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 48/2001, page 22141). Le Directeur général a maintenant établi de nouveaux montants équivalents de ces taxes, exprimés en drachmes grecques (GRD), en francs belges (BEF), en francs français (FRF), en francs luxembourgeois (LUF), en liras italiennes (ITL), en livres irlandaises (IEP), en markkaa finlandais (FIM) et en schillings autrichiens (ATS) sur la base des taux de change fixes entre l'euro et ces monnaies (comme publié dans le tableau figurant dans la Gazette du PCT n° 25/1999, page 7007) aux fins des paiements qui pourront encore être effectués auprès des offices récepteurs dans leur monnaie nationale respective, en plus de l'euro, après le 1^{er} janvier 2002, pendant une certaine période propre à chaque office. Les nouveaux montants équivalents sont indiqués dans le tableau figurant ci-après (les montants qui sont différents de ceux actuellement applicables sont indiqués en caractères gras italiques).

Tableau des nouveaux montants équivalents de certaines taxes du PCT exprimés dans certaines monnaies nationales* liées à l'euro
(applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002)

Monnaie	Taxe de base	Taxe par feuille à compter de la 31 ^e	Taxe de désignation	Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY	Taxe de recherche pour une recherche internationale effectuée par	
					EP**	SE
CHF	650	15	140	200	1.383	1.383
EUR***	444	10	96	137	945	s.o.
ATS [jusqu'au 28.02.02]	6.109,57	137,60	1.320,99	1.885,16	13.003,48	s.o.
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* Basés sur les taux de change suivants (fixés au 1^{er} janvier 1999) entre l'euro et les monnaies nationales correspondantes :

1 EUR	= 13,7603 ATS	= 40,3399 BEF	= 5,94573 FIM	= 340,750 GRD
	= ,787564 IEP	= 1936,27 ITL	= 40,3399 LUF	= 6,55957 FRF

** Cette colonne est introduite seulement pour que le tableau soit complet. Tous les montants sont les montants actuels.

*** L'euro sera la seule monnaie prescrite, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, pour les offices récepteurs de l'Allemagne, de l'Espagne, de la France, des Pays-Bas et du Portugal.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)**

The **African Regional Industrial Property Organization** has notified a change in the amount of a fee in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee: USD 50 or equivalent in local currency

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(AP), page 213]

ES Spanish Patent and Trademark Office

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the conditions of reduction of the search and additional search fees (see footnote 1) for an international search carried out by it, and of amounts in euro of certain fees, as follows:

Search fee (PCT Rule 16):	ESP	[Amount not changed] ¹	
	EUR	[Amount not changed] ¹	
	CHF	[Amount not changed] ¹	
	USD	[Amount not changed] ¹	
Additional search fee (PCT Rule 40.2):	ESP	[Amount not changed] ¹	
	EUR	[Amount not changed] ¹	
Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	ESP	[No change]	per national document
	EUR	3.67	per national document
	ESP	[No change]	per foreign document
	EUR	5.16	per foreign document

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex D(ES), page 310]

HU Hungary

The **Hungarian Patent Office** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Hungarian forint (HUF)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

— where the Office is a
designated Office:

HUF	24,000 plus
HUF	1,200 per claim for the 11th to the 20th claim
HUF	2,400 per claim for the 21st to the 30th claim
HUF	3,600 for each claim in excess of 30

— where the Office is an
elected Office:

HUF	12,000 plus
HUF	600 per claim for the 11th to the 20th claim
HUF	1,200 per claim for the 21st to the 30th claim
HUF	1,800 for each claim in excess of 30

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Summary (HU), page 393]

¹ This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations (see also corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB) and PCT Gazette No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234), and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, 446).

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**AP Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO)**

L'**Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle** a notifié un changement dans le montant d'une taxe, exprimé en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe de transmission : USD 50 ou équivalent en monnaie locale

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(AP), page 216]

ES Office espagnol des brevets et des marques

L'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a notifié au Bureau international un changement dans les conditions nécessaires à la réduction des taxes de recherche et de recherche additionnelle (voir la note de bas de page 1) pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'office, ainsi que des montants en euros de certaines taxes, comme suit :

Taxe de recherche (règle 16 du PCT) :	ESP	[Montant inchangé] ¹	
	EUR	[Montant inchangé] ¹	
	CHF	[Montant inchangé] ¹	
	USD	[Montant inchangé] ¹	
Taxe de recherche additionnelle (règle 40.2 du PCT) :	ESP	[Montant inchangé] ¹	
	EUR	[Montant inchangé] ¹	
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport de recherche internationale (règle 44.3 du PCT) :	ESP	[Sans changement]	par document national
	EUR	3,67	par document national
	ESP	[Sans changement]	par document étranger
	EUR	5,16	par document étranger

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe D(ES), page 336]

HU Hongrie

L'**Office hongrois des brevets** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **forint hongrois (HUF)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

- lorsque l'office est un office désigné :

HUF	24.000 plus
HUF	1.200 par revendication de la 11 ^e à la 20 ^e
HUF	2.400 par revendication de la 21 ^e à la 30 ^e
HUF	3.600 par revendication à compter de la 31 ^e
- lorsque l'office est un office élu :

HUF	12.000 plus
HUF	600 par revendication de la 11 ^e à la 20 ^e
HUF	1.200 par revendication de la 21 ^e à la 30 ^e
HUF	1.800 par revendication à compter de la 31 ^e

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), résumé (HU), page 427]

¹ Cette taxe est réduite de 75 % lorsque le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux, est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et qui est domiciliée dans un État, qui n'est pas partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen et qui remplit les conditions applicables à la réduction correspondante de certaines taxes du PCT telles qu'elles figurent dans le barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT (voir également la note correspondante de bas de page de l'annexe C(IB) et la Gazette du PCT n° 50/1995, pages 19267 et 19268), et conformément à la décision du Conseil d'administration de l'OEB du 11 octobre 2000 (JO OEB 2000, 446).

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**RU Russian Federation**

The **Russian Patent Office** has notified a change in the amount of a fee in **Russian roubles (RUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Fee for priority document
(PCT Rule 17.1(b)): RUR 300

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(RU), page 287]

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES**ES Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the World Intellectual Property Organization¹****Amendment to Annex C**

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges****Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges**

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Spanish pesetas)	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[Amount not changed] ²	[Amount not changed] ²
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[Amount not changed] ²	[Amount not changed] ²
Cost of copies (Rule 44.3(b))		
– national documents, per document	[No change]	3.67
– foreign documents, per document	[No change]	5.16

Part II. [No change]”

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, page 29531, No. 05/1998, page 2995, No. 07/1998, page 4224, and No. 24/1999, page 6660.

² This fee is reduced by 75% where the applicant or, if there are two or more applicants, each applicant is a natural person and is a national of and resides in a State not party to the European Patent Convention, which fulfils the requirements for the corresponding reduction of certain PCT fees as specified in the Schedule of Fees annexed to the PCT Regulations (see also corresponding footnote to Annex C(IB) and PCT Gazette No. 50/1995, pages 19233 and 19234), and in accordance with the decision of the EPO's Administrative Council of 11 October 2000 (OJ EPO 2000, 446).

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**RU Fédération de Russie**

La **Fédération de Russie** a notifié un changement dans un montant de taxe, exprimé en **roubles russes (RUR)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe pour le document de priorité
(règle 17.1.b) du PCT) : RUR 300

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(RU), page 305]

ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE**ES Accord entre l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques et l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹****Modification de l'annexe C**

L'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant de modifications de l'annexe C de cet accord. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Pesetas espagnoles)	Montant (Euros)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	[Montant inchangé] ²	[Montant inchangé] ²
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	[Montant inchangé] ²	[Montant inchangé] ²
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règle 44.3.b))		
– documents nationaux, par document	[Sans changement]	3,67
– documents étrangers, par document	[Sans changement]	5,16

Partie II. [Sans changement]”

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, page 29591, n° 05/1998, page 3005, n° 07/1998, page 4234, et n° 24/1999, page 6661.

² Cette taxe est réduite de 75 % lorsque le déposant ou, s'il y a plusieurs déposants, chacun d'eux, est une personne physique qui est ressortissante d'un État, et qui est domiciliée dans un État, qui n'est pas partie à la Convention sur le brevet européen et qui remplit les conditions applicables à la réduction correspondante de certaines taxes du PCT telles qu'elles figurent dans le barème de taxes annexé au règlement d'exécution du PCT (voir également la note correspondante de bas de page de l'annexe C(IB) et la Gazette du PCT n° 50/1995, pages 19267 et 19268), et conformément à la décision du Conseil d'administration de l'OEB du 11 octobre 2000 (JO OEB 2000, 446).

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS**AM Armenia**

The **Armenian Patent Office** has notified changes in one of its facsimile numbers and in its e-mail address, and has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Facsimile machine: (374-1) 54 34 67, 56 11 26

E-mail: armpat@cornet.am

Internet: www.armpatent.org

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(AM), page 12]

AP African Regional Industrial Property Organization (ARIPO)

The **African Regional Industrial Property Organization** has notified new telephone and facsimile numbers, the discontinuation of its teleprinter, and changes in its e-mail addresses, as follows:

Telephone: (263-4) 79 40 54, 79 40 65, 79 40 66

Facsimile machine: (263-4) 79 40 73, 79 40 72

Teleprinter: —

E-mail: info@aripo.wipo.net
aripo@ecoweb.co.zw

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B2(AP), page 200]

AZ Azerbaijan

The **Azerbaijan Patent Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, as follows:

E-mail: Seyidov@azpat.org

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(AZ), page 18]

BY Belarus

The **Belarus Patent Office** has notified the discontinuation of one of its facsimile numbers and of its two e-mail addresses, as follows:

Facsimile machine: (375-172) 84 06 68

E-mail: —

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(BY), page 32]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES**AM Arménie**

L'**Office arménien des brevets** a notifié des changements dans l'un de ses numéros de télécopieur et dans son adresse électronique, et a notifié son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Télécopieur : (374-1) 54 34 67, 56 11 26

Courrier électronique : armpat@cornet.am

Internet : www.armpatent.org

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(AM), page 12]

AP Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle (ARIPO)

L'**Organisation régionale africaine de la propriété industrielle** a notifié de nouveaux numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, l'interruption de son téléimprimeur ainsi que des changements dans ses adresses électroniques, comme suit :

Téléphone : (263-4) 79 40 54, 79 40 65, 79 40 66

Télécopieur : (263-4) 79 40 73, 79 40 72

Téléimprimeur : –

Courrier électronique : info@aripo.wipo.net
aripo@ecoweb.co.zw

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B2(AP), page 202]

AZ Azerbaïdjan

L'**Office azerbaïdjanais des brevets** a notifié un changement dans son adresse électronique, comme suit :

Courrier électronique : Seyidov@azpat.org

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(AZ), page 18]

BY Bélarus

L'**Office bélarussien des brevets** a notifié l'interruption de l'un de ses numéros de télécopieur et de ses deux adresses électroniques, comme suit :

Télécopieur : (375-172) 84 06 68

Courrier électronique : –

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(BY), page 32]

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
(Cont'd)****CA Canada**

The **Canadian Patent Office** has notified a modification in its requirements concerning the furnishing of the original of a document transmitted by facsimile machine, as follows:

Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)?	Yes, by facsimile machine
Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted?	All kinds of documents
Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases?	No, only upon invitation

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(CA), page 36]

EA Eurasian Patent Organization (EAPO)

The **Eurasian Patent Office** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: 2/6, M. Cherkassky per., Moscow, 101999,
Russian Federation

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B2(EA), page 202]

IE Ireland

The **Irish Patents Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, as follows:

E-mail: patlib@entemp.ie

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(IE), page 86]

IL Israel

The **Israel Patent Office** has notified changes in its location and in its telephone and facsimile numbers; furthermore, one of its e-mail addresses, published in PCT Gazette No. 45/2001, page 20504, was erroneous and is republished correctly hereafter, together with the other changes:

Location: 4 Hasadna St., Talpiot, Jerusalem 93420, Israel

Telephone: (972-2) 5651 705, 5651 624, 5651 645

Facsimile machine: (972-2) 5651 616

E-mail: igjppelt@trendline.co.il
pct_office@justice.gov.il

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(IL), page 87]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES (suite)

CA Canada

L'**Office canadien des brevets** a notifié une modification dans ses exigences relatives à la remise de l'original d'un document transmis par télécopieur, comme suit :

L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT) ?	Oui, par télécopieur
Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens ?	Tous types de documents
L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas ?	Non, seulement sur invitation

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(CA), page 36]

EA Organisation eurasiennne des brevets (OEAB)

L'**Office eurasienn des brevets** a notifié des changements dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale : 2/6, M. Cherkassky per., Moscow, 101999, Fédération de Russie

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B2(EA), page 204]

IE Irlande

L'**Office irlandais des brevets** a notifié un changement dans son adresse électronique, comme suit :

Courrier électronique : patlib@entemp.ie

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(IE), page 87]

IL Israël

L'**Office des brevets d'Israël** a notifié des changements dans l'adresse de son siège et dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur; d'autre part, l'une de ses adresses électroniques publiée dans la Gazette n° 45/2001, page 20505, était erronée. Elle est reproduite correctement ci-dessous, avec les autres changements :

Siège: 4 Hasadna St., Talpiot, Jerusalem 93420, Israël

Téléphone : (972-2) 5651 705, 5651 624, 5651 645

Télécopieur : (972-2) 5651 616

Courrier électronique : igjppelt@trendline.co.il
pct_office@justice.gov.il

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(IL), page 89]

**INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES AND INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS
(Cont'd)****IN India**

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified a new e-mail address for its branch office in Chennai. The two e-mail addresses are as follows:

E-mail: Chennai: patentchennai@vsnl.com
chpatent@tn.nic.in

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(IN), page 89]

MK The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

The **Industrial Property Protection Office of the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as well as in its e-mail address, as follows:

Telephone: (389-2) 22 42 69, 11 63 79, 13 71 89
Facsimile machine: (389-2) 11 60 41
E-mail: mail@ippo.gov.mk

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(MK), page 131]

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified changes in its location and in its facsimile number, as follows:

Location: 330 High Street, Lower Hutt, New Zealand
Facsimile machine: (64-4) 560 16 91

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(NZ), page 148]

OA African Intellectual Property Organization (OAPI)

The **African Intellectual Property Organization** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (237-2) 20 39 11, 20 57 00
Facsimile machine: (237-2) 20 18 44, 20 57 27

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B2(OA), page 208]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS ET LES ORGANISATIONS INTERGOUVERNEMENTALES (suite)**IN Inde**

L'**Office indien des brevets** a notifié une nouvelle adresse électronique pour son agence de Chennai. Les deux adresses électroniques sont les suivantes :

Courrier électronique : Chennai: patentchennai@vsnl.com
chpatent@tn.nic.in

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(IN), page 91]

MK Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine

L'**Office pour la protection de la propriété industrielle de l'ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, ainsi que dans son adresse électronique, comme suit :

Téléphone : (389-2) 22 42 69, 11 63 79, 13 71 89
Télécopieur : (389-2) 11 60 41
Courrier électronique : mail@ippo.gov.mk

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(MK), page 133]

NZ Nouvelle-Zélande

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Nouvelle-Zélande** a notifié des changements dans l'adresse de son siège et dans son numéro de télécopieur, comme suit :

Siège : 330 High Street, Lower Hutt, Nouvelle-Zélande
Télécopieur : (64-4) 560 16 91

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(NZ), page 150]

OA Organisation africaine de la propriété intellectuelle (OAPI)

L'**Organisation africaine de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Téléphone : (237-2) 20 39 11, 20 57 00
Télécopieur : (237-2) 20 18 44, 20 57 27

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B2(OA), page 211]

SECTION IV

NOTICES AND INFORMATION OF A GENERAL CHARACTER

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**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES****SE Agreement between the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and
the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹****Amendment to Annex C**

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(2) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments to Annex C thereof. The amendments will enter into force on 1 January 2002. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. [No change]

Part II. Conditions for and Extent of Refunds or Reductions of Fees

(1) [No change]

(2) [No change]

(3) Where the Authority benefits from an earlier international or international-type search, 50% or 100% of the search fee paid according to Part I shall be refunded, depending upon the extent to which the Authority benefits from that earlier search.

(4) [No change]

(5) [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT**BE Belgium**

The **Industrial Property Office of Belgium** has informed the International Bureau that it will be possible to effect payment of fees in **Belgian francs (BEF)** until 28 February 2002, and has introduced amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2002, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR	40
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR	5 in fee stamps, plus EUR 0.36 per page, plus EUR 5 as a fee for certification

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(BE), page 220]

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, page 29550, No. 06/1999, page 1518, No. 27/1999, page 7672, No. 28/1999, page 7974, No. 27/2000, page 9880, No. 09/2001, page 3752, No. 11/2001, page 4632, and No. 48/2001, page 22138.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

**SE Accord entre l'Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement et
le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹**

Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office suédois des brevets a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.2) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant de modifications apportées à l'annexe C de cet accord. Les modifications entreront en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2002. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. [Sans changement]

Partie II. Conditions et limites des remboursements ou des réductions de taxes

1) [Sans changement]

2) [Sans changement]

3) Lorsque l'administration peut utiliser une recherche internationale ou de type international antérieure, la taxe de recherche payée selon la partie I est remboursée à 50% ou 100%, selon la mesure dans laquelle l'Administration peut utiliser cette recherche antérieure.

4) [Sans changement]

5) [Sans changement]”

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

BE Belgique

L'Office de la propriété industrielle de la Belgique a informé le Bureau international qu'il sera possible d'effectuer le paiement des taxes en **francs belges (BEF)** jusqu'au 28 février 2002, et a introduit des montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur. Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de transmission :	EUR 40
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	EUR 5 en timbres fiscaux, plus EUR 0,36 par page, plus EUR 5 de redevance pour la certification

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(BE), page 224]

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, page 29611, n° 06/1999, page 1519, n° 27/1999, page 7673, n° 28/1999, page 7975, n° 27/2000, page 9881, n° 09/2001, page 3753, n° 11/2001, page 4633, et n° 48/2001, page 22139.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office** has notified a change in the amount of a fee in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. This amount, applicable as from 3 January 2002, is as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 100
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(EP), page 239]

ES Spain

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has informed the International Bureau that, as from 1 January 2002, the **Spanish peseta (ESP)** will no longer be the currency of payment of fees, and has introduced amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2002, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 60.34
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Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 24.13
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National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:	EUR 78.25
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For utility model:

Filing fee:	EUR 78.25
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(ES), page 241, and Summary (ES), page 383]

FI Finland

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified changes in the amounts of certain fees in **Finnish markka (FIM)**, has informed the International Bureau that, as from 1 March 2002, the **Finnish markka (FIM)** will no longer be the currency of payment of fees, and has introduced amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2002, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	FIM 810	EUR 135
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National fee:

Basic fee:	FIM 1,500	EUR 250
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Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	FIM 150	EUR 25
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Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:	FIM 600	EUR 100
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Annual fees for the first three years:	FIM 900	EUR 150
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(FI), page 242, and Summary (FI), page 384]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'**Office européen des brevets** a notifié un changement dans le montant d'une taxe, exprimé en **euros (EUR)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur. Ce montant, applicable à compter du 3 janvier 2002, est le suivant :

Taxe de transmission : EUR 100

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(EP), page 246]

ES Espagne

L'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a informé le Bureau international que, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, la **peseta espagnole (ESP)** ne sera plus la monnaie de paiement des taxes, et a introduit des montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu). Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de transmission : EUR 60,34

Taxe pour le document de priorité
(règle 17.1.b) du PCT) : EUR 24,13

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt : EUR 78,25

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt : EUR 78,25

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(ES), page 248, et résumé (ES), page 416]

FI Finlande

L'**Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande** a notifié des changements dans les montants de certaines taxes en **markka finlandais (FIM)**, a informé le Bureau international que, à compter du 1^{er} mars 2002, le **markka finlandais (FIM)** ne sera plus la monnaie de paiement des taxes, et a introduit des montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu). Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de transmission : FIM 810 EUR 135

Taxe nationale :

Taxe de base : FIM 1.500 EUR 250

Taxe de revendication pour chaque
revendication à compter de la 11^e : FIM 150 EUR 25

Taxe additionnelle pour la remise
tardive de la traduction ou de la copie : FIM 600 EUR 100

Taxes annuelles pour les
trois premières années: FIM 900 EUR 150

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(FI), page 249, et résumé (FI), page 418]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**FR France**

The **National Institute of Industrial Property of France** has informed the International Bureau that, as from 1 January 2002, the **French franc (FRF)** will no longer be the currency of payment of fees, and has introduced amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2002, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 60
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 15

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(FR), page 243]

GR Greece

The **Industrial Property Organization of Greece** has informed the International Bureau that, as from 1 March 2002, the **Greek drachma (GRD)** will no longer be the currency of payment of fees, and has introduced amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2002, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 115
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 41

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(GR), page 248]

IE Ireland

The **Irish Patents Office** has informed the International Bureau that, as from 10 February 2002, the **Irish pound (IEP)** will no longer be the currency of payment of fees payable to it as receiving Office, and that the **euro (EUR)** will become the sole official currency of payment.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(IE), page 255]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**FR France**

L'**Institut national de la propriété industrielle de la France** a informé le Bureau international que, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, le **franc français (FRF)** ne sera plus la monnaie de paiement des taxes, et a introduit des montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur. Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de transmission : EUR 60

Taxe pour le document de priorité
(règle 17.1.b) du PCT) : EUR 15

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(FR), page 250]

GR Grèce

L'**Organisation de la propriété industrielle de la Grèce** a informé le Bureau international que, à compter du 1^{er} mars 2002, la **drachme grecque (GRD)** ne sera plus la monnaie de paiement des taxes, et a introduit des montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur. Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de transmission : EUR 115

Taxe pour le document de priorité
(règle 17.1.b) du PCT) : EUR 41

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(GR), page 257]

IE Irlande

L'**Office irlandais des brevets** a informé le Bureau international que, à compter du 10 février 2002, la **livre irlandaise (IEP)** ne sera plus la monnaie de paiement des taxes payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, et que l'**euro (EUR)** deviendra la seule monnaie officielle de paiement.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(IE), page 265]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**IT Italy**

The **Italian Patent and Trademark Office** has informed the International Bureau that, as from 1 March 2002, the **Italian lira (ITL)** will no longer be the currency of payment of fees, and has introduced amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office. These amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2002, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 30.99
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 10.33 (in fee stamps) for the request to prepare the priority document, plus EUR 10.33 (in fee stamps) for the filing certificate, plus EUR 10.33 (in fee stamps) for the certificate of authenticity, plus EUR 10.33 (in fee stamps) for every four pages or fraction of four pages (description, claims, abstract, drawings), plus EUR 3.10 (in fee stamps) for a patent application, or EUR 1.81 (in fee stamps) for a utility model application

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(IT), page 261]

PT Portugal

The **National Institute of Industrial Property of Portugal** has informed the International Bureau that, as from 1 January 2002, the **Portuguese escudo (PTE)** will no longer be the currency of payment of fees, and has introduced amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2002, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 23.19
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 28.43
National fee:	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	EUR 46.39
Examination fee:	EUR 99.76
Fee for the submission of each application or document:	EUR 3.99
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	EUR 41.40
Examination fee:	EUR 82.30
Fee for the submission of each application or document:	EUR 3.99

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(PT), page 285, and Summary (PT), page 434]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**IT Italie**

L'**Office italien des brevets et des marques** a informé le Bureau international que, à compter du 1^{er} mars 2002, la **lire italienne (ITL)** ne sera plus la monnaie de paiement des taxes, et a introduit des montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur. Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de transmission :	EUR 30,99
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	EUR 10,33 (en timbres) pour la demande de préparation du document de priorité, plus EUR 10,33 (en timbres) pour le certificat de dépôt, plus EUR 10,33 (en timbres) pour le certificat d'authenticité, plus EUR 10,33 (en timbres) pour chaque série complète ou incomplète de quatre pages (description, revendications, abrégé et dessins), plus EUR 3,10 (en timbres) pour une demande de brevet, ou EUR 1,81 (en timbres) pour une demande de modèle d'utilité

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(IT), page 271]

PT Portugal

L'**Institut national de la propriété industrielle du Portugal** a informé le Bureau international que, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, l'**escudo portugais (PTE)** ne sera plus la monnaie de paiement des taxes et a introduit des montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu). Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de transmission :	EUR 23,19
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	EUR 28,43
Taxe nationale :	
Pour un brevet :	
Taxe de dépôt :	EUR 46,39
Taxe d'examen :	EUR 99,76
Taxe pour la présentation de chaque demande ou document :	EUR 3,99
Pour un modèle d'utilité :	
Taxe de dépôt :	EUR 41,40
Taxe d'examen :	EUR 82,30
Taxe pour la présentation de chaque demande ou document :	EUR 3,99

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(PT), page 302, et résumé (PT), page 478]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**SE Sweden**

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of new conditions for refund and the amount of refund of the search fee in certain cases, as follows:

Conditions for refund and amount of refund of the search fee:	Money paid by mistake, without cause, or in excess, will be refunded Where the international application is withdrawn or is considered withdrawn, under PCT Article 14(1), (3) or (4), before the start of the international search: refund of 100% Where an earlier international or international-type search has already been made by the Authority on an application whose priority is claimed: refund of 50% or 100%, depending upon the extent of the benefit Where on an earlier application, the priority which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Swedish Patent Office: refund of SEK 1,700 Where on an earlier application, the priority of which is claimed, a search report has been issued by the Danish Patent Office, the National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland, the Norwegian Patent Office or the Icelandic Patent Office: refund of SEK 850
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex D(SE), page 314]

YU Yugoslavia

The **Federal Intellectual Property Office of Yugoslavia** has informed the International Bureau that, as from 1 January 2002, the **Yugoslavian dinar (YUD)** will become the sole currency of payment of fees payable to it as receiving Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	[No change]
International fee:	
Basic fee:	Equivalent in YUD of Swiss francs 650
Supplement per sheet over 30:	Equivalent in YUD of Swiss francs 15
Designation fee:	Equivalent in YUD of Swiss francs 140
PCT-EASY fee reduction:	Equivalent in YUD of Swiss francs 200
Search fee:	Equivalent in YUD of the search fee payable to the European Patent Office in EUR
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	[No change]

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(YU), page 302]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**SE Suède**

L'Office suédois des brevets a notifié au Bureau international de nouvelles conditions de remboursement et le montant du remboursement de la taxe de recherche dans certains cas, comme indiqué ci-dessous :

Conditions de remboursement et montant du remboursement de la taxe de recherche :

Toute somme payée par erreur, sans raison ou en excédent est remboursée

Lorsque la demande internationale est retirée ou considérée comme retirée en vertu de l'article 14.1), 3) ou 4) du PCT avant le début de la recherche internationale : remboursement à 100 %

Lorsqu'une recherche internationale ou de type international antérieure a déjà été effectuée par l'administration pour une demande dont la priorité est revendiquée : remboursement à 50% ou 100%, selon l'usage qui peut être fait du rapport de recherche.

Lorsque, pour une demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée, un rapport de recherche a été établi par l'Office suédois des brevets : remboursement de SEK 1.700.

Lorsque, pour une demande antérieure dont la priorité est revendiquée, un rapport de recherche a été établi par l'Office danois des brevets, par l'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande, par l'Office norvégien des brevets ou par l'Office islandais des brevets : remboursement de SEK 850

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe D(SE), page 340]

YU Yougoslavie

L'Office fédéral de la propriété intellectuelle de la Yougoslavie a informé le Bureau international que, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, le **dinar yougoslave (YUD)** deviendra la seule monnaie de paiement des taxes payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Taxe de transmission : [Sans changement]

Taxe internationale :

Taxe de base : Équivalent en YUD de 650 francs suisses

Supplément par feuille à compter de la 31^e Équivalent en YUD de 15 francs suisses

Taxe de désignation : Équivalent en YUD de 140 francs suisses

Réduction de taxe PCT-EASY : Équivalent en YUD de 200 francs suisses

Taxe de recherche : Équivalent en YUD de la taxe de recherche payable à l'Office européen des brevets en EUR

Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) : [Sans changement]

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(YU), page 326]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**CY Cyprus**

The **Department of Registrar of Companies and Official Receiver of Cyprus** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (357-22) 404 301, 404 302

Facsimile: (357-22) 304 887

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(CY), page 50]

JP Japan

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified changes in its facsimile numbers and its Internet address, as follows:

Facsimile machine: (81-3) 3501 06 59 (general)
(81-3) 3501 68 03 (filing of documents)

Internet: www.jpo.go.jp

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(JP), page 95]

KR Republic of Korea

The **Korean Intellectual Property Office** has notified the discontinuation of one of its telephone numbers. The remaining valid telephone number is as follows:

Telephone: (82-42) 481 51 50

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(KR), page 103]

MD Republic of Moldova

The **Moldova Patent Office** has notified a change in the name of the Office and a modification in its requirements concerning the furnishing of the original of a document transmitted by facsimile machine, as follows:

Name of Office: State Agency on Industrial Property Protection

Does the Office accept the filing of documents by means of telecommunication (PCT Rule 92.4)? Yes, by facsimile machine

Which kinds of documents may be so transmitted? All kinds of documents

Must the original of the document be furnished in all cases? Yes, within one month from the date of the transmission, if the transmitted document is an international application or a replacement sheet containing corrections or amendments of an international application

No, only upon invitation in the case of other documents

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(MD), page 127]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**CY Chypre**

La **Direction de l'enregistrement des sociétés et des recettes de Chypre** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Téléphone : (357-22) 404 301, 404 302

Télécopieur : (357-22) 304 887

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(CY), page 50]

JP Japon

L'**Office des brevets du Japon** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de télécopieur et dans son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Télécopieur : (81-3) 3501 06 59 (général)
(81-3) 3501 68 03 (dépôt de documents)

Internet: www.jpo.go.jp

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(JP), page 97]

KR République de Corée

L'**Office coréen de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié l'interruption de l'un de ses numéros de téléphone. Le téléphone à utiliser est le suivant :

Téléphone : (82-42) 481 51 50

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(KR), page 105]

MD République de Moldova

L'**Office moldove des brevets** a notifié un changement relatif à son nom et une modification dans ses exigences relatives à la remise de l'original d'un document transmis par télécopieur, comme suit :

Nom de l'office : Office d'État pour la protection de la propriété industrielle

L'office accepte-t-il le dépôt de documents par des moyens de télécommunication (règle 92.4 du PCT) ?

Oui, par télécopieur

Quels types de documents peuvent être transmis par ces moyens ?

Tous types de documents

L'original du document doit-il être remis dans tous les cas ?

Oui, dans un délai d'un mois à compter de la date de la transmission, si le document transmis est la demande internationale ou une feuille de remplacement contenant des corrections ou des modifications apportées à la demande internationale

Non, seulement sur invitation pour tout autre document

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(MD), page 129]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**MX Mexico**

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, and in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Arenal 550, Col. Jardines del Pedregal, C.P. 16020
Mexico D.F., Mexico

Telephone: (52-5) 334 07 24, 334 07 00 (ext. 5024, 5025)

Facsimile machine: (52-5) 555 44 31

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(MX), page 139]

RU Russia

The **Russian Patent Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, and has notified its Internet address, as follows:

E-mail: rospat@pto.ru

Internet: www.rupto.ru

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(RU), page 156]

SI Slovenia

The **Slovenian Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in its telephone number and in its e-mail and Internet addresses, as follows:

Telephone: (386-1) 478 31 00

E-mail: sipo@uil-sipo.si

Internet: www.uil-sipo.si

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(SI), page 164]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of Slovakia** has notified changes in its telephone and facsimile numbers, as follows:

Telephone: (421-48) 430 01 00

Facsimile machine: (421-48) 413 25 67

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(SK), page 166]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**MX Mexique**

L'**Institut mexicain de la propriété industrielle** a notifié des changements dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, et dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale : Arenal 550, Col. Jardines del Pedregal, C.P. 16020
Mexico D.F., Mexique

Téléphone : (52-5) 334 07 24, 334 07 00 (poste 5024, 5025)

Télécopieur: (52-5) 555 44 31

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(MX), page 141]

RU Russie

L'**Office russe des brevets** a notifié un changement dans son adresse électronique, et a notifié son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Courrier électronique : rospat@pto.ru

Internet : www.rupto.ru

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(RU), page 158]

SI Slovénie

L'**Office slovène de la propriété intellectuelle** a notifié des changements dans son numéro de téléphone et dans ses adresses électronique et Internet, comme suit :

Téléphone : (386-1) 478 31 00

Courrier électronique : sipo@uil-sipo.si

Internet : www.uil-sipo.si

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(SI), page 12]

SK Slovaquie

L'**Office de la propriété industrielle de la Slovaquie** a notifié des changements dans ses numéros de téléphone et de télécopieur, comme suit :

Téléphone : (421-48) 430 01 00

Télécopieur : (421-48) 413 25 67

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(SK), page 168]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**TR Turkey**

The **Turkish Patent Institute** has notified provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

Provisional protection after international publication:

National Protection:
[No change]

European protection:

A published European patent application designating Turkey benefits from provisional protection as from the date on which a translation of the claims as submitted by the applicant has been published by the Turkish Patent Institute or has been notified to the alleged infringer

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(TR), page 178]

UA Ukraine — Corrigendum

One of the e-mail addresses notified by the **Ukraine Patent Office** and published in PCT Gazette No. 47/2001 was erroneous. The correct e-mail addresses should read as follows:

E-mail: POST@spou.kiev.ua (Patent Office)
POST@ukrpatent.org (Receiving Office)

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(UA), page 184]

YU Yugoslavia

The **Federal Intellectual Property Office of Yugoslavia** has notified changes in its location and mailing address, and has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Location and mailing address: Trg Nikole pašića 11, 11000 Beograd, Yugoslavia

Internet: www.yupat.sv.gov.yu

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(YU), page 194]

REQUEST IN PCT-EASY FORMAT: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT FILINGS**MX Mexico**

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept the filing of international applications containing requests in PCT-EASY format together with PCT-EASY diskettes.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 52/1998, table published on page 17572, and No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(MX), page 280]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**TR Turquie**

L'**Institut turc des brevets** a notifié des dispositions relatives à la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale, comme suit :

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :

Protection nationale :
[Sans changement]

Protection européenne :

Une demande de brevet européen publiée désignant la Turquie bénéficie d'une protection provisoire à compter de la date à laquelle une traduction des revendications telles que soumises par le déposant a été publiée par l'Institut turc des brevets ou a été notifiée au contrefacteur présumé

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(TR), page 180]

UA Ukraine – rectificatif

L'une des adresses électroniques notifiées par l'**Office ukrainien des brevets** et publiées dans la Gazette du PCT n° 47/2001 était erronée. Les adresses électroniques correctes sont les suivantes :

Courrier électronique :

POST@spou.kiev.ua (office des brevets)

POST@ukrpatent.org (office récepteur)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(UA), page 186]

YU Yougoslavie

L'**Office fédéral de la propriété intellectuelle de la Yougoslavie** a notifié des changements dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, et a notifié son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Siège et adresse postale :

Trg Nikole pašića 11, 11000 Beograd, Yougoslavie

Internet :

www.yupat.sv.gov.yu

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(YU), page 196]

REQUÊTE EN MODE DE PRÉSENTATION PCT-EASY : OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DISPOSÉS À ACCEPTER LES DÉPÔTS**MX Mexique**

L'**Institut mexicain de la propriété industrielle** a informé le Bureau international qu'il est disposé à accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales contenant des requêtes en mode de présentation PCT-EASY avec des disquettes PCT-EASY.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° 52/1998, tableau publié à la page 17573, et n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(MX), page 296]

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES

SE Agreement between the Swedish Patent and Registration Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Swedish Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of an amendment to Annex C thereof. This amendment will enter into force on 1 January 2002. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

“Annex C
Fees and Charges

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Swedish kronor)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Translation of the international application (Rule 48.3), per word	2.75
Preliminary examination fee (Rule 58.1(b))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 68.3(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rules 44.3(b), ² 71.2(b) and 94.1), per page	[No change]

Part II. [No change].”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AT Austria

The **Austrian Patent Office** has informed the International Bureau that, as from 1 January 2002, the **Austrian schilling (ATS)** will no longer be the currency of payment of fees, and has introduced amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2002, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 50
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 1.45
National fee:	
Filing fee:	EUR 50

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(AT), page 214, Summary (AT), page 349, and of PCT Gazette No. 49/2001, the table published on page 22740]

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, page 29550, No. 06/1999, page 1518, No. 27/1999, page 7672, No. 28/1999, page 7974, No. 27/2000, page 9880, No. 09/2001, page 3752, No. 11/2001, page 4632, No. 48/2001, page 22138, and No. 50/2001, page 23264.

² Applicants receive free of charge, together with the international search report, a copy of each of the documents cited therein; the amount indicated is payable only where applicants request additional copies of such documents.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL**

SE Accord entre l'Office suédois des brevets et de l'enregistrement et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office suédois des brevets a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant d'une modification apportée à l'annexe C de cet accord. Cette modification entrera en vigueur le 1^{er} janvier 2002. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Couronnes suédoises)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	[Sans changement]
Traduction de la demande internationale (règle 48.3), par mot	2,75
Taxe d'examen préliminaire (règle 58.1.b))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 68.3.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règles 44.3. b), ² 71.2. b) et 94.1), par page	[Sans changement]

Partie II. [Sans changement].”

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

AT Autriche

L'Office autrichien des brevets a informé le Bureau international que, à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, le **schilling autrichien (ATS)** ne sera plus la monnaie de paiement des taxes, et a introduit des montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu). Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de transmission :	EUR 50
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	EUR 1,45
Taxe nationale :	
Taxe de dépôt :	EUR 50

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(AT), page 218, résumé (AT), page 380, et de la Gazette du PCT n° 49/2001, le tableau publié à la page 22741]

¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, page 29611, n° 06/1999, page 1519, n° 27/1999, page 7673, n° 28/1999, page 7975, n° 27/2000, page 9881, n° 09/2001, page 3753, n° 11/2001, page 4633, n° 48/2001, page 22139, et n° 50/2001, page 23265.

² Les déposants reçoivent gratuitement avec le rapport de recherche internationale une copie de chacun des documents cités; le montant indiqué est à payer uniquement dans le cas où les déposants demandent des copies supplémentaires de ces documents.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)**

The **European Patent Office** has notified a change, applicable as from 2 January 2002, in respect of the cases in which the surcharge for late filing or late payment will apply, as well as changes, applicable as from 3 January 2002, in the amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee, comprising:

– national basic fee:	EUR 125
– designation fee for each EPO Contracting State designated and for the joint designation of Switzerland and Liechtenstein:	EUR 75
– extension fee (for extension of the European patent to Albania, Latvia, Lithuania, Romania, Slovenia or the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia):	[No change]
Claims fee for the 11th and each subsequent claim:	[No change]
Search fee:	[No change]
Surcharge for late filing of either the translation of the international application or the request for examination, or for late payment of the national basic fee, the search fee or the designation fees	50% of the relevant fees, but at least EUR 500 for late filing of the translation, up to a maximum of: EUR 1,750
Examination fee:	EUR 1,430
Renewal fee for the third year:	EUR 380

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Summary (EP), page 381]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)**

L'Office européen des brevets a notifié un changement, applicable à compter du 2 janvier 2002, en ce qui concerne les cas dans lesquels s'applique la surtaxe pour production tardive ou pour retard de paiement, ainsi que des changements, applicables à compter du 3 janvier 2002, dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale, composée :

- d'une taxe nationale de base : EUR 125
- d'une taxe de désignation pour chaque État contractant de l'OEB désigné et pour la désignation conjointe de la Suisse et du Liechtenstein : EUR 75
- d'une taxe d'extension (pour l'extension des effets du brevet européen à l'Albanie, l'Ex-République yougoslave de Macédoine, la Lettonie, la Lituanie, la Roumanie ou à la Slovénie) : [Sans changement]

Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication à compter de la 11^e : [Sans changement]

Taxe de recherche : [Sans changement]

Surtaxe pour production tardive de la traduction de la demande internationale, pour présentation tardive de la requête d'examen ou pour retard de paiement de la taxe nationale de base, de la taxe de recherche ou des taxes de désignation : 50% des taxes concernées, sans que le montant puisse être inférieur à EUR 500 en cas de production tardive de la traduction et sans que le montant total puisse dépasser : EUR 1.750

Taxe d'examen : EUR 1.430

Taxe annuelle pour la troisième année : EUR 380

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), résumé (EP), page 414]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**FI Finland**

The **National Board of Patents and Registration of Finland** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Finnish markka (FIM)**, and has introduced amounts of fees for priority document in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office. These amounts, applicable as from 1 January 2002, are as follows:

Transmittal fee:	FIM	802.67	EUR	135	
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	FIM	108.81	EUR	18.30	
	plus FIM	297.29	EUR	50	per document for a patent
	or FIM	89.19	EUR	15	per document for a utility model
National fee:					
Basic fee:	FIM	1,486.43	EUR	250	
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	FIM	148.64	EUR	25	
Additional fee for late furnishing of translation or copy:	FIM	594.57	EUR	100	
Annual fees for the first three years:	FIM	891.86	EUR	150	

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(FI), page 242, and PCT Gazette No. 50/2001, page 23266]

MX Mexico

The **Mexican Institute of Industrial Property** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Mexican pesos (MXP)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:					
For patent:					
Filing fee:	MXP	5,486.96 ¹			
		MXP	3,660.87 ²		
For utility model:					
Filing fee:	MXP	1,591.30 ¹			
		MXP	1,060.87 ²		

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Summary (MX), page 424]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**IN India**

The **Indian Patent Office** has notified its Internet address, as follows:

Internet: www.patentoffice.nic.in

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(IN), page 89]

¹ Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 22. This fee includes a 25% reduction based on the establishment of an international search report.

² Payable where the national phase is entered under PCT Article 39(1). This fee includes a 50% reduction based on the establishment of an international preliminary examination report.

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**FI Finlande**

L'Office national des brevets et de l'enregistrement de la Finlande a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **markka finlandais (FIM)**, et a introduit des montants de taxes pour le document de priorité, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu). Ces montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de transmission :	FIM	802,67	EUR	135	
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	FIM	108,81	EUR	18,30	
	plus FIM	297,29	EUR	50	par document pour un brevet
	or FIM	89,19	EUR	15	par document pour un modèle d'utilité
Taxe nationale :					
Taxe de base :	FIM	1.486,43	EUR	250	
Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication à compter de la 11 ^e :	FIM	148,64	EUR	25	
Taxe additionnelle pour la remise tardive de la traduction ou de la copie :	FIM	594,57	EUR	100	
Taxes annuelles pour les trois premières années:	FIM	891,86	EUR	150	

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(FI), page 249, et de la Gazette du PCT n° 50/2001, page 23267]

MX Mexique

L'Institut mexicain de la propriété industrielle a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **pesos mexicains (MXP)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :					
Pour un brevet :					
Taxe de dépôt :	MXP	5.486,96 ¹			
		MXP	3.660,87 ²		
Pour un modèle d'utilité :					
Taxe de dépôt :	MXP	1.591,30 ¹			
		MXP	1.060,87 ²		

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), résumé (MX), page 467]

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**IN Inde**

L'Office indien des brevets a notifié son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Internet : www.patentoffice.nic.in

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(IN), page 91]

¹ Doit être acquittée lorsque la phase nationale est abordée en vertu de l'article 22 du PCT. Cette taxe comprend une réduction de 25 % qui est basée sur l'établissement d'un rapport de recherche internationale.

² Doit être acquittée lorsque la phase nationale est abordée en vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT. Cette taxe comprend une réduction de 50 % qui est basée sur l'établissement d'un rapport d'examen préliminaire international.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**KZ Kazakhstan**

The **Kazakh Patent Office** has notified changes in the name of the Office and in its location and mailing address, and has notified its Internet addresses, as follows:

Name of Office:	Kazakhstan Respublikasy Adilet ministriginin Sanatkerlik menshik kuckygy zhonindegi komitetinin “Kazakhstan patenttik saraptama instituty” respublikalyk menleketik kazynalyk kasiporny
Location and mailing address:	National Public Enterprise “Kazakhstan Institute of Patent Examination”, 6/1, R. & M. Abdullins St., 480002 Almaty, Kazakhstan
Internet:	www.kazpatent.kz www.kazpatent.org

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(KZ), page 105]

PH Philippines

The **Intellectual Property Office of the Philippines** has notified changes in its e-mail and Internet addresses, and has notified its requirements as to the mailing of documents by delivery services other than the postal authorities, as well as provisions concerning provisional protection after international publication, as follows:

E-mail:	pct@ipophil.gov.ph
Internet:	ipophil.gov.ph
Would the Office accept evidence of mailing a document, in case of loss or delay, where a delivery service other than the postal authorities is used (PCT Rule 82.1)?	No
Provisional protection after international publication:	In accordance with PCT Article 29(1), as far as the protection of any rights of the applicant under Section 46 of the IP Code is concerned, the international publication in English of an international application shall have the same effect as a publication in the IPO Gazette (under Section 44 of the IP Code and its implementing rules and regulations), provided that notice of the international publication and copy of the international application have been transmitted, pursuant to Section 46.2 of the IP Code, by the applicant to the actual unauthorized user of the invention claimed in the international application. If the language in which the international publication has been effected is a language other than English, the protection of any rights of the applicant under Section 46 of the IP Code shall be applicable only from such time as a translation into English has been published in the IPO Gazette (under Section 44 of the IP Code and its implementing rules and regulations), and such translation into English has been transmitted, pursuant to Section 46.2 of the IP Code, by the applicant to the actual unauthorized user of the invention claimed in the international application.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**KZ Kazakhstan**

L'**Office kazakh des brevets** a notifié des changements dans le nom de l'office et dans l'adresse de son siège et son adresse postale, et a notifié ses adresses Internet, comme suit :

Nom de l'office :	Kazakhstan Respublikasy Adilet ministriginin Sanatkerlik menshik kuckygy zhonindegi komitetinin "Kazakhstan patenttik saraptama instituty" respublikalyk menlekettik kazynalyk kasiporny
Siège et adresse postale :	National Public Enterprise "Kazakhstan Institute of Patent Examination", 6/1, R. & M. Abdullins St., 480002 Almaty, Kazakhstan
Internet :	www.kazpatent.kz www.kazpatent.org

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(KZ), page 107]

PH Philippines

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle des Philippines** a notifié des changements dans ses adresses électronique et Internet, et a notifié ses exigences relatives à l'expédition de documents par des entreprises d'acheminement autres que l'administration postale, ainsi que des dispositions concernant la protection provisoire suite à la publication internationale, comme suit :

Courrier électronique :	pct@ipophil.gov.ph
Internet :	ipophil.gov.ph
L'office accepterait-il que soit produite, en cas de perte ou de retards du courrier, la preuve qu'un document a été expédié lorsque l'expédition a été faite par une entreprise d'acheminement autre que l'administration postale (règle 82.1 du PCT) ?	Non
Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale :	Conformément à l'article 29.1) du PCT, en ce qui concerne la protection des droits du déposant, en vertu de l'article 46 du Code de la propriété intellectuelle (CPI), la publication internationale en anglais d'une demande internationale a les mêmes effets qu'une publication dans la Gazette de l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle (en vertu de l'article 44 du CPI et de son règlement d'exécution), à condition que la notification de la publication internationale et la copie de la demande internationale aient été transmises, selon l'article 46.2 du CPI, par le déposant à l'utilisateur non autorisé de l'invention revendiquée dans la demande internationale. Si la langue dans laquelle la publication internationale a été effectuée est une langue autre que l'anglais, la protection des droits du déposant en vertu de l'article 46 du CPI est applicable seulement à partir du moment où une traduction en anglais a été publiée dans la Gazette de l'office (en vertu de l'article 44 du CPI et de son règlement d'exécution), et que cette traduction en anglais a été transmise, en vertu de l'article 46.2 du CPI, par le déposant à l'utilisateur non autorisé de l'invention revendiquée dans la demande internationale.

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES (Cont'd)**PH Philippines (Cont'd)**

Provisional protection after international publication (Cont'd):

Where the international publication has been effected, on the request of the applicant, before the expiration of 18 months from the priority date, the rights provided for under Section 46 of the IP Code shall be applicable only from the expiration of 18 months from the priority date subject to the conditions mentioned in the preceding paragraphs.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. 37/2001, page 16396]

US United States of America

The **United States Patent and Trademark Office** has notified a change in its Internet address, as follows:

Internet: <http://www.uspto.gov/go/pct>

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(US), page 188]

RECEIVING OFFICES**JP Japan**

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the availability of the European Patent Office as a competent International Searching Authority for international applications filed by nationals and residents of Japan, as indicated in footnote 1:

Competent International Searching Authority: Japan Patent Office, European Patent Office¹

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(JP), page 263]

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified a change in its requirement as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent? Any person registered to practice before the Office as a patent attorney. A list of registered patent attorneys may be obtained from the Office.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(NZ), page 283]

¹ The European Patent Office is competent only if the international application is filed in English.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS (suite)**PH Philippines (suite)**

Protection provisoire à la suite de la publication internationale (suite) :

Lorsque la publication internationale a été effectuée, à la demande du déposant, avant l'expiration d'un délai de 18 mois à compter de la date de priorité, les droits prévus par l'article 46 du CPI sont applicables seulement à compter de l'expiration d'un délai de 18 mois à compter de la date de priorité, sous réserve des conditions mentionnées dans les paragraphes précédents.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° 37/2001, page 16397]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

L'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis** a notifié un changement dans son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Internet : <http://www.uspto.gov/go/pct>

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(US), page 190]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**JP Japon**

L'**Office des brevets du Japon** a notifié au Bureau international un changement relatif aux cas dans lesquels l'Office européen des brevets sera compétent en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale pour les demandes internationales déposées par les nationaux et résidents du Japon, comme indiqué dans la note de bas de page 1:

Administration compétente chargée de la recherche internationale :

Office des brevets du Japon, Office européen des brevets¹

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(JP), page 273]

NZ Nouvelle-Zélande

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Nouvelle-Zélande** a notifié un changement dans son exigence concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?

Toute personne habilitée à exercer auprès de l'office en qualité de conseil en brevets. Une liste des conseils en brevets agréés peut être obtenue auprès de l'office.

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(NZ), page 300]

¹ L'Office européen des brevets n'est compétent que si la demande internationale est déposée en anglais.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**DK Denmark**

The **Danish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the removal of one of its special requirements for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office. The consolidated list of special requirements is now as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>): ¹	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application ²
	Deed of transfer where the applicant is not the inventor ³

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001, Summary (DK), page 374]

EA Eurasian Patent Office (EAPO)

The **Eurasian Patent Office** has notified additional special requirements for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office, and additional information concerning agents, as follows:

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>): ¹	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application ²
	Appointment of an agent if the applicant has neither a residence nor his principal place of business within the territory of one of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention
	Instrument of assignment of the priority right where the applicants are not identical ²
	Translation of the amendments to the international application to be filed in triplicate (this applies in particular to the amendments annexed to the international preliminary examination report if the applicant wishes them to be taken into consideration for the proceedings before the Office)
Who can act as agent?	Any legal practitioner qualified to practice in patent matters in one of the States party to the Eurasian Patent Convention and inscribed in the register of patent attorneys kept in the Office. The list of registered patent attorneys may be obtained on the Internet at: http://www.eapo.org/eng/information/attorneys.php ³

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001, Summary (EA), page 378]

¹ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirements within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

³ Even if a corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17, the Office may nevertheless require further documents or evidence (see PCT Gazette No. 05/2001, page 2024).

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**DK Danemark**

L'**Office danois des brevets et des marques** a notifié la suppression de l'une de ses exigences particulières pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). La liste récapitulative des exigences particulières est désormais la suivante :

Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51 <i>bis</i> du PCT) : ¹	Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale ²
	Acte de cession lorsque le déposant n'est pas l'inventeur ³

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), résumé (DK), page 406]

EA Office eurasienn des brevets (OEAB)

L'**Office eurasienn des brevets** a notifié des exigences particulières supplémentaires pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), et des informations supplémentaires concernant les mandataires, comme suit :

Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51 <i>bis</i> du PCT) : ¹	Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale ²
	Nomination d'un mandataire si le déposant n'a ni son domicile ni son établissement principal sur le territoire de l'un des États parties à la Convention sur le brevet eurasienn
	Acte de cession du droit de priorité lorsqu'il n'y a pas identité entre les déposants ²
	Traduction des modifications de la demande internationale en trois exemplaires (ceci s'applique en particulier aux modifications annexées au rapport d'examen préliminaire international si le déposant souhaite que ces dernières soient prises en considération pour la procédure auprès de l'office)
Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Tout juriste habilité à exercer dans le domaine des brevets dans l'un des États parties à la Convention sur le brevet eurasienn et inscrit sur la liste des conseils en brevets tenue par l'office. La liste des conseils en brevets inscrits peut être obtenue sur l'Internet à l'adresse suivante : http://www.eapo.org/eng/information/attorneys.php3

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), résumé (EA), page 410]

¹ Si le déposant n'a pas déjà fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

² Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

³ Même si une déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17, l'office peut quand même exiger des documents ou des preuves supplémentaires (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 05/2001, page 2025).

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES (Cont'd)**JP Japan**

The **Japan Patent Office** has notified a change in its requirement as to who can act as agent before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent? Any patent attorney, attorney-at-law or other person resident in Japan, or firm registered to practice before the Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-01/2001 (E), Summary (JP), page 400]

NZ New Zealand

The **Intellectual Property Office of New Zealand** has notified a change in its requirement as to who can act as agent before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent? Any person registered to practice before the Office as a patent attorney. A list of registered patent attorneys may be obtained from the Office.

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Summary (NZ), page 429]

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES****CZ Czech Republic**

The **Industrial Property Office of the Czech Republic** has specified special provisions concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material with regard to the time by which the applicant must furnish certain indications prescribed in Rule 13*bis*.3(a)(i) to (iii), and to the additional indications which must be given besides those prescribed in that Rule, as specified below:

Time (if any) earlier than 16 months from priority date by which applicant must furnish:		Additional indications (if any) which must be given besides those prescribed in Rule 13<i>bis</i>.3(a)(i) to (iii) pursuant to notifications from the Offices concerned
the indications prescribed in Rule 13<i>bis</i>.3(a)(i) to (iii)	any additional matter specified in the adjacent right-hand column	
The name of the depositary institution and the accession number at the time of filing (as part of the application)	At the time of filing (as part of the application)	To the extent available to the applicant, relevant information on the characteristics of the biological material

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OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS) (suite)**JP Japon**

L'**Office des brevets du Japon** a notifié un changement dans son exigence concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ? Tout conseil en brevets, avocat ou autre personne domiciliée au Japon, ou société habilitée à exercer auprès de l'office

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NZ Nouvelle-Zélande

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Nouvelle-Zélande** a notifié un changement dans son exigence relative à la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ? Toute personne habilitée à exercer auprès de l'office en qualité de conseil en brevets. Une liste des conseils en brevets agréés peut être obtenue auprès de l'office.

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**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
EXIGENCES DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS ET ÉLUS****CZ République tchèque**

L'**Office de la propriété industrielle de la République tchèque** a spécifié des dispositions particulières relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique en ce qui concerne le délai dans lequel le déposant doit fournir certaines indications exigées dans la règle 13*bis*.3.a)i) à iii), ainsi que les indications éventuelles qui doivent figurer outre celles exigées dans cette règle, comme indiqué ci-dessous :

Délai (éventuel) inférieur à 16 mois à compter de la date de priorité, dans lequel le déposant doit fournir :		Indications (éventuelles) qui doivent figurer outre celles exigées dans la règle 13<i>bis</i>.3.a)i) à iii) selon les notifications des offices intéressés
les indications exigées dans la règle 13<i>bis</i>.3.a)i) à iii)	toute indication supplémentaire spécifiée dans la colonne adjacente de droite	
Le nom de l'institution de dépôt et le numéro d'accession lors du dépôt (comme partie de la demande)	Lors du dépôt (comme partie de la demande)	Dans la mesure où ils sont accessibles au déposant, renseignements se rapportant aux caractéristiques du micro-organisme

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
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EP Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization – Notification under Article 3(4)(a)(ii) of the Agreement

Pursuant to the approval by the Assembly of the International Patent Cooperation Union (PCT Union) during its thirtieth (13th ordinary) session (see PCT Gazette No. 44/2001, page 19928) of an amendment to the Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of WIPO in relation to the functioning of the European Patent Office as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority under the PCT, the International Bureau has received on 26 November 2001 a notification under Article 3(4)(a)(ii) from the President of the EPO restricting the competence of the EPO as an International Searching and Preliminary Examining Authority. The restriction is applicable to international applications filed on or after 1 March 2002 (see paragraph 1 below). Pursuant to the last sentence of Article 3(4)(b), the text of the notification is reproduced hereafter:

“1. The European Patent Office will not carry out international search in respect of any international application filed on or after 1 March 2002 by a national or resident of the United States of America with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the International Bureau as receiving Office where such application contains one or more claims relating to the **fields of biotechnology or business methods**, as defined by the following units of the International Patent Classification:

Biotechnology

C 12 M	Apparatus for enzymology or microbiology
C 12 N	Micro-organisms or enzymes; compositions thereof
C 12 P	Fermentation or enzyme-using processes to synthesise a desired chemical compound or composition or to separate optical isomers from a racemic mixture
C 12 Q	Measuring or testing processes involving enzymes or micro-organisms; compositions or test papers therefor; processes of preparing such compositions; condition-responsive control in microbiological or enzymological processes.
C 07 K	Peptides
G 01 N 33/50	(including subdivisions) Chemical analysis of biological material, e.g. blood, urine; testing involving biospecific ligand binding methods; immunological testing
A 61 K 39	Medicinal preparations containing antigens or antibodies
A 61 K 48	Medicinal preparations containing genetic material which is inserted into cells of the living body to treat genetic diseases; gene therapy
A 01 H	New plants or processes for obtaining them; plant reproduction by tissue culture techniques

For information: US classes covering corresponding subject matter

424	<i>Drug, bio-affecting and body treating compositions</i>
435	<i>Chemistry: molecular biology and microbiology</i>
436	<i>Chemistry: analytical and immunological testing</i>
514	<i>Drug, bio-affecting and body treating compositions</i>
530	<i>Chemistry: natural resins or derivatives; peptides or proteins; lignins or reaction products thereof</i>
536	<i>Organic compounds—part of the class 532-570 series</i>
800	<i>Multicellular living organisms and unmodified parts thereof</i>
930	<i>Peptide or protein sequence</i>

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
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EP Accord entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle – Notification selon l'article 3.4)a)ii) de l'accord

Suite à l'approbation par l'Assemblée de l'Union internationale de coopération en matière de brevets (Union du PCT), durant sa trentième session (13^e session ordinaire) (voir la Gazette du PCT n° 44/2001, page 19929) d'une modification apportée à l'accord conclu entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets et le Bureau international de l'OMPI concernant les fonctions de l'Office européen des brevets en qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale et de l'examen préliminaire international au titre du PCT, le Bureau international a reçu, le 26 novembre 2001, une notification en vertu de l'article 3.4)a)ii) du Président de l'OEB restreignant la compétence de l'OEB en tant qu'administration chargée de la recherche et de l'examen préliminaire international. La restriction est applicable aux demandes internationales déposées le 1^{er} mars 2002 ou à une date ultérieure (voir le paragraphe 1 ci-dessous). Conformément à la dernière phrase de l'article 3.4)b), le texte de la notification (en traduction française établie par le Bureau international) est reproduit ci-après :

“1. L'Office européen des brevets n'effectuera pas la recherche internationale pour une demande internationale déposée le 1^{er} mars 2002 ou à une date ultérieure par un national ou un résident des États-Unis d'Amérique auprès de l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis ou du Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur lorsque cette demande contient une ou plusieurs revendications relatives aux **domaines de la biotechnologie ou des méthodes commerciales**, tels qu'ils sont définis par les rubriques suivantes de la classification internationale des brevets :

Biotechnologie

C 12 M	Appareillage pour l'enzymologie ou la microbiologie
C 12 N	Micro-organismes ou enzymes; compositions les contenant
C 12 P	Procédés de fermentation ou procédés utilisant des enzymes pour la synthèse d'un composé chimique donné ou d'une composition donnée, ou pour la séparation d'isomères optiques à partir d'un mélange racémique
C 12 Q	Procédés de mesure, de recherche ou d'analyse faisant intervenir des enzymes ou des micro-organismes; compositions ou papiers réactifs à cet effet; procédés pour préparer ces compositions; procédés de commande sensibles aux conditions du milieu dans les procédés microbiologiques ou enzymologiques
C 07 K	Peptides
G 01 N 33/50	(y compris sous-divisions) Analyse chimique de matériau biologique, p.ex. de sang, d'urine; recherche ou analyse par des méthodes faisant intervenir la formation de liaisons biospécifiques par ligands; recherche ou analyse immunologique
A 61 K 39	Préparations médicinales contenant des antigènes ou des anticorps
A 61 K 48	Préparations médicinales contenant du matériel génétique qui est introduit dans des cellules du corps vivant pour traiter des maladies génétiques; thérapie génique
A 01 H	Nouveautés végétales ou procédés pour leur obtention; reproduction de plantes par des techniques de culture de tissus

Pour information : classes US couvrant les objets correspondants

424	<i>Compositions médicamenteuses, à effet biologique et pour les soins du corps</i>
435	<i>Chimie: biologie moléculaire et microbiologie</i>
436	<i>Chimie: essais analytiques et analyses immunologiques</i>
514	<i>Compositions médicamenteuses, à effet biologique et pour les soins du corps</i>
530	<i>Chimie: résines naturelles ou dérivés; peptides ou protéines; lignines ou leurs produits de réaction</i>
536	<i>Composés organiques – partie des séries des classes 532-570</i>
800	<i>Organismes vivants multicellulaires et leurs parties non modifiées</i>
930	<i>Séquences de peptides ou de protéines</i>

INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES**INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES (Cont'd)****EP Agreement between the European Patent Organisation and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization – Notification under Article 3(4)(a)(ii) of the Agreement (Cont'd)****Business method related inventions**

G 06 F 17/60 Digital computing or data processing equipment or methods, specially adapted for specific functions: administrative, commercial, managerial, supervisory or forecasting purposes. To the extent that the application falls under above mentioned subgroup but does not relate to business methods the EPO's competence is not affected.

For information: US class covering corresponding subject matter

705 *Data processing: financial, business practice, management, or cost/price determination*

2. The European Patent Office will not carry out international preliminary examination in respect of any international application filed by a national or resident of the United States of America with the United States Patent and Trademark Office or with the International Bureau as receiving Office where the corresponding demand is filed with the EPO on or after 1 March 2002 and the application contains one or more claims relating to the fields of biotechnology or business methods as referred to in paragraph (1) or to the **field of telecommunication** as defined by the following unit of the International Patent Classification:

Telecommunication

H 04 Electric communication technique with the exception of H 04 N: Pictorial communication, e.g. television

For information: US classes covering corresponding subject matter

370 *Multiplex communications*

375 *Pulse or digital communications*

379 *Telephonic communication*

380 *Cryptography*

381 *Electrical audio signal processing systems and devices*

455 *Telecommunications*

3. These limitations strictly speaking would take effect on the date mentioned in Article 3(4)(b) 2nd sentence of the PCT Agreement, i.e. three months from the date on which this notification is received by the International Bureau. However, in order to allow for them to take effect on the first day of a month, I propose that the limitations become effective on 1 March 2002.

4. Pursuant to Article 3(4)(c) of the PCT Agreement, the initial duration of these limitations shall be three years. The issue of this notice is without prejudice to the right of the EPO to issue any further notice under Article 3(4) of the PCT Agreement which it may consider necessary."

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
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EP Accord entre l'Organisation européenne des brevets et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle – Notification selon l'article 3.4)a)ii) de l'accord (suite)

Inventions relatives à des méthodes commerciales

G 06 F 17/60 Equipement ou méthodes de traitement de données ou de calcul numérique, spécialement adaptés à des fonctions spécifiques : à des fins administratives, commerciales, de gestion, de surveillance ou de prévision. La compétence de l'OEB n'est pas affectée en ce qui concerne la demande relevant de ce sous-groupe mais se rapportant à des méthodes commerciales.

Pour information : classe US couvrant les objets correspondants

705 *Traitement de données: gestion des comptes, pratiques commerciales, gestion ou établissement des coûts et des prix*

2. L'Office européen des brevets n'effectuera pas l'examen préliminaire international pour une demande internationale déposée par un national ou un résident des États-Unis d'Amérique auprès de l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis ou du Bureau international agissant en tant qu'office récepteur lorsque la demande d'examen correspondante est présentée à l'OEB le 1^{er} mars 2002 ou à une date ultérieure et que la demande internationale contient une ou plusieurs revendications relatives aux domaines de la biotechnologie ou des méthodes commerciales visés à l'alinéa 1 ou au **domaine des télécommunications** tel qu'il est défini par la rubrique suivante de la classification internationale des brevets :

Télécommunication

H 04 Technique de la communication électrique, à l'exception de H 04 N : transmission d'images, p. ex. télévision

Pour information : classes US couvrant les objets correspondants

370 *Communications multiplex*

375 *Communications numériques ou à impulsions*

379 *Communication téléphonique*

380 *Cryptographie*

381 *Dispositifs et systèmes de traitement de signaux audio électriques*

455 *Télécommunications*

3. Ces limitations à proprement parler prendraient effet à la date mentionnée à l'article 3.4)b) deuxième phrase de l'accord selon le PCT, c'est-à-dire trois mois après la date à laquelle la présente notification est reçue par le Bureau international. Toutefois, pour permettre à ces limitations de prendre effet le premier jour d'un mois, je propose que les limitations entrent en vigueur le 1^{er} mars 2002.

4. Conformément à l'article 3.4)c) de l'accord selon le PCT, la durée initiale de ces limitations sera de trois ans. La publication de la présente notification est sans préjudice du droit de l'OEB à publier toute notification ultérieure selon l'article 3.4) de l'accord selon le PCT qu'il juge nécessaire."

**INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITIES
INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINING AUTHORITIES (Cont'd)**

ES Agreement between the Spanish Patent and Trademark Office and the International Bureau of the World Intellectual Property Organization¹ – Amendment to Annex C

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified the International Bureau, in accordance with Article 11(3)(ii) of the above-mentioned Agreement, of amendments, applicable as from 2 January 2002, to Annex C thereof. The amended Annex C reads as follows:

**“Annex C
Fees and Charges**

Part I. Schedule of Fees and Charges

Kind of fee or charge	Amount (Euro)
Search fee (Rule 16.1(a))	[No change]
Additional fee (Rule 40.2(a))	[No change]
Cost of copies (Rule 44.3(b))	
– national documents, per document	3.74
– foreign documents, per document	5.26

Part II. [No change]”

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT

AM Armenia

The **Armenian Patent Office** has established new amounts of fees which are no longer in **US dollars (USD)** but in **Armenian drams (AMD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as specified below:

National fee:

For patent:

Filing fee:	AMD 20,000
Claim fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	AMD 5,000
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	AMD 10,000
Substantive examination fee:	AMD 180,000
Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	AMD 140,000
Annual fees for the 2nd and the 3rd year, per year:	AMD 20,000

For utility model:

Filing fee:	AMD 20,000
Annual fees for the 2nd and the 3rd year, per year:	AMD 20,000

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Summary (AM), page 347]

¹ Published in PCT Gazette No. 56/1997, page 29531, No. 05/1998, page 2995, No. 07/1998, page 4224, and No. 24/1999, page 6660, and No. 49/2001, page 22744.

**ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE LA RECHERCHE INTERNATIONALE
ADMINISTRATIONS CHARGÉES DE L'EXAMEN PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL (suite)**

ES Accord entre l'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques et le Bureau international de l'Organisation Mondiale de la Propriété Intellectuelle¹ – Modification de l'annexe C

L'Office espagnol des brevets et des marques a adressé au Bureau international, en vertu de l'article 11.3)ii) de l'accord mentionné ci-dessus, une notification l'informant de modifications, applicables à compter du 2 janvier 2002, de l'annexe C de cet accord. L'annexe C modifiée a la teneur suivante :

**“Annexe C
Taxes et droits**

Partie I. Barème de taxes et de droits

Type de taxe ou de droit	Montant (Euros)
Taxe de recherche (règle 16.1.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe additionnelle (règle 40.2.a))	[Sans changement]
Taxe pour la délivrance de copies (règle 44.3.b))	
– documents nationaux, par document	3,74
– documents étrangers, par document	5,26

Partie II. [Sans changement]”

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT

AM Arménie

L'Office arménien des brevets a établi de nouveaux montants de taxes, qui ne sont plus exprimés en dollars des États-Unis (USD) mais en drams arméniens (AMD), payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme indiqué ci-dessous :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt :	AMD 20.000
Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 2 ^e :	AMD 5.000
Taxe de revendication de priorité, par priorité :	AMD 10.000
Taxe d'examen quant au fond :	AMD 180.000
Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 2 ^e :	AMD 140.000
Taxes annuelles pour la 2 ^e et la 3 ^e année, par année :	AMD 20.000

Pour un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt :	AMD 20.000
Taxes annuelles pour la 2 ^e et la 3 ^e année, par année :	AMD 20.000

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¹ Publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 56/1997, page 29591, n° 05/1998, page 3005, n° 07/1998, page 4234, n° 24/1999, page 6661, et n° 49/2001, page 22745.

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**AT Austria – Corrigendum**

The amount of the fee for priority document notified by the **Austrian Patent Office** and published in PCT Gazette No. 51/2001 was correct but certain details were missing. It should read as follows:

Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 1.45 per page (including covering sheet)
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(AT), page 214, and PCT Gazette No. 51/2001, page 23764]

AZ Azerbaijan

The **Azerbaijan Patent Office** has established amounts of fees for utility models in **US dollars (USD)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

National fee:

For patent or utility model:

Filing fee (including examination):	USD 100
Additional fee for each independent claim in excess of one:	USD 50
Additional fee for each dependent claim in excess of five:	USD 20
Annual fee for the third year:	USD 40

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Summary (AZ), page 351]

CN China

The **China Intellectual Property Office** has introduced a new fee for patents in **yuan renminbi (CNY)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, and has notified a change with regard to the reduction of the examination fee in certain cases, as follows:

National fee:

For patent:

Application fee:	[No change]
Application publication fee:	CNY 50
Fee for priority claims, per claim:	[No change]
Maintenance fee, per year:	[No change]
Examination fee:	[No change]

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:

The examination fee is reduced by 20% where an international search has been carried out by the Japan Patent Office, the Swedish Patent Office or the European Patent Office

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Summary (CN), page 365]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**AT Autriche – rectificatif**

Le montant de la taxe pour le document de priorité notifié par l'**Office autrichien des brevets** et publié dans la Gazette du PCT n° 51/2001 était correct mais il manquait certaines précisions, comme suit :

Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	EUR 1,45	par page (y compris la page de couverture)
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AZ Azerbaïdjan

L'**Office azerbaïdjanais des brevets** a établi des montants de taxes pour les modèles d'utilité, exprimés en **dollars des États-Unis (USD)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet ou un modèle d'utilité :

Taxe de dépôt (y compris examen) :	USD 100
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Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication indépendante à compter de la 2 ^e :	USD 50
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Taxe additionnelle pour chaque revendication dépendante à compter de la 6 ^e :	USD 20
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Taxe annuelle pour la 3 ^e année :	USD 40
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CN Chine

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine** a introduit une nouvelle taxe pour les brevets, exprimée en **yuan renminbi (CNY)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), et a notifié un changement en ce qui concerne la réduction de la taxe d'examen dans certains cas, comme suit :

Taxe nationale :

Pour un brevet :

Taxe de dépôt :	[Sans changement]
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Taxe de publication de la demande :	CNY 50
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Taxe de revendication de priorité, par revendication :	[Sans changement]
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Taxe de renouvellement, par année :	[Sans changement]
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Taxe d'examen :	[Sans changement]
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Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :	La taxe d'examen est réduite de 20% lorsque la recherche internationale a été effectuée par l'Office des brevets du Japon, l'Office suédois des brevets ou l'Office européen des brevets
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FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**ES Spain**

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **euro (EUR)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, applicable as from 1 January 2002, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	EUR 61.51
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	EUR 24.61
National fee:	
For patent:	
Filing fee:	EUR 79.82
For utility model:	
Filing fee:	EUR 79.82

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(ES), page 241, and Summary (ES), page 383]

The **Spanish Patent and Trademark Office** has notified changes in the amounts in **euro (EUR)** of the fees for copies of documents cited in the international search report, payable to it as an International Searching Authority. These fees, applicable as from 1 January 2002, are as follows:

Fee for copies of documents cited in the international search report (PCT Rule 44.3):	EUR 3.74 per national document
	EUR 5.26 per foreign document

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex D(ES), page 310]

LT Lithuania

The **Lithuanian Patent Office** has notified a change in the amount of a fee in **Lithuanian litas (LTL)**, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, and has introduced a condition for the reduction of the filing fee, as follows:

National fee:	
Filing fee:	LTL 400
Claim fee for each claim in excess of 10:	[No change]
Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	The filing fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is a natural person in whose name the invention will be patented

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Summary (LT), page 412]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**ES Espagne**

L'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **euros (EUR)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu), applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, comme suit :

Taxe de transmission :	EUR 61,51
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	EUR 24,61
Taxe nationale :	
Pour un brevet :	
Taxe de dépôt :	EUR 79,82
Pour un modèle d'utilité :	
Taxe de dépôt :	EUR 79,82

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(ES), page 248, et résumé (ES), page 416]

L'**Office espagnol des brevets et des marques** a notifié des changements dans les montants en **euros (EUR)** des taxes pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport de recherche, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'administration chargée de la recherche internationale. Ces taxes, applicables à compter du 1^{er} janvier 2002, sont les suivantes :

Taxe pour la délivrance de copies des documents cités dans le rapport de recherche internationale	EUR 3,74 par document national
(règle 44.3 du PCT) :	EUR 5,26 par document étranger

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe D(ES), page 336]

LT Lituanie

L'**Office lituanien des brevets** a notifié un changement dans le montant d'une taxe, exprimé en **litas lituaniens (LTL)**, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), et a introduit une condition pour la réduction de la taxe de dépôt, comme suit :

Taxe nationale :	
Taxe de dépôt :	LTL 400
Taxe de revendication pour chaque revendication à compter de la 11 ^e :	[Sans changement]
Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :	La taxe de dépôt est réduite de 50% lorsque le déposant est une personne physique au nom de laquelle l'invention sera brevetée

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), résumé (LT), page 451]

FEES PAYABLE UNDER THE PCT (Cont'd)**PL Poland**

The **Polish Patent Office** has notified changes in the amounts of fees in **Polish zloty (PLZ)**, payable to it as receiving Office and as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Transmittal fee:	PLZ 300
Fee for priority document (PCT Rule 17.1(b)):	For a patent: PLZ 40 (up to 20 sheets) or PLZ 100 (for more than 20 sheets)
	For a utility model: PLZ 30 (up to 20 sheets) or PLZ 80 (for more than 20 sheets)

National fee:

For patent or utility model:	
– where an international preliminary examination has been carried out:	PLZ 225
– where no international preliminary examination has been carried out:	PLZ 450
– additional fee for each sheet in excess of 20:	[No change]
Fee for priority claims, per priority:	PLZ 50

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(PL), page 284, and Summary (PL), page 433]

SK Slovakia

The **Industrial Property Office of Slovakia** has introduced a condition for the reduction of the filing fee, payable to it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Exemptions, reductions or refunds of the national fee:	The filing fee is reduced by 50% where the applicant is also the inventor
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Summary (SK), page 444]

US United States of America

Pursuant to PCT Rule 16.1(d), new equivalent amounts in **South African rand (ZAR)** have been established for the search fee for an international search by the **United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO)**. The new amounts, applicable as from 1 March 2002, are as follows:

Search fee (international search by the United States Patent and Trademark Office):	ZAR 6,700 (4,300)
	The amount in parentheses is payable when a corresponding prior US national application has been filed under 35 USC 111(a) and the basic filing fee has been paid

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001(E), Annex D(US), page 315]

TAXES PAYABLES EN VERTU DU PCT (suite)**PL Pologne**

L'**Office polonais des brevets** a notifié des changements dans les montants de taxes, exprimés en **zloty polonais (PLZ)**, payables à l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur et d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Taxe de transmission :	PLZ 300
Taxe pour le document de priorité (règle 17.1.b) du PCT) :	Pour un brevet : PLZ 40 (jusqu'à 20 feuilles) ou PLZ 100 (pour plus de 20 feuilles)
	Pour un modèle d'utilité : PLZ 30 (jusqu'à 20 feuilles) ou PLZ 80 (pour plus de 20 feuilles)
Taxe nationale :	
Pour un brevet ou un modèle d'utilité :	
– lorsqu'un examen préliminaire international a été effectué :	PLZ 225
– lorsque aucun examen préliminaire international n'a été effectué :	PLZ 450
– taxe additionnelle pour chaque feuille à compter de la 21 ^e :	[Sans changement]
Taxe de revendication de priorité, par priorité :	PLZ 50

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(PL), page 301, et résumé (PL), page 476]

SK Slovaquie

L'**Office de la propriété industrielle de la Slovaquie** a introduit une condition pour la réduction de la taxe de dépôt, payable à l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Exemption, réduction ou remboursement de la taxe nationale :	La taxe de dépôt est réduite de 50% lorsque le déposant est aussi l'inventeur
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), résumé (SK), page 492]

US États-Unis d'Amérique

De nouveaux montants équivalents de la taxe de recherche, exprimés en **rand sud-africains (ZAR)**, ont été établis en vertu de la règle 16.1.d) du PCT pour une recherche internationale effectuée par l'**Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis (USPTO)**. Les nouveaux montants, applicables à compter du 1^{er} mars 2002, sont les suivants :

Taxe de recherche (recherche internationale effectuée par l'Office des brevets et des marques des États-Unis) :	ZAR 6.700 (4.300) Le montant entre parenthèses est applicable lorsqu'une demande nationale antérieure correspondante a été déposée aux États-Unis selon le paragraphe 111.a) du titre 35 USC et que la taxe de dépôt de base a été payée
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001(F), annexe D(US), page 341]

INFORMATION ON CONTRACTING STATES**AZ Azerbaijan**

The **Azerbaijan Patent Office** has notified an additional type of protection available via the PCT (see the Azerbaijan Republic Law On Patents No. 312-IQ, which entered into force on 2 August 1997), as follows:

Types of protection available via the PCT:	National: Patents, utility models Eurasian: [No change]
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(AZ), page 18]

KE Kenya

The **Kenya Industrial Property Office** has notified a change in its e-mail address, and has notified its Internet address, as follows:

E-mail:	kipi@swiftkenya.com
Internet:	www.kipo.ke.wipo.net

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex B1(KE), page 97]

RECEIVING OFFICES**DE Germany**

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified a change in its requirements as to who can act as agent before it as receiving Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or attorney-at-law, ¹ resident in Germany, or, if an address for service is provided for through a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law, resident in Germany, any national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Law on the Qualifying Examination for Gaining Admission to the Profession of Patent Attorney and Law on the Professional Activities of European Lawyers in Germany)
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(DE), page 234]

¹ The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the Patentanwaltskammer (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the Rechtsanwaltskammer (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Joachimstrasse 1, 53113 Bonn, Germany.

INFORMATIONS SUR LES ÉTATS CONTRACTANTS**AZ Azerbaïdjan**

L'Office azerbaïdjanais des brevets a notifié un type de protection additionnel disponible par la voie PCT (voir la loi sur les brevets de la République d'Azerbaïdjan n° 312-IQ, entrée en vigueur le 2 août 1997), comme suit :

Types de protection disponibles par la voie PCT :	Nationale : Brevets, modèles d'utilité Eurasienne : [Sans changement]
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(AZ), page 18]

KE Kenya

L'Office kényen de la propriété industrielle a notifié un changement dans son adresse électronique, et a notifié son adresse Internet, comme suit :

Courrier électronique :	kipi@swiftkenya.com
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Internet :	www.kipo.ke.wipo.net
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe B1(KE), page 99]

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS**DE Allemagne**

L'Office allemand des brevets et des marques a notifié un changement dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office récepteur, comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?	Tout conseil en brevets ou avocat ¹ domicilié en Allemagne ou, si l'adresse d'un conseil en brevets ou d'un avocat domicilié en Allemagne est fournie pour la correspondance, tout national d'un État membre de l'Union européenne ou d'un État partie à l'accord sur l'Espace économique européen autorisé à exercer certaines activités professionnelles (voir la loi sur l'examen de qualification pour l'admission à la profession d'avocat et la loi sur les activités professionnelles des juristes européens en Allemagne)
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(DE), page 240]

¹ La liste des conseils en brevets peut être obtenue auprès du Patent-an-walts-kammer (Conseil de l'ordre des conseils en brevets), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Allemagne, et la liste des avocats peut être obtenue auprès du Rechtsanwaltskammer (Conseil de l'ordre des avocats), Joachimstrasse 1, 53113 Bonn, Allemagne.

RECEIVING OFFICES (Cont'd)**FR France**

The **National Institute of Industrial Property of France** has notified changes in its requirements on whether the receiving Office requires an agent, as follows:

Is an agent required by the receiving Office?	No, if the applicant resides in a State member of the European Union or party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area
	Yes, if he is a non-resident

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(FR), page 243]

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES**AZ Azerbaijan**

The **Azerbaijan Patent Office** has notified an additional special requirement for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Special requirements of the Office: (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Name and address of the inventor if they have not been furnished in the “Request” part of the international application ¹
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001, Summary (AZ), page 351]

CN China

The **China Intellectual Property Office** has notified changes in the required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase and has introduced an additional special requirement for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: Request, description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, if the applicant wishes the amendments to form the basis for the proceedings, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract
	Under PCT Article 39(1): Description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report, if the applicant wishes the amendments to form the basis for the proceedings)
Special requirements of the Office: (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Furnishing, where applicable, of a nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence listing in computer readable form

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001, Summary (CN), page 365]

¹ This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS (suite)**FR France**

L'**Institut national de la propriété industrielle de la France** a notifié des changements dans ses exigences concernant la question de savoir si l'office récepteur exige un mandataire, comme suit :

L'office récepteur exige-t-il un mandataire ?	Non, si le déposant est domicilié dans un État membre de l'Union européenne ou partie à l'accord sur l'Espace économique européen Oui, dans le cas contraire
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(FR), page 250]

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS)**AZ Azerbaïdjan**

L'**Office azerbaïdjanais des brevets** a notifié une exigence particulière supplémentaire pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit:

Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51 <i>bis</i> du PCT) :	Nom et adresse de l'inventeur s'ils n'ont pas été indiqués dans la partie "requête" de la demande internationale ¹
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[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), résumé (AZ), page 382]

CN Chine

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine** a notifié des changements dans les éléments que doit comporter la traduction et a introduit une exigence particulière supplémentaire pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Éléments que doit comporter la traduction pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Requête, description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, à la fois telles que déposées initialement et telles que modifiées, si le déposant souhaite que les modifications servent de base à la procédure, ainsi que toute déclaration faite en vertu de l'article 19 du PCT), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer à la fois tel que déposé initialement et tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international, si le déposant souhaite que les modifications servent de base à la procédure)
Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51 <i>bis</i> du PCT) :	Fourniture, le cas échéant, d'un listage des séquences de nucléotides ou d'acides aminés sous forme déchiffrable par ordinateur

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), résumé (CN), page 396]

¹ Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES (Cont'd)**DE Germany**

The **German Patent and Trade Mark Office** has notified a change in its requirement as to who can act as agent before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Who can act as agent?	Any patent attorney or attorney-at-law, ¹ resident in Germany, or, if an address for service is provided for through a patent attorney or an attorney-at-law, resident in Germany, any national of a member State of the European Union or of a State party to the Agreement on the European Economic Area authorized to pursue certain professional activities (see Law on the Qualifying Examination for Gaining Admission to the Profession of Patent Attorney and Law on the Professional Activities of European Lawyers in Germany)
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Summary (DE), page 372]

MD Republic of Moldova

The **Moldova Patent Office** has notified an additional special requirement for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Special requirements of the Office: (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Any document relating to any transfer of rights ²
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[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001, Summary (MD), page 417]

PL Poland

The **Polish Patent Office** has notified changes in the required content of the translation and in one of the special requirements for entry into the national phase before it as designated (or elected) Office, as follows:

Required contents of the translation for entry into the national phase:	Under PCT Article 22: Request, description, claims (if amended, both as originally filed and as amended, together with any statement under PCT Article 19), any text matter of drawings, abstract Under PCT Article 39(1): Request, description, claims, any text matter of drawings, abstract (if any of those parts has been amended, both as originally filed and as amended by the annexes to the international preliminary examination report)
Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51 <i>bis</i>):	Translation of the international application to be furnished in three copies, except that the translation of the request needs to be furnished only in one copy

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001, Summary (PL), page 433]

¹ The list of patent attorneys may be obtained from the Patentanwaltskammer (Chamber of Patent Attorneys), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Germany, and the list of attorneys-at-law from the Rechtsanwaltskammer (Chamber of Attorneys-at-Law), Joachimstrasse 1, 53113 Bonn, Germany.

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS) (suite)**DE Allemagne**

L'**Office allemand des brevets et des marques** a notifié un changement dans son exigence concernant la question de savoir qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office récepteur, comme suit :

Qui peut agir en qualité de mandataire ?

Tout conseil en brevets ou avocat¹ domicilié en Allemagne ou, si l'adresse d'un conseil en brevets ou d'un avocat domicilié en Allemagne est fournie pour la correspondance, tout national d'un État membre de l'Union européenne ou d'un État partie à l'accord sur l'Espace économique européen autorisé à exercer certaines activités professionnelles (voir la loi sur l'examen de qualification pour l'admission à la profession d'avocat et la loi sur les activités professionnelles des juristes européens en Allemagne)

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), résumé (DE), page 404]

MD République de Moldova

L'**Office moldove des brevets** a notifié une exigence particulière supplémentaire pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit:

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT) :

Tout document relatif à un transfert de droits²

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), résumé (MD), page 459]

PL Pologne

L'**Office polonais des brevets** a notifié des changements dans les éléments que doit comporter la traduction et dans l'une des exigences particulières pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu), comme suit :

Éléments que doit comporter
la traduction pour l'ouverture

En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : Requête, description, revendications (si elles ont été modifiées, à la fois telles que déposées initialement et telles que modifiées ainsi que toute déclaration faite en vertu de l'article 19 du PCT), texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé

En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : Requête, description, revendications, texte éventuel des dessins, abrégé (si l'un quelconque de ces éléments a été modifié, il doit figurer à la fois tel que déposé initialement et tel que modifié par les annexes du rapport d'examen préliminaire international)

Exigences particulières de l'office
(règle 51*bis* du PCT) :

Traduction de la demande internationale en trois exemplaires, sauf pour la traduction de la requête qui doit être fournie en un seul exemplaire

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), résumé (PL), page 476]

¹ La liste des conseils en brevets peut être obtenue auprès du Patent-an-walts-kammer (Conseil de l'ordre des conseils en brevets), Postfach 260108, 80058 München, Allemagne, et la liste des avocats peut être obtenue auprès du Rechtsanwaltskammer (Conseil de l'ordre des avocats), Joachimstrasse 1, 53113 Bonn, Allemagne.

² Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

DESIGNATED (OR ELECTED) OFFICES (Cont'd)**SK Slovakia**

The **Industrial Property Office of Slovakia** has notified a change in the time limit applicable for entry into the national phase under PCT Article 39(1) before the Office as an elected Office, and changes in the special requirements of the Office as a designated (or elected) Office. The new time limit and the consolidated list of special requirements are as follows:

Time limits applicable for entry into the national phase:

Under PCT Article 22: [No change]

Under PCT Article 39(1): 31 months from the priority date

Special requirements of the Office (PCT Rule 51*bis*):¹

Declaration as to the identity of the inventor²

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to apply for and be granted a patent²

Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement to claim priority of the earlier application²

Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty²

Appointment of an agent if the applicant is not resident in Slovakia

Translation of the international application for a patent and copy of the drawings in triplicate

Translation of the international application for a utility model and copy of the drawings in duplicate

Power of attorney to be furnished in duplicate if the international application is for both a patent and a utility model

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Summary (SK), page 444]

INTERNATIONAL APPLICATIONS CONTAINING SEQUENCE LISTING PART FILED ON AN ELECTRONIC MEDIUM: RECEIVING OFFICES PREPARED TO ACCEPT SUCH FILINGS AND SPECIFICATION OF ELECTRONIC MEDIA

The following receiving Office has notified the International Bureau that it is prepared to accept the filing of international applications containing a sequence listing part filed on an electronic medium under Section 801(a)(i) or (ii) of the Administrative Instructions and has specified, under Section 801(b), that it will accept such filings on the following electronic media:

SK Industrial Property Office of Slovakia

CD-ROM, DVD-ROM

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex C(SK), page 293]

¹ If not already complied with within the time limit applicable under PCT Article 22 or 39(1), the Office will invite the applicant to comply with the requirement within a time limit fixed in the invitation.

² This requirement may be satisfied if the corresponding declaration has been made in accordance with Rule 4.17.

OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS (OU ÉLUS) (suite)**SK Slovaquie**

L'Office de la propriété industrielle de la Slovaquie a notifié un changement dans le délai applicable pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale, selon l'article 39.1) du PCT, auprès de l'office en sa qualité d'office élu, ainsi que des changements dans les exigences particulières de l'office en sa qualité d'office désigné (ou élu). Le nouveau délai et la liste récapitulative des exigences particulières sont les suivants:

Délais applicables pour l'ouverture de la phase nationale :	En vertu de l'article 22 du PCT : [Sans changement]
	En vertu de l'article 39.1) du PCT : 31 mois à compter de la date de priorité
Exigences particulières de l'office (règle 51 <i>bis</i> du PCT) ¹ :	Déclaration relative à l'identité de l'inventeur ² Déclaration relative au droit du déposant de demander et d'obtenir un brevet ² Déclaration relative au droit du déposant de revendiquer la priorité de la demande antérieure ² Déclaration relative à des divulgations non opposables ² ou à des exceptions au défaut de nouveauté ² Nomination d'un mandataire si le déposant n'est pas domicilié en Slovaquie Traduction de la demande internationale pour un brevet et copie des dessins en trois exemplaires Traduction de la demande internationale pour un modèle d'utilité et copie des dessins en deux exemplaires Pouvoir en deux exemplaires lorsque la demande internationale est à la fois pour un brevet et pour un modèle d'utilité

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), résumé (SK), page 414]

DEMANDES INTERNATIONALES CONTENANT UNE PARTIE RÉSERVÉE AU LISTAGE DES SÉQUENCES DÉPOSÉE SUR UN SUPPORT ÉLECTRONIQUE : OFFICES RÉCEPTEURS DISPOSÉS À ACCEPTER DE TELS DÉPÔTS ET SPÉCIFICATION DES SUPPORTS ÉLECTRONIQUES

L'office récepteur suivant a informé le Bureau international qu'il est disposé à accepter le dépôt des demandes internationales dont la partie réservée au listage des séquences est déposée sur un support électronique en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801.a)i) ou ii) et a spécifié, en vertu de l'instruction administrative 801.b), qu'il acceptera de tels dépôts sur les supports électroniques suivants :

SK Office de la propriété industrielle de la Slovaquie CD-ROM, DVD-ROM

[Mise à jour de la Gazette du PCT n° S-02/2001 (F), annexe C(SK), page 311]

¹ Si le déposant n'a pas fait le nécessaire dans le délai applicable en vertu de l'article 22 ou 39.1) du PCT, l'office l'invitera à le faire dans un délai fixé dans l'invitation.

² Cette exigence peut être remplie si la déclaration correspondante a été faite conformément à la règle 4.17.

**DEPOSITS OF MICROORGANISMS AND OTHER BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL
REQUIREMENTS OF DESIGNATED AND ELECTED OFFICES
INSTITUTIONS WITH WHICH DEPOSITS MAY BE MADE****CN China**

The **China Intellectual Property Office** has specified a new requirement concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material. The consolidated text of the relevant excerpt of the requirements concerning the deposits is reproduced below:

Deposit may be made for the purposes of the patent procedure before the China Intellectual Property Office with CGMCC or CCTCC, or with any depositary institution having acquired the status of international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of the Patent Procedure. Deposits shall be made for the purposes of the patent procedure before, or at the latest on, the date of filing (or the priority date where priority is claimed).

[Updating of PCT Gazette No. S-02/2001 (E), Annex L, page 327]

EP European Patent Organisation (EPO)

Pursuant to PCT Rule 13*bis*.7(b), the **European Patent Office** has notified the International Bureau of a change in the address of the Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures (CBS), an international depositary authority under the Budapest Treaty on the International Recognition of the Deposit of Microorganisms for the Purposes of Patent Procedure with which deposits of microorganisms and other biological material may be made, as follows:

Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures (CBS)
Uppsalalaan 8
NL-3584 CT Utrecht
or
P.O. Box 85167
NL-3508 AD Utrecht

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MD Republic of Moldova

The **State Agency on Industrial Property Protection of the Republic of Moldova** has notified a change in the requirements concerning the deposit of microorganisms and other biological material, as follows:

The deposit may be made no later than the priority date of the international application with a depositary institution designated by the Government or with institutions which have the status of international depositary authority.

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**DÉPÔTS DE MICRO-ORGANISMES ET AUTRE MATÉRIEL BIOLOGIQUE
EXIGENCES DES OFFICES DÉSIGNÉS ET ÉLUS
INSTITUTIONS AUPRÈS DESQUELLES DES DÉPÔTS PEUVENT ÊTRE EFFECTUÉS**

CN Chine

L'**Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine** a notifié une nouvelle exigence relative au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique. Le texte récapitulatif de l'extrait pertinent des exigences concernant les dépôts est reproduit ci-dessous :

Les dépôts aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets devant l'Office de la propriété intellectuelle de la Chine peuvent être effectués auprès de la CGMCC ou de la CCTCC ou auprès de toute institution ayant acquis le statut d'autorité de dépôt internationale en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets. Les dépôts doivent être effectués aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets avant la date de dépôt, ou au plus tard, à cette date (ou à la date de priorité si une priorité est revendiquée).

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EP Organisation européenne des brevets (OEB)

Conformément à la règle 13bis.7.b) du PCT, l'**Office européen des brevets** a adressé au Bureau international une notification relative à un changement d'adresse du Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures (CBS), autorité de dépôt internationale reconnue en vertu du Traité de Budapest sur la reconnaissance internationale du dépôt des micro-organismes aux fins de la procédure en matière de brevets auprès de laquelle des dépôts de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique peuvent être effectués, comme suit :

Centraalbureau voor Schimmelcultures (CBS)
Uppsalalaan 8
NL-3584 CT Utrecht
ou
P.O. Box 85167
NL-3508 AD Utrecht

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MD République de Moldova

L'**Office d'État pour la protection de la propriété industrielle de la République de Moldova** a notifié un changement dans les exigences relatives au dépôt de micro-organismes et autre matériel biologique, comme suit :

Le dépôt peut être effectué au plus tard à la date de priorité de la demande internationale auprès d'une institution de dépôt désignée par le Gouvernement ou auprès d'institutions ayant acquis le statut d'autorité de dépôt internationale.

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